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2nd INDORSEMENT

August 4, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 253 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 253 entitled: “ **MAHADA Additional Routes and Fare rate Ordinance of 2026.**”

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)(3)(vi)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 (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Transportation and Communications, regulate the operation of tricycles and other vehicles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 253, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance identifying additional routes for the operation of Matag-ob Habal-habal Drivers Association (MAHADA) and setting the rates of fare therefor.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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ENDORSEMENT

JULY 22, 2026

HONORABLE LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER
Vice-Governor
Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
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Date: JUL 23 2026
By: [Signature]

Sir:

Respectfully forwarding to your good office the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No. 253 series 2026**, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL ROUTES FOR THE OPERATION OF MATAG-OB HABAL-HABAL DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (MAHADA) AND SETTING THE RATES OF FARE THEREFOR."** 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. 253** series **2026**, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL ROUTES FOR THE OPERATION OF MATAG-OB HABAL-HABAL DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (MAHADA) AND SETTING THE RATES OF FARE THEREFOR."** 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 July 22, 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 22th Day of July, 2026.

Very truly yours,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte on June 29, 2026.

ANA MARIA SANORIA-ECIJA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 53rd REGULAR
SESSION OF THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF
MATAG-OB, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION
HALL ON JUNE 29, 2026.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 253
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL ROUTES
FOR THE OPERATION OF MATAG-OB HABAL-HABAL
DRIVERS ASSOCIATION (MAHADA) AND SETTING THE
RATES OF FARE THEREFOR.

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Province of Leyte
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Date: **JUL 23 2026**
By: *[Signature]*

Author : Hon. Joel G. Tacoy
Co-authors : Hon. Joel N. Denoy
: Hon. Ricardo L. Giva
: Hon. Eduardo I. Toledo
: Hon. Jose B. Yap

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Matag-ob, Leyte,
in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the
“MAHADA Additional Routes and Fare Rate Ordinance of
2026.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the
Municipal Government of Matag-ob to ensure the availability
of safe, affordable, accessible, and reliable transportation
services, particularly in areas not adequately served by
conventional public utility vehicles. The Municipality
recognizes the significant role of habal-habal operators in
providing transportation services to residents, students,
workers, farmers, and other commuters in remote and rural
communities.

SECTION 3. Coverage. – This Ordinance shall apply to all
members of the Matag-ob Habal-Habal Drivers Association
(MAHADA) operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the
Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte.

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SECTION 4. Authorized Additional Routes. – In addition to previously authorized routes, MAHADA members are hereby authorized to operate along the following routes:

- Terminal to Sto. Rosario
- Imelda to Terminal
- Mansahaon to Terminal
- Bonoy to Terminal
- San Guillermo to Terminal
- Poblacion Talisay to Terminal
- Cansoso to Terminal
- Inter-barangay routes connecting the barangays of Matag-ob where no regular public transportation service is available; and
- Other routes as may be subsequently authorized by the Sangguniang Bayan through a resolution or ordinance.

SECTION 5. Approved Fare Rates. – The following maximum fare rates shall be charged:

Route, vice-versa	Fare Rate
Terminal - Sto. Rosario	20.00
Imelda - Terminal	25.00
Mansahaon - Terminal	20.00
Bonoy - Terminal	20.00
San Guillermo - Terminal	20.00
Poblacion Talisay - Terminal	15.00
Cansoso - Terminal	20.00

Other routes not indicated above from Barangay to other Barangays, the fare is subject to agreement to both parties, driver and passenger.

Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), and Students shall be entitled to the discounts provided under existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 6. Fare Posting. – All MAHADA drivers shall display a fare matrix issued or approved by the Municipal Government in a conspicuous place on their motorcycles.

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SECTION 7. Compliance with Safety Requirements. – All drivers operating under this Ordinance shall:

- Possess a valid driver's license appropriate for motorcycle operation;
- Wear standard protective helmets and require passengers to do the same;
- Ensure that motorcycles are roadworthy and duly registered;
- Observe traffic laws and municipal regulations; and,
- Comply with all safety protocols prescribed by competent authorities.

SECTION 8. Prohibited Acts. – The following acts are prohibited:

- Charging fares beyond the rates prescribed herein without lawful justification;
- Refusal to convey passengers without valid reason;
- Overloading of passengers or cargo;
- Operating without proper authorization from MAHADA and the Municipal Government; and
- Any act that endangers the safety and welfare of passengers.

SECTION 9. Penalties. – Any violation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense – Warning and orientation;

Second Offense – Fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00);

Third Offense – Fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and suspension of authority to operate for a period determined by the Municipal Government.

SECTION 10. Implementing Authority. – The Municipal Mayor, through the appropriate municipal offices and in coordination with MAHADA, shall implement and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

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SECTION 11. Amendments Clause. - This Ordinance may be amended or modified as necessary through appropriate legislative process.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Repealing Clause. - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. Effectivity. - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication and posting in accordance with law.

ENACTED this 29th day of June, 2026 at Matag-ob, Leyte.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ENACTED this 29th day of June, 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
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Hon. Eduardo I. Toledo
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AYES - 10

NAYES - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

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**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
AS DULY ADOPTED:**

HONORABLE ROMEO N. ALBARIDA

Municipal Vice-Mayor

Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HONORABLE BERNARDINO G. TACOY

Municipal Mayor

22 JUL 2026

Date Signed

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