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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE _____ REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE CONDUCTED AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE, ON _____.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ON 3RD AND FINAL READING PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 07 SERIES OF 2026 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUICK GAS (QGAS) DIGITAL FUEL PRICE INFORMATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that every local government unit shall exercise powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, and such powers as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, including those essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

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WHEREAS, Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160 recognizes the responsibility of local government units in the delivery of basic services and facilities within their respective jurisdictions and encourages the adoption of appropriate systems, mechanisms, and innovations to improve public service delivery, transparency, and local governance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8479, otherwise known as the Downstream Oil Industry Deregulation Act of 1998, promotes a competitive downstream oil industry and recognizes the importance of transparency and access to reliable market information;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines, declares the policy of the State to protect consumers and provide them with adequate information to enable informed purchasing decisions;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Leyte recognizes that fluctuations in the retail prices of gasoline, diesel, and other petroleum products affect transportation costs, prices of essential commodities, household expenses, and economic activities within the Province;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Leyte recognizes that digital governance and access to timely market information promote transparency, informed consumer choice, accountability, and efficient public service;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a provincial digital fuel price information system will enhance consumer awareness while respecting the regulatory authority vested by law in the Department of Energy and other national government agencies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte in session assembled:

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. _____
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUICK GAS (QGAS) DIGITAL FUEL PRICE INFORMATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Quick Gas (QGAS) Digital Fuel Price Information and Monitoring System Ordinance of the Province of Leyte.**”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is hereby declared the policy of the Provincial Government of Leyte to promote transparency, consumer awareness, digital governance, and public access to reliable information by establishing a digital platform for the collection, consolidation, publication, and dissemination of prevailing retail petroleum product prices within the Province.

The QGAS shall operate solely as an **information and transparency mechanism**. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as granting the Provincial Government authority to regulate, determine, approve, fix, standardize, or control petroleum product prices, regulate market competition, or exercise powers vested by law in the Department of Energy, the Department of Trade and Industry, or any other national government agency.

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

- a. **QGAS** - refers to the Quick Gas Digital Fuel Price Information and Monitoring System.
- b. **Covered Retail Fuel Station** - refers to any establishment engaged in the retail sale of petroleum products directly to consumers within the Province of Leyte.
- c. **Petroleum Products** - include gasoline, diesel, kerosene, and such other petroleum products as may subsequently be designated by the Department of Energy.
- d. **Prevailing Retail Price** - refers to the actual pump price charged by a covered retail fuel station at the time the information is submitted.
- e. **Price Adjustment** - refers to any increase or decrease in the prevailing retail price of a covered petroleum product.
- f. **Submission** - refers to the electronic transmission of price information through the official QGAS platform.
- g. **MIS Office** - refers to the Provincial Management Information Systems Office.

- h. **Verification** – refers to the process of validating the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of submitted fuel price information.
- i. **Correction** – refers to the process of amending inaccurate, outdated, or incomplete information submitted to the QGAS.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT AND NATURE OF THE QGAS.

There is hereby established the Quick Gas (QGAS) Digital Fuel Price Information and Monitoring System as the official digital fuel price information platform of the Province of Leyte.

The QGAS shall:

- a. collect retailer-submitted fuel price information;
- b. consolidate submitted information;
- c. display prevailing retail prices;
- d. maintain historical price records;
- e. publish and disseminate fuel price information for public reference;
- f. generate reports for policy formulation;
- g. maintain archival records for transparency and research

The QGAS shall serve exclusively as an **information and transparency mechanism** and shall not regulate petroleum prices.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE. The Provincial MIS Office shall administer, maintain, secure, improve, and operate the QGAS.

The MIS Office may coordinate with:

- a. Provincial Administrator;
- b. Provincial Legal Office;
- c. Provincial Planning and Development Office;
- d. Provincial Information Office;
- e. Department of Energy;
- f. Department of Trade and Industry;
- g. component municipalities and cities;
- h. other appropriate agencies.

The MIS Office shall issue implementing guidelines consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. REPORTING OF FUEL PRICE INFORMATION.

Covered retail fuel stations **shall submit** through the QGAS their prevailing retail prices for covered petroleum products:

- a. within twenty-four (24) hours after any price increase or decrease becomes effective; and,
- b. every Tuesday of each week regardless of whether a price adjustment has occurred.

Each submission shall indicate:

- station name;
- station location;
- petroleum product;
- prevailing retail price;
- effective date and time;
- operational status.

Submission is solely for consumer information. QGAS republishes retailer-submitted prices and does not regulate or approve prices

SECTION 7. COORDINATION WITH COMPONENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS. The Provincial Government shall coordinate with the component municipalities and cities of Leyte to promote the objectives of this Ordinance and facilitate the participation of covered retail fuel stations.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as requiring component LGUs to enact ordinances or perform acts beyond their powers under the Local Government Code.

SECTION 8. VERIFICATION AND CORRECTION OF INFORMATION. Fuel price information submitted to the QGAS shall remain the responsibility of the submitting retailer.

The MIS Office may:

- a. conduct periodic validation;
- b. suspend erroneous entries;
- c. require correction of inaccurate, incomplete, or outdated information;
- d. flag entries as “Retailer-Reported,” “Province-Verified,” or “Under Verification.”

Publication through QGAS shall not constitute certification by the Province that the reported prices are continuously available or independently verified.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC ACCESS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT. The official digital platform designated by the Provincial Government shall serve as the public portal for QGAS.

The MIS Office shall implement reasonable safeguards to ensure:

- a. system security;
- b. data integrity;
- c. audit trails;
- d. access controls;
- e. cybersecurity measures;
- f. compliance with the Data Privacy Act whenever personal information is processed.

The Governor may designate or change the official website or digital platform through an administrative issuance **without amending this Ordinance**

SECTION 10. NON-LIABILITY. The Provincial Government shall not be liable for losses or damages arising from reliance upon retailer-submitted information that has not been independently verified.

Responsibility for the accuracy of submitted information shall remain with the submitting retail fuel station.

SECTION 11. DUTIES OF FUEL RETAILERS. Covered retail fuel stations shall:

- a. ensure accuracy of submitted information;
- b. promptly correct erroneous entries;
- c. maintain transparency in reporting;
- d. comply with verification requests from the MIS Office.

SECTION 12. POWERS OF THE MIS OFFICE. The MIS Office shall have the authority to:

- a. manage and secure the QGAS platform;
- b. validate submitted information;
- c. suspend or remove false or outdated entries;
- d. require corrections;
- e. generate reports;
- f. coordinate with national agencies.

SECTION 13. ANNUAL REPORT. Within the first quarter of every calendar year, the MIS Office shall submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan an Annual QGAS Report containing:

- a. participating fuel stations;
- b. system usage statistics;
- c. compliance trends;
- d. system enhancements;
- e. recommendations for policy improvement.

SECTION 14. FUNDING. The amount necessary for the implementation and maintenance of the QGAS shall be charged against available appropriations of the Provincial Government. Thereafter, funding shall be included in the annual appropriations ordinance.

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SECTION 15. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the MIS Office shall promulgate the implementing guidelines necessary for its effective implementation.

SECTION 16. TRANSITORY PROVISION. During the initial implementation phase, the MIS Office may adopt interim procedures to ensure the timely launch of the QGAS platform.

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, rules, regulations, or portions thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the publication and posting requirements prescribed under the Local Government Code of 1991 and other applicable laws.

PASSED and ENACTED on _____ by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in session assembled.