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June 11, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 3 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Barugo, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 3 entitled: "An Ordinance institutionalizing Youth Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the Municipality of Barugo etc."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 76¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with Section 443(c)(2)² of the same, subject to CSC rules and the availability of funds. Hence, we recommend 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;Section 76. Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. - Every local government unit shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission.

² ² Section 443.

(c) The sangguniang bayan may:

(2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the municipal government;

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1ST INDORSEMENT
05 June 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 03, series of 2026** of the **Municipality of Barugo, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance strengthening and institutionalizing Youth Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte, creating the Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT), providing funds therefor, and for other purposes.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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June 05, 2026

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
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THRU: **FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian
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Sir:

Respectfully submitted to your good office for review the herein ORDINANCE NO. 03, S. 2026 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARUGO, LEYTE, CREATING THE BARUGO YOUTH DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM (BYDRT), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Anticipating your favorable action on this matter.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]
DANILO V. AVORQUE
SB Secretary

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BARUGO, LEYTE ON ITS 10TH REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026, AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BARUGO, LEYTE.

Present: Atty. Jesus B. Cabanacan
Hon. Felix A. Diloy
Hon. Josephine C. Tiu
Hon. Roselyn L. Baltar
Hon. Nikkos Rhet V. Astorga
Hon. Sonia A. Cañeda
Hon. Charee Mae M. Avila
Hon. Eduardo C. Calzita
Atty. Harold Edgar C. Apostol
Hon. Joemar Q. Acebo
Hon. Eric C. Hingpis

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Absent:



ORDINANCE NO. 03, S. 2026

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARUGO, LEYTE, CREATING THE BARUGO YOUTH DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM (BYDRT), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsor/ Author: Eric C. Hingpis, SK Federation President

WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and mandates the State to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to promote the general welfare and ensure the safety of their constituents;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010," institutionalizes policies, structures, coordination mechanisms, and programs for disaster risk reduction and management;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Barugo is vulnerable to various natural and human-induced hazards, which necessitate strengthened community-based disaster preparedness and response mechanisms;

WHEREAS, the youth sector constitutes a significant portion of the population and possesses the energy, capacity, and willingness to actively participate in disaster risk reduction and management initiatives;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize youth participation in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts through an organized and trained volunteer corps;

WHEREAS, the creation of a Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT) will enhance the Municipality's disaster response capability while promoting leadership, volunteerism, and civic engagement among the youth;

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Municipality of Barugo to ensure that the foremost health, safety, and welfare of all youth volunteers are protected at all times, and that members of the Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT) shall undergo appropriate trainings, capacity-building, and skills development prior to their participation and deployment in any disaster risk reduction and management activities;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Barugo, Leyte, in regular session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. –This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Institutionalizing Youth Participation in Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Creating the Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT), Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes,”

SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY. – It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Barugo to recognize the vital role of the youth in nation-building and disaster resilience, to promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being, and to encourage their active involvement in public and civic affairs, particularly in disaster risk reduction and management.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Adaptation – the adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities.
- b. Capacity – a combination of all strengths and resources available within a community, society, or organization that can reduce the level of risks or effects of a disaster.
- c. Climate Change – a change in climate identified by changes in the mean and/or variability of its properties that persists for an extended period.
- d. Disaster – a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or society involving widespread losses and impacts.
- e. Disaster Mitigation – the lessening or limitation of the adverse impacts of hazards and related disasters.
- f. Disaster Preparedness – the knowledge and capacities developed by governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to anticipate, respond to, and recover from disaster impacts.
- g. Disaster Prevention – the outright avoidance of adverse impacts of hazards and related disasters.
- h. Disaster Response – the provision of emergency services and public assistance during or immediately after a disaster.
- i. Disaster Risk – the potential disaster losses in lives, health status, livelihood, assets, and services.
- j. Disaster Risk Reduction – the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts.
- k. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management – the systematic process of using administrative

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directives, organizations, and operational skills to implement strategies to lessen disaster impacts.

l. Emergency – unforeseen or sudden occurrence demanding immediate action.

m. Mitigation – structural and non-structural measures undertaken to limit adverse impacts of hazards.

n. Post-Disaster Recovery – the restoration and improvement of facilities, livelihood, and living conditions of disaster-affected communities.

o. Preparedness – pre-disaster actions and measures undertaken to avert or minimize loss of life and property.

SECTION 4. YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND CREATION OF THE BARUGO YOUTH DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM (BYDRT).

The Municipality of Barugo shall ensure the representation and active participation of the youth, through the Sangguniang Kabataan, in all local disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) initiatives.

For this purpose, there is hereby created the **Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT)**, which shall serve as the organized volunteer youth arm of the Municipality in disaster preparedness, response, relief, and recovery operations.

A. Composition

The BYDRT shall be composed of the following:

a. **President** – The Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President of the Municipality of Barugo, who shall automatically serve as the President of the BYDRT;

b. **Members** – All Sangguniang Kabataan Members from the different barangays who are designated or assigned as Committee Chairpersons on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) in their respective SK Councils;

c. **Additional Members** – Recognized youth organizations and youth-serving organizations within the Municipality of Barugo, which may be admitted as members of the BYDRT upon endorsement by the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) and subject to accreditation by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO).

d. **Supervision and Operational Control** – The BYDRT shall not act independently and shall, at all times, operate under the supervision and prior approval of the **Office of the Municipal Mayor**, the **Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO)**, the **Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC)**, and the duly constituted Incident Command System (ICS) or Incident Command Team, whenever activated, before, during, and after any disaster or emergency situation.

B. Functions

The Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT) shall have the following functions:

a. Assist the MDRRMO in disaster preparedness activities such as drills, simulations, and capacity-building trainings;

b. Participate in information dissemination campaigns on disaster awareness, climate change adaptation, and community resilience;

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- c. Support evacuation operations, relief distribution, and emergency response efforts during disasters, subject to proper training and supervision;
- d. Serve as youth representatives in DRRM planning, consultations, and community-based risk assessments;
- e. Promote volunteerism, leadership, and community engagement among the youth in matters relating to disaster risk reduction and management; and
- f. Perform such other related functions as may be assigned by the MDRRMO consistent with existing laws and local policies.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. – The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), in coordination with the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Barugo, shall be responsible for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. INSURANCE AND PROTECTION OF BYDRT MEMBERS.

All duly registered and accredited members of the Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT) shall be entitled to appropriate **insurance coverage** while engaged in official trainings, drills, operations, and other authorized activities related to disaster risk reduction and management.

The Municipal Government of Barugo, through the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), shall facilitate the provision of **group accident insurance or life insurance coverage** for BYDRT members, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with existing government accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

Such insurance coverage shall include, but not be limited to:

- a. Accidental death and dismemberment benefits;
 - b. medical reimbursement or hospitalization benefits arising from injuries sustained in the performance of official duties; and
 - c. Such other benefits as may be deemed necessary for the protection and welfare of the volunteers.
- The funding requirement for this purpose may be charged against the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) and/or other lawful sources, subject to existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 7. FUNDING. -The initial and continuing funding requirements for the implementation of this Ordinance, particularly for the operations, trainings, capacity-building activities, equipment, and other necessary expenses of the Barugo Youth Disaster Response Team (BYDRT), shall be sourced from the following:

- a. The Sangguniang Kabataan Funds, subject to the Annual Barangay Youth Investment Program (ABYIP), for youth-led trainings, seminars, volunteer development programs, and other related activities;
 - b. The Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) of the Municipality of Barugo, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10121, for disaster preparedness programs, procurement of basic response equipment, uniforms, personal protective equipment (PPEs), emergency kits, and other DRRM-related operational support; and
 - c. Such other lawful sources of funds as may be determined by the Sangguniang Bayan and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC), subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.
- The release and utilization of funds shall be subject to existing government budgeting, procurement, and auditing rules and regulations.

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SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the required posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte, in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

It shall likewise be posted on the official social media pages of the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte, for wider public information and dissemination.

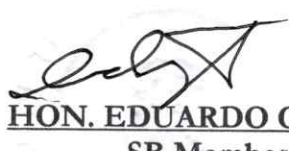
The implementation of this Ordinance shall be carried out by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), in coordination with the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation and other concerned offices.

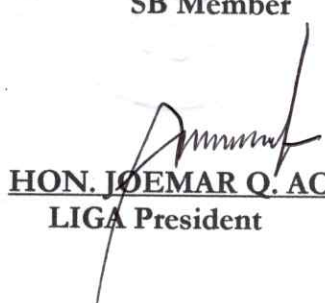
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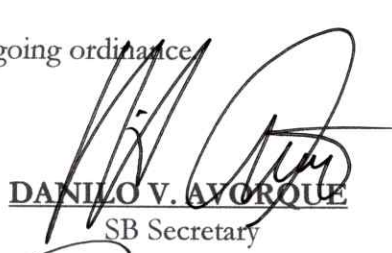

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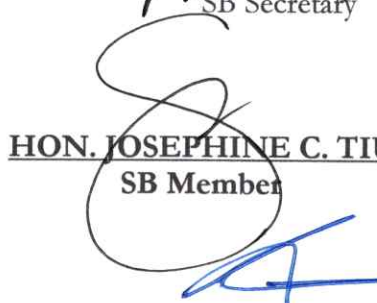

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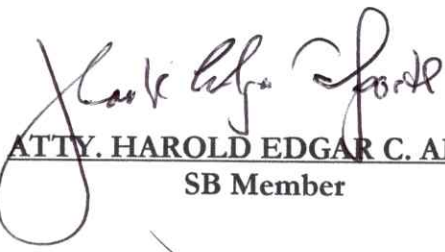

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ATTESTED BY:

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Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

HON. ARON G. BALAN, MD, FPCEM

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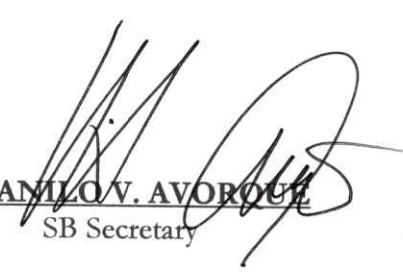


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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ORDINANCE NO. 03, S. 2026 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARUGO, LEYTE, CREATING THE BARUGO YOUTH DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM (BYDRT), PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte in compliance with the provisions of RA 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991.

This certification is issued this 5^h day of June 2026, for whatever legal purpose this may serve.


DANILO V. AVOROU
SB Secretary

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