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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-05 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tanauan, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-05 entitled: “**Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte HIV/ AIDS Ordinance of 2026.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 23 of R.A. no. 8504¹ in consonance with RA 11166². 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 Section 23. *Community-based services.* – Local government units, in coordination and in cooperation with concerned government agencies, non-government organizations, persons with HIV/ AIDS and groups most at risk of HIV infection shall provide community-based HIV/ AIDS prevention and care services. - Health Research and Development Act

² Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT

27 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-05 of the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance promulgating policies and measures for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte.**


FLORINDA JIL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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July 21, 2026

THE SECRETARY

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Sir/Madam;

Respectfully submitting herewith **17th SANGGUNINAG BAYAN ORDINANCE NO. 2026-05**, "An Ordinance Promulgating Policies and Measures for the Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte.", for your appropriate action.

Authored by: Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr., D.M.D.

Trusting that you will accord this matter with your kindest attention.

Thank You.

Truly Yours,

ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIFTIETH (50TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 17TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, HELD ON JULY 06, 2026, AT THE SB SESSION HALL, TANAUAN TOWN HALL, TANAUAN, LEYTE.

PRESENT :

HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN	Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding
HON. MARK CHRISTIAN FERDINAND L. GIMENEZ	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. MAE JANE ANGELIE M. MORABE-BORAIS	-do-
HON. CHERRY ANNE T. FIEL	-do-
HON. JOSIE M. CREER	-do-
HON. MARK EFREN E. MERILO	-do-
HON. QUINTIN T. OCTA, JR., D.M.D.	-do-
HON. LAURO A. VILLERO	-do-
HON. EFREN C. MERILO	SB Member/Liga Fed. Pres.

ABSENT :

HON. JAN ELMER V. MAGDALAGA (forced leave)	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. KYLE C. MESIAS (forced leave)	SB Member/SK Fed. Pres.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 05

AN ORDINANCE PROMULGATING POLICIES AND MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HIV/AIDS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE.

Authored by: Hon. Quintin T. Octa Jr., D.M.D.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TANAUAN, LEYTE IN A REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that “the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights:”

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the Constitution, states that “the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;”

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the Constitution, declares that “the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;”

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code, RA No. 7160, provides for the grant of local government units’ power to promote the general welfare and ensure and support promotion of health and safety of the people, among others, and appurtenant thereto, the power to discharge duties and functions relative provision of the basic services and facilities including health services, programs, and projects, as well as health infrastructures, among others.

WHEREAS, Republic Act 11166, otherwise known as the “Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act”, repealed Republic Act No. 8504, and declared that policies and practices that discriminate on the

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basis of perceived or actual HIV status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, economic status, disability, and ethnicity hamper the enjoyment of basic human rights and freedoms are deemed inimical to national interest and provides that delivery of non-discriminatory HIV and AIDS services by government and private HIV and AIDS service providers shall be ensured;

WHEREAS, since the first case of AIDS in the Philippines was reported in 1984, the documented HIV/AIDS epidemic has progressed to alarming levels. The HIV/AIDS epidemic has continued to pose significant public health, social, and economic challenges, particularly among vulnerable and key populations.

WHEREAS the potential for a rapid increase in new infections is high because of the country thriving sex industry; high risk of sexually transmitted infections (STIs); inadequate access to STI treatment and poor health-seeking behavior; instances of casual sex among young people; emerging problem of injecting drug users, a high percentage of who reportedly share needles, incorrect and inconsistent preventive measures, among other.

WHEREAS the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte recognized the need to strengthen and localize HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support services through the establishment and operationalization of the Municipality AIDS Council and Barangay AIDS Councils, and through the adoption of policies and programs responsive to the needs of its constituents.

ARTICLE I
TITLE, POLICY, AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 1. TITLE- This Code shall be known as the **“Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte HIV/AIDS ORDINANCE OF 2026”**.

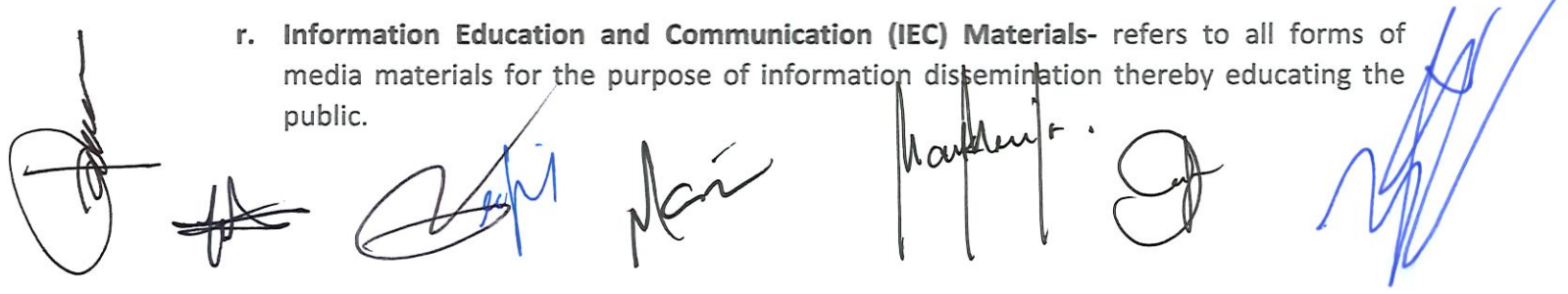
SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY- Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a sexually transmitted disease that recognize no territorial, social, political, and economic boundaries for which there is no known cure. The gravity of the AIDS threat demands strong community participation and active involvement, thus, the Municipality of Tanauan promote public awareness about the causes, modes of transmission, consequences, means of prevention and control of HIV/AIDS through a comprehensive education and information campaign organized by the local government down to the barangay level.

The Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte shall promote value formation and employ scientifically proven approaches. The information and education campaign shall be carried out in schools, trainings centers, workplace, and communities.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS- As used in this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. **Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)-** a condition characterized by a combination of signs and symptoms, caused by HIV contracted from another person's and which attacks and weakens and body's immune system, making the afflicted individual susceptible to other life-threatening infections.
- b. **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)-** refers to the virus which causes AIDS.
- c. **HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control-** refers to the measured aimed at protecting non-infected persons from contracting HIV and minimizing the impact of the condition of persons living with HIV.

- d. **HIV positive-** refers to the presence of HIV infection as documented by the presence of HIV or HIV antibodies in the sample being tested.
- e. **HIV negative-** denotes the absence of HIV or HIV antibodies upon testing.
- f. **HIV testing-** refers to any laboratory procedure done on an individual to determine the presence or absence of HIV infection.
- g. **HIV/AIDS monitoring-** refers to the documentation and analysis of the number of HIV/AIDS infection and the pattern of its spread.
- h. **Contract Tracing-** refers to the method of finding and counseling the sexual partner(s) of a person who has been diagnosed as having sexually transmitted disease.
- i. **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)-** refers to any disease that can be acquired or passed through sexual contact.
- j. **Anonymous Testing-** refers to an HIV testing procedure whereby the individual being tested does not reveal his/her identity.
- k. **HIV Transmission-** refers to the transfer of HIV from an infected person to an uninfected individual, most commonly through sexual intercourse, blood transfusion, sharing of intravenous needles and during pregnancy.
- l. **Informed Consent-** refers to a voluntary agreement of a person to undergo or be subjected to a procedure based on full information.
- m. **Medical Confidentiality-** refers to the relationship of trust and confidence created or existing between a patient or a person with HIV and his attending physician, consulting medical specialist, nurse, medical technologist and all other health workers or personnel involved in any counseling, testing or professional care of the former, it also applies to any person who, in any official capacity, has acquired such confidential information.
- n. **Pre-test Counseling-** refers to process of providing individual information on the biomedical aspects of HIV/AIDS and emotional support to any psychologist implication of undergoing HIV testing and the result itself before he/she is subjected to the test.
- o. **Post-test Counseling-** refers to process of providing risk education information and emotional support to a person who submitted to HIV testing at the time that the test result is released.
- p. **Prophylactic-** refers to any agent or device use to prevent the transmission of a disease.
- q. **Voluntary HIV Testing-** refers to HIV testing done on an individual who, after having undergone pre-test counseling. Willingly submits himself/herself to such test.
- r. **Information Education and Communication (IEC) Materials-** refers to all forms of media materials for the purpose of information dissemination thereby educating the public.

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- s. **Municipal AIDS Council (MAC)**- refers to the central advisory, planning and policy-making body for the comprehensive and integrated HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs at the municipal level.
- t. **Barangay AIDS Council (BAC)**- refers to the central advisory, planning and policy-making body for the comprehensive and integrated HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs at the barangay level.
- u. **Discriminatory Acts** – refers to unfair or unjust treatment that distinguishes, excluded, restricts or shows preferences based on any ground such as sex gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, economic status, disability, ethnicity, and HIV status, whether actual or perceived, and which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by all persons similarly situated, of all their rights and freedoms.

ARTICLE II EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

SECTION 4. HIV/AIDS INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE COMMUNITIES- The Local Government Unit in collaboration with the Municipal Health Office, shall conduct an education and information campaign on HIV/AIDS prevention and control down to the barangay level.

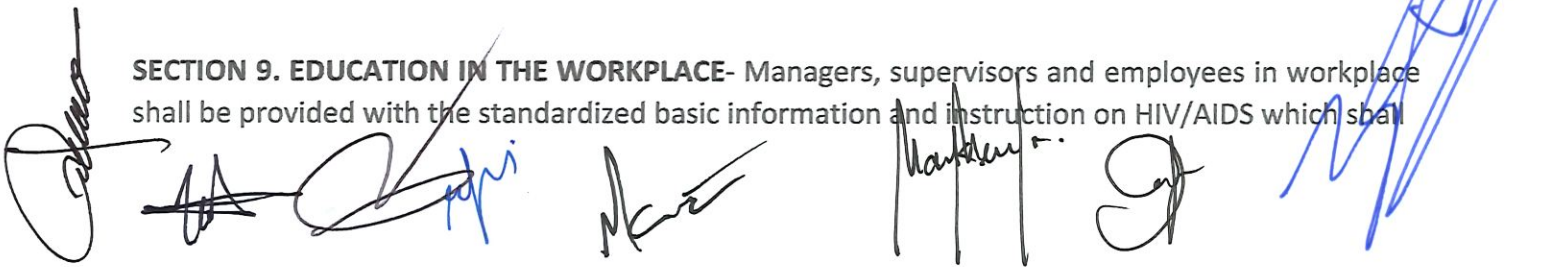
SECTION 5. HIV/AIDS INFORMATION AS A HEALTH SERVICES- HIV/AIDS education and information dissemination shall form part of the delivery of health services by health practitioners, workers, and personnel. The knowledge and capabilities of all public health workers shall enhance to include skills for proper information dissemination and education on HIV/AIDS. It shall likewise be considered a civic duty of health providers in the private sector to make available to the public such information necessary to control the spread of HIV/AIDS and to correct common misconceptions about this disease. The training of health workers shall include discussion on HIV-related ethical issues such as confidentiality, informed consent and the duty to provide treatment.

SECTION 6. SEXUAL ABSTINENCE AND MUTUAL FIDELITY- Sexual abstinence and mutual fidelity shall be emphasized in all HIV/AIDS prevention and control strategies.

SECTION 7. HIV/AIDS GENDER SENSITIVE IEC MATERIALS AND EDUCATION MODULES- Information, education and communication (IEC) materials shall be appropriately designed to address the needs of the identified groups being targeted in the campaign. Literature on HIV/AIDS shall utilize the local dialect to encourage and facilitate easy understanding of terms and concepts. Module on HIV/AIDS prevention and control shall be subjected to review by the Municipal AIDS Council.

SECTION 8. HIV/AIDS EDUCATION SCHOOLS – In the Municipality of Tanauan the Municipal Health Office shall take the lead in information dissemination on the nature of HIV/AIDS and its prevention, utilizing standardized information in close coordination with the Department of Education.

SECTION 9. EDUCATION IN THE WORKPLACE- Managers, supervisors and employees in workplace shall be provided with the standardized basic information and instruction on HIV/AIDS which shall



include topics on confidentiality in the workplace and attitude towards infected employees and workers.

SECTION 10. INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR TOURIST AND TRANSIENTS- Informational AIDS or material on the cause, modes of transmission, prevention, and consequences of HIV infection shall be adequately provided at all entry and exit points and possible tourist destination/places.

ARTICLE III REFERRAL, TESTING AND COUNSELING

SECTION 11. CONSENT AS A REQUISITE FOR HIV TESTING- There shall be no policy on compulsory HIV testing pursuant to the Republic Act 8504. However voluntary testing shall be encouraged among individuals with high risks for contracting HIV.

SECTION 12. REFFERAL SYSTEM- There shall be an appropriate referral system established and a proper authority shall likewise be recognized in the municipality. Referrals to testing centers, hospitals, clinics, and laboratories offering HIV testing services shall be done by the Municipal Health Officer.

SECTION 13. PRE-TEST AND POST-TEST COUNSELING- Pre-test and post-test counseling shall be conducted to persons who want to avail of the HIV/AIDS testing services. However, only trained individuals who shall meet the minimum standards set by the Department of Health on HIV/AIDS counselling and are duly accredited by the Municipal AIDS Council are allowed to do counselling services.

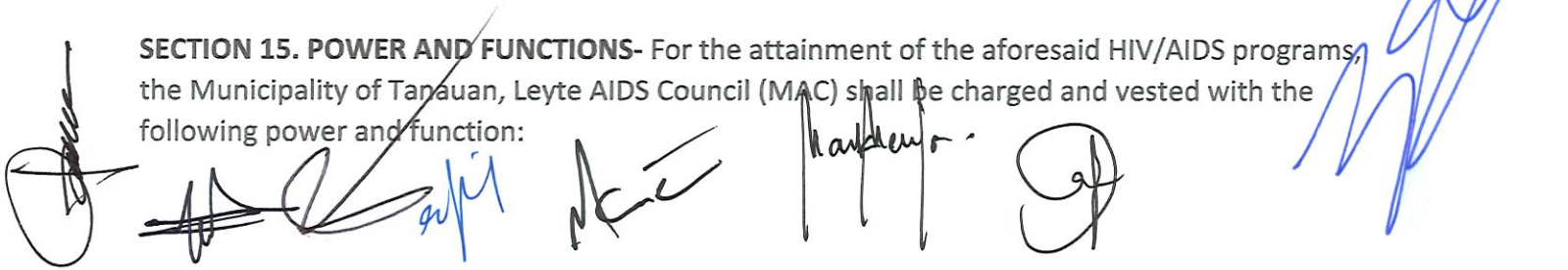
ARTICLE IV CREATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AIDS COUNCIL (MAC)

SECTION 14. COMPOSITION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AIDS COUNCIL- The Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte AIDS Council shall be composed of following:

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| a. Municipal Mayor | -Chairman |
| b. Municipal Health Officer | -Vice-chairman |
| c. SB Chairman, Committee on Health | -Member |
| d. ABC Chairman | -Member |
| e. SB Chairman, Committee on Tourism | -Member |
| f. SK Federation President | -Member |
| g. DOH Representative | -Member |
| h. Municipal Planning and Development | -Member |
| i. Municipal Social and Development Officer | -Member |
| j. Public Health Nurse | -Member |
| k. School District Supervisor | -Member |
| l. SB Chairman, Committee on Education | -Member |
| m. One (1) active Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) presently accredited by the municipality | -Member |

The MAC may, from time to time, expand or reduce its membership as the need arises.

SECTION 15. POWER AND FUNCTIONS- For the attainment of the aforesaid HIV/AIDS programs, the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte AIDS Council (MAC) shall be charged and vested with the following power and function:



- a. Recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan policies, programs and plans on the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS.
- b. Established, mobilize and strengthen linkages at the local, national, international government agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs) and other stakeholders involved in the HIV/AIDS prevention and control programs.
- c. Monitor the implementation of this Ordinance and other policies approved and adopted by MAC.
- d. Sourced-out funds from the national, international government agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs) where necessary for the implementation of the HIV/AIDS prevention and control program.
- e. Formulated and submit project proposals to national and international agencies both government and private for the implementation of the HIV/AIDS programs.
- f. Support the formation of Volunteer Groups as an arm for the prevention, control, information dissemination and education to the community.

SECTION 16. SECRETARIAT OF MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AIDS COUNCIL - The secretariat shall be designated by the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte AIDS Council.

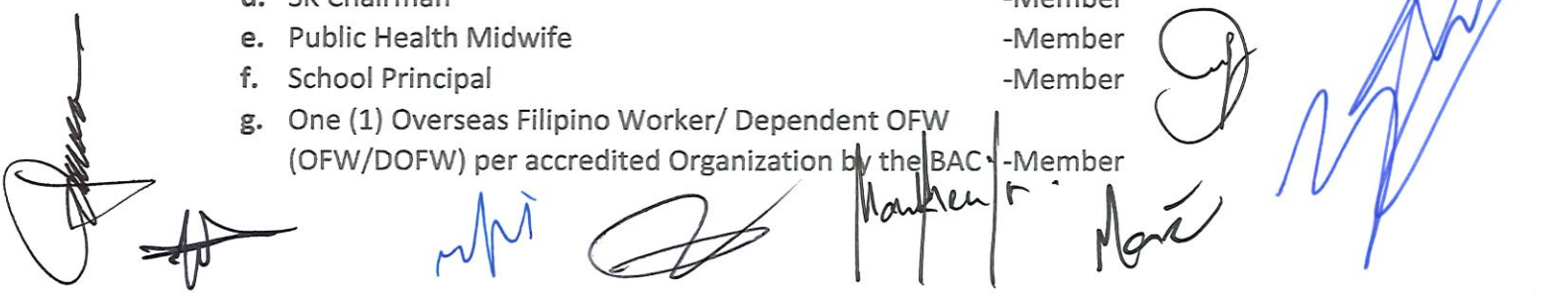
SECTION 17. FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AIDS COUNCIL- The secretariat of the Council shall perform the following functions:

- a. Coordinate the activities of the council.
- b. Shall keep all record of the council.
- c. Record minutes during meetings and document other activities of the council.
- d. Serve as the center of communication on all matters pertaining to HIV/AIDS.
- e. Perform other secretariat functions, as may be assigned by the Chairman of the Council.

ARTICLE V
CREATION OF THE BARANGAY AIDS COUNCIL (BAC)

SECTION 18. COMPOSITION OF THE BARANGAY AIDS COUNCIL. The Barangay AIDS Council shall be composed of following:

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| a. Barangay Chairman | -Chairman |
| b. SB Chairman, Committee on Health | -Vice-Chairman |
| c. SB Chairman, Committee on Tourism | -Member |
| d. SK Chairman | -Member |
| e. Public Health Midwife | -Member |
| f. School Principal | -Member |
| g. One (1) Overseas Filipino Worker/ Dependent OFW (OFW/DOFW) per accredited Organization by the BAC | -Member |

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| h. One (1) Barangay Health Worker | -Member |
| i. Senior Citizens Representative | -Member |
| j. Religious Sector Representative | -Member |
| k. Business or Private Sector Representative | -Member |
| l. NGO Representative | -Member |
| m. Sb Chairman, Committee on Education | -Member |

The BAC may, from time to time, expand or reduce its membership as the need arises.

SECTION 19. POWERS AND FUNCTION- The Barangay AIDS Council (BAC) shall have the following powers and functions:

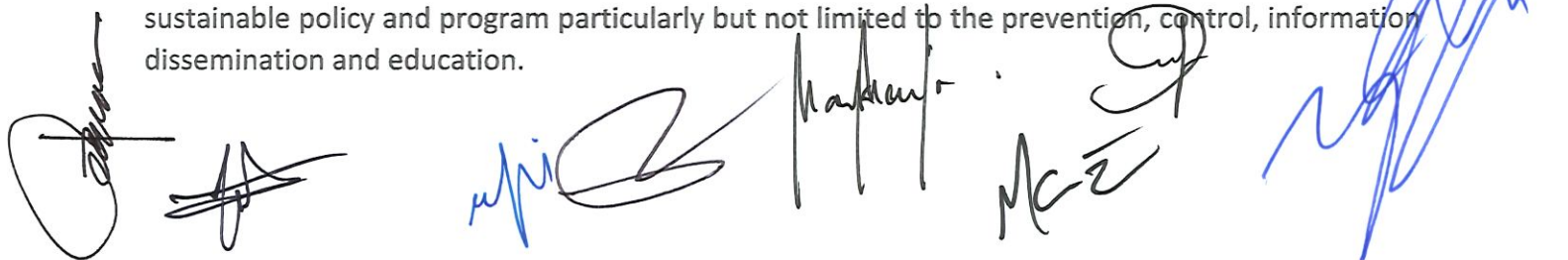
- a. Recommend to the Sangguniang Barangay policies and programs for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS at the barangay level.
- b. Recommend to the Sangguniang Barangay ordinances and resolution relevant to the control and prevention of HIV/AIDS including policies for the care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS at the barangay level.
- c. Take the lead in undertaking information, education and communication campaign on HIV/AIDS prevention and control program at the barangay level.
- d. Monitor the implementation of this code and other policies approved and adopted by MAC/BAC.
- e. Accredited volunteer groups and organization to the HIV/AIDS programs at the barangay level.
- f. Promote the formation of Volunteer Groups that will serve as arm for the prevention, control, information dissemination and education to the community.

ARTICLE VI
SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

SECTION 20. COMMUNITY- BASED SERVICES- The Municipality in coordination and cooperation with concerned government agencies and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) shall provide community- based HIV/AIDS prevention and case services.

SECTION 21. LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS AND TRAININGS- Trainings for livelihood and self- help programs shall be made accessible and available to all persons with HIV/AIDS. Persons infected with HIV/AIDS shall not be deprived of full participation in any livelihood and self-help programs for reason of their health condition.

SECTION 22. INTEGRATION OF HIV/AIDS PROGRAM TO THE MUNICIPAL/ BARANGAY DEVELOPMENT PLAN- HIV/AIDS program shall be incorporated in the Municipality Development Plan and Barangay Development Plans for the formulation of comprehensive, integrated and sustainable policy and program particularly but not limited to the prevention, control, information dissemination and education.

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SECTION 23. ORGANIZING/STRENGTHENING OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS AND DEPENDENTS (OFW/DOFW)- Organizing and strengthening of Overseas Filipino Workers and Dependents shall pursue for database establishment in coordination with MAC/BAC for the program implementation.

SECTION 24. CREATION OF VOLUNTEER GROUPS- HIV/AIDS support volunteer groups duly accredited by the MAC/BAC shall undergo trainings on capacity building, counselling, trainers' training, IEC conceptualization, dissemination.

**ARTICLE VII
HIV/AIDS MONITORING**

SECTION 25. MONITORING PROGRAM AND REPORTING MECHANISMS- The Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte AIDS Council shall develop a comprehensive HIV/AIDS monitoring program and reporting procedures on the magnitude of and progression of HIV infection in the Municipality.

ARTICLE VIII

CONFIDENTIALITY, RESEARCH INVESTIGATION, DISCRIMINATORY AND PENAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 26. CONFIDENTIALITY- All results of HIV testing and any information gathered shall remain confidential and classified and shall not be used in any way to become basis or restriction for any employment, school attendance freedom of abode or travel.

SECTION 27. RESEARCH INVESTIGATIONS- All research investigations related to HIV/AIDS should observe strict adherence to the ethical guidelines set by the Philippine National AIDS Council.

SECTION 28. DISCRIMINATORY ACTS- Discrimination of any towards person or persons perceived or suspected with HIV (i.e employment process, promotion, assignment or termination from work, school, hospitals, health institution, travel and habitation) shall be unlawful.

SECTION 29. DIVULGING OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF PERSONS WITH HIV/AIDS- Any person who divulges confidential information about the status of a person with HIV/AIDS shall be penalized hereunder.

SECTION 30. PENALTIES- Any person found guilty violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with the following, to wit;

- a. **First Offense** - a fine of 1,000.00 and/or an imprisonment of one (1) month, depending upon the discretion of the court.
- b. **Second Offense** - a fine of 2,000.00 and/ or an imprisonment of three (3) months, depending upon the discretion of the court.
- c. **Third Offense** - a fine of 2,500.00 and/ or an imprisonment of six (6) months, depending upon the discretion of the court.
- d. In addition to the penalties imposed therein, employees of the LGU shall be charged administratively for violation of Data Privacy Act subject to applicable laws and Civil Service Rules and Regulation.

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION- Initial amount needed for the initial implementation should be charged against the appropriation of the GAD.

**ARTICLE IX
FINAL PROVISION**

SECTION 32. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE- If any provision, section, or part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 33. REPEALING CLAUSE- All Ordinances, local issuance, or rules, inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 34. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE- This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and upon posting in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality.

ENACTED : 06 JULY 2026

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS
SB Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN
Vice Mayor/Presiding

HON. MARK CHRISTIAN FERDINAND L. GIMENEZ
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HON. EFREN C. MERILO
SB Member/Liga President

APPROVED BY:

HON. MA. GINA E. MERILO
Municipal Mayor
LGU - Tanauan, Leyte
Date: 20 JUL 2026

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7 **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

8 11 February 2026
9 ABC Hall, Tanauan, Leyte

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11 **A. PRELIMINARIES**

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13 In attendance were the sponsors of the proposed ordinances Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr., DMD
14 and Hon. Engr. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais. Also present were SB Members Hon.
15 Mark Efren E. Merilo, Hon. Efren C. Merilo and Hon. Mark Christian Ferdinand L. Gimenez,
16 together with the Chairpersons and Barangay Tanods and BHWs of the 54 barangays; the
17 MLGOO, the PESO Officer, and the representatives from the academe and other
18 stakeholders.

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20 **B. AGENDA**

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22 1. A PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROMULGATING POLICIES AND MEASURES FOR THE
23 PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HIV/AIDS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN,
24 LEYTE. Sponsor: Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr., DMD

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26 2. A PROPOSED ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES
27 OF EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT AGENCIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN,
28 LEYTE, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES, FEES AND PENALTIES THEREFOR.
29 Sponsor: Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr., DMD

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31 3. A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A CASH GIFT OF THREE
32 THOUSAND PESOS (₱3,000.00) EACH TO ALL BARANGAY HEALTH WORKERS
33 (BHWs) AND BARANGAY PEACE AND ORDER COMMITTEE MEMBERS (BARANGAY
34 TANODS) OF ALL BARANGAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, IN
35 RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY
36 Author: Hon. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais
37 Co-authors: all members of the 17th SB

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39 **C. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND OPEN FORUM**

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41 Hon. Octa presented the provisions of his proposed ordinances, emphasizing the rationale
42 and legal basis of the said proposed measures against HIV/AIDs which he emphasized delves
43 only on the information and education campaign in the communities.

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45 After the presentation of the said ordinance, the Chairman of Brgy. Camire contended that
46 the provision on confidentiality should not be indicated in the ordinance and that that they
47 should be able to get the information as to who are affected so that they will know how to
48 avoid the spread of the said decease in their respective barangays should there be someone
49 from their barangay. The author then emphasized that the confidentiality provisions is
50 strictly incorporated in the ordinance as it is also the mandate of the national law
51 particularly RA No. 8504. Also, Barangay Kagawad from Brgy. San Miguel inquired whether
52 they can at least get the data or the specific number of HIV patients in their barangay to

The Chairman of Brgy. Pago suggested to include the appropriation or funding clause in the ordinance considering that the barangay cannot decide on the budget of the Sangguniang Kabataan, to which the author has taken notice of considering that the target of information and education campaign is on the youth.

Having no further question on the first proposed Ordinance, Hon. Octa then proceeded with his second proposed Ordinance.

After thoroughly presenting the provisions thereof and explaining the purpose of the said ordinance, no questions nor suggestions were raised.

Afterwards, Hon. Morabe presented the provisions of her proposed ordinance on granting cash gifts to Barangay Tanods and BHWs. She also explained that the amount of Php3,000.00 will not be indicated in the ordinance as it will depend on the available fund of the concerned barangays. She added that the ordinance aims to include not only the tanods and BHWs but also the other volunteer workers such as the Day Care Workers, Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) and the BSPO.

The Chairman of Barangay Pago stated that there is no need for the Sangguniang Bayan to pass the said Ordinance since the concerned barangay can just pass their own barangay Ordinance if they have funds.

It was explained however that the passage of the SB Ordinance was upon the advise of the Municipal Accountant when Barangay Buntay first introduce such idea of granting cash gifts to their volunteer workers. Hon. Dandan of Barangay Pago then insisted that they can just pass their own ordinance in that way the other barangays who cannot afford to grant cash gifts to their volunteer workers will not be pressured. Hon. Dandan was further informed that the grant contemplated in the proposed ordinance is not a mandatory benefit that the barangay can just provide to the volunteer workers.

As emphasized by the author, the basis of her proposed ordinance is the general welfare clause of the Local Government Code, in such case, there needs to have an enabling law or ordinance for the disbursement of such public funds to be given as cash gifts to volunteer workers, the reason why the Municipal Accountant advised Barangay Buntay to lobby to the Sangguniang Bayan to pass the said proposed Ordinance.

The audience also inquired if the LGU can provide a counterpart to the barangays for the grat of the said cash gifts, to which the author stated that she will verify with the Local Finance if the same can be possible.

E. ADJOURNMENT

There having no more matters to be discussed, the public hearing was adjourned at 12:10 in the afternoon.

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Sponsor: Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr., D.M.D.

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Authored by: Hon. Quintin T. Octa, Jr., D.M.D.

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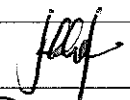
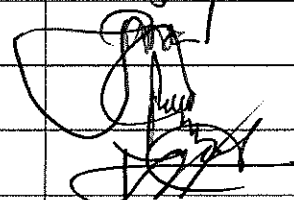
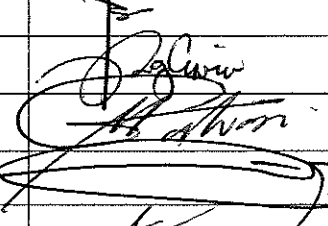
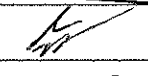
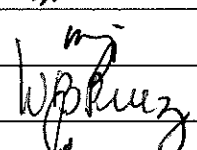
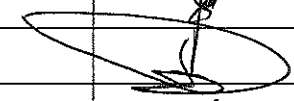
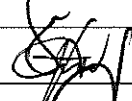
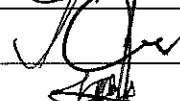
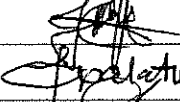
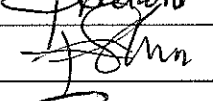
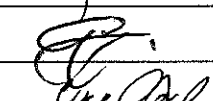
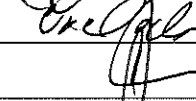
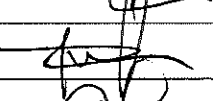
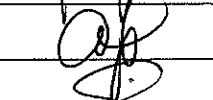
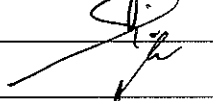
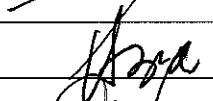
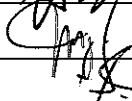
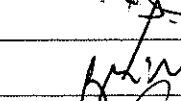
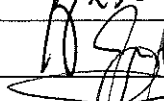
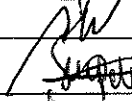
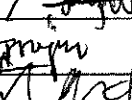
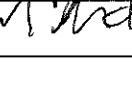
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This certification is issued in compliance with the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7160.

Issued: July 21, 2026

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Sangguniang Bayan Secretary