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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

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Province of Leyte
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2nd INDORSEMENT
June 3, 2026

Date: JUL 13 2026
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 241 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 241 entitled: **“Municipal Anti-Child Marriage Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.”**

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) in relation to RA 11596². 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 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,

² **AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF CHILD MARRIAGE AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1st Indorsement
13 May 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 241, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance implementing the provisions of Republic Act No. 11596, otherwise known as the "Anti-Child Marriage Law" in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, providing for the prevention, prohibition, and penalization of child marriage, and for other purposes.**

[Signature]
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Date: MAY 12 2026
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ENDORSEMENT

MAY 11, 2026

HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER
Vice-Governor
Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No. 241** series 2026, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11596, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'ANTI-CHILD MARRIAGE LAW,' IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION, PROHIBITION, AND PENALIZATION OF CHILD MARRIAGE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**" of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte for review and approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan:

Very truly yours,

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 241** series 2026, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11596, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-CHILD MARRIAGE LAW," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION, PROHIBITION, AND PENALIZATION OF CHILD MARRIAGE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte are posted in Three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte for three consecutive weeks from May 11, 2026.

This certification is issued in compliance with Section 59 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Issued this 11th Day of May, 2026.

Very truly yours,


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Date: MAY 12 2026
By: [Signature]

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on March 02, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 36th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON MARCH 02, 2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 241

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11596, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ANTI-CHILD MARRIAGE LAW," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION, PROHIBITION, AND PENALIZATION OF CHILD MARRIAGE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author : Hon. Evangeline C. Carno
Co-author : Hon. Joel G. Tacoy
Hon. Artemio T. Almoroto
Hon. Ana Love D. Borden
Hon. Luz M. Boldero

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11596, otherwise known as the "Anti-Child Marriage Law," declares it a policy of the State to protect children from all forms of abuse, exploitation, and harmful practices, including child marriage;

WHEREAS, Child marriage violates the rights of the child and undermines their physical, emotional, psychological, and social development;

WHEREAS, Local government units are mandated to ensure the effective implementation of national laws and to promote the welfare and best interests of children within their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt local measures in the Municipality of Matag-ob to prevent, prohibit, and respond to child marriage and related practices, consistent with Republic Act No. 11596 and other existing child protection laws;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matag-ob hereby enacts this Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Municipal Anti-Child Marriage Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Matag-ob to protect children from child marriage and similar practices, uphold their rights to education, health, and development, and ensure that the best interests of the child are paramount in all actions concerning them.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

Child - A person below eighteen (18) years of age.

Child Marriage - Any marriage or union, whether formal or informal, where one or both parties are below eighteen (18) years of age, as defined under Republic Act No. 11596.

Cohabitation - A situation where a child lives with another person as spouses without the benefit of marriage.

MSWDO - Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Matag-ob.

LCR - Local Civil Registrar of the Municipality of Matag-ob.

SECTION 4. Prohibition of Child Marriage. Child marriage in any form is hereby prohibited within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob. No person shall cause, facilitate, promote, or solemnize child marriage or any similar arrangement, cohabitation of an adult with a child outside wedlock.

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SECTION 5. Duties of the Local Civil Registrar. The Local Civil Registrar shall:

- Strictly enforce laws and regulations prohibiting the issuance of marriage licenses involving children;
- Coordinate with barangay officials, the MSWDO, and other concerned offices to verify the age of parties applying for marriage;
- Report any attempt or suspicion of child marriage to the MSWDO and appropriate authorities.

SECTION 6. Duties of the MSWDO. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall:

- Provide immediate intervention, counseling, and protective services to children at risk of or affected by child marriage;
- Conduct case management, documentation, and referral to appropriate agencies;
- Coordinate with schools, health offices, barangays, and law enforcement agencies to prevent child marriage;
- Facilitate access to education, health care, and psychosocial support services for affected children.

SECTION 7. Role of Barangays. All barangays in the Municipality of Matag-ob shall:

- Monitor and report cases or potential cases of child marriage within their jurisdiction;
- Conduct community awareness activities on the harmful effects and legal consequences of child marriage;
- Assist in the protection of children at risk and ensure their referral to the MSWDO.

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SECTION 8. Penalties. Any person who commits acts prohibited under this Ordinance shall be dealt with in accordance with the penalties provided under Republic Act No. 11596 and other applicable laws, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative or civil actions.

SECTION 9. Funding. Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 10. Implementing Authority. The Municipal Mayor, through the MSWDO and the Local Civil Registrar, shall be the primary implementing authority of this Ordinance, in coordination with concerned national government agencies.

SECTION 11. Amendments Clause. The Sangguniang Bayan may amend, modify, or revise any provision of this Ordinance through the enactment of a subsequent ordinance, as the need arises, in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, or regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after compliance with the posting and publication requirements under existing laws.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ENACTED this 2nd day of March, 2026, at the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

ATTESTED:

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VOTING ON THIS ORDINANCE:

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AYES - 10

NAYES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on March 02, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
AS DULY ENACTED:**

HONORABLE ROMEO N. ALBARIDA

Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HONORABLE BERNARDINO G. TACOY

Municipal Mayor

11 MAY 2026

Date Signed

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