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Provincial Capitol
Tacloban City

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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

Item No.:

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Date: 25 2026 AUG

2nd INDORSEMENT

August 3, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 33 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 33 entitled: **“Proper Interment Regulation Ordinance of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte .”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to PD 856². 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,

² Code on Sanitation of the Philippines

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT

29 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 33, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance strictly prohibiting the interment, burial, or other disposition of human remains outside of duly established and authorized public cemeteries or private memorial parks within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte and prescribing penalties for violations thereof.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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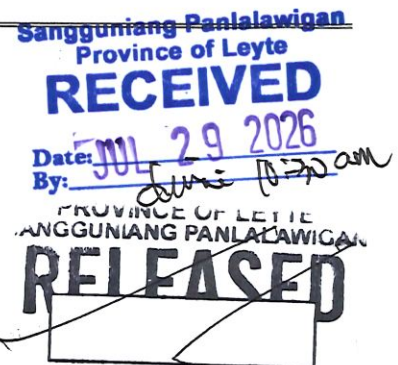


Republic of the Philippines
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MUNICIPALITY OF JARO
Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary
Legislative Building
Corner Del Carmen and Real Streets

July 24, 2026

THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
Provincial Capitol Complex
Tacloban City

Thru: **Florinda Jill S. Uyvico**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

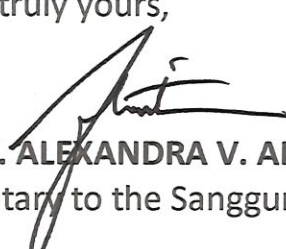


Madam;

Respectfully forwarding **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 33**, series of 2026, otherwise known as, **"AN ORDINANCE STRICTLY PROHIBITING THE INTERMENT, BURIAL OR DISPOSITION OF THE HUMAN REMAINS OUTSIDE OF DULY ESTABLISHED AND AUTHORIZED PUBLIC CEMETERIES OR PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARKS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF,"** for review and favorable action by the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on the matter.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. ALEXANDRA V. ABORITA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

NOTED:


HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer



MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 33
Series of 2026

INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE ZANDRO T. MORABE
Chairman Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

“AN ORDINANCE STRICTLY PROHIBITING THE INTERMENT, BURIAL OR DISPOSITION OF THE HUMAN REMAINS OUTSIDE OF DULY ESTABLISHED AND AUTHORIZED PUBLIC CEMETERIES OR PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARKS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.”



Republic of the Philippines
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MUNICIPALITY OF JARO

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 45th REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF JARO, LEYTE HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL,
LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON JUNE 15, 2026.

PRESENT:

HON. REY P. AURE	-SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
HON. LANULFO M. BORJA	-SB Member
HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES	-SB Member/Majority Floor Leader
HON. RAUL A. MACANDA	-SB Member
HON. BENJAMIN H. GARIANDO, JR.	-SB Member
HON. TEOFILO CABELLO	-SB Member
HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA	-SB Member
HON. ALMA A. TAMAYO	-SB Member
HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE	-SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President
HON. VIANCA MAE N. FAMILAR	-SB Member/SK Fed.-President

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte

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Date: JUL 29 2026
By: June 10:30 am

ABSENT:

HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.	-Municipal Vice Mayor/SB Presiding Officer
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed Ordinance seeks to regulate and strictly prohibit the interment, burial, or other disposition of human remains outside of duly established and authorized public cemeteries or private memorial parks within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

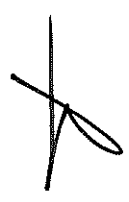
Pursuant to the general welfare clause under Republic Act No. 7160, the Municipality is mandated to promote public health, safety, and environmental integrity. Complementarily, Presidential Decree No. 856 provides that the disposal of human remains must be carried out in a manner that safeguards public health and prevents contamination of water sources and the environment.

In recent years, there have been instances of burials conducted in private properties, residential areas, and other undesignated locations within the Municipality. Such practices pose serious risks to sanitation, groundwater safety, land use planning, and may contribute to the spread of communicable diseases, particularly during times of epidemics or public health emergencies.

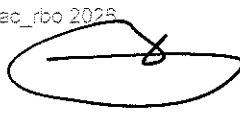
This measure aims to establish clear regulations governing the proper disposition of human remains, ensure compliance with health and sanitation standards, and prevent the proliferation of unauthorized burial sites. It likewise provides for a system of permits, enforcement mechanisms, and penalties to ensure accountability and adherence to lawful procedures.

Ultimately, this Ordinance is anchored on the State's duty to protect public health, uphold environmental standards, and promote orderly community development for the welfare of all constituents of Jaro, Leyte.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.



HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
Chairman Committee on Public Works
and Infrastructure



**ORDINANCE NO. 33
SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE STRICTLY PROHIBITING THE INTERMENT, BURIAL, OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS OUTSIDE OF DULY ESTABLISHED AND AUTHORIZED PUBLIC CEMETERIES OR PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARKS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY: HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
Chairman Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

Be it ordained by the Honorable Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte in session assembled and by authority of the same that-

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the ***"Proper Interment Regulation Ordinance of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte."***

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICATION - This Ordinance shall apply to all persons, natural or juridical, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte, and shall govern all acts relating to the interment, burial, cremation, exhumation, or other disposition of human remains.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of this Ordinance:

- a. **Human Remains** – The body of a deceased person, whether in whole or in part, including cremated remains;
- b. **Interment/Burial** – The final disposition of human remains by placement in the ground, tomb, vault, or niche;
- c. **Disposition** – Any lawful method of handling human remains, including burial, entombment, cremation, or inurnment;
- d. **Authorized Cemetery or Memorial Park** – Any public cemetery or private memorial park duly established, licensed, and recognized by competent authorities and the Municipal Government;

- e. **Unauthorized Burial Site** – Any location not approved or designated by law or by the Municipal Government for burial purposes.
- f. **Columbarium** - is a structure specifically designed to hold cremated remains. The term “columbarium” can refer to a building, a wall, or a structure. It consists of small compartments, known as niches, where urns containing the ashes are placed.
- g. **Mausoleum** - is a large, free-standing, above-ground building constructed as a monument to enclose the burial chamber or tomb of a deceased person or group of people.

 **SECTION 4. GENERAL PROHIBITION** - No person shall inter, bury, cremate, deposit, or otherwise dispose of human remains in any place other than a duly established and authorized public cemetery or private memorial park, except as expressly provided under this Ordinance or other applicable laws. Private columbarium shall be allowed, subject to compliance with the requirements, limitations, and regulations set forth in this Ordinance and other applicable laws and regulations. 

 **SECTION 5. SPECIFIC PROHIBITED ACTS** - It shall be unlawful for any person to: 

- a. Cause, permit, or allow the burial or disposition of human remains in private property, residential areas, agricultural lands, or any place not authorized for such purpose except for private columbarium exclusively used by members of the immediate family of the owner;
 - b. Establish, operate, maintain, or utilize any unauthorized burial ground or site;
 - c. Conceal, fail to report, or otherwise participate in the unlawful disposition of human remains; and
 - d. Refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order for the exhumation and transfer of remains issued by competent authorities.
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SECTION 6. LIMITATIONS ON PRIVATE COLUMBARIUM

- a. The establishment, construction, maintenance, or operation of private mausoleums within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte is hereby strictly prohibited;
- b. Only private columbarium intended for the storage of cremated human remains or bone remains shall be allowed, subject to the requirements and regulations prescribed by the Municipal Government and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
- c. The total land area allocated for a private columbarium site, including landscaping, parking areas, pathways, and other appurtenant facilities, shall not exceed Five Hundred (500) square meters;
- d. The actual structure or footprint of the columbarium intended for the storage of cremated remains or bone remains shall not exceed One Hundred (100) square meters;
- e. No interment, burial, or placement of cadavers shall be permitted within any private columbarium established pursuant to this Ordinance. Only cremated remains and exhumed bone remains may be deposited therein;
- f. Any expansion, alteration, or development beyond the limitations prescribed in this Section shall require prior approval from the appropriate municipal authorities and shall comply with all applicable zoning, land use, health, sanitation, and environmental regulations; and
- g. Private columbarium shall be used exclusively by members of the immediate family of the owner.

SECTION 7. PERMIT AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS - No burial or interment shall be conducted without prior compliance with the following:

- a. Registration of death and issuance of a valid Death Certificate;
- b. Issuance of a Burial Permit by the Municipal Civil Registrar; and

- c. Compliance with all zoning, sanitary, environmental, and regulatory requirements under applicable laws and ordinances.

SECTION 8. LIMITED EXCEPTIONS - The provisions of this Ordinance shall admit only the following exceptions:

- a. Burial practices of Indigenous Cultural Communities, subject to certification by appropriate authorities and strict compliance with public health and sanitation standards;
- b. Temporary emergency burials during calamities, disasters, or epidemics, under the direct supervision of the Municipal Health Officer, with mandatory re-interment in an authorized cemetery within a period not exceeding six (6) months;
- c. Other instances expressly authorized by law or by the Municipal Mayor upon recommendation of the Municipal Health Officer.

SECTION 9. ABATEMENT, EXHUMATION, AND TRANSFER - Upon the effectivity of this Ordinance and upon the determination that a violation has been committed, the Municipal Government, through the Municipal Health Officer, may:

- a. Declare the site as a public health nuisance;
- b. Order the immediate exhumation and transfer of the remains to an authorized cemetery;
- c. Cause the implementation of such order at the expense of the responsible party in case of non-compliance.

SECTION 10. LIABILITY - The following shall be held solidarily liable:

- a. The person who caused or authorized the burial;
- b. The owner or occupant of the property where the unauthorized burial occurred;
- c. Any person who knowingly participated in the prohibited act.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES - Any person found violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00), or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

The imposition of penalties shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of corrective measures, including exhumation and transfer at the violator's expense.

SECTION 12. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES - This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Municipal Mayor, through:

- a. The Municipal Health Office;
- b. The Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar;
- c. The Philippine National Police; and
- d. Barangay Officials within their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) - Within sixty (60) days from effectivity, the Municipal Mayor, upon recommendation of the Municipal Health Officer, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

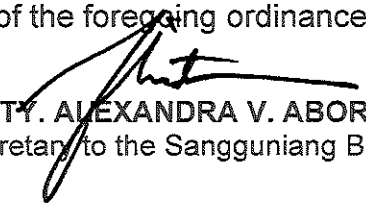
SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - In case any provision of this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the court, other provisions or any part thereof not affected shall continue to be in full force or effect.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE - Any other existing Ordinance or any provision thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

ENACTED this 15th day of June 2026, at Jaro, Leyte.

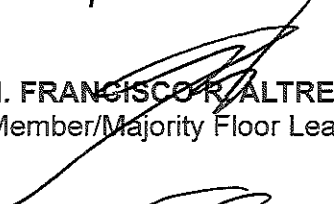
I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

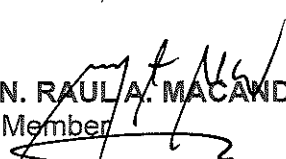

ATTY. ALEXANDRA V. ABORITA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CONCURRED:


HON. REY P. AURE
SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore

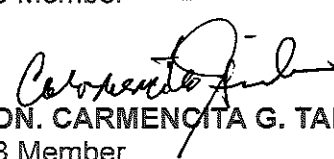

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SB Member

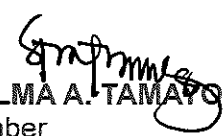

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SB Member/Majority Floor Leader

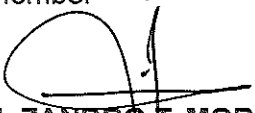

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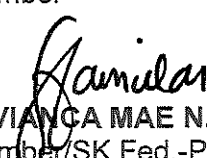

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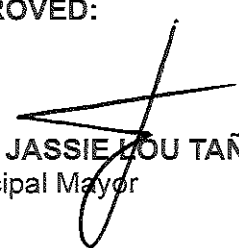

HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President


HON. VIANCA MAE N. FAMILAR
SB Member/SK Fed.-President

ATTESTED:


HON. REY P. AURE
SB Member
Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore

APPROVED:


HON. JASSIE LOU TAÑALA
Municipal Mayor



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
MUNICIPALITY OF JARO

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MINUTES OF THE 45th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
OF JARO, LEYTE HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
ON JUNE 15, 2026.

PRESENT:

HON. REY P. AURE	-SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
HON. LANULFO M. BORJA	-SB Member
HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES	-SB Member/Majority Floor leader
HON. RAUL A. MACANDA	-SB Member
HON. BENJAMIN H. GARIANDO, JR.	-SB Member
HON. TEOFILO CABELLO	-SB Member
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HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE	-SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President
HON. VIANCA MAE N. FAMILAR	-SB Member/SK Fed.-President

ABSENT:

HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.	-Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer-On Leave
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RECORDS OF THE PROCEEDINGS:

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM
AND ROLL CALL.

Honorable Hon. Rey P. Aure Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore called to order the 45th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan at 9:32 in the morning. He then requested the SB Members to stand for the prayer, which was followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

The Body offered a prayer.

PAMBANSANG AWIT

The Body sang the Philippine National Anthem.

ROLL CALL

After the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, the Chair requested the SB Secretary to call the roll to determine if there is a quorum, as follows:

PRESENT:

HON. REY P. AURE	-SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
HON. LANULFO M. BORJA	-SB Member
HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES	-SB Member/Majority Floor Leader

HON. RAUL A. MACANDA	-SB Member
HON. BENJAMIN H. GARIANDO, JR.	-SB Member
HON. TEOFILO CABELLO	-SB Member
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HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE	-SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President
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ABSENT:

HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.	-Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer-On Leave
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The Chair declared that with Ten (10) Sangguniang Bayan members present, the 45th Sangguniang Bayan Regular Session had a quorum. The Chair then requested Honorable Francisco R. Altres, Majority Floor Leader, to facilitate the Order of Business for the day.

Honorable Francisco R. Altres obtained the floor and requested the reading of the minutes of the 44th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan held on June 8, 2026. After the reading thereof, the Chair asked the Body if there were any amendments to the minutes. Hearing none, the Chair declared that the minutes of the 44th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan were duly adopted, without amendments thereto, as read by the SB Secretary.

PRIVILEGE HOUR: NONE.

QUESTION HOUR: NONE.

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED MEASURES: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORT: NONE

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 1-- PROPONENT: HON. REY P. AURE

Chairman Committee on Trade & Industry, Agriculture, Local Franchising, and Accreditation

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO's), OF JARO LEYTE TRICYCLE DRIVER'S OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (JALTD OA) OF JARO, LEYTE.

The Chair recognized Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja and gave him the floor to present his motion. He presented the proposed resolution on behalf of Hon. Rey P. Aure, who is the Presiding Officer Pro Tempore.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja moved for the approval of the proposed resolution, which was duly seconded en masse.

The Chair stated that the matter had already undergone committee deliberation and that the committee report had likewise been adopted.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 1 under the Unfinished Business was duly moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

B. BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

ITEM NO. 1– PROPONENT: HON. TEOFILO CABELLO

Chairman Committee on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Transportation.

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JARO MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION, UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PMAJ RONALD A. PUSO, CHIEF OF POLICE, FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ARREST OF A TOP 1 REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON CHARGED WITH (3) THREE COUNTS OF RAPE DURING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION CONDUCTED IN BARANGAY OLOTAN JARO, LEYTE ON JUNE 1, 2026.

The Chair recognized Hon. Teofilo Cabello and gave him the floor to present his motion.

Hon. Teofilo Cabello moved for the approval of the proposed resolution, which was duly seconded en masse.

During the discussion, Hon. Francisco R. Altres inquired whether the person had been identified.

In response, Hon. Teofilo Cabello stated that the accused had long been the subject of a manhunt and was eventually located in Jaro. Through collaboration and intelligence gathering, the arrest was successfully carried out.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 1 under the Business for the Day had been duly moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

ITEM NO. 2- APPROVAL ON THIRD-AND-FINAL READING
ORDINANCE NO. 33, SERIES OF 2026
INTRODUCED BY: HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
Chairman Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

ORDINANCE NO. 33
SERIES OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE STRICTLY PROHIBITING THE INTERMENT, BURIAL, OR DISPOSITION OF THE HUMAN REMAINS OUTSIDE OF DULY ESTABLISHED AND AUTHORIZED PUBLIC CEMETERIES OR PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARKS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

The Chair recognized Hon. Zandro T. Morabe to offer the motion.

The Chair then opined and inquired from the floor if there were any minor amendments to the ordinance, and hearing none, requested Hon. Zandro T. Morabe to offer the final motion.

Hon. Zandro T. Morabe took the floor, and moved for its final approval, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that **Ordinance No. 33, Series of 2026, otherwise known as "Proper Interment Regulation Ordinance of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte"** has been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body under the **third and final reading**.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Hon. Teofilo Cabello stated that the medical mission was highly successful, having provided assistance to many individuals, particularly through the surgical procedures conducted. Consequently, he proposed a resolution expressing gratitude to Dr. Victor L. Gisbert, President of the Makati Medical Center Foundation, for spearheading the 3rd Medical-Surgical Mission in Jaro, Leyte, in partnership with the Office of the Vice Governor, Hon. Leonardo "Sandy" M. Javier Jr., and the Office of the Representative, Hon. Congresswoman Lolita Karen T. Javier.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that the proposed resolution under Other Matters had been duly moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

There being no more business for consideration, Hon. Teofilo Cabello, moved for the adjournment of the session, duly seconded. Thereafter, the Chair declared the 45th SB Regular Session adjourned at 9: 56 A.M.

EXCERPT RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:

ITEM NO. 1- PROPONENT: HON. REY P. AURE
Chairman Committee on Trade & Industry, Agriculture, Local Franchising, and Accreditation

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 389

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO's), OF JARO LEYTE TRICYCLE DRIVER'S OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (JALTDOA) OF SITIO CABTUAN, BRGY. CAGLAWAAN, JARO, LEYTE.

WHEREAS, Section 34 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Book 1, Chapter 4) states that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy;

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2025 the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2025-060, on the Guidelines on the Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies;

WHEREAS, the JARO LEYTE TRICYCLE DRIVER'S OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (JALTDOA) through its President, RENANTE SO, has signified its intention to be an accredited CSO in the Municipality of Jaro to pursue an active partnership with the Local Government Unit in the pursuit of local autonomy and nation building;

WHEREAS, the JARO LEYTE TRICYCLE DRIVER'S OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (JALTDOA) has satisfactorily complied with the requirements and criteria for accreditation as a Civil Society Organization in accordance with the procedures and guidelines set forth in DILG MC 2025-060;

WHEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Rey P. Aure**, Chairman Committee on Trade & Industry, Agriculture, Local Franchising and Accreditation, duly seconded by all members present, be it;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Bayan to approve and grant the accreditation of **JARO LEYTE TRICYCLE DRIVER'S OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (JALTD OA)** in the Municipality of Jaro;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this accreditation is effective only until June 30, 2028;

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Honorable Jassie Lou Tañala, Local Chief Executive, and Renante So, JALTD OA President for their information and guidance.

ADOPTED this 15th day of June 2026 in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

ITEM NO. 2- PROPONENT: HON. TEOFILO CABELLO

Chairman Committee on Peace and Order, Public Safety and Transportation

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-390

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE JARO MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PMAJ RONALD A. PUSO, CHIEF OF POLICE, FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ARREST OF A TOP 1 REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON CHARGED WITH THREE (3) COUNTS OF RAPE DURING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION CONDUCTED IN BARANGAY OLOTAN, JARO, LEYTE ON JUNE 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro recognizes the vital role of law enforcement agencies in the maintenance of peace and order and in the relentless pursuit of justice within the municipality and the region;

WHEREAS, the Jaro Municipal Police Station, under the capable leadership of PMAJ RONALD A. PUSO, Chief of Police, successfully conducted a law enforcement operation on June 1, 2026 at Barangay Olotan, Jaro, Leyte;

WHEREAS, said operation led to the successful arrest of a Top 1 Regional Level Most Wanted Person who is facing three (3) counts of Rape, thereby contributing significantly to the safety and security of the community and the swift administration of justice;

WHEREAS, such accomplishment demonstrates the dedication, professionalism, courage, and unwavering commitment of the personnel of the Jaro Municipal Police Station in upholding the rule of law and protecting the citizenry;

WHEREAS, it is but fitting and proper that the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro express its commendation and appreciation for this laudable accomplishment;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Honorable Teofilo Cabello**, duly seconded en masse, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO COMMEND THE JARO MUNICIPAL POLICE STATION, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PMAJ RONALD A. PUSO, CHIEF OF POLICE, FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ARREST OF A TOP 1 REGIONAL LEVEL MOST WANTED PERSON CHARGED WITH THREE (3) COUNTS OF RAPE DURING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION CONDUCTED IN BARANGAY OLOTAN, JARO, LEYTE ON JUNE 1, 2026;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Municipal Mayor, and to other municipal offices concerned for their information and guidance.

APPROVED ON JUNE 15, 2026.

ITEM NO. 3-- APPROVAL ON THIRD-AND-FINAL READING
ORDINANCE NO. 33, SERIES OF 2026
INTRODUCED BY: HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
Chairman Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed Ordinance seeks to regulate and strictly prohibit the interment, burial, or other disposition of human remains outside of duly established and authorized public cemeteries or private memorial parks within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

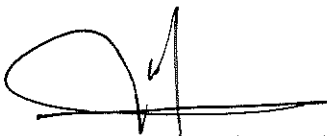
Pursuant to the general welfare clause under Republic Act No. 7160, the Municipality is mandated to promote public health, safety, and environmental integrity. Complementarily, Presidential Decree No. 856 provides that the disposal of human remains must be carried out in a manner that safeguards public health and prevents contamination of water sources and the environment.

In recent years, there have been instances of burials conducted in private properties, residential areas, and other undesignated locations within the Municipality. Such practices pose serious risks to sanitation, groundwater safety, land use planning, and may contribute to the spread of communicable diseases, particularly during times of epidemics or public health emergencies.

This measure aims to establish clear regulations governing the proper disposition of human remains, ensure compliance with health and sanitation standards, and prevent the proliferation of unauthorized burial sites. It likewise provides for a system of permits, enforcement mechanisms, and penalties to ensure accountability and adherence to lawful procedures.

Ultimately, this Ordinance is anchored on the State's duty to protect public health, uphold environmental standards, and promote orderly community development for the welfare of all constituents of Jaro, Leyte.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.


HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
Chairman Committee on Public Works and
Infrastructure

**ORDINANCE NO. 33
SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE STRICTLY PROHIBITING THE INTERMENT, BURIAL, OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS OUTSIDE OF DULY ESTABLISHED AND AUTHORIZED PUBLIC CEMETERIES OR PRIVATE MEMORIAL PARKS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

INTRODUCED BY: HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
Chairman Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure

Be it ordained by the Honorable Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte in session assembled and by authority of the same that-

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the *“Proper Interment Regulation Ordinance of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.”*

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICATION - This Ordinance shall apply to all persons, natural or juridical, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte, and shall govern all acts relating to the interment, burial, cremation, exhumation, or other disposition of human remains.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of this Ordinance:

- a. **Human Remains** – The body of a deceased person, whether in whole or in part, including cremated remains;
- b. **Interment/Burial** – The final disposition of human remains by placement in the ground, tomb, vault, or niche;
- c. **Disposition** – Any lawful method of handling human remains, including burial, entombment, cremation, or inurnment;
- d. **Authorized Cemetery or Memorial Park** – Any public cemetery or private memorial park duly established, licensed, and recognized by competent authorities and the Municipal Government;

- e. **Unauthorized Burial Site** – Any location not approved or designated by law or by the Municipal Government for burial purposes.
- f. **Columbarium** - is a structure specifically designed to hold cremated remains. The term “columbarium” can refer to a building, a wall, or a structure. It consists of small compartments, known as niches, where urns containing the ashes are placed.
- g. **Mausoleum** - is a large, free-standing, above-ground building constructed as a monument to enclose the burial chamber or tomb of a deceased person or group of people.

 **SECTION 4. GENERAL PROHIBITION** - No person shall inter, bury, cremate, deposit, or otherwise dispose of human remains in any place other than a duly established and authorized public cemetery or private memorial park, except as expressly provided under this Ordinance or other applicable laws. Private columbarium shall be allowed, subject to compliance with the requirements, limitations, and regulations set forth in this Ordinance and other applicable laws and regulations. 

SECTION 5. SPECIFIC PROHIBITED ACTS - It shall be unlawful for any person to: 

- a. Cause, permit, or allow the burial or disposition of human remains in private property, residential areas, agricultural lands, or any place not authorized for such purpose except for private columbarium exclusively used by members of the immediate family of the owner;
 - b. Establish, operate, maintain, or utilize any unauthorized burial ground or site;
 - c. Conceal, fail to report, or otherwise participate in the unlawful disposition of human remains; and
 - d. Refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order for the exhumation and transfer of remains issued by competent authorities.
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SECTION 6. LIMITATIONS ON PRIVATE COLUMBARIUM

- a. The establishment, construction, maintenance, or operation of private mausoleums within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte is hereby strictly prohibited;
- b. Only private columbarium intended for the storage of cremated human remains or bone remains shall be allowed, subject to the requirements and regulations prescribed by the Municipal Government and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
- c. The total land area allocated for a private columbarium site, including landscaping, parking areas, pathways, and other appurtenant facilities, shall not exceed Five Hundred (500) square meters;
- d. The actual structure or footprint of the columbarium intended for the storage of cremated remains or bone remains shall not exceed One Hundred (100) square meters;
- e. No interment, burial, or placement of cadavers shall be permitted within any private columbarium established pursuant to this Ordinance. Only cremated remains and exhumed bone remains may be deposited therein;
- f. Any expansion, alteration, or development beyond the limitations prescribed in this Section shall require prior approval from the appropriate municipal authorities and shall comply with all applicable zoning, land use, health, sanitation, and environmental regulations; and
- g. Private columbarium shall be used exclusively by members of the immediate family of the owner.

SECTION 7. PERMIT AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS - No burial or interment shall be conducted without prior compliance with the following:

- a. Registration of death and issuance of a valid Death Certificate;
- b. Issuance of a Burial Permit by the Municipal Civil Registrar; and

- c. Compliance with all zoning, sanitary, environmental, and regulatory requirements under applicable laws and ordinances.

SECTION 8. LIMITED EXCEPTIONS - The provisions of this Ordinance shall admit only the following exceptions:

- a. Burial practices of Indigenous Cultural Communities, subject to certification by appropriate authorities and strict compliance with public health and sanitation standards;
- b. Temporary emergency burials during calamities, disasters, or epidemics, under the direct supervision of the Municipal Health Officer, with mandatory re-interment in an authorized cemetery within a period not exceeding six (6) months;
- c. Other instances expressly authorized by law or by the Municipal Mayor upon recommendation of the Municipal Health Officer.

SECTION 9. ABATEMENT, EXHUMATION, AND TRANSFER - Upon the effectivity of this Ordinance and upon the determination that a violation has been committed, the Municipal Government, through the Municipal Health Officer, may:

- a. Declare the site as a public health nuisance;
- b. Order the immediate exhumation and transfer of the remains to an authorized cemetery;
- c. Cause the implementation of such order at the expense of the responsible party in case of non-compliance.

SECTION 10. LIABILITY - The following shall be held solidarily liable:

- a. The person who caused or authorized the burial;
- b. The owner or occupant of the property where the unauthorized burial occurred;
- c. Any person who knowingly participated in the prohibited act.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES - Any person found violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00), or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

The imposition of penalties shall be without prejudice to the enforcement of corrective measures, including exhumation and transfer at the violator's expense.

SECTION 12. ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES - This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Municipal Mayor, through:

- a. The Municipal Health Office;
- b. The Office of the Municipal Civil Registrar;
- c. The Philippine National Police; and
- d. Barangay Officials within their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) - Within sixty (60) days from effectivity, the Municipal Mayor, upon recommendation of the Municipal Health Officer, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - In case any provision of this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the court, other provisions or any part thereof not affected shall continue to be in full force or effect.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE - Any other existing Ordinance or any provision thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte.

ENACTED this 15th day of June 2026, at Jaro, Leyte.

ITEM NO. 4- PROPONENT: HON. TEOFILO CABELLO

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-391

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO DR. VICTOR L. GISBERT, PRESIDENT OF THE MAKATI MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION, FOR SPEARHEADING THE 3RD MEDICAL-SURGICAL MISSION IN JARO, LEYTE, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF THE VICE GOVERNOR, HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" M. JAVIER JR., AND THE OFFICE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HON. CONGRESSWOMAN LOLITA KAREN T. JAVIER.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro recognizes the importance of accessible, quality, and compassionate healthcare services for its constituents, particularly those in underserved communities;

WHEREAS, the Makati Medical Center Foundation, under the leadership of its President, **Dr. Victor L. Gisbert**, has consistently demonstrated its commitment to public health and humanitarian service through medical outreach initiatives;

WHEREAS, on the occasion of the 3rd Medical-Surgical Mission in Jaro, Leyte, Dr. Gisbert spearheaded the said activity in partnership with the Office of the Vice Governor, Hon. Leonardo "Sandy" M. Javier Jr., and the Office of the Representative, Hon. Congresswoman Lolita Karen T. Javier;

WHEREAS, the said medical-surgical mission provided vital medical and surgical services to numerous beneficiaries, significantly contributing to the improvement of health conditions and well-being of the people of Jaro, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the initiative reflects a strong spirit of collaboration, public service, and humanitarian compassion among private institutions and government offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Honorable Teofilo Cabello**, duly seconded en masse, this Sangguniang Bayan-

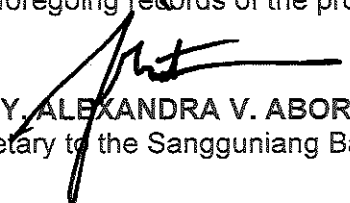
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RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Municipal Mayor, Office of the Vice Governor, Office of the House of Representatives, and to other municipal offices concerned for their information and guidance.

APPROVED ON JUNE 15, 2026.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing records of the proceedings.

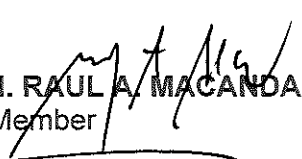

ATTY. ALEXANDRA V. ABORITA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CONCURRED:

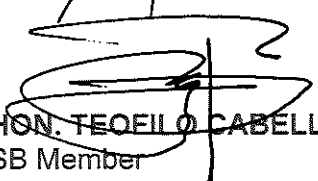

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SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore

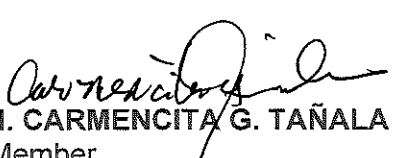

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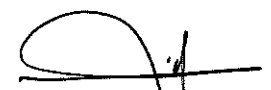

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SB Member


HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President


HON. VIANCA MAE N. FAMILAR
SB Member/SK Fed.-President

ATTESTED:


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APPROVED:


HON. JASSIE LOU TAÑALA
Municipal Mayor



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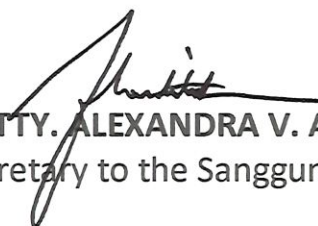
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ISSUED this 22nd day of July 2026 at Jaro, Leyte

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ATTY. ALEXANDRA V. ABORITA
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan

APPROVED:


HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.
Municipal Vice-Mayor

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Barangay I

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ISSUED this 22nd day of July 2026 at Barangay District I, Jaro, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


IVY M. SOLAR 7/22/26
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. MARIA FELINDA B. COSARES
Barangay Chairwoman

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Barangay II

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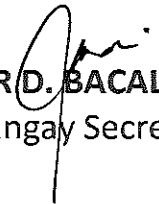
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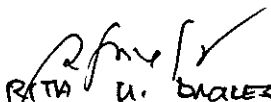
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ISSUED this 22nd day of July 2026 at Barangay District II, Jaro, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


JENNIFER D. BACALANDO
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:


for: **HON. RONALD C. SUPERABLE**
Barangay Chairman

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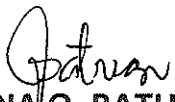
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ISSUED this 22nd day of July 2026 at Barangay District III, Jaro, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


JAINA O. BATUCAN
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. ADRIANO DIOLA
Barangay Chairman