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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 13 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 13 entitled: “Merida Municipal Slaughterhouse Code of 2026”

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under 447(5)(ii) and (iv)<sup>1</sup>. 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*

<sup>1</sup> (ii) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize the operation thereof, and regulate the construction and operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and structures;

(iv) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products, and other foodstuffs for public consumption;

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
29 May 2026



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 13, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Municipal Slaughterhouse of Merida, Leyte, prescribing rules and regulations governing the operations thereof, and for other purposes.**

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



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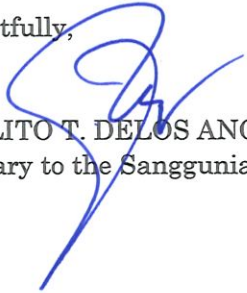
DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

I have the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte copies of MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2026 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE OF MERIDA, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS 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



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(CONTINUATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13, SERIES OF 2026, DATED MAY 06, 2026. ....//PAGE 02)

**ARTICLE II**  
**GENERAL DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

1. Ante-Mortem Inspection – Examination of animals prior to slaughter to identify diseased or abnormal conditions, prevent contamination, and provide information for post-mortem inspection.
2. Approved Meat Establishments – Same as accredited meat establishment.
3. Butcher – A person duly accredited to perform slaughtering of animals;
4. Carcass – Body of any slaughtered animal after bleeding and dressing.
5. Condemnation – The determination that meat or meat products are unsafe or unfit for human consumption.
6. Confiscation – Taking custody of livestock, carcasses, or meat products due to violation of rules, for proper disposal.
7. Corral – Space near the slaughterhouse for detaining animals prior to slaughter.
8. Deputation – Authority granted by NMIS allowing LGU inspectors to perform official inspection duties.
9. Disease or Defect – Pathological change or other abnormality in animals.
10. Fit for Human Consumption – Meat inspected and branded as safe, wholesome, and free from disease, contamination, or illegal substances.
11. Fresh Meat – Meat not subjected to treatment except refrigeration or approved packaging.
12. Food Animals – Domestic livestock slaughtered for human consumption (cattle, carabao, horse, sheep, goat, hog, poultry).
13. Hot Meat – Meat from unregistered establishments or that has not undergone required inspection.
14. Imitation – Product made to appear as real or original.
15. Inspected and Passed – Meat or carcass inspected and deemed safe and fit for consumption.
16. Inspected and Condemned – Meat or carcass inspected and deemed unsafe or unfit for consumption.
17. Inspection – Official act ensuring compliance with slaughtering, hygiene, and meat handling standards.
18. Inspector / Meat Inspector – Professionally qualified officer appointed by NMIS or LGU to conduct inspections.
19. Large Ruminants – One-year-old horses, mules, asses, carabaos, or other bovine family members.
20. Meat – Fresh, chilled, or frozen edible carcass including offal.
21. Meat Establishment – Registered facilities for slaughtering, processing, handling, or storing meat.
22. Meat Hygiene – Conditions ensuring meat safety at all stages of the food chain.
23. Meat Product – Food made wholly or partly from animal meat or carcass.
24. Mortem Inspection – Services inspecting animals to detect lesions or abnormalities; ensuring only fit meat is sold.
25. Offal – By-products, organs, glands, and tissues other than meat.
26. Official Certificate – Any certificate issued by an inspector as prescribed by law.
27. Post-Abattoir Control – Inspection and control of meat during transport to retail outlets.
28. Preservation – Preparation or storage to maintain wholesomeness and safety.
29. Safe and Wholesome – Meat free from contamination, disease, illegal substances, and produced under adequate hygiene.
30. Slaughter – The killing of food animals.
31. Slaughterhouse (Abattoir) – Municipal-owned slaughterhouse facility.
32. Stockyard – Pen for collection, care, and inspection of animals prior to slaughter.
33. Suspect – Animal or meat requiring further examination due to unclear fitness.
34. Unfit for Human Consumption – Meat or animal inspected and deemed unsafe.
35. Zoonotic Disease – Diseases of animals transferable to humans.

**ARTICLE III**  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICES AND PERSONNEL**

**SECTION 1. OFFICES**

**Slaughterhouse Supervisor** – Designated by the Municipal Mayor; responsible for overall administration, operation, and sanitation.

1. Municipal Agriculture Office – Technical and regulatory functions.
2. Municipal Treasurer’s Office – Revenue collection.
3. Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Office – Environmental management.
4. Municipal Health Office – Sanitation oversight.

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 35<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (19<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE, HELD ON MAY 06, 2026  
 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.

**Sangguniang Panlalawigan**  
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**-RESOLUTION NO. 19-26-097-**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte on **MAY 06, 2026**.

**JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES**  
 SB Secretary

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

**HON. ATTY. CHRISTIAN O. SALTA**  
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 Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE 13 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE OF MERIDA, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

WHEREAS, the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them, as mandated under the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, Local Government Units are empowered under Republic Act No. 7160 to enact ordinances and implement measures to promote the general welfare, including public health, sanitation, and food safety;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9296, as amended by Republic Act No. 10536, mandates the establishment of a comprehensive meat inspection system and regulation of slaughterhouses to ensure that meat and meat products are safe and fit for human consumption;

WHEREAS, the National Meat Inspection Service is mandated to set policies, standards, and guidelines on meat inspection and hygiene which must be implemented by Local Government Units;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 856 requires proper sanitation practices in all food establishments, including slaughterhouses;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003 mandates environmentally sound management of wastes, including those generated from slaughterhouse operations;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent illegal slaughtering, the proliferation of "hot meat," and the spread of zoonotic diseases that pose risks to public health;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a municipal slaughterhouse ensures humane slaughtering, proper meat inspection, consumer protection, and increased local revenue generation;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Merida recognizes the necessity of institutionalizing policies and standards governing slaughterhouse operations to ensure food safety, protect public health, and promote sustainable local development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte, in regular session duly assembled:

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13-**  
**Series of 2026**

**INTRODUCED / AUTHORED BY:**  
**HON. CHENIL C. CALDERON**

**ARTICLE I**  
**TITLE AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION**

**SECTION 1. TITLE** – This ordinance shall be known as the "Merida Municipal Slaughterhouse Code of 2026."

**SECTION 2. SCOPE** – This Code shall serve as the general and comprehensive guide in the governance, operation, maintenance, administration, and management of the Municipal Slaughterhouse and other meat-related public enterprises established by the Municipal Government of Merida, as well as those that may hereafter be established and properly designated by the Sangguniang Bayan.

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**SECTION 2. PERSONNEL STAFFING PATTERN**

- Slaughterhouse Master I – 1 (SG 10)
- Meat Inspectors – 2 (SG 6)
- Butchers – 8 for hogs; 6 for large ruminants
- Utility Workers / Light Equipment Operators – 2 (SG 3)
- Delivery Van Driver – 1 (SG 3)

**SECTION 3. BUTCHER ARRANGEMENT**

- Butchers must be accredited and can retain existing employment status.
- Payment for slaughtering is fixed per head (P300–350 per animal).
- Duty schedules are prepared by the Slaughterhouse Supervisor.

**SECTION 4. PERSONNEL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Slaughterhouse Master I: Supervise sanitation, enforce meat inspection standards, confiscate condemned meat, maintain records, ensure safety and order.
- Meat Inspectors: Conduct ante- and post-mortem inspections, enforce humane slaughter, report, and ensure proper disposal.
- Butchers: Perform slaughter and dressing; other assigned duties.
- Utility Workers / Light Equipment Operators: Operate and maintain boiler; ensure cleanliness.
- Delivery Van Driver: Transport meat and offal to markets; maintain delivery records and vehicle condition.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**SECTION 1. GENERAL RULES**

1. Only authorized personnel allowed in restricted areas
2. Mandatory use of uniforms and safety gear
3. No slaughter without inspection
4. FIFO system for animals
5. Maximum 2-day holding period
6. Diseased animals shall be rejected
7. Meat must bear inspection stamp
8. Mandatory use of sanitary transport
9. Chilling process required
10. Confiscation of unsafe meat
11. Endangered species prohibited
12. Suspected stolen animals reported

**SECTION 2. PERMIT TO SLAUGHTER-** Required prior to slaughter, issued by Meat Inspector.

**SECTION 3. LARGE ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Proof of ownership
- Transfer certificate
- Pregnancy diagnosis where applicable

**SECTION 4. PLACE OF SLAUGHTER -** All commercial slaughtering (meat sold in meatstalls & meatshops) shall be done exclusively at the Municipal Slaughterhouse. Slaughtering of livestock that are consumed for personal occasions are allowed in backyard, and must coordinate with the Barangay Inspection Team.

**SECTION 5. PROHIBITION ON BACKYARD SLAUGHTER-** Slaughtering outside authorized facilities of livestock which will be sold in the public market & registered meat shops is strictly prohibited.

**SECTION 6. TRACEABILITY SYSTEM-** All animals and meat shall be properly recorded for traceability.

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**ARTICLE V**  
**FEEES AND RATES**

**SECTION 1. FEES** – Stockyard/corral, slaughter permit, certificate of ownership, transfer, ante-mortem inspection, holding pen, weighing, slaughter, post-mortem inspection, delivery.

**SECTION 2. RATES OF FEES**- The rates of fees shall be as follows:

**PIG/GOAT/SHEEP/OTHER SMALL ANIMALS**

1. Entrance Fee	-	PHP 20.00/head
2. Weighing Fee	-	PHP 20.00/head
3. Stockyard Fee	-	PHP 20.00/head
4. Yardage Fee	-	PHP 20.00/head
5. Ante-mortem	-	PHP 10.00/head
6. Holding Pen	-	PHP10.00/head/day
7. Permit to Slaughter	-	PHP 20.00/head
8. Slaughter Fee	-	PHP1.00/kilo Live weight
9. Post Mortem Fee	-	PHP .50/kilo Carcass Weight
10. Delivery Fee from the Slaughter to Public Market	-	PHP 20.00/head
11. Delivery Fee from the Slaughter to areas outside Public Market	-	PHP 50.00/head
12. Chiller/Storage Room Fee	-	PHP1.00/kilo Carcass weight/24hours
13. Roasting Fee	-	PHP100.00/head

**CARABAO/COW**

1. Entrance Fee	-	PHP 100.00/head
2. Weighing Fee	-	PHP 20.00/head
3. Stockyard Fee	-	PHP 20.00/day/head
4. Yardage Fee	-	PHP 100.00/head
5. Ante-mortem	-	PHP 30.00/head
6. Holding Pen	-	PHP 10.00/head/day
7. Permit to Slaughter	-	PHP 50.00/head
8. Slaughter Fee	-	PHP 1.00/kilo LivEe weight
9. Certificate of Ownership/Credential Fee	-	PHP 50.00/head
10. Transfer of Certificate of Ownership	-	PHP 25.00/head
11. Post Mortem Fee	-	PHP .50/kilo Carcass Weight
12. Delivery Fee from the Slaughter to Public Market	-	PHP 40.00/head
13. Delivery Fee from the Slaughter to areas outside Public Market	-	PHP 100.00/head
14. Chiller/Storage Room Fee	-	PHP 1.00/kilo Carcass Weight/24 hours

**POULTRY**

1. Permit to Slaughter	-	PHP
2. Slaughter Fee	-	PHP 1.00/head
3. Post Mortem Inspection Fee	-	PHP1.00/head
4. Delivery to market	-	PHP 1.00/head
5. Delivery outside Market	-	PHP 1.00/head+.25/km
6. Weighing Fee	-	PHP .50/head
7. Chiller/Storage Room Fee	-	PHP .50/kilo dressed chicken (24 hours)

**SECTION 3. PAYMENT** – Corresponding fees must be paid to Municipal Treasurer or his duly authorized representative prior to slaughter.

**SECTION 4. PENALTY** – Violation: Php 2,500 fine, imprisonment ≤6 months, or both.

**SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION** – Slaughterhouse Master I shall maintain all records, coordinate with Treasurer’s Office, and ensure permits are not issued for condemned animals.

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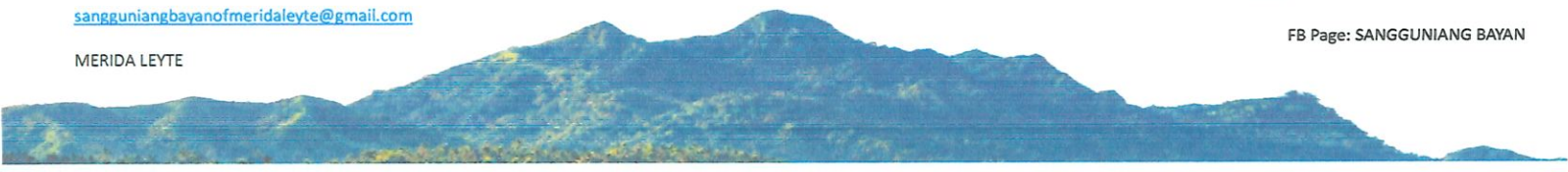
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**ARTICLE VI**  
**SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

1. Adequate water supply required
2. Proper waste disposal system
3. Wastewater treatment required
4. Proper disposal of blood and offal
5. Compliance with sanitation and environmental laws

**ARTICLE VII**  
**BOILER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**SECTION 1. OPERATION GUIDE** – Utility Worker/LGO supervised by Slaughterhouse Supervisor; follow safety and operational procedures.

**SECTION 2. MAINTENANCE** – Clean internal boiler monthly; drain water twice a week or as needed.

**SECTION 3. FUEL SUPPLY** – Rice husk or similar biomass; priority procurement from local mills; fund allocation required; permanent storage facility needed.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**REGULATED ACTS**

**SECTION 1. PROHIBITED ACTS**

The following acts are strictly prohibited within the facility premises:

- a. Entering the facility while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs;
- b. Smoking or loitering within the premises;
- c. Sleeping in or using the facility as a living quarters; and
- d. Engaging in any form of gambling.

**SECTION 2. PENALTY** – Php 500–2,500 fine, imprisonment ≤6 months, or both.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**PENALTIES**

Any violation shall be penalized as follows:

- First Offense – P500
- Second Offense – P1,000
- Third Offense – P2,500 or imprisonment up to 6 months, or both

Administrative sanctions may include suspension or revocation of permits.

**ARTICLE X**  
**FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE**

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

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**SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**


This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with publication requirements under Republic Act No. 7160 and upon commencement of the operation of the Municipal Slaughterhouse.

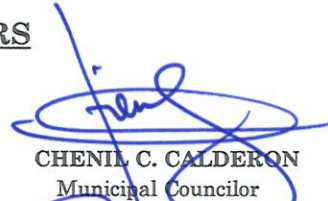
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**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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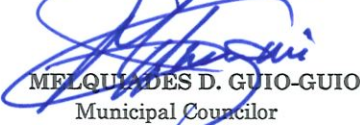
  
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APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON May 19, 2026.

CONFORME:

  
**ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENIO**  
 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. 13, SERIES OF 2026 - "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE OF MERIDA, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" had been posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the locality within three (3) consecutive weeks from MAY 19, 2026 TO JUNE 09, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2026 at Merida, Leyte, Philippines.

  
JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan