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**PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 5 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 5 entitled: “The Year 2026 Municipal Athletes Incentives Ordinance .”

**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 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*

<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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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 05, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance providing incentives to athletes representing the Municipality of Merida in provincial, regional, national, and international sports competitions, providing funds thereof and for other purposes.**

  
**FLORINDA JILLS UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

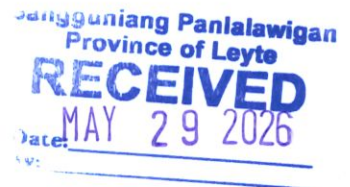


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MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

28 MAY 2026

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE  
CAPITOL BUILDING  
PALO LEYTE



DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

I have the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte copies of **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05, SERIES OF 2026 - "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ATHLETES REPRESENTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA IN PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** enacted by the 19<sup>th</sup> Council of this Municipality, for review and consideration.

Hoping everything is in order.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

  
JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33<sup>RD</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (19<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE, HELD ON APRIL 22, 2026  
AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte on APRIL 22, 2026.

JOSELITO T. DELLOS ANGELES  
SB Secretary

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

HON. ATTY. CHRISTIAN Q. SALTA  
SB Member

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SB Member

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LNB President (Forced Leave)

HON. ASHLEY NORFEN J. DIAZ  
SK Federation President

HON. RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO  
Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer

-RESOLUTION NO. 19-26-084-

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05, SERIES OF "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ATHLETES REPRESENTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA IN PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall 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*, mandates local government units to promote general welfare, including the development of sports and youth;

WHEREAS, athletes who represent the Municipality of Merida bring honor, pride, and recognition to the local government unit through their participation and achievements in sports competitions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to encourage, motivate, and support local athletes by providing incentives and assistance commensurate to their achievements;

NOW, WHEREFORE, ON MOTION OF Hon. Melquiades D. Guio-Guio, Chairman Committee on Education duly seconded by MASS, BE IT RESOLVED TO ENACT;

-MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05-  
Series of 2026

INTRODUCED/AUTHORED BY:  
HON. MELQUIADES D. GUIO-GUIO

**SECTION 1. TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "The Year 2026 Municipal Athletes Incentives Ordinance of the Municipality of Merida."

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY**

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Merida to promote sports development and excellence by recognizing and rewarding athletes who bring honor and prestige to the municipality through their participation and success in sports competitions.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For purposes of this Ordinance:

- Athlete** – A bona fide students officially enrolled in any schools within Merida who officially represents the municipality in an organized sports competition.
- Coach/Trainer** – A person officially accredited and designated to train or supervise athletes during the competition.
- Sports Competition** – Any duly recognized sports meet or tournament conducted at the local, regional, national, or international level.
- Incentives** – Cash assistance granted by the municipality in recognition of athletic participation or achievement.
- Individual Event** – Refers to a supporting event where awards are earned by a single athlete competing independently.
- Team Event** – Refers to a sporting event where awards are earned collectively by a group of athletes officially registered as a team representing the municipality

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**SECTION 4. COVERAGE**

This Ordinance shall cover all athletes and their coaches/trainers who officially represent the **Municipality of Merida** in duly recognized sports competitions sanctioned by appropriate sports bodies or government agencies.

**SECTION 5. TYPES OF INCENTIVES**

The Municipality shall grant the following incentives, subject to availability of funds:

**a. Participation Incentive**

Athletes who officially participate in competitions shall be entitled to a reasonable cash incentive or allowance to defray training and participation expenses.

**b. Performance-Based Cash Incentives**

.Depends upon number of players – under team categories.

.Athletes who win medals or place in competitions shall be granted incentives as follows:

**INDIVIDUAL**

<i>Level of Competition</i>	<i>Gold / Champion</i>	<i>Silver / 2nd Place</i>	<i>Bronze / 3rd Place</i>
<i>Provincial</i>	PHP 1,500	PHP 1,000	PHP 500
<i>EVRAA</i>	PHP 3,000	PHP 2,000	PHP 1,000
<i>Palaro</i>	PHP 5,000	PHP 3,000	PHP 2,000
<i>International</i>	PHP 20,000	PHP 15,000	PHP 10,000

**TEAM**

<i>Level of Competition</i>	<i>Gold / Champion</i>	<i>Silver / 2nd Place</i>	<i>Bronze / 3rd Place</i>
<i>Provincial</i>	PHP 18,000	PHP 12,000	PHP 6,000
<i>EVRAA</i>	PHP 30,000	PHP 20,000	PHP 10,000
<i>Palaro</i>	PHP 60,000	PHP 30,000	PHP 20,000
<i>International</i>	PHP 200,000	PHP 150,000	PHP 100,000

**c. Trainer Incentive**

Trainers of winning athletes shall receive twenty-five percent (25%) of the incentive granted to the athlete they trained.

**SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL FORMS OF ASSISTANCE**

Subject to existing rules and regulations, the Municipality may also provide:

1. Training allowances;
2. Sports uniforms and equipment;
3. Medical support during competitions;
4. Transportation and meal allowances.

**SECTION 7. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify for incentives, the athlete must:

1. Be a bona fide student officially enrolled in any school within the Municipality of Merida for at least six (6) months prior to the competition;
2. Have official endorsement from the Municipal Mayor or authorized office;
3. Submit proof of participation or achievement duly certified by event organizers.

**SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE**

The Municipal Mayor, through the Municipal Sports Development Office or any designated committee, shall implement this Ordinance and promulgate necessary guidelines for its effective implementation.

**SECTION 9. FUNDING SOURCE**

The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the Annual Budget of the Municipality of Merida, subject to accounting and auditing rules.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, or regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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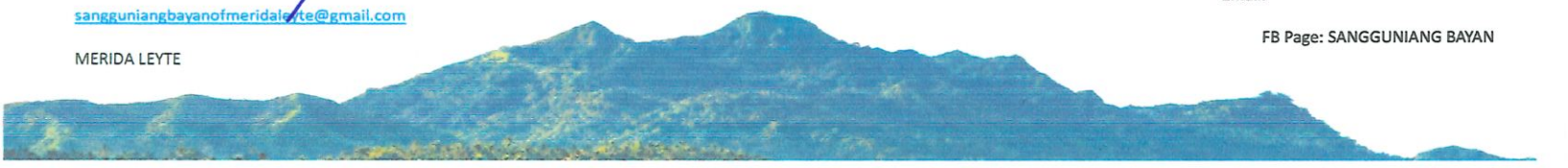
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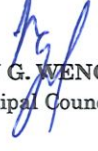


**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY**

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Merida.

**ENACTED: 22 APRIL 2026**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS**

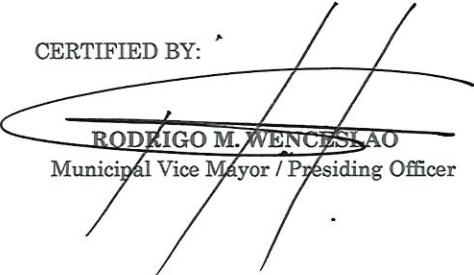
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APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON April 28, 2026.

CONFORME:

  
**ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASEÑICO**  
Municipal Mayor

CERTIFIED BY:

  
**RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO**  
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:

  
**JOSELITO T. DE LOS ANGELES**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan





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## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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### CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05, SERIES OF 2026 - "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO ATHLETES REPRESENTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA IN PROVINCIAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" had been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the locality within three (3) consecutive weeks from APRIL 29, 2026 TO MAY 20, 2026.

THIS CERTIFICATION has been issued in compliance to Section 511 (1), Title One, book IV of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

DONE AND ISSUED this 28<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2026 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.

  
JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan