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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**

May 26, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-07 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

**Issues/ concerns for review/ recommendation/ legal opinion is/ are as follows:**

- Ordinance No. 2026-07 entitled: **“An Ordinance authorizing the temporary partial closure of the left lane in eastern barangay particularly Mabini Street, etc.”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Sections 21(a) and (c)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

**ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL**  
*Provincial Legal Officer* ✕

<sup>1</sup> (a) A local government unit may, pursuant to an ordinance, permanently or temporarily close or open any local road, alley, park, or square falling within its jurisdiction: Provided, however, That in case of permanent closure, such ordinance must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the sanggunian, and when necessary, an adequate substitute for the public facility that is subject to closure is provided.

(c) Any national or local road, alley, park, or square may be temporarily closed during an actual emergency, or fiesta celebrations, public rallies, agricultural or industrial fairs, or an undertaking of public works and highways, telecommunications, and waterworks projects, the duration of which shall be specified by the local chief executive concerned in a written order: Provided, however, That no national or local road, alley, park, or square shall be temporarily closed for athletic, cultural, or civic activities not officially sponsored, recognized, or approved by the local government unit concerned.

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT  
07 May 2026

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-07** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance authorizing the temporary partial closure of the left lane in eastern barangay particularly Mabini Street (from corner of M.L. Flores Street to corner of B. B. Rivera Street) and R.V. Villaflores Street – Mabini Street (from corner R.V. Fulache Street (Casa Emilio) to the corner of A. Mabini (Velos' Residence) in the Municipality of Hilongos in relation to the annual celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Joseph on May 1, 2026.**

**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Province of Leyte  
Municipality of Hilongos



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

May 5, 2026

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.  
Vice-Governor/ Presiding Officer  
Provincial Government of Leyte  
Palo, Leyte



Sir:

Greetings!

Respectfully furnishing two(2) enacted Ordinances in the Municipality of Hilongos,  
to wit:

- 1) 15 copies of Municipal Ordinance 2026-07 with Certificate of Posting
- 2) 15 copies of Municipal Ordinance 2026-08

Hoping this suffice.

Respectfully yours,

  
CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY PARTIAL CLOSURE OF THE LEFT LANE IN EASTERN BARANGAY PARTICULARLY MABINI STREET (FROM CORNER OF M.L. FLORES STREET TO CORNER OF B.B. RIVERA STREET) AND R.V. VILLAFLORES STREET - MABINI STREET (FROM CORNER R.V. FULACHE STREET (CASA EMILIO) TO THE CORNER OF A. MABINI STREET (VELOS' RESIDENCE) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS IN RELATION TO THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT JOSEPH ON MAY 1, 2026**

*Authored by:* **HON. MANUEL M. GABISAN**

Chairperson, Committee on Public Safety and Order, Public Utilities and Transportation

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 21 of RA 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that, a local government unit may, pursuant to an ordinance, permanently or temporarily close or open any local road, alley, park or square falling within its jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, Barangay Eastern of this municipality annually celebrates the feast day in honor of Saint Joseph, which is a significant religious and cultural event for the community;

**WHEREAS**, the celebration involves various activities such as religious gatherings and other community events of which one of the highlights is the Barangay Eastern Music Festival which will take place on May 1, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, considering the anticipated high volume of spectators and with limited parking within the area, there is a need to temporarily partially close the left lane of the road in Eastern Barangay to ensure the safety of participants, motorists and the general public;

**WHEREAS**, the temporary lane close will also help maintain peace and order and ensure the smooth and orderly conduct of the scheduled activities;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Bayan deems it necessary to authorize such temporary partial closures in the interest of public safety and welfare;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in unanimous accord;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE** 17<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos in a regular session assembled:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** - An Ordinance shall be known as the Temporary Lane Closure for the Feast Day of Saint Joseph in Barangay Eastern Poblacion, Hilongos, Leyte.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE** - This is enacted to ensure public safety, maintain order and facilitate the smooth conduct of activities in connection with the annual feast day celebration in honor of Saint Joseph in Eastern Barangay.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE** - The left lane of the road located in Eastern Barangay of the Municipality of Hilongos specifically:

RICHARD BENEDICT V. OGARIO  
Ex-Officio Member/President,  
Liga ng mga Barangay

MANUEL M. GABISAN  
SB Member

CRIS ANTONIO BONG  
SB Member

MANUEL V. LORAN  
SB Member

CECILLE ANTONIETTE C. SABRIDO  
Ex-Officio Member / President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng  
Sangguniang Kabataan

FRANCISCO M. ORTEGA  
SB Member

TRINIDAD V. ZARATE  
SB Member

ALINE B. REOMA  
SB Member  
(absent)

**MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Mayor

**BERNADETH M. NERVES**  
SB Member

**JOSEPH F. FULACHE**  
SB Member

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Municipal Vice-Mayor

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- Mabini Street (from the Corner of M.L Flores Street to corner of B.B. Rivera Street)
- R.V. Villaflores Street (Mabini Street from the Corner of R.V. Fulache Stree (Casa Emilio) to the corner of A. Mabini Street (Velos' residence)

**SECTION 4. DATE AND TIME** – The temporary close of left lane will be on May 1, 2026 from 4:00 P.M. until 12:00 midnight, unless extended or lifted earlier as circumstances may warrant.

**SECTION 5. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT** – The Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and Hilongos Traffic Management Group (HTMG) shall ensure proper traffic direction, installation of signages and safety measures to minimize inconvenience to the public.


**SECTION 6.** When circumstances so demand as when emergencies arise, the closure being temporary in nature will be lifted.


**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repeated or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If for any reason, any section or provision of this ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portion not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**ENACTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 during the Fifteenth Regular Session for CY 2026 of the Seventeenth Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos.

  
**MANUEL M. GABISAN**  
SB Member

  
**ALBERT R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor


  
**MANUEL V. LORA**  
SB Member

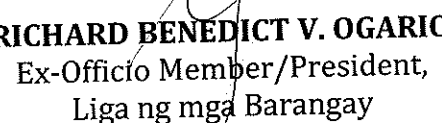
  
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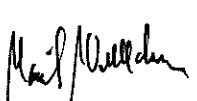
  
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Ex-Officio Member/President, Pambayang  
Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

  
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SB Member

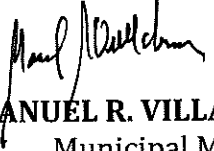
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


  
**CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian


ATTESTED:

  
**JOSEPH F. PULACNE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member / Deputy Presiding Officer


APPROVED:


  
**MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: May 4, 2024


  
**RICHARD BENEDICT V. OGARRIO**  
Ex-Officio Member / President,  
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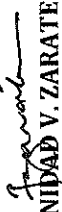
  
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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that a copy of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-07: An Ordinance Authorizing The Temporary Partial Closure of the Left Lane in Eastern Barangay Particularly Mabini Street ( From Corner of M.L. Flores Street To Corner of B.B. Rivera Streets and R.V. Villaflores Street-Mabini Street ( From Corner R. V. Fulache Street ( Casa Emilio) To The Corner of A. Mabini Street ( Velos' Residence) in the Municipality of Hilongos In Relation To The Annual Celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Joseph on May 1, 2026**” was posted in three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Hilongos pursuant to paragraph (a) of Article 114 of RA 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

**FURTHER**, this certify that the undersigned has duly complied the said provision from April 15, 2026 up to April 27, 2026.

**ISSUED** this 5th day of May, 2026 in Hilongos, Leyte, Philippines.

  
CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.  
Secretary to the Sanggunian