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**Sangguniang Panlalawigan**  
Province of Leyte

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

June 30, 2026

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Date: Jul 21 2026  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-~~98~~ of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albuer, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-~~98~~ entitled: "The Establishment of Public E-Library and Center for Learning of the Municipality of Albuer, Leyte"

**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**  
04 June 2026

By:   
Date: 6.4.26 Time: pm

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-08** of the **Municipality of Albuera, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance creating the Municipal E-Library and Center for Learning in the Municipality of Albuera, Leyte and appropriating the necessary funds therefore and other purposes.**

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



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Municipality of Albueria

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARIAT**

**TRANSMITTAL**

June 2, 2026

**Hon. Leonardo Javier, Jr.**

Vice-Governor  
Province of Leyte  
Palo, Leyte

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte

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Date: JUN 03 2026  
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Thru: **Florinda Jill S. Uyvico**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
Province of Leyte

**Dear Vice Governor Javier:**

Respectfully transmitting herein **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MUNICIPAL E-LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR LEARNING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFORE AND OTHER PURPOSES."**

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

**PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I



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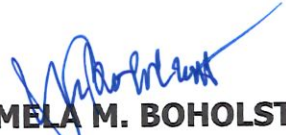
## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

### CERTIFICATION

#### TO THE CONCERNED:

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MUNICIPAL E-LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR LEARNING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFORE AND OTHER PURPOSES,"** has been posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albura, Leyte on June 1, 2026 and shall remain posted until a period of two (2) consecutive weeks thereof.

**ISSUED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2026 at Albura, Leyte, Philippines.

  
**PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I



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Municipality of Albura

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN  
HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON APRIL 27, 2026

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MUNICIPAL E-LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR LEARNING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFORE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY: HON. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA  
Sponsored by: COMMITTEE ON SPORTS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
• HON. CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS  
• ANDRES C. TUDIO

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC E-LIBRARY AND CENTER FOR LEARNING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALBUERA, LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR AND OTHER PURPOSES."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - It is hereby declared the policy of the Local Government unit of Albura, Leyte to promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the youth of Albura, Leyte by increasing the literacy rate and emphasizing the significant role of education in nation-building through the establishment of public E-Library.

**SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES**-This Ordinance aims to provide all resident students of Albura, Leyte free educational resources.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be understood to mean as:

- a) Public Library is a library that is accessible by the general public and is usually funded from public sources, such as taxes. It shall be operated by the Municipal Government of Albura, Leyte.
- b) Resident Students a person who is studying at any schools, center, Colleges universities that resides in Albura, Leyte.
- c) Computer an electronic device for storing and processing data, typically in binary form, according to instructions given to it in a variable program.
- d) Wi-Fi – a facility allowing computers, smartphones, or other devices to connect to the internet or communicate with one another wirelessly within a particular area.
- e) Textbooks- a book used as a standard work for the study of a particular area.
- f) Archives-refers to public records, papers, periodicals, books or other items, articles or material, whether in the form of electronic, audio-visual or print, which

by their nature and characteristics have enduring value, that have been selected for permanent preservation. Public Records-refers to records or classes, in any form, in whole or in part, created or received by a government agency in the conduct of its affairs, and have been retained by that government agency or its successors as evidence or because of the information contained therein.

- h) Librarian refers to a person that deals with the library's functions, which shall include, but not limited to the following:
- 1) Selection and acquisition of multi-media sources of information which would best respond to clientele's need for adequate, relevant and timely information;
  - 2) Cataloguing and classification of knowledge or sources of information into relevant organized collections and creation of local databases for speedy access, retrieval or delivery of information;
  - 3) Development of computer-assisted/computer-backed up information systems which would permit online and network services;
  - 4) Establishment of library system and procedures, dissemination of information, rendering of information, reference and research assistance archiving, and education of users;
  - 5) Organization, conservation, preservation and restoration of historical and cultural documents and other intellectual properties.
- i) Municipal Library Board - the one who will promulgate rules and regulations regarding all matters of the public library.
- j) Center for learning - a place in which skill-specific sets of activities are developed for students to work on independently at their own pace.

**SECTION 5. COMPOSITION**-The Municipal Library Board shall be composed of:

|                         |                                                                                                                |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Chairperson</b>      | : Municipal Mayor                                                                                              |
| <b>Vice-Chairperson</b> | : SB Chairman of Committee on Education                                                                        |
| <b>Members</b>          | : Vice Mayor                                                                                                   |
|                         | Chairperson of SB Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Affairs                                              |
|                         | SK Federation President                                                                                        |
|                         | Schools District Supervisors                                                                                   |
|                         | Representative from Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)                               |
|                         | Head of Municipal information Technology Office                                                                |
|                         | Local Finance Committee                                                                                        |
|                         | Head of the Human Resource Management                                                                          |
|                         | Office Representative of the Student Leaders Organization, and Representatives of Private Schools and Colleges |

**SECTION 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS**-The Municipal Library Board shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) To promulgate and determine policies for the effective and efficient operation and maintenance of the Albuera, Leyte Municipal Library;

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- b) To serve as an advisory committee to the Sangguniang Bayan on library matters, such as but not limited to the necessity for the application of local appropriations for public library purposes;
- c) To find ways and means in increasing the book and non-book collections of the Albueria, Leyte Municipal Library and in improving the facilities of the library;
- d) To provide recommendations and suggestions on the selection of library materials, library rules and regulations and other library problems;
- e) To promote and strengthen partnership between the library and the community;
- f) To ensure that the students have access to a wide variety of up-to-date learning materials and provide free printing services to Resident Students only school-related materials subject to limitations from the Municipal Library Board.

**SECTION 7. BUDGET.** In the next ensuing Fiscal Year or Supplemental Budget after this Ordinance shall have become effective, the Sangguniang Bayan shall cause the appropriation of funds necessary for the Municipal Public E-Library and Center for Learning to efficiently and effectively carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, and to include therein all necessary operational or program support expenditures. The amount necessary to carry out provisions of this Ordinance, and to include therein all necessary operational or program support expenditures. The amount necessary to carry out provisions of this Ordinance following its enactment, shall be included in the subsequent Appropriation Ordinance embodying annual or supplemental budget and, every year thereafter, the same shall be included in the Annual Budget of the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

**SECTION 8. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE.** The provisions of RA 7743, otherwise known as "An Act Providing for the Establishment of Congressional City, and Municipal Libraries and Barangay Reading Centers throughout the Philippines, Appropriating the Necessary Funds Therefore and for Other Purposes; The RA 9246 or the "Philippine Librarianship Act of 2003;" and RA 9470 otherwise known as the "National Archives of the Philippines Act of 2007, including their Implementing Rules and Regulations insofar as applicable, shall be considered supplementary to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. And if for any reason any section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid the validity of the other provision shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any Ordinance or part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED.

ENACTED BY THE 12<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALBUERA, LEYTE DURING ITS 41<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION HELD ON APRIL 27, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, ALBUERA, LEYTE.

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ROMEO M. JUNCO  
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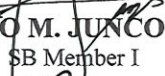
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JOSE B. YBAÑEZ  
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ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

  
**ROLANDO M. EBCAS, JR.**  
SB Member I

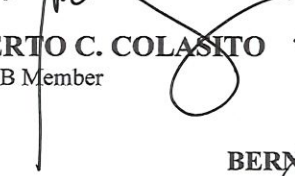
  
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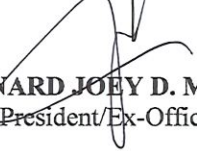
  
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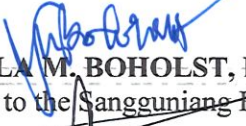
  
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**DELIA E. BATISTIS**  
LnB President/Ex-Officio Member

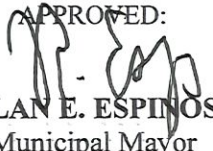
  
**BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA**  
PPSK President/Ex-Officio Member

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance duly enacted by the 12<sup>TH</sup> Sangguniang Bayan on its 41<sup>st</sup> Regular Session on April 27, 2026 at the SB Session Hall.

  
**PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I

  
**CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS**  
SB Member /Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**ROLAN E. ESPINOSA**  
Municipal Mayor

Date: 05 MAY 2026



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Municipality of Albura

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN  
ATTENDANCE SHEET

41<sup>st</sup> REGULAR SESSION  
of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan

SB Session Hall  
Venue

April 27, 2026

| No. | Name & Designation                                                  | Signature |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1   | Hon. MARIEL E. MARINAY<br>Mun. Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer       | On leave  |
| 2   | Hon. CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS<br>SB Member                            |           |
| 3   | Hon. ROLANDO M. EBCAS JR.<br>SB Member                              |           |
| 4   | Hon. JOJE B. YBAÑEZ<br>SB Member                                    |           |
| 5   | Hon. RODOLFO S. BILBAO JR.<br>SB Member                             |           |
| 6   | Hon. ALBERTO C. SUMALJAG<br>SB Member                               |           |
| 7   | Hon. ROBERTO C. COLASITO<br>SB Member                               |           |
| 8   | Hon. ROMEO M. JUNCO<br>SB Member                                    |           |
| 9   | Hon. ANDRES C. TUDIO<br>SB Member                                   |           |
| 10  | Hon. DELIA E. BATISTIS<br>ABC President, Ex-Officio                 |           |
| 11  | Hon. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA<br>OK Federation President, Ex-Officio |           |

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that those who have affixed their signatures above, have actually attended the 41st Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Albura, Leyte, held at the SB Session Hall on April 27, 2026

PAMELA M. BOHOLST  
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan