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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 11 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 11 entitled: “Merida Ordinance on Restricted Access of Minors to Alcoholic Beverages and Curfew .”

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)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 (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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1ST INDORSEMENT

29 May 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 11, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating and restricting the access of minors to alcoholic beverages, establishing curfew hours, providing penalties, and enhancing barangay-based enforcement in the Municipality of Merida, Leyte.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

28 MAY 2026

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE
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PALO LEYTE



DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

I have the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte copies of **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2026 "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE ACCESS OF MINORS TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ESTABLISHING CURFEW HOURS, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND ENHANCING BARANGAY-BASED ENFORCEMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE"** enacted by the 19th 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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(CONTINUATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2026, DATED APRIL 22, 2026. //PAGE 02)

SECTION 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Merida Ordinance on Restricted Access of Minors to Alcoholic Beverages and Curfew Protection.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy

It is the policy of the Municipality of Merida to:

1. Protect minors from the harmful effects of alcohol;
2. Ensure minors’ safety during night-time hours through curfew regulation;
3. Empower barangays, SK, and community stakeholders to enforce compliance;
4. Promote a safe, healthy, and responsible environment for youth development.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms

Minor – Any person below eighteen (18) years of age.

Alcoholic Beverage – Any drink containing alcohol including but not limited to beer, liquor, spirits, wine, and other intoxicating beverages.

Retail Establishment – Any store, bar, restaurant, convenience store, or similar business selling alcoholic beverages.

Public Place – Any street, park, plaza, establishment, or area open and accessible to the public.

Curfew Hours – The period from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM, during which minors are not allowed to loiter in public places without parental supervision.

SECTION 4. Prohibited Acts

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Sell, serve, or distribute alcoholic beverages to minors;
2. Allow minors to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages in any establishment;
3. Allow minors to loiter or remain in bars, nightclubs, or similar establishments primarily engaged in alcohol sales;
4. Permit minors to consume alcoholic beverages in public places;
5. Use minors to purchase alcoholic beverages on behalf of adults;
6. Allow minors to remain in public areas during curfew hours unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
7. Permit minors to enter, stay, or gather in areas known for alcohol-related activities during curfew hours.

SECTION 5. Responsibilities of Business Establishments

All establishments selling alcoholic beverages shall:

1. Require valid **proof of age** before selling alcoholic beverages;
2. Post visible signage:
“SALE OR SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO PERSONS BELOW 18 YEARS OLD IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED”;
3. Ensure minors are not allowed to purchase or consume alcoholic beverages;
4. Cooperate with inspections conducted by barangay and municipal authorities;
5. Report any attempted violations to barangay officials.

SECTION 6. Duties of Parents or Guardians

Parents or legal guardians shall:

1. Prevent minors from consuming alcoholic beverages;
2. Ensure minors comply with curfew regulations;
3. Cooperate with barangay and municipal authorities during investigations of violations.

SECTION 7. Curfew Enforcement

1. All minors shall observe the curfew from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM;
2. Exceptions are made for minors accompanied by parents or guardians or attending school, work, or approved community activities;
3. Barangay tanods and SK officials shall monitor compliance and report violators to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO).

SECTION 8. Enforcement and Roles of Barangay Councils and SK

Barangay Council:

- Monitor and inspect retail establishments;
- Ensure signage and compliance with sale restrictions;
- Conduct barangay-level curfew patrols;
- Report violations to Municipal Health Office, PNP, and MSWDO;

Sangguniang Kabataan (SK):

- Lead youth education campaigns on alcohol hazards and curfew rules;
- Partner with schools for seminars and workshops;
- Assist barangays in monitoring public areas during curfew hours;
- Report observed violations to barangay officials;

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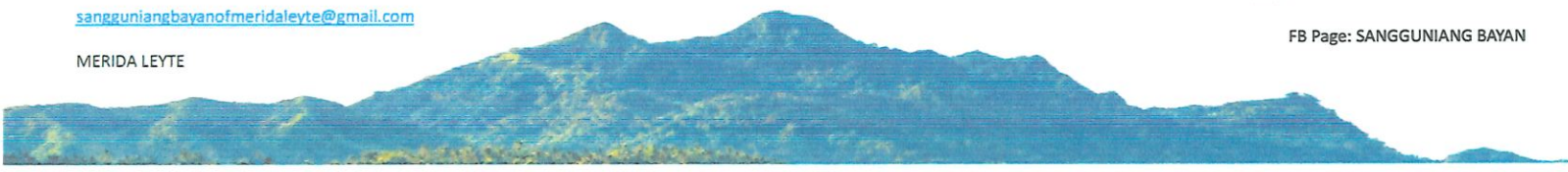
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE
 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (19TH COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE, HELD ON APRIL 22, 2026
 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.

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

HON. BENJAMIN A. TRAVERO JR.
 SB Member

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HON. OLIVER R. LIMOSNERO
 SB Member

HON. RONILLO O. LABANG
 LNB President (Sick Leave)

HON. ASHLEY NOREEN J. DIAZ
 SK Federation President

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

-RESOLUTION NO. 19-26-090-

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2026 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE ACCESS OF MINORS TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ESTABLISHING CURFEW HOURS, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND ENHANCING BARANGAY-BASED ENFORCEMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE.”

WHEREAS, 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides that the State 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 empowers local government units, under the General Welfare Clause, to enact measures necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their constituents, particularly minors;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9344, as amended, declares that children in conflict with the law shall be treated with dignity and provided with intervention, diversion, and rehabilitation programs, and mandates local governments to establish mechanisms for their protection and development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7610 ensures special protection of children against all forms of abuse, neglect, and conditions prejudicial to their development, including exposure to harmful substances such as alcohol;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9165 highlights the importance of preventive education and community-based approaches in protecting the youth from substance abuse and its harmful effects;

WHEREAS, policies and programs of the Department of Health Philippines and the Department of the Interior and Local Government Philippines support local initiatives that promote public health, responsible behavior, and the protection of minors from alcohol-related harm;

WHEREAS, scientific and public health evidence shows that early exposure to alcohol significantly increases the risk of addiction, impaired brain development, accidents, and involvement in risky or delinquent behavior;

WHEREAS, the increasing accessibility of alcoholic beverages to minors and their presence in public places during late hours expose them to unsafe environments, criminal activities, and negative social influences;

WHEREAS, curfew regulations are recognized as preventive measures that promote discipline, parental accountability, and community involvement in safeguarding minors;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a comprehensive and enforceable framework at the barangay level to regulate access to alcohol, ensure curfew compliance, and strengthen collaboration among barangay officials, Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), law enforcement agencies, and community stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Merida is committed to upholding the rights, welfare, and holistic development of children and youth by creating a safe, protective, and health-promoting environment;

NOW, WHEREFORE, ON MOTION OF Hon. Brenda T. Adolfo Chairman Committee on Health duly seconded by MASS, BE IT RESOLVED TO ENACT;

-MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11-
Series of 2026

INTRODUCED/AUTHORED BY:
HON. BRENDA T. ADOLFO

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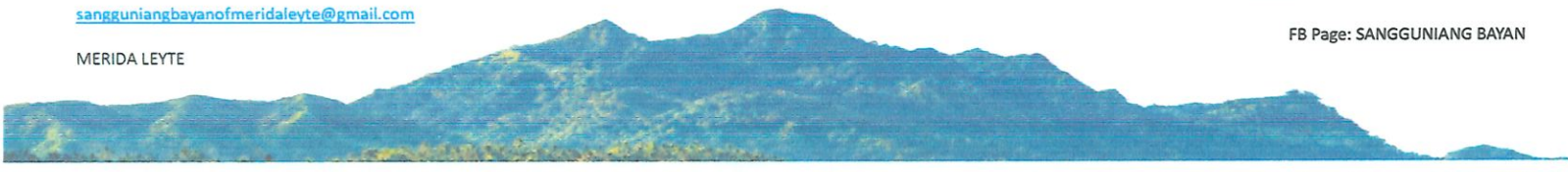
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Barangay Health Workers (BHWs):

- Act as community liaison for enforcement;
- Educate parents and minors on health risks;
- Submit monthly compliance reports to the Municipal Health Office.

Municipal Enforcement Agencies:

- PNP, Municipal Health Office, MSWDO – conduct coordinated inspections and interventions;
- BPLO – may suspend business permits for repeated violations.

SECTION 9. Penalties

Business Establishments:

- 1st Offense – ₱1,000 fine
- 2nd Offense – ₱1,500 fine
- 3rd Offense – ₱2,500 fine + possible suspension/revocation of business permit

Adults who Provide Alcohol to Minors:

Any adult who is caught, reported, or proven to have provided, sold, or offered alcoholic beverages to a minor shall be subject to a fine of P 1,000. 00 and/or community service, as may be determined and imposed by the proper authorities.

Minors:

Any minor apprehended for violating regulations on alcohol consumption or curfew shall, upon proper documentation in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9344 or the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006, be referred to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) for counseling, participation in intervention programs, and mandatory parental or guardian guidance sessions. A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00) shall be imposed for every violation, to be borne by the parent, guardian, or person having custody of the minor.

SECTION 10. Information and Education Campaign

The Municipal Government, in coordination with barangay councils and SK, shall conduct regular awareness campaigns on:

- Health risks of alcohol consumption;
- Curfew compliance;
- Parental responsibilities;
- Community enforcement programs.

SECTION 11. Appropriations

Funds for implementation, education campaigns, and monitoring shall be drawn from the Municipal Government’s annual budget or any available sources.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause

If any provision is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause

All inconsistent ordinances, rules, or regulations are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. Effectivity

This Ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its publication or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in Merida, Leyte.

ENACTED: 22 APRIL 2026

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS

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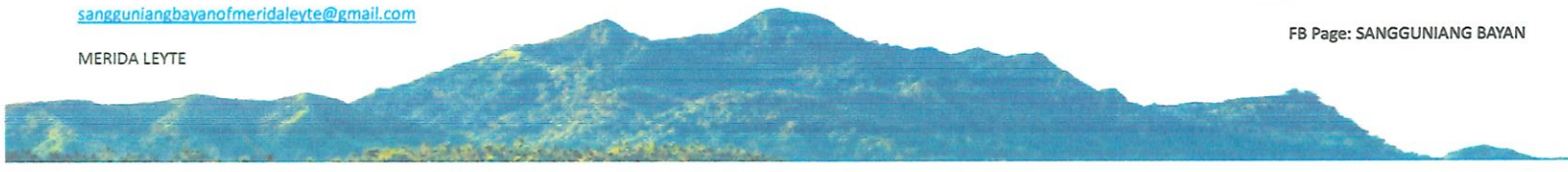
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APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON April 26, 2026.

CONFORME:

Engr. Rolando M. Villaseñico
ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENCIO
 Municipal Mayor

CERTIFIED BY:

Rodrigo M. Wenceslao
RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
 Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

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JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
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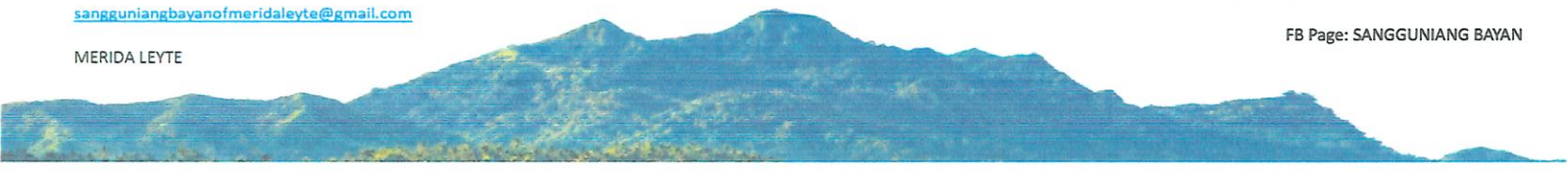
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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11, SERIES OF 2026 – “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE ACCESS OF MINORS TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ESTABLISHING CURFEW HOURS, PROVIDING PENALTIES, AND ENHANCING BARANGAY-BASED ENFORCEMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE” 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 28TH day of MAY 2026 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.


JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan