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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-03 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tabango, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-03 entitled: "An Ordinance amending certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance no. 2025-04 etc."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan to repeal/amend its prior acts either expressly or by the passage of an essentially inconsistent resolution¹. 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 (Constantino vs. Desierto, 288 SCRA 654) April 13, 1998

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-03 of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance amending certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-04, series of 2025 entitled, "An Ordinance institutionalizing localized class suspension based on automatic triggers and granting full authority to School Heads and Punong Barangays to declare class suspensions in the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte"**, to confirm with DEPED Order No. 22, series of 2024.


FLORINDA JIL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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May 20, 2026

HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Provincial Government Complex
West Bypass Road, Brgy. Guindapunan
Palo, Leyte
Thru: Florinda Jill S. Uyvico
SP Secretary

Subject: Transmittal of the Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-03 for Review

Dear Vice Governor Javier,

Respectfully transmitted herewith are certified true copies of the following Municipal Ordinance duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tabango, Leyte, for review and consideration by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160):

- o *Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-03, entitled: "An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-04, series of 2025, entitled: "An Ordinance Institutionalizing Localized Class Suspension Based on Automatic Triggers, and Granting Full Authority to School Heads and Punong Barangays to Declare Class Suspensions in the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte," to Conform with DepEd Order No. 22, Series of 2024."*

We respectfully await the favorable action of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on the foregoing measure.

Thank you for your continued support and prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 39th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TABANGO (2025-2028) HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE ON APRIL 15, 2026.

Hon. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 03
Series of 2026

Authored by the Committee on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

Hon. BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANDABAN
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

Hon. Richard V. Merontos

Hon. Joel Erme E. Robles

Hon. Louine N. Uy

Hon. Jose Welson G. Vosotros

Hon. Elias, Jr. M. Lequin

Hon. JOSE WELSON G. VOSOTROS
SB Member

ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04, SERIES OF 2025, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION BASED ON AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS AND GRANTING FULL AUTHORITY TO SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, LEYTE," TO CONFORM WITH DEPED ORDER NO. 22, SERIES OF 2024.

Hon. ELIAS M. LEQUIN, JR
SB Member

Hon. RICHARD V. MERONTOS
SB Member

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TABANGO, LEYTE, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Hon. RICHE O. OCUBILLO
SB Member

SECTION 1. AMENDING SECTIONS 5 AND 6 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04. Sections 5 and 6 of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-04 are hereby amended to be read as follows:

(Absent)
Hon. DANILO V. DILIDILI
SB Member

❖ *Section 5. Grounds/Triggers for Automatic Class and Work Suspension. Classes and work in all levels, both Public and Private, in the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte, are automatically suspended whenever any of the following automatic triggers are present in the area:*

Hon. JOEL M. MAJAIT
SB Member

○ *Typhoon Warning Signals (TCWS):*

Hon. MELCHOR M. AROPO, JR
SB Member

➤ *TCWS #1 – Classes for Kindergarten in the affected area shall be automatically suspended.*

➤ *TCWS #2 – Face-to-face classes for Kindergarten and Elementary to Junior High School or Grade 10 in the affected area shall be automatically suspended.*

➤ *TCWS #3 and Above – Classes and work in all levels in the affected area shall be automatically suspended.*

Hon. JOEL ERME E. ROBLES
SB Member

○ *Orange or Red Rainfall Warnings (indicating heavy to intense rainfall) issued by PAGASA affecting the municipality or specific barangays.*

○ *PAGASA Flood Warnings specifically indicate flooding in the municipality or specific barangays.*

Hon. LOUINE N. UY
Ex-Officio Member
LnB President

○ *PHIVOLCS-declared Earthquake Intensity VI or higher (based on the PEIS scale) felt in the municipality or specific barangays. (Only applies if there is an installed PhiVolcs Intensity Meter in the municipality)*

Hon. MICAH D. BERNAL
Ex-Officio Member
SK Federation President


❖ *Section 6. Authority to Suspend Classes and Work Due to Other Immediate and*

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

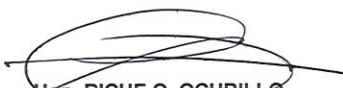
Observable Hazards. In addition to the automatic triggers enumerated under Section 5 of this Ordinance, School Heads and Punong Barangays are hereby granted full authority to declare localized class suspensions when other immediate and observable hazards arise that directly endanger the safety of learners, school personnel, or the continued operation of classes. Such hazards shall include, but are not limited to:

- Localized thunderstorm;
- Localized landslides affecting school premises or access routes;
- Earthquake with observable damage;
- Flash floods within or surrounding school and barangay areas;
- Fires that compromise school facilities or community safety;
- Prolonged power outages that render classrooms unsafe or unfit for learning;
- Any other immediate threat or emergency condition that makes continued class operation unsafe.


Hon. JOSE WILSON G. VOSOTROS
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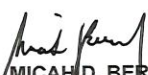
(Absent)
Hon. DANILO V. DILIDILI
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Hon. MELCHOR M. AROPO, JR.
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Hon. LOUINE N. UY
Ex-Officio Member
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SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any prior ordinance in conflict or inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

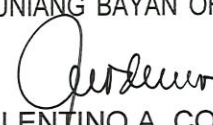
SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason/s, any part of the provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.


ENACTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April 2026 by the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality, with the following votes:

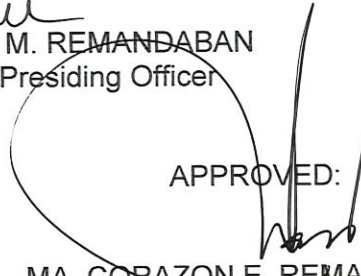
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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE DULY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TABANGO ON APRIL 15, 2026.


VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED AS DULY ENACTED:


BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANDABAN
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor
19 MAY 2026
Date



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TABANGO (2025-2028) HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

Hon. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04
Series of 2025

Hon. BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANDABAN
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

Authored by the Committee on Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change

Hon. Richard V. Merontos

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Hon. JOSE WELSON G. VOSOTROS
SB Member

Hon. ELIAS M. LEQUIN, JR
SB Member

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION BASED ON AUTOMATIC TRIGGERS AND GRANTING FULL AUTHORITY TO SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABANGO, LEYTE.

Hon. RICHARD V. MERONTOS
SB Member

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, mandates every local government unit to ensure and support programs promoting health, safety, and public welfare, particularly in times of disaster and emergency;

Hon. RICHE O. OCUBILLO
SB Member

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10121, or the *Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010*, empowers LGUs to build resilient communities through proactive, risk-informed decision-making;

Hon. DANILLO V. DILIDILI
SB Member

WHEREAS, the Department of Education (DepEd), pursuant to *DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022*, institutionalizes automatic class cancellations based on typhoon warning signals, rainfall intensity advisories, flood warnings, earthquake intensity ratings, and other hazard triggers, and authorizes School Heads to act independently in suspending classes under such conditions;

Hon. JOEL M. MAJAIT
SB Member

WHEREAS, localized and community-based decision-making by School Heads and Punong Barangays enables faster, context-aware responses to hazards, reducing delays and protecting lives more effectively;

Hon. MELCHOR M. AROPO, JR
SB Member

WHEREAS, the topography and vulnerability of several barangays within the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte necessitate immediate and autonomous responses to sudden hazards such as flooding, landslides, and power outages that threaten classroom safety;

Hon. JOEL ERME E. ROBLES
SB Member

WHEREAS, empowering School Heads and Punong Barangays to declare localized class suspensions fosters accountability, strengthens disaster preparedness, and promotes a culture of safety in both school and barangay communities;

Hon. LOUINE N. UY
Ex-Officio Member
LnB President

WHEREAS, in recognizing the decentralized nature of hazard response and respecting the autonomy of educational institutions and barangays, the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte reaffirms its commitment to collaborative governance, proactive risk management, and localized resilience building;

Hon. MICAH D. BERNAL
Ex-Officio Member
SK Federation President

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tabango, Leyte, in session duly assembled that:

VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Localized Class Suspension Empowerment Ordinance of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte, to prioritize the safety of learners, educators, and school personnel by institutionalizing proactive, community-led class suspensions based on clear and automatic hazard triggers. The Local Government shall uphold decentralized decision-making in alignment with RA 7160 and DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This ordinance applies to all public and private schools, including Alternative Learning System (ALS) centers, and all barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms are defined:

- Automatic Triggers refers to specific, measurable conditions related to natural hazards or emergencies that, when met, automatically authorize the suspension of classes.
- Class Suspension refers to the temporary cessation of in-person or online learning activities in schools and learning centers.
- PAGASA refers to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration.
- PEIS refers to the PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale.
- PHIVOLCS refers to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology.
- Punong Barangay: The elected head of a barangay, also known as Barangay Chairperson.
- School Head: The principal or administrator of any public or private school or learning center.
- TCWS refers to the Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal.

SECTION 5. AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO DECLARE CLASS SUSPENSION. The following persons are granted full and independent authority to suspend classes based on the presence of automatic triggers:

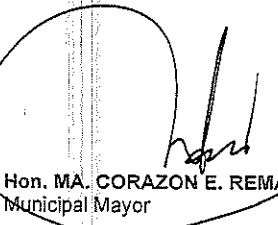
1. School Heads or Principals: For their respective schools or learning centers.
2. Punong Barangays (Barangay Chairpersons): Within their territorial barangay, in coordination with school officials.

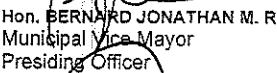
SECTION 6. GROUNDS FOR AUTOMATIC CLASS SUSPENSION. The authority to suspend classes may be exercised without prior approval when any of the following automatic triggers are present in the area:

- Typhoon Warning Signals (TCWS 1–5) issued by PAGASA affecting the municipality or specific barangays.
- Orange or Red Rainfall Warnings (indicating heavy to intense rainfall) issued by PAGASA affecting the municipality or specific barangays.
- PAGASA Flood Warnings specifically indicate flooding in the municipality or specific barangays.
- PHIVOLCS-declared Earthquake Intensity V or higher (based on the PEIS scale) felt in the municipality or specific barangays.
- Other Immediate and Observable Hazards. This includes, but is not limited to, landslides, strong winds not covered by TCWS, flash floods, localized fires that endanger school operations or access, prolonged power outages affecting school safety, or any other immediate threat that makes continued class operation unsafe.

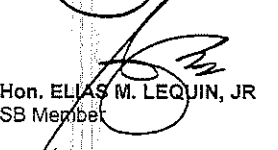
SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL HEADS AND PUNONG BARANGAYS. They shall:


1. Verify automatic hazard triggers or observe actual hazardous conditions.
2. Notify the public through multiple platforms (text groups, megaphones, school signage, social media).

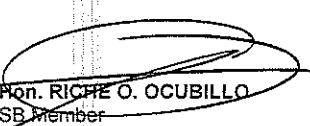

Hon. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor

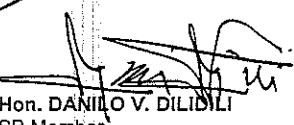

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Municipal Vice Mayor
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Hon. JOSE WELSON G. VASOTROS
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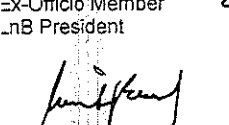

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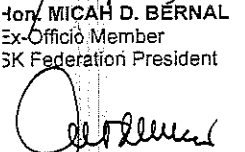

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Hon. LOUINE N. UY
Ex-Officio Member
_nB President


Hon. MICAH D. BERNAL
Ex-Officio Member
SK Federation President


/ALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

3. Submit a written incident report and suspension declaration to the MDRRM Office and DepEd Division Office within twenty-four (24) hours.
4. Initiate coordination with nearby schools, barangays, or DRRM officers in case of wide-scale or clustered hazards.
5. Facilitate continuity of learning in line with Section 10.

SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. The Municipal Government shall:

1. Respect and uphold suspension declarations made under this Ordinance.
2. Provide real-time hazard advisories, data verification, and technical assistance.
3. Activate municipal-wide suspensions when needed and notify affected parties promptly.
4. Through the MDRRM Office, maintain a 24/7 monitoring system and response protocol for class-related emergencies.

SECTION 9. PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND LEARNING INSTITUTIONS. Private schools and other private learning institutions retain their autonomy to declare class suspensions. However, they are strongly encouraged to align their decisions with DepEd Order No. 37, s. 2022, and the localized declarations made by the School Head or Punong Barangay. In no case will private institutions implement policies that are less stringent than the automatic trigger thresholds recognized in this ordinance. They should prioritize the safety of their learners and personnel at all times.

SECTION 10. CONTINUOUS LEARNING PROVISIONS. In accordance with DepEd guidelines, whenever in-person or online classes are suspended, schools are encouraged to implement alternative learning modalities. This includes modular learning, asynchronous activities, or catch-up learning activities where feasible, to minimize disruption to education.

SECTION 11. FUNDING AND RESOURCES. Funds necessary to support communication, logistics, and capacity building related to localized class suspensions may be drawn from:

- The MDRRM Fund
- Barangay DRRM Funds

Section 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules, or regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with the posting requirements under the Local Government Code.

ENACTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of September 2025 by the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality, with the following votes:

AYES – 9 NAYS – 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE DULY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TABANGO ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Hon. MA. CORAZON E. REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor

Hon. BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANDABAN
Municipal Vice Mayor
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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED AS DULY ENACTED:


BERNARD JONATHAN M. REMANABAN
Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice Mayor


APPROVED:
MA. CORAZONE REMANDABAN
Municipal Mayor

06 OCT 2025
Date



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SECRETARY

Certificate of Posting

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-03**, entitled:

“An Ordinance Amending Certain Provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-04, Series of 2025, Entitled: ‘An Ordinance Institutionalizing Localized Class Suspension Based on Automatic Triggers and Granting Full Authority to School Heads and Punong Barangays to Declare Class Suspensions in the Municipality of Tabango, Leyte,’ to Conform with DepEd Order No. 22, Series of 2024”

was duly posted in the bulletin boards of the **Municipal Hall** and the **Land Transport Terminal** on **May 20, 2026**, and shall remain posted for **three (3) consecutive weeks** in compliance with the posting requirements mandated under the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160).

ISSUED this 20th day of May 2026 at the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Tabango, Province of Leyte.

VALENTINO A. CODERA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

NOTED:

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