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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT

June 3, 2026

Item No.: 56
Date: 21 2026 JUL

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
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By: Ferni V.

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 242 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 242 entitled: "Municipal Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob ."

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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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. 242, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance implementing the provisions of Republic Act No. 11229, otherwise known as the "Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act", in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte providing for the protection of children in motor vehicles, and for other purposes.**


FLORINDA JIL SUYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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ENDORSEMENT

MAY 11, 2026

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

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Date: MAY 12 2026
By: [Signature]

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. 242** series 2026, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11229, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CHILD SAFETY IN MOTOR VEHICLES ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES, 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. 242** series 2026, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11229, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CHILD SAFETY IN MOTOR VEHICLES ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES, 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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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
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ATTESTED:

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

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 242

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11229, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "CHILD SAFETY IN MOTOR VEHICLES ACT," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11229, otherwise known as the "Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Act," declares it a policy of the State to ensure the safety and protection of children while being transported in motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, road traffic injuries are among the leading causes of death and injury among children, and the use of appropriate child restraint systems significantly reduces the risk of serious harm;

WHEREAS, local government units are mandated to support the implementation of national laws and to promote road safety and child protection within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to adopt local measures in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte to ensure compliance with Republic Act No. 11229 and its implementing rules and regulations;

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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 Child Safety in Motor Vehicles Ordinance of the Municipality of Matag-ob."

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Matag-ob to prioritize the safety, welfare, and protection of children while travelling in motor vehicles, and to promote responsible driving and road safety awareness among motorists.

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

Child - A person below twelve (12) years of age or below one hundred fifty (150) centimeters in height, as provided under Republic Act No. 11229.

Child Restraint System (CRS) - A device capable of accommodating a child passenger, including car seats, booster seats, or other similar devices approved under the law.

Motor Vehicle - Any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power using public highways, except motorcycles.

Driver - Any person who drives or is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

SECTION 4. Mandatory Use of Child Restraint Systems. All children, as defined under this Ordinance, shall be properly secured in an appropriate child restraint system while travelling in a motor vehicle within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob.

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SECTION 5. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are hereby prohibited:

- Allowing a child to sit on the front passenger seat of a motor vehicle;
- Allowing a child to travel in a motor vehicle without an appropriate child restraint system;
- Placing a child on the lap of another passenger while the motor vehicle is in motion;
- Any other act in violation of Republic Act No. 11229 and its implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. Exemptions. The exemptions provided under Republic Act No. 11229 and its implementing rules and regulations shall apply, including but not limited to emergency situations and cases where the use of a child restraint system is impracticable as determined by law.

SECTION 7. Duties of Local Authorities.

- Municipal Traffic Management Unit / PNP - Shall enforce this Ordinance and apprehend violators in accordance with existing laws and procedures.
- MSWDO - Shall assist in information dissemination and conduct advocacy campaigns on child safety in motor vehicles.
- Barangays - Shall help promote community awareness and report violations within their jurisdiction.

SECTION 8. Penalties. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with the fines and penalties provided under Republic Act No. 11229 and other applicable laws, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative or criminal actions.

SECTION 9. Information and Education Campaign. The Municipal Government of Matag-ob, Leyte shall conduct sustained information and education campaigns to promote awareness of child safety in motor vehicles, in coordination with concerned agencies and stakeholders.

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SECTION 10. Funding. Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the annual budget of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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, rules, 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.

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

VOTING ON THIS ORDINANCE:

Hon. Artemio T. Almoroto
Hon. Joel N. Denoy
Hon. Evangeline C. Carno
Hon. Ricardo L. Giva
Hon. Rodolfo N. Suñir
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Hon. Joel G. Tacoy

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AYES - 10
NAYES - 0
ABSTAIN - 0

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ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
AS DULY ENACTED:

HONORABLE ROMEO N. ALBARIDA
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HONORABLE BERNANDINO G. TACOY
Municipal Mayor

11 MAY 2026

Date Signed

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