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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-08^Y of the Sangguniang Bayan of Javier, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-08^Y entitled: "An Ordinance prescribing water service fees for Javier Water and Sewerage System and its corresponding sanctions."

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 153¹ 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 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 153. Service Fees and Charges. - Local government units may impose and collect such reasonable fees and charges for services rendered.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
02 July 2026



The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-08** of the **Municipality of Javier, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance prescribing water service fees for Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS) and its corresponding sanctions.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF JAVIER, LEYTE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON JUNE 15, 2026

PRESENT:

HON. MARK CHRISTOPHER T. JAVIER	- Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
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HON. GUILBERT M. LANOY	- SB Member
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ABSENT:

HON. NORA G. MABALLO	- SB Member
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

Authored by: ALL SB MEMBERS

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING WATER SERVICE FEES FOR JAVIER WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (JWSS) AND ITS CORRESPONDING SANCTIONS

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Javier is authorized to impose fees for services rendered pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160 to ensure cost recovery and financial sustainability of the Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS) for its continuous operation and maintenance;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Javier has established the Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS) to provide a reliable, safe, and sustainable water supply to its constituents;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prescribe reasonable service fees, charges, and sanctions to ensure financial sustainability, prevent system losses, and protect public investment;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt regulatory measures, including billing systems, service classifications, and enforcement mechanisms, to ensure the proper management of the Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Javier, Leyte, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the “**An Ordinance Prescribing Water Services Fee for Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS) and its Corresponding Sanctions**”.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE – This Ordinance shall apply to all service connections and consumers of the Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS).

SECTION 3. CLASSIFICATION OF CONSUMERS & SCHEDULE OF RATES

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RESIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Residential consumers are persons or households that draw water from the Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS) for domestic use and are charged the lowest applicable rate. Such use includes, but is not limited to, cooking, washing, bathing, drinking, lawn watering, and other activities necessary for daily living.

Meter size	Minimum Charge (0-10 cu. m)	Commodity Charges			
		11-20 cu.m	21-30 cu.m	31-40 cu.m	41-up cu.m
½ "	P220.00	P24.00	P26.50	P29.50	P33.00
¾ "	P352.00	P24.00	P26.50	P29.50	P33.00
1 "	P704.00	P24.00	P26.50	P29.50	P33.00
1 ½ "	P1,760.00	P24.00	P26.50	P29.50	P33.00
2 "	P4,400.00	P24.00	P26.50	P29.50	P33.00

COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION

Establishments that draw water from the Javier Water and Sewerage System that use water **directly** or **indirectly** for the following purposes:

- To provide or distribute products or services;
- To promote trade or business activities;
- To produce, manufacture, or process commercially saleable goods, including food and materials.

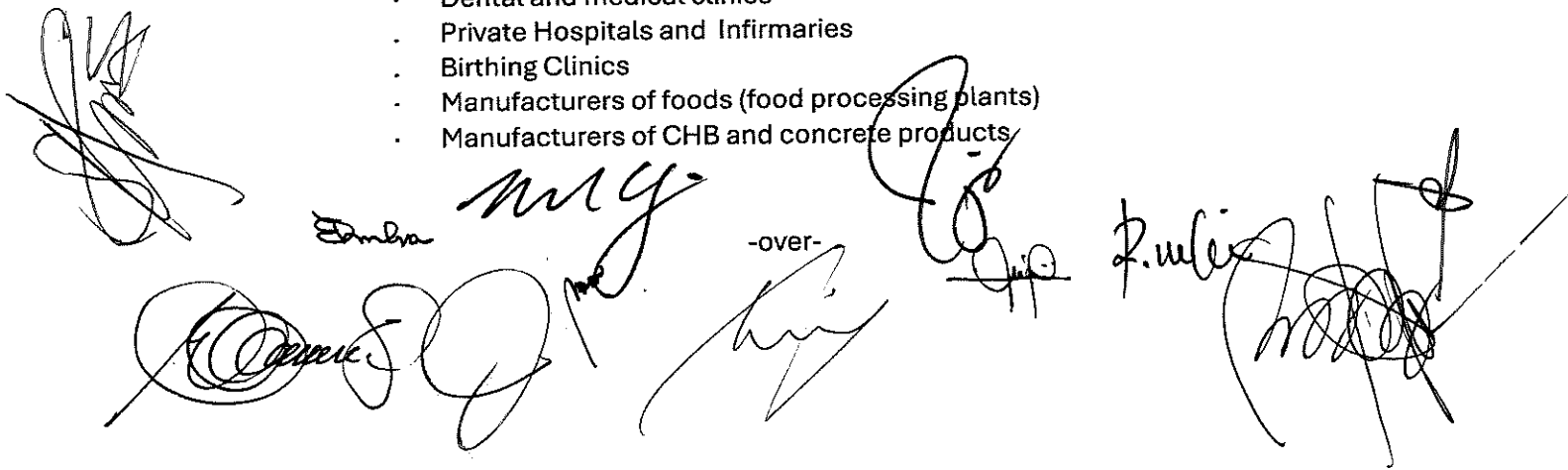
SUB- CLASSIFICATIONS

Commercial consumers are classified into four (4) sub-classifications with their corresponding Conversion Factors, to wit:

1. **FULL COMMERCIAL** - Business establishments **directly using water** in their day-to-day operations with a conversion factor of 2.

Consumers under these classifications are the following:

- Hotels, lodges, inns, apartments
- Boarding/transient houses
- Restaurants, cafeterias, eateries and coffee shops
- Established big food corporations (Andoks, Jollibee, Mang Inasal, etc.)
- Milk tea houses
- Confectioneries and bakeries
- Beer houses, bars, night disco clubs, and videoke bars
- Malls
- Groceries and department stores
- Private diagnostic laboratories
- Dental and medical clinics
- Private Hospitals and Infirmaries
- Birthing Clinics
- Manufacturers of foods (food processing plants)
- Manufacturers of CHB and concrete products



- Ice plants
- Water refilling stations
- Laundry shops
- Lechon houses/stores
- Fish and meat stalls in the public market with individual water meters
- Private schools
- Private hospitals
- Carwash shops
- Spa/wellness/fitness center/gym
- Parlors/Salon
- Funeral homes
- Poultry/piggery business (more than 25 chicks or more than 10 piglets)
- Orchidarium/plant business
- Airconditioning and service repair shop

The above list of establishments shall be charged according to the approved water rate schedule below, with a conversion factor:

Meter size	Minimum Charge (0-10 cu. m)	Commodity Charges			
		11-20 cu.m	21-30 cu.m	31-40cu.m	41- up cu.m
½ "	P440.00	P48.00	P53.00	P59.00	P66.00
¾ "	P704.00	P48.00	P53.00	P59.00	P66.00
1 "	P1,408.00	P48.00	P53.00	P59.00	P66.00
1 ½ "	P3,520.00	P48.00	P53.00	P59.00	P66.00
2 "	P8,800.00	P48.00	P53.00	P59.00	P66.00

2. COMMERCIAL A = with a conversion Factor of 1.75.

Business establishments indirectly using water in their operations:

- Photo printing and photocopying shops
- Gift shops
- Cellphone shops
- Small vulcanizing repair shops
- Delivery service centers
- Lotto outlets
- Dress shops/tailoring shops
- Dry goods (tiange- tiange stores)
- Drug stores
- Wholesale and retail stores
- Convenience stores
- Appliance stores
- Gasoline stations
- Gas stations
- Theaters
- Billiard halls, games, and entertainment places
- Internet shops with food service
- Warehouses

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- Sari-sari stores with capitalization exceeding P 20,000.00

3. COMMERCIAL B = with a conversion Factor of 1.5.

Small business establishments with capitalization not exceeding P20,000.00, such as small-scale or home-based businesses with minimal water consumption, engaged in the sale of goods and services.

INSTITUTIONAL/GOVERNMENTAL CLASSIFICATION with a conversion factor of 1.25.

- Government Schools
- Government Offices
- Government Banks
- Government Facilities (Sports area, Brgy. Halls/Centers)
- Government Hospitals
- Courts
- Churches

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Meter size	Minimum Charge (0-10 cu. m)	Commodity Charges			
		11-20 cu.m	21-30 cu.m	31-40 cu.m	41-up cu.m
½ "	P275.00	P30.00	P33.125	P36.875	P41.25
¾ "	P440.00	P30.00	P33.125	P36.875	P41.25
1 "	P880.00	P30.00	P33.125	P36.875	P41.25
1 ½ "	P2,200.00	P30.00	P33.125	P36.875	P41.25
2 "	P5,500.00	P30.00	P33.125	P36.875	P41.25

BULK /WHOLESALE

Water services fees shall be imposed on persons or establishments drawing water from the JWS water system for the purpose of reselling the same without transforming it into a new product.

Users of water drawn from the JWS fire hydrants and blow-offs for purposes other than firefighting, such as:

- Those who provide water to the carrier ships, airplanes, etc.
- Farms, homes outside or within the district not connected to the system, ex: subdivision

Rates for bulk or wholesale water supply shall not be fixed under this schedule. Instead, such rates shall be subject to separate negotiation, contract, and approval by the Local Government Unit through the Javier Water and Sewerage System Management Board.

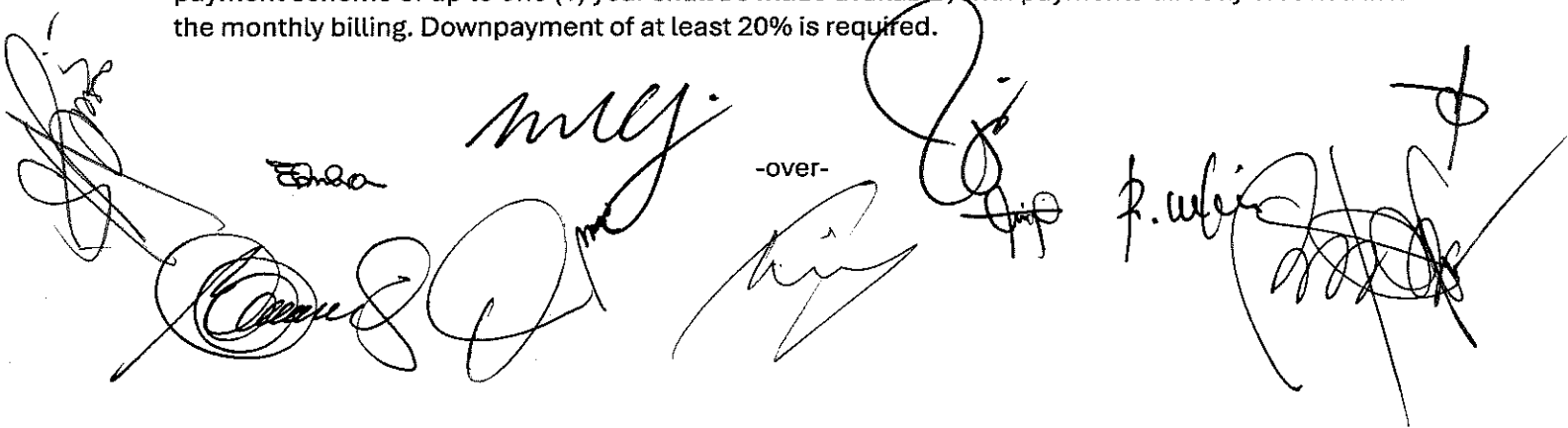
The LGU reserves the right to review, adjust, or renegotiate bulk water agreements as necessary to protect the viability of the water system and ensure equitable service to all consumers.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Type of Fee	Amount
New Service Connection Package ½"	P 5,000.00
New Service Connection Package ¾"	P 10,000.00
New Service Connection Package 1"	P 18,000.00
New Service Connection Package 1 ½"	P 31,000.00
New Service Connection Package 2"	P 42,000.00
Reconnection Fee	P 500.00
Disconnection Fee	P 300.00
Transfer of Account	P 300.00
Change of Meter (customer request)	P 2,750.00
Meter Testing Fee	P 500.00
Temporary/Bulk Water Permit	P 1,000.00

Note:

A 10% discount shall be granted for the New Service Connection Package if paid in full through direct cash. However, to ease the financial burden of a one-time payment, an installment or staggered payment scheme of up to one (1) year shall be made available, with payments directly credited into the monthly billing. Downpayment of at least 20% is required.

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SECTION 4. MIXED-USE OR MULTIPLE-USE CLASSIFICATION

Where a single service connection or water meter serves a property or premises used for both residential and commercial, industrial, or institutional purposes, the following rules shall apply:

- 1. Single Meter Rule:** Where only one (1) water meter serves the entire premises, the classification shall be based on the highest applicable usage classification, and the corresponding rate shall be imposed.
- 2. Commercial Supersession Rule:** In all cases where any portion of the premises is used for business, trade, or income-generating activity, the residential classification shall be superseded, and the account shall be classified under the appropriate commercial, industrial, or institutional category, as the case may be.
- 3. Determination of Proper Classification:** The Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS) shall determine the appropriate classification based on the nature of use, actual water consumption, and business activity conducted on the premises, regardless of the declared use by the consumer.
- 4. Separate Connection for Considerably Distinct Structures:** Where residential and commercial structures are physically separate or located at a considerable distance from each other within the same property or compound, the consumer may apply for separate water service connections, subject to inspection, verification, and approval by the JWSS to ensure that such separation is legitimate and not intended to circumvent this Ordinance. Each approved connection shall be billed according to its respective classification.
- 5. Prevention of Circumvention.** Any act of misrepresentation, splitting of usage, or use of a residential connection for commercial purposes without proper reclassification shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance, subject to penalties under existing provisions.
- 6. Reclassification Based on Actual Use .** Where a service connection originally classified is subsequently used, in whole or in part, for commercial, industrial, or institutional purposes, the JWSS shall have the authority to reclassify the account to the appropriate category and impose the corresponding rates.

SECTION 5. OTHER FEES

I. Miscellaneous Installation Fees

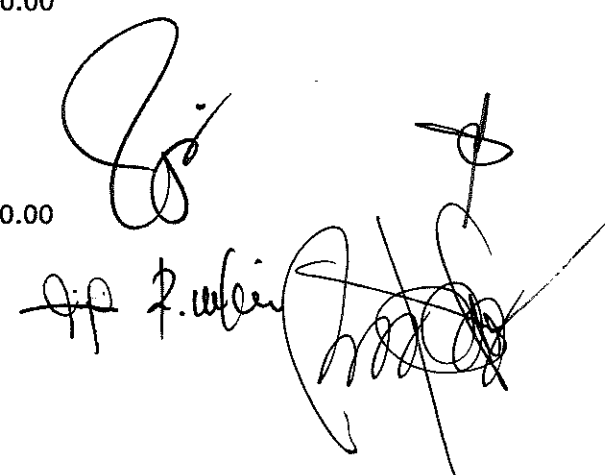
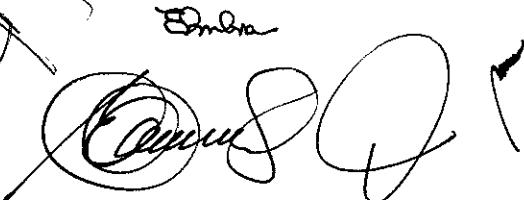
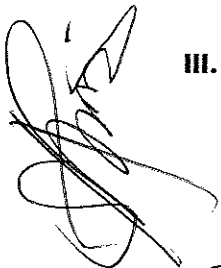
Water Meter Installation	P250.00
Inspection Fee	P100.00
Storage Per Inactive Water Meter	P300.00

II. Pipe Threading Per End

½" Diameter G.I Pipe	P30.00
¾" Diameter G.I Pipe	P35.00
1" Diameter G.I Pipe	P45.00
1 ¼" Diameter G.I. Pipe	P60.00
1 ½" Diameter G.I Pipe	P70.00
2" Diameter G.I Pipe	P80.00

III. Service Charges Per Consumer Request

Sand and Gravel 12" depth	P50.00
Clay 12" depth	P40.00
Sand 12" depth	P30.00



IV. Water Meter Calibration

Size ½"	P250.00
Size ¾"	P300.00
Size 1"	P350.00
Size 1 ½"	P400.00
Size 2"	P450.00

V. Certifications

Any certificate requested by Consumer	P100.00
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SECTION 6. BILLING PERIOD AND DUE DATE

Water bills shall be issued monthly, and bills shall be payable within fifteen (15) days from the date of billing.

SECTION 7. LATE PAYMENT SURCHARGE

A surcharge of **10%** shall be imposed on unpaid bills after the due date.

SECTION 8. INTEREST ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

An interest of **1% per month** shall be imposed on unpaid balances.

SECTION 9. SOCIALIZED DISCOUNTS FOR QUALIFIED CONSUMERS

To promote social equity and provide relief to vulnerable sectors, the following discounts shall be granted:

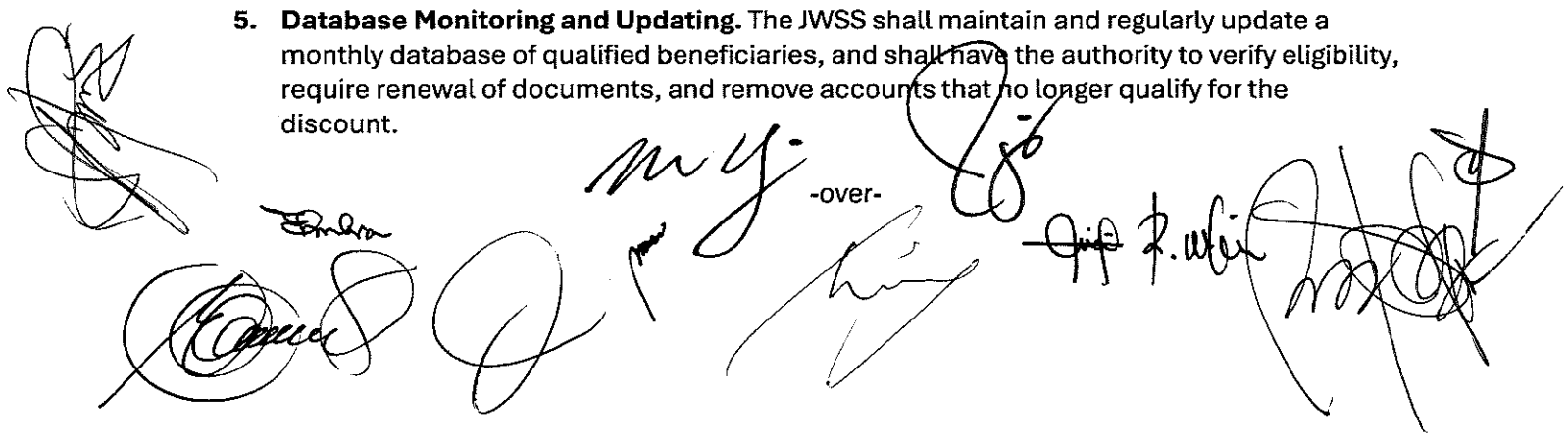
- 1. Qualified Beneficiaries:** A five percent (5%) discount on the monthly water bill shall be granted to the following:
 - Senior Citizens
 - Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
 - Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) registered households

The availment of the aforementioned benefits shall be mutually exclusive, such that only one benefit may be applied at any given time, notwithstanding the simultaneous eligibility for two or more discounts.

- 2. Coverage and Limitations.** The discount shall apply only to residential accounts and shall be limited to consumption not exceeding thirty (30) cubic meters per month. Any consumption beyond said threshold shall be billed at the regular applicable rate without discount.
- 3. Documentary Requirements.** The grant of discount shall be subject to submission of valid and updated supporting documents, such as government-issued identification cards or certifications, as may be required by the Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS).
- 4. Non-Transferability and Change of Account Name.** The discount is non-transferable and shall apply only to the registered account holder who is a qualified beneficiary.

In case of death of the qualified account holder, the discount shall automatically cease, and the account must be transferred to a new account holder. If the transferee is not qualified under this Section, no discount shall be applied.

- 5. Database Monitoring and Updating.** The JWSS shall maintain and regularly update a monthly database of qualified beneficiaries, and shall have the authority to verify eligibility, require renewal of documents, and remove accounts that no longer qualify for the discount.

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6. Grounds for Suspension or Revocation

The discount may be suspended or revoked upon finding of:

1. Misrepresentation or submission of falsified documents;
2. Use of the account for non-residential or commercial purposes;
3. Transfer or extension of the benefit to unqualified persons.

SECTION 10. GROUNDS FOR DISCONNECTION

Water service may be disconnected for:

- a. Non-payment beyond thirty (30) days (grace period);
- b. Illegal connection or meter tampering;
- c. Refusal to settle penalties;
- d. Violation of any provision of this Ordinance.

Written notice shall be issued before disconnection.

SECTION 11. RECONNECTION

Reconnection shall only be restored upon payment of:

- Outstanding bills
- Surcharges and interest
- Administrative fines (if any)
- Reconnection fee

SECTION 12. PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural or juridical, to:

- a. Destroy, damage, tamper with, or interfere with any water mains, pipelines, service connections, meters, valves, reservoirs, pumping stations, or any property of the Javier Water and Sewerage System;
- b. Tap, install, or cause the installation of any connection to water distribution lines without prior written authority from the Municipal Government;
- c. Use, install, or possess tampered meters, bypass devices, magnets, reversing mechanisms, or any apparatus designed to interfere with accurate metering;
- d. Steal, divert, or illegally draw water from the system;
- e. Use electric booster pumps directly connected to main distribution lines without written authority;
- f. Allow extension of water service to other households or establishments without approval;
- g. Refuse authorized personnel reasonable access for inspection, meter reading, repair, or disconnection.

SECTION 13. CRIMINAL PENALTY

Violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by:

- A fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00);
- Or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year;
- Or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 14. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

The violator may opt to settle administratively within ten (10) days from receipt of Notice of Violation.

Administrative fines:

- First Offense – P1,000.00
- Second Offense – P1,500.00
- Third and Succeeding Offenses – P2,000.00

Failure to settle within the prescribed period shall authorize the filing of appropriate charges in court.

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SECTION 15. CIVIL LIABILITY

In addition to fines, the offender shall:

- a. Pay the estimated value of water lost, based on technical assessment or average consumption;
- b. Pay the full cost of repair, materials, and labor for damaged facilities;
- c. Pay applicable disconnection and reconnection fees.

SECTION 16. INCENTIVE AND REWARD SYSTEM

Any person who provides verified information leading to the discovery of illegal connections or other prohibited acts shall receive a reward equivalent to Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00), credited to the informant's water bill. If the informant has no account, the reward may be assigned to a non-delinquent active account within the Municipality. The identity of the informant shall be treated with confidentiality.

SECTION 17. ACCRUAL AND UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

All revenues collected shall accrue to a Special Account under the General Fund and shall be used exclusively for:

- Operation and maintenance
- System expansion
- Repairs and upgrades
- Emergency rehabilitation

SECTION 18. WARRANTY ON NEW SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

1. Coverage of Warranty

All new water service connections, including installations of water meters, service lines, fittings, and other materials provided and installed by the Javier Water and Sewerage System (JWSS), shall be covered by a warranty period of one (1) year from the date of installation.

2. Scope of Warranty

The warranty shall cover defects in materials and workmanship attributable to the installation performed by JWSS. During the warranty period, JWSS shall, at no cost to the consumer, repair or replace defective components as necessary.

3. Exclusions

The warranty shall not apply to:

- Damages caused by tampering, unauthorized modifications, or illegal connections;
- Breakage due to negligence, misuse, or fault of the consumer or third parties;
- Damage resulting from natural causes or force majeure, including but not limited to floods, landslides, earthquakes, or similar events;
- Issues arising from internal plumbing beyond the meter, which shall be the responsibility of the consumer.

4. Procedure for Availment

The consumer shall notify JWSS in writing or through official channels upon discovery of any defect within the warranty period. JWSS shall conduct inspection and, if found covered, undertake necessary corrective action within a reasonable time.

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5. Effect of Unauthorized Repairs

Any unauthorized repair, alteration, or interference with the installed connection or meter shall void the warranty.

SECTION 19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the provision unaffected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 20. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 21. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

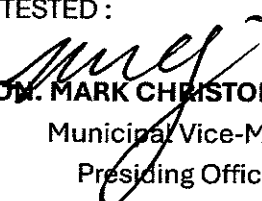
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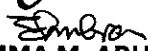
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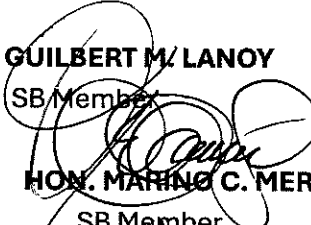
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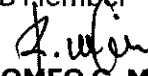
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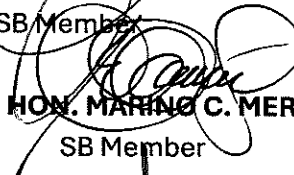

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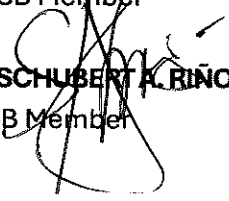

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Municipal Mayor



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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

June 23, 2026

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **ORDINANCE No. 2026-08**, "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING WATER SERVICE FEES FOR JAVIER WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM (JWSS) AND ITS CORRESPONDING SANCTIONS", is posted in the entrance of the Municipal Hall and two (2) conspicuous places in the Municipality since June 23, 2026 and shall remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks.


HON. MARK CHRISTOPHER T. JAVIER
Municipal Vice-Mayor