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June 3, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 249 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 249 entitled: "An Ordinance Amending certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 225, series of 2026"

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan to repeal/amend its prior acts either expressly or by the passage of an essentially inconsistent resolution¹. 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

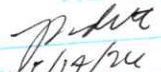
¹ (Constantino vs. Desierto, 288 SCRA 654) April 13, 1998

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13 May 2026

By: 
Date: 5/14/26 Time:

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 249, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance amending certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 225, series of 2026, entitled: "An Ordinance enforcing a total smoking ban within 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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ENDORSEMENT

May 11, 2026

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
RECEIVED
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. 249 series 2026, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 225, SERIES OF 2026, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ENFORCING A TOTAL SMOKING BAN WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", 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. 249 series 2026, entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 225, SERIES OF 2026, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE ENFORCING A TOTAL SMOKING BAN WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**, 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.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
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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 April 27, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 44th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ON APRIL 27, 2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 249
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 225, SERIES OF 2026, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ENFORCING A TOTAL SMOKING BAN WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATAG-OB, LEYTE, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Author : Hon. Luz M. Boldero
Co-authors : Hon. Joel N. Denoy
: Hon. Joel G. Tacoy
Hon. Ana Love D. Borden
Hon. Eduardo I. Toledo

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Amendatory Ordinance to Municipal Ordinance No. 225, Series of 2026."

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS. Insert a new section to Municipal Ordinance No. 225, Series of 2026 to read as follows:

Section 5. Prohibitions.

A. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are hereby prohibited within the municipality:

1. Smoking in any public place, whether indoor or outdoor;
2. Selling or distributing tobacco products within the municipality;
3. Displaying or advertising tobacco products at any point of sale or establishment;

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4. Sponsorship of events, activities, or programs by tobacco companies or related entities;
5. Allowing, tolerating, or failing to prevent smoking in public or private establishments accessible to the public.

B. Prohibited Places. Smoking, including the use of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), vape devices, and other tobacco products, is strictly prohibited in all public places within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte including but not limited to:

1. Government offices and premises;
2. Schools, churches, and health facilities;
3. Public markets, transport terminals, and parks;
4. Restaurants, eateries, and other food establishments;
5. All enclosed or partially enclosed public spaces.

No designated smoking areas shall be allowed, except in private residences not used for commercial or public purposes.

Section 6. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. The Municipal Government, through the Municipal Health Office, shall intensify public awareness campaigns regarding the harmful effects of smoking and the provisions of this Ordinance through:

1. Barangay assemblies
2. Schools and youth programs
3. IEC materials (posters, flyers, social media)

SECTION 3. NUMBERING OF SECTIONS. In effect of the amendment provisions above, the numbering of Section of Municipal Ordinance 225 series of 2026 shall be adjusted accordingly.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENTS CLAUSE. This Ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through appropriate legislative process.

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SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the required publication and posting in a conspicuous place within the municipality, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENACTED this 27th day of April, 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
Hon. Luz M. Boldero
Hon. Jose B. Yap
Hon. Eduardo I. Toledo
Hon. Ana Love D. Borden
Hon. Joel G. Tacoy

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 April 27, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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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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