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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
June 3, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 521 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 521 entitled: **"Babatngon Motorcycle Rider Reflective Safety Vest Ordinance of 2026"**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)<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 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) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code,

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 521 s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte**, entitled: **"An Ordinance mandating the use of reflective safety vests by all motorcycle riders and back riders within the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, to prevent road accidents and ensure public safety.**

*[Signature]*  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

01 June 2026

**HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.**  
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer, and

**The HONORABLE MEMBERS**  
Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen,

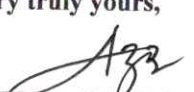
Respectfully endorsed to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is **ORDINANCE NO. 521**, entitled: **AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF REFLECTIVE SAFETY VESTS BY ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND BACKRIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, TO PREVENT ROAD ACCIDENTS AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY.** Said Ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56(a) of Republic Act 7160.

Enclosed please find the following:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 521**, and
2. **CERTIFICATION OF POSTING**

Please find them in order and praying for your favorable action thereof.

Very truly yours,

  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
Secretary II  
Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate

Enclosed:  
As stated





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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

DATE: MAY 28, 2024  
TIME: 2:00 PM

SANGGUNIANG PANGALAWHAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 37TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BABATNGON, LEYTE HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BABATNGON, LEYTE.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 521**

Series of 2026

MAYOR'S OFFICE  
BABATNGON, LEYTE

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**AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF REFLECTIVE SAFETY VESTS BY ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND BACKRIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, TO PREVENT ROAD ACCIDENTS AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY.**

**AUTHOR: HON. HILARION S. MENZON**

**Co-Author: All SB Members, ABC President and SK Federation President**

**WHEREAS**, the national highway traversing the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, is poorly illuminated during nighttime, creating hazardous conditions for all road users, especially motorcycle riders who are more vulnerable to collisions due to their smaller size and lower visibility;

**WHEREAS**, numerous road accidents involving motorcycles have been recorded in the municipality, with official reports indicating that the primary contributing factor is the inability of other motorists to detect motorcycle riders in low-light or dark conditions, often leading to fatal or life-altering injuries;

**WHEREAS**, fuel tankers frequently travel through the municipality's national highway to and from Vispet Corporation, a fuel distribution facility located in Babatngon, Leyte. These large vehicles require longer stopping distances and have larger blind spots, increasing the risk of accidents when motorcycle riders are not clearly visible;

**WHEREAS**, the local government of Babatngon has the duty and responsibility to protect the safety and welfare of its residents and all persons traveling within its territorial jurisdiction, and to implement measures that minimize risks and prevent avoidable harm on public roads;

**WHEREAS**, the use of reflective safety vests has been proven to significantly increase the visibility of motorists in low-light environments, thereby reducing the likelihood of road accidents;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Babatngon, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE** - This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Babatngon Motorcycle Rider Reflective Safety Vest Ordinance of 2026".

**SECTION 2. COVERAGE** - This ordinance shall apply to all motorcycle riders, including backriders, operating or traveling on any public road, street, or highway within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Babatngon, Leyte, during nighttime. For the purpose of this ordinance, "nighttime" shall be defined as the period from 7:00 o'clock in the evening to 4:00 o'clock in the morning.

**SECTION 3. MANDATORY REQUIREMENT** - All motorcycle riders and backriders covered by this ordinance shall wear a standard reflective safety vest that is visible from a distance of at least one hundred (100) meters in all directions. The vest shall be properly fastened and worn over outer clothing to ensure maximum visibility.

#### **SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Motorcycle Riders and Backriders: It shall be the responsibility of every motorcycle rider and backrider to secure and wear a reflective safety vest in compliance with this ordinance.

2. Local Government Units:

The Municipal Police Station shall be tasked with enforcing the provisions of this ordinance, conducting information campaigns to educate the public on its importance, and conducting random inspections on public roads to ensure compliance. - The Municipal Information Office (MIO) shall develop and disseminate informational materials such as posters, flyers, and social media content to raise awareness about the risks of nighttime travel without reflective gear and the benefits of complying with this ordinance.

3. Barangay Officials and volunteers are urged to regularly remind the community about the importance of public safety. This can be done through announcements during barangay assemblies, posted reminders, or one-on-one conversations with residents. Public safety measures are essential for protecting lives, preventing accidents and crimes, and maintaining a peaceful, orderly environment where everyone can thrive. By keeping residents informed and engaged, barangay play a critical role in building a safer community for all.

**SECTION 5. PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE** - Any person found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. First Offense: A warning and mandatory attendance to a road safety orientation seminar conducted by the Municipal Police Station.

2. Second Offense: A fine of One Hundred Pesos (₱100.00).

3. Third and Subsequent Offenses: A fine of Two Hundred Pesos (₱200.00). Fines collected under this ordinance shall be deposited in the municipal treasury and allocated for road safety programs and initiatives, including the distribution of free or subsidized reflective safety vests to indigent residents.

**SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS** - The Municipal Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Sangguniang Bayan, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively implement the provisions of this ordinance within fifteen (15) days from its approval.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If any section or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and enforceable.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.





OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

ORDINANCE NO. 521

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**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY** - This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the municipal hall and barangay centers.

**ENACTED** and **APPROVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026 at Babatngon, Leyte.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
Secretary II

Secretary to the Sanggunian-Designate

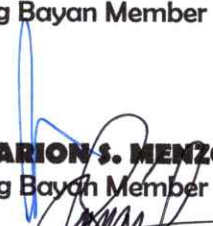
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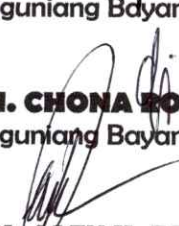
  
**HON. ROSARY PEARL G. CATUDIO**  
Municipal Vice-Mayor and  
Presiding Officer

  
**HON. KEMUEL RUE M. CORSIGA**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

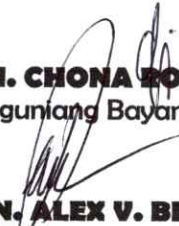
**HON. CHRISTIAN C. LAWSIN**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. MA. RESTITA D. DANTE**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. HILARION S. MENZON**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. CHONA ROSE B. LUGNASIN**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. FEDERICO P. ELIZAGA, JR.**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

  
**HON. ALEX V. BELLO**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

(Mandatory Leave)  
**HON. ILDEFONSO B. ODON**  
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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**HON. EDGARDO Y. MORDEN**  
President, Liga ng mga Barangay

  
**HON. JUDE LEMWEL B. VETHIMVAS**  
President  
Pambayang Pederasyon ng  
Sangguniang Kabataan

**APPROVED:**

  
**HON. ELEONOR B. LUGNASIN**  
Municipal Mayor

Date: 28 MAY 2026





## **CERTIFICATION**

### **TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

This is to certify that **POSTING** in prominent places in the Municipal Hall and some conspicuous places in the locality was undertaken starting **28 May 2026** and copies of said ordinance shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks, pursuant to Sec. 59 (b) of Republic Act 7160, in relation to hereunder ordinance, to wit:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 521** - AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF REFLECTIVE SAFETY VESTS BY ALL MOTORCYCLE RIDERS AND BACKRIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE, TO PREVENT ROAD ACCIDENTS AND ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY

Made this **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **May** 2026 at **Babatngon, Leyte**.

**ALMA A. BALDOMAR**  
**Secretary II**

**Secretary to the Sanggunian-designate**

