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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 26, series of 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 26, series of 2026 entitled: **“Cable and Utility line management Ordinance of the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447(a)(5)(ix)¹ 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

¹ (ix) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair and construction of all gas mains, electric, telegraph and telephone wires, conduits, meters and other apparatus; and, provide for the correction, condemnation or removal of the same when found to be dangerous, defective or otherwise hazardous to the welfare of the inhabitants;

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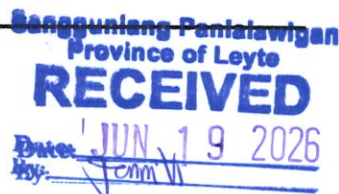
The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 26, s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Villaba, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating the installation, operation, maintenance, and management of overhead and underground cables, wires, lines, poles and related infrastructure of telecommunication, internet service, cable television, and electric power providers within the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte, and providing penalties therefor.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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June 19, 2026



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Thru: **LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR**
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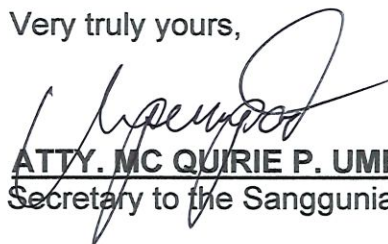
We respectfully transmit herewith fourteen (14) original copies of:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26, 2026 – entitled: “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND CABLES, WIRES, LINES, POLES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION, INTERNET SERVICE, CABLE TELEVISION, AND ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR,”

For your review and approval.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26, S. 2026

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND CABLES, WIRES, LINES, POLES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION, INTERNET SERVICE, CABLE TELEVISION, AND ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

Authored by: Hon. Elmer C. Silva

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS the Municipality of Villaba is committed to ensuring public safety, maintaining environmental order, and protecting its residents from hazards caused by improperly installed, poorly maintained, and abandoned cables, wires, lines, and utility poles

WHEREAS the proliferation of overhead cable and line installations by telecommunications, internet service providers, cable television operators, and electric power utilities has resulted in issues such as dangling wires, defective poles, and unsafe structures that pose risks to life, property, and public convenience.

WHEREAS there is a need to regulate the installation, operation, maintenance, and removal of such infrastructure to prevent public nuisance and ensure compliance with safety standards.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 16 (General Welfare Clause) and other relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipality is empowered to enact measures to promote general welfare.

WHEREAS national laws and regulatory agencies, including the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), provide standards and regulations governing service providers, which must be harmonized with local regulatory authority.

WHEREAS it is necessary to require all service providers, regardless of the location of their principal office or existence of a national franchise, to comply with local registration, permitting, and safety regulations of the Municipality of Villaba.

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NOW, THEREFORE, on motion by the Hon. Elmer C. Silva, duly seconded en masse, Be it

ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Cable and Utility Line Management Ordinance of the Municipality of Villaba."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality to ensure public safety, prevent hazards, promote environmental order, and regulate all cable and utility line installations within its territorial jurisdiction.

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASIS. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160 and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

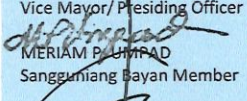
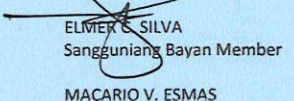
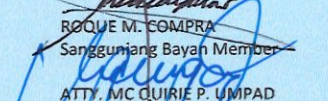
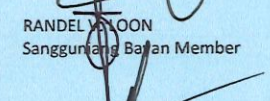
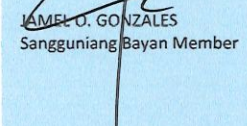
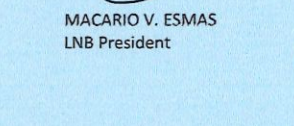
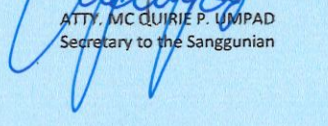
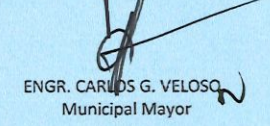
SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance:

- a. *Service Provider* – Any entity engaged in telecommunications, internet services, cable television, or electric power distribution operating within the Municipality.
- b. *Cable/Line Infrastructure* – All overhead and underground cables, wires, fiber optics, poles, and related facilities.
- c. *Right-of-Way (ROW)* – Legal authority to pass through property for installation of utility facilities.
- d. *Certificate of Registration* – Document issued by the Municipality authorizing a provider to operate locally.
- e. *Unauthorized Installation* – Any installation without required permits.
- f. *Abandoned Lines* – Lines or facilities no longer in use but not removed.

SECTION 5. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This Ordinance applies to all service providers, including those operating under a national franchise or with principal offices outside the Municipality.

SECTION 6. LOCAL PERMIT OR SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIREMENT AND REGULATORY FEES.

- 1.) All service providers operating within the Municipality of Villaba shall secure the appropriate local permit or special permit to operate locally, as may be applicable, prior to the commencement of any installation, operation, or maintenance of facilities.

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Service providers with principal offices located outside the Municipality or operating under a national franchise shall:

- (a) Register with the Municipality.
- (b) Secure a Mayor's Permit or Special Permit to Operate, as may be determined by the Municipal Government.
- (c) Pay the corresponding local taxes, fees, and charges as provided under existing ordinances and applicable laws.
- (d) Comply with all regulatory and safety requirements under this Ordinance.

2.) No installation or maintenance shall be undertaken without securing required permits, including:

- Excavation Permit
- Pole Installation Permit
- Right-of-Way Clearance
- Barangay Clearance
- Other necessary permits

No permit, clearance, or authority required under this Ordinance shall be issued to any service provider that fails to comply with the required registration and payment of applicable local fees.

Service providers shall pay reasonable regulatory fees in connection with:

- Permit and processing
- Inspection and monitoring
- Use of public roads and rights-of-way
- Excavation and installation activities

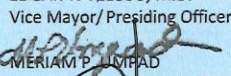
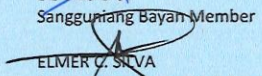
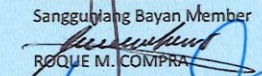
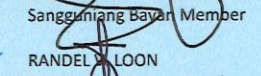
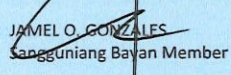
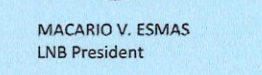
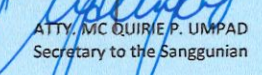
Such fees shall be in accordance with existing municipal revenue ordinances and applicable laws and shall not be construed as tax on the franchise of the service provider.

SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL LAWS AND FRANCHISES. All service providers shall comply with applicable laws and regulations of national agencies, including:

- The National Telecommunications Commission (NTC)
- The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC)
- The Department of Energy (DOE)
- The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

Provided, however, that compliance with national franchise or permits shall not exempt any service provider from securing required local permits, clearances, and registration as mandated under this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE. All infrastructure must:

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- Be properly installed and secured
- Maintain safe distance from roads and buildings
- Be free from defects or hazards
- Comply with engineering and safety standards

SECTION 9. MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND REMOVAL OF DEFECTIVE, ABANDONED, OR ROTTEN POSTS AND LINES.

(a) Regular Maintenance

Service providers shall conduct periodic inspection and maintenance.

(b) Prohibited Conditions

The following are prohibited:

- Sagging or dangling wires
- Exposed or damaged cables
- Leaning or unstable poles
- Rotten or structurally unsafe posts

(c) Removal of Abandoned Lines

All abandoned lines shall be removed within thirty (30) days of notice.

(d) Replacement of Defective Poles

Defective poles must be repaired or replaced within fifteen (15) days.

(e) Municipal Authority

The Municipality may remove or repair non-compliant installations and charge the cost to the provider.

(f) Emergency Action

Immediate removal may be undertaken in case of danger.

(g) Coordination

All work shall be coordinated with the Municipal Engineering Office.

SECTION 10. PROHIBITED ACTS. It shall be unlawful to:

- Install without permits
- Maintain unsafe installations
- Fail to remove abandoned lines
- Violate safety standards

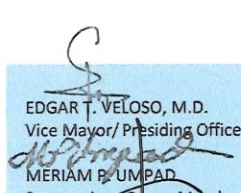
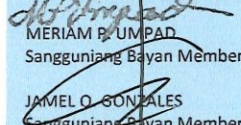
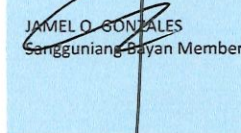
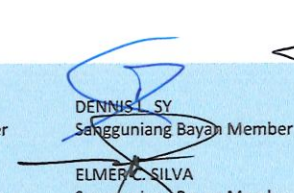
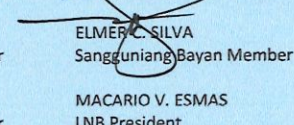
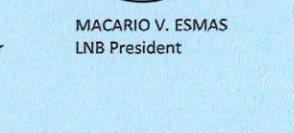
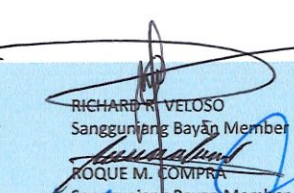
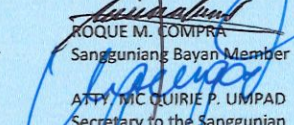
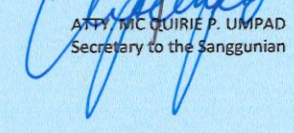
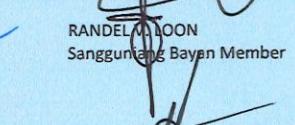
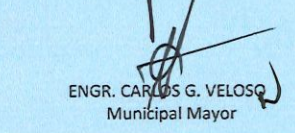
SECTION 11. PENALTIES. Any violation shall be penalized as follows:

(a) First Offense:

Written warning and order to correct within a specified period.

(b) Second Offense:

Administrative fine of ₱2,500.00.

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(c) Third Offense:

The Municipality shall impose:

1. Suspension or denial of issuance of any local permit or clearance.
2. Issuance of a Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO).
3. Removal or dismantling of unauthorized installations at the expense of the violator.

(d) Applicability to Non-Permit Holders:

If the violator does not possess a business permit issued by the Municipality, the above sanctions shall apply in lieu of suspension or non-renewal thereof, including immediate enforcement actions.

(e) Failure to properly mark, classify, or identify cables and wires in accordance with the IRR shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. JOINT ENFORCEMENT AND INSPECTION. The enforcement of this Ordinance shall be jointly undertaken by the following offices:

- The Municipal Engineering Office
- The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)
- Other concerned Municipal offices, as may be designated by the Municipal Mayor

Functions of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP). The BFP shall:

1. Conduct fire safety inspection of cable lines, wires, poles and related infrastructure.
2. Identify and report fire hazards, including exposed, overloaded, or improperly installed electrical and communication lines.
3. Recommend corrective measures to ensure compliance with fire safety standards under applicable laws, including the Fire Code of the Philippines (RA 9514).
4. Coordinate with the Municipal Engineering office in the enforcement of removal, repair, or correction of hazardous installations.

Functions of the Municipal Engineering Office. The Municipal Engineering Office shall:

1. Oversee structural integrity and proper installation standards of poles, cables, and related facilities.
2. Issue necessary permits and clearances.
3. Conduct regular inspection and monitoring.
4. Ensure compliance with engineering and safety standards set by the Municipality.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) ON CABLE AND WIRE IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION. Within sixty (60) days from the effectiveness of this Ordinance, The Municipal Engineering Office, in coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and concerned service providers, shall formulate and issue the implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) governing the

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standardized marking, classification, identification of all cables, wires, and related infrastructure within the Municipality.

The IRR shall include, but not limited to, the following:

a) Classification of Lines and Cables

All cables and wires shall be classified according to the type of service, including:

- Electrical power lines
- Telecommunication Lines
- Internet or Fiber optic cables
- Cable television lines

b) Color-coding and Marking System

A uniform color-coding tagging system should be adopted to distinguish different types of services and service providers. Each cable or line shall have visible and durable identification indicating:

- Name of the Service provider
- Type of Service
- Contact information, if applicable

c) Installation of Identification Markers

All service providers shall install identification markers on their cables, wires, and poles at regular intervals, as may be prescribed in the IRR.

d) Compliance with the existing and new installation

- All new installations shall comply immediately with the IRR
- Existing installations shall comply within a reasonable period to be determined in the IRR

e) Inspection and Monitoring

The Municipal Engineering Office, in coordination with the BFP, shall conduct regular inspection and monitoring to ensure compliance.

SECTION 14. REPORTING AND MONITORING REQUIREMENT. The Municipal Engineering Office shall prepare and submit a **quarterly report** on the implementation of this Ordinance, to the **Office of the Municipal Mayor** for appropriate executive action and enforcement and The **Sangguniang Bayan**, through the **Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure**, for legislative oversight, monitoring, and policy review.

The report shall include, but not limited to:

- Status of compliance of all service providers operating within the Municipality
- Lists of registered service providers and those without proper registration permits
- Status of compliance with the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), including the *color-coding, marking, and tagging system* of cables and wires
- Inventory of existing cable, wire, and pole installations, including identified defective, abandoned, or non-compliant infrastructure
- Actions taken by the Municipal Engineering Office and other concerned agencies, including notice issued, violations recorded, and corrective measures undertaken

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- f) Recommendations for policy improvement and enforcement actions, if necessary.

The **Municipal Engineering Office** may coordinate with the **Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)** and other offices concerned in the preparation of the report.

SECTION 15. APPLICABILITY TO BARANGAYS AND STREETLIGHT FACILITIES AND NON-IMPOSITION OF MONETARY PENALTIES. All barangays within the Municipality of Villaba shall comply with provisions of this Ordinance, particularly with respect to the installation, maintenance, and safety streetlights, electrical wiring and related facilities under their control, and shall not subject to monetary penalties, however they are required to comply with all applicable provisions herein.

Barangays shall ensure that:

- a) All streetlight wirings and other electrical connections are properly installed, secured and maintained in safe condition.
- b) No dangling, exposed, or hazardous wires are present within their jurisdiction.
- c) Defective or unsafe wiring and poles are promptly repaired, replaced, or removed.

Failure of any barangay to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall:

- a) Be reported to the office of the Municipal Mayor for appropriate administrative action.
- b) Be taken into consideration in the assessment of barangay performance and governance.
- c) Required the concerned Barangay to undertake immediate corrective measures within the reasonable period, as may be directed by the Municipal Engineering Office.

Coordination and Reporting

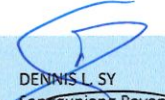
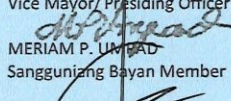
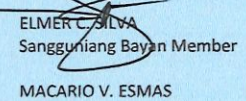
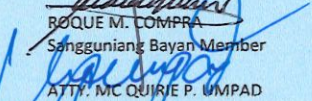
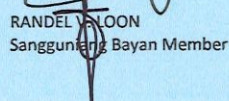
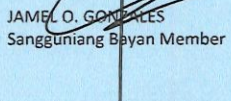
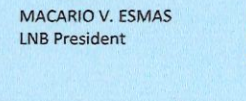
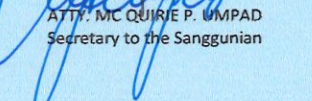
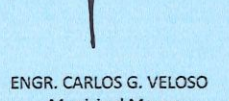
Barangay shall:

1. Coordinate with the **Municipal Engineering Office** and the **Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)** in the inspection and correction of unsafe installation.
2. Report the presence of hazardous, abandoned, or non-compliant cables and poles to the Municipality.
3. Assist in the enforcement of this Ordinance within their territorial jurisdiction.

Barangays are hereby directed to serve as **frontline implementers and models of compliance**, demonstrating proper maintenance and safety practices within their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

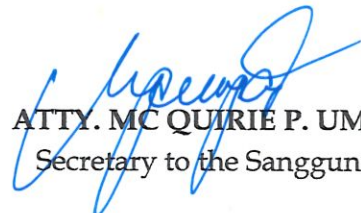
SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with publication requirements.

ATTESTED:


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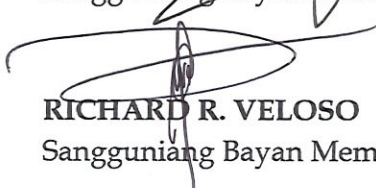

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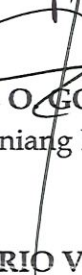

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ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

18 JUN 2026



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTAINANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND CABLES, WIRES, LINES, POLES, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION, INTERNET SERVICE, CABLE TELEVISION, AND ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE.

HELD ON MAY 04, 2026 AT MUNICIPAL FUNCTION HALL, SITIO CAYANGIAN, BRGY. POB. DEL NORTE VILLABA, LEYTE

The public hearing commenced at exactly 09:56 in the morning, with an opening prayer, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the Villaba Hymn. The hearing was attended by Dr. Merlita D. Veloso, Municipal Administrator; Engr. Orlando L. Romero, Municipal Engineer; Frances Ruth Rodriguez, LRCO-1; Rhodora Avon C. Ylaya, Local Legislative Officer II; Dr. Edgar T. Veloso, Municipal Vice Mayor; Member of the concerned committee of the Sangguniang Bayan were also present, in the persons of the Hon. Randel V. Loon & Hon. Roque M. Comprá; Punong Barangays, Representatives from LEYECO V, PLDT, FIREFI, QUEENSLINK.

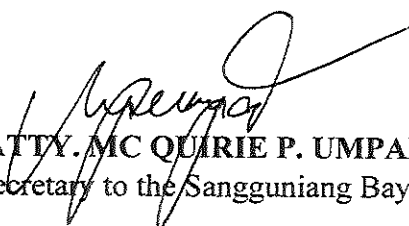
Ms. Rhodora Avon Ylaya acknowledged the participants and formally turned over the program to Hon. Elmer Silva, who presented the current situation of unorganized utility wires through a visual presentation, followed by the reading of the proposed municipal ordinance.

Mr. Anthony Cecillo of LEYECO V sought clarification on whether the right-of-way clearance requirement applies to existing installations. He also inquired on Section 10(f) regarding emergency actions, specifically whether permit exemption covers only electrical lines or also includes related equipment such as poles, transformers, and other facilities. Hon. Silva inquired about LEYECO's arrangements with service providers attaching to their poles, noting that most unorganized wires are connected to them. LEYECO responded that it has started implementing a tagging system this year to organize service provider lines and targets full implementation by next year. The system uses a single color (black) for all lines, with each tag containing a unique serial number for proper identification of the respective service provider. Hon. Randel Loon asked why service providers secure permits from LEYECO instead of the LGU. Hon. Silva also inquired from the Treasurer's Office regarding service providers with issued permits. Ms. Ruth Rodriguez reported that three service providers are on record: (1) Biliran Tele TV Networks Corporation, (2) Firefi I.T. Network Solutions, and (3) MG-Infinetech Communication Services. The representative of Queenslink raised concern on the tagging system, noting their existing coordination with LEYECO and stating that LGU implementation may result in duplication of tagging. Mr. Joseph Digo of PLDT suggested adopting practices from other municipalities where unused lines are identified and properly removed or disconnected. He further noted that existing live lines cannot be fully removed, and proposed that telecom cables approximately one meter from poles be organized separately to avoid mixing with electrical lines due to safety risks. He recommended a street-by-street clearing schedule with the presence of all service providers, as simultaneous coordination is required. Barangay officials raised concern that service providers should first secure barangay permits or clearances prior to installation or tapping of wires to ensure proper coordination. They further emphasized compliance with standard wire installation height and the use of proper utility poles, not improvised materials such as coconut trees or bamboo. Mr. Digo of PLDT further clarified whether maintenance activities such as wire or cable replacement still require permits. Engr. Romero responded that barangay permits are still required for record purposes, and municipal clearance is also necessary for reporting, with clear specification of the scope of work. Dr. Merlita D. Veloso encouraged all service providers who have not yet secured

permits to comply with requirements to ensure that their operations are legal and properly authorized.

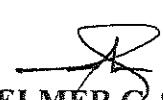
Without further deliberations, the public hearing adjourned at 11:30 in the morning.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



ATTY. MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:



HON. ELMER C. SILVA
Committee Chairman



COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE REPORT No. 2, Series of 2026

MAY 4, 2026

RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND CABLES, WIRES, LINES, POLES, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION, INTERNET SERVICE, CABLE TELEVISION, AND ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

I. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the referral of the proposed ordinance, the Committee on Utilities conducted a Public Hearing on May 04, 2026, held at the Municipal Function Hall, Villaba, Leyte.

The hearing was attended by representatives from the Municipal Government, concerned offices, barangay officials, and stakeholders from various service providers, including but not limited to:

- * Municipal Engineering Office
- * Office of the Municipal Treasurer
- * Punong Barangays
- * Representatives from LEYECO V, PLDT, FIREFI I.T. Network Solutions, and Queenslink

The undersigned, as Chairman of the Committee on Utilities, presented the current situation of unorganized and hazardous utility wires within the municipality through a visual presentation, highlighting issues such as:

- * Dangling and disorganized wires
- * Presence of abandoned or unused lines
- * Unsafe and deteriorating poles
- * Lack of proper identification of service provider lines

II. DISCUSSIONS AND ISSUES RAISED

During the hearing, the following key concerns and clarifications were raised:

1. Right-of-Way and Permit Requirements

It was clarified whether right-of-way clearances apply to existing installations and whether emergency works are covered by permit exemptions.

2. Coordination with Electric Cooperative (LEYECO V)

It was noted that most service providers attach their lines to poles owned by LEYECO V. The cooperative informed the body that it has initiated a tagging system using serial identification to organize attached lines.

3. Identification and Tagging System

Concerns were raised regarding possible duplication of tagging systems between the LGU and existing systems implemented by LEYECO. Stakeholders suggested harmonization to avoid redundancy.

4. Lack of Local Permits

It was confirmed that only a limited number of service providers have secured permits with the Municipality, while others continue to operate without proper authorization.

5. Removal of Abandoned Lines

Stakeholders emphasized the importance of identifying and removing unused or abandoned lines, while noting that active lines cannot be arbitrarily removed.

6. Safety and Installation Standards

Barangay officials highlighted the need to strictly enforce:

- * Proper installation of the height of wires
- * Use of standard poles (not improvised materials such as trees or bamboo)
- * Elimination of hazardous wiring conditions

7. Coordination and Scheduling

A recommendation was made to implement a street-by-street clearing and maintenance schedule, requiring the presence and coordination of all service providers.

8. Permit Requirements for Maintenance Works

It was clarified that even maintenance activities require proper documentation and coordination with both barangay and municipal offices.

III. FINDINGS

Based on the public hearing, the Committee finds that:

1. There are clear absence of a unified regulatory framework governing cable and utility installations in the Municipality.
2. Numerous service providers operate without securing the necessary local permits and clearances.

3. There exists a significant public safety risk due to unregulated, unmaintained, and unidentified wires and poles.
4. There is a need for standardized identification and classification of cables and wires to ensure accountability.
5. Stronger coordination between the LGU, service providers, and concerned agencies is necessary.
6. Barangays play a crucial role in monitoring and should be integrated into the implementation framework.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

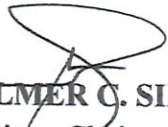
In view of the foregoing, the Committee on Utilities respectfully recommends:

1. Approval of the Proposed Ordinance, subject to refinement incorporating the inputs gathered during the public hearing.
2. Inclusion of provisions on:
 - * Mandatory registration and local permit compliance of all service providers.
 - * Development of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) on cable identification, color-coding, and tagging.
 - * Coordination with existing tagging systems of utility pole owners to avoid duplication.
 - * Removal of abandoned, hazardous, and non-compliant installations.
 - * Quarterly reporting requirement by the Municipal Engineering Office.
3. Strengthening of enforcement through:
 - * Coordination with concerned agencies.
 - * Involvement of barangays as frontline monitoring units.
4. Adoption of a phased or coordinated implementation approach, including possible scheduling of clearing operations by area.

V. CONCLUSION

The Committee underscores that the proposed ordinance is necessary to ensure public safety, proper infrastructure management, and accountability among service providers operating within the Municipality of Villaba.

The measure seeks not only to regulate but to establish an organized, coordinated, and enforceable system that will benefit the general public.


HON. ELMER C. SILVA
Committee Chairman

CONCURRING:


HON. RANDEL V. LOON
Vice Chairman


HON. MACARIO V. ESMAS
Member



SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure, May 4, 2026 at 9:30 in the morning at Municipal Function Hall, this Municipality regarding the Proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 20, S-2026 authored by Sangguniang Bayan Member Elmer C. Silva, entitled:

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"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND CABLES, WIRES, LINES, POLES, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION, INTERNET SERVICE, CABLE TELEVISION, AND ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR"

The Proprietors/Representatives from NavLink Technology, Queenslink, Starlink, Fire Fi Broadband Internet, MG-Infinetech Communication Services, Infinite Broadband Solutions Network, Samslink, Converge ICT, Interlink System Technology Corporation, Smart Tower and PLDT Fiber, Globe Telecom, LEYECO V, Bilinet, Dream Satellite TV, Cignal, Municipal Engineer, Municipal Treasurer, Representative from the Bureau of Fire Protection- Villaba, representative from the Mayor's Office, National Telecommunications Commission, All Punong Barangays or their Representatives from the 35 Barangays of the Municipality, Members of SB Committee on Utilities and all other interested parties are invited to attend.

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF OVERHEAD AND UNDERGROUND CABLES, WIRES, LINES, POLES, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION, INTERNET SERVICE, CABLE TELEVISION, AND ELECTRIC POWER PROVIDERS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

DATE: MAY 04, 2026

TIME: 09:30 PM

VENUE: MUNICIPAL FUNCTION HALL, SITIO CAYANGIA-AN, BRGY. POBLACION DEL NORTE, VILLABA, LEYTE

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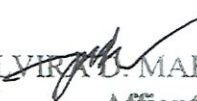
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