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2nd INDORSEMENT

June 3, 2025

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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 246, series of 2026 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 246, series of 2026 entitled: “**Anti-Spaghetti Wires Ordinance of the Municipality of Ma, Leyte,.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 447(a)(5)(ix)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 (ix) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair and construction of all gas mains, electric, telegraph and telephone wires, conduits, meters and other apparatus; and, provide for the correction, condemnation or removal of the same when found to be dangerous, defective or otherwise hazardous to the welfare of the inhabitants;

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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. 246, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance prohibiting the proliferation of hazardous and unsightly overhead wires ("Anti-spaghetti wires Ordinance") in the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, providing penalties therefor, and for other purposes.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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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. 246 series 2026, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PROLIFERATION OF HAZARDOUS AND UNSIGHTLY OVERHEAD WIRES ("ANTI-SPAGGHETTI WIRES ORDINANCE") IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, 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. 246 series 2026, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PROLIFERATION OF HAZARDOUS AND UNSIGHTLY OVERHEAD WIRES ("ANTI-SPAGGHETTI WIRES ORDINANCE") IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, 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.


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Date: MAY 12 2026
By: Amor

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 April 13, 2026.

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 42nd
REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIAN
BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE
LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON APRIL 13, 2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 246
Series 2026

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PROLIFERATION OF HAZARDOUS AND UNSIGHTLY OVERHEAD WIRES ("ANTI-SPAGHETTI WIRES ORDINANCE") IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author : Hon. Jose B. Yap
Co-authors : Hon. Ana Love D. Borden
: Hon. Joel N. Denoy
Hon. Rodolfo N. Suñir
Hon. Joel G. Tacoy

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit has the duty to promote public safety, order, convenience, and general welfare of its constituents pursuant to the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled installation and accumulation of overhead electrical, cable, telecommunications, and similar utility wires—commonly referred to as “spaghetti wires”—pose serious risks to public safety, including fire hazards, electrocution, obstruction to emergency response, and dangers during typhoons and other natural calamities;

WHEREAS, such disorderly overhead wires adversely affect the aesthetic appearance of public roads, heritage areas, commercial centers, and residential communities, thereby diminishing the municipality’s image and economic potential;

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WHEREAS, there is a need to establish clear standards and responsibilities among utility providers to ensure the proper installation, maintenance, removal, and eventual undergrounding of utility lines;

WHEREAS, coordination between the Municipal and Barangay Government and concerned utility companies is essential to ensure a safe, organized, and visually pleasing urban environment;

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

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

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality to promote public safety, prevent fire and electrical hazards, improve disaster resilience, protect life and property, and enhance the aesthetic appearance of streets and public spaces by regulating, removing, and organizing overhead utility wires.

SECTION 3. Purpose. This Ordinance aims to:

- Eliminate hazardous, tangled, obsolete, and unused overhead wires;
- Prevent accidents, fires, and service interruptions;
- Improve road safety and visibility;
- Enhance the visual orderliness of the municipality; and
- Encourage coordination among utility providers for systematic wire management.
- Ensure compliance with applicable national laws and safety standards.

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SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

Spaghetti Wires – Excessive, tangled, low-hanging, obsolete, or improperly installed overhead cables, wires, and lines that pose safety risks or are visually unsightly.

Utility Providers – Public or private entities engaged in the provision of electricity, telecommunications, cable television, internet, or similar services.

Obsolete or Inactive Wires – Wires or cables that are no longer in use, disconnected, or abandoned by utility providers.

Public Right-of-Way – Roads, sidewalks, alleys, bridges, and other public spaces owned or maintained by the Municipality.

Clearing Operation – The organized removal, repair, bundling, elevation, or re-routing of overhead wires.

SECTION 5. Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to all overhead utility wires located along public roads, streets, bridges, sidewalks, public buildings, and other public spaces within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

SECTION 6. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are hereby prohibited:

- Installing or maintaining tangled, low-hanging, or hazardous overhead wires;
- Failure of utility providers to remove obsolete or inactive wires;
- Unauthorized installation of wires on posts, poles, trees, or structures within public rights-of-way;
- Refusal or failure to comply with lawful orders issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

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SECTION 7. Responsibilities of Utility Providers.
Utility providers shall:

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- Conduct regular inspection and inventory of their overhead wires;
- Promptly remove obsolete, inactive, or hazardous wires;
- Coordinate with the Municipal Government through the Municipal Engineering Office (MEO) before and during installation and clearing operations;
- Ensure compliance with applicable national safety standards, regulations, and technical requirements issued by relevant government agencies;
- Submit to the Municipal Engineering Office an updated annual mapping or inventory report identifying the location and ownership of their cables, wires, and related facilities within the Municipality;
- Provide proper identification or color coding of cables or wires to facilitate identification of ownership during inspection, maintenance, and clearing operations;
- Respond promptly to reports or notices of damaged, hazardous, or fallen wires, and undertake appropriate corrective action within a reasonable period, as provided in and, after receiving notice from the Municipal Government;
- Be responsible for and liable for damages arising from negligence or failure to comply with applicable safety standards, without prejudice to other remedies available under existing laws.

SECTION 8. Implementing Authority. The Office of the Municipal Mayor through the Municipal Engineering Office, in coordination with

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the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), PNP, and concerned barangays, shall implement and enforce this Ordinance.

The Municipal Engineering Office may also establish appropriate coordination mechanisms with utility providers operating within the Municipality to facilitate efficient communication, reporting, and prompt response to incidents involving hazardous, damaged, or abandoned overhead wires, as well as during inspection, maintenance, and clearing operations.

SECTION 9. Notice and Compliance Period. Utility providers shall be given a written notice and a compliance period of thirty (30) days from receipt thereof to remove, repair, or properly organize identified spaghetti wires. In cases of imminent danger, the Municipality may order immediate corrective action.

SECTION 10. Clearing Operations. After due notice, and/or if the concerned utility provider fails to comply within the prescriptive period provided for in the preceding section, the Municipality may conduct clearing operations. Costs incurred shall be charged to the concerned utility provider without prejudice to the imposition of penalties.

SECTION 11. Penalties. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense: Written warning and mandatory compliance for the utility providers;

Second Offense: Fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and mandatory compliance;

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Third and Succeeding Offenses: Mandatory compliance and a Fine of Two Thousand Five Pesos (₱2,500.00) per offense and/or suspension of permit, as applicable.

Each day of continued violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 13. Amendments Clause. The Sangguniang Bayan may amend, revise, or supplement this Ordinance through a subsequent ordinance or resolution, as may be necessary to address technological developments, safety standards, or prevailing conditions, provided that such amendments are consistent with existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Voting on this Ordinance were as follows:

Hon. Artemio T. Almoroto
Hon. Joel N. Denoy
Hon. Ricardo L. Giva
Hon. Rodolfo N. Suñir
Hon. Luz M. Boldero
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AYES - 9

NAYES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

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APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2026 at Matag-ob, Leyte.

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ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
AS DULY ADOPTED:

HONORABLE ROMEO N. ALBARIDA
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APPROVED:

HONORABLE BERNARDINO G. TACOY
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11 MAY 2026
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