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2nd INDORSEMENT

August 10, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-14 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albura, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-14 entitled: "**Albura Youth Drug-free advocacy 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)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in relation to Section 13 Article II² of the Philippine Constitution. 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, and shall:
(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government,

² The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs.

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
28 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-14** of the **Municipality of Albura, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance institutionalizing a Youth Drug-Free Program and Advocacy and mandating the allocation of five percent (5%) of the Annual Sanggunian Kabataan Budget for its implementation, and other purposes.**



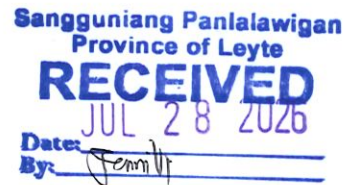
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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July 22, 2026

Hon. Leonardo Javier, Jr.

Vice-Governor
Province of Leyte
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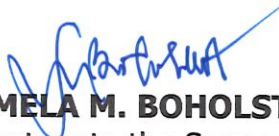
Thru: **Florinda Jill S. Uyvico**
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte

Dear Vice Governor Javier:

Respectfully transmitting herein **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14, "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A YOUTH DRUG-FREE PROGRAM AND ADVOCACY, MANDATING THE ALLOCATION OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE ANNUAL SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN BUDGET FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION , AND OTHER PURPOSES."**

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,


PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA
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CERTIFICATION

TO THE CONCERNED:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-14, "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A YOUTH DRUG-FREE PROGRAM AND ADVOCACY, MANDATING THE ALLOCATION OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE ANNUAL SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN BUDGET FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND OTHER PURPOSES,"** has been posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Bayan of Albura, Leyte on July 20, 2026 and shall remain posted until a period of two (2) consecutive weeks thereof.

ISSUED this 20th day of July 2026 at Albura, Leyte, Philippines.

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 52ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, DAMULAAN, ALBUERA, LEYTE ON JULY 13, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 14

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A YOUTH DRUG-FREE PROGRAM AND ADVOCACY, MANDATING THE ALLOCATION OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE ANNUAL SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN BUDGET FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND OTHER PURPOSES

INTRODUCED BY: HON. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA
Sponsored by: COMMITTEE ON SPORTS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
• HON. CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS
• HON. ROMEO M. JUNCO

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002," declares it a policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry, particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous drugs;

WHEREAS, Section 458(a)(1)(vi) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes municipalities to enact ordinances necessary to promote the general welfare of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit recognizes that drug abuse and illegal drug activities adversely affect public health, peace and order, family welfare, and socio-economic development within the Municipality;

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen preventive education, advocacy campaigns, rehabilitation support, community participation, and inter-agency coordination to achieve and sustain a drug-free community;

WHEREAS, the Municipality is committed to supporting and institutionalizing programs and activities that will prevent drug abuse and promote a healthy, productive, and safe environment for all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Albura, Leyte, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "ALBUERA YOUTH DRUG-FREE ADVOCACY ORDINANCE OF 2026."

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SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Albueria to:

- Protect the youth from illegal drug use;
- Promote a culture of prevention through education and awareness;
- Encourage youth participation in community-based anti-drug initiatives;
- Strengthen partnerships among government agencies, schools, and civil society.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Youth** - refers to those persons whose ages range from fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old as defined in Republic Act No. 8044. For the purpose of targeted programming for the youth, the age disaggregation shall be considered:

15-17 child youth
18-24- core youth
25-30- adult youth

- Drugs** - refers to those listed and regulated under Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, including but not limited to methamphetamine hydrochloride (shabu), marijuana, cocaine, heroin, and ecstasy.
- Youth Drug-Free Program** - is an organized initiative designed to educate, empower, and support young people in living a life free from illegal drugs.
- Annual Barangay Youth Development Investment Plan** - outlines programs and projects for youth development in a barangay for the current calendar year. It includes brief descriptions of planned programs and projects, associated budgets in Philippine Pesos, and proposed schedules.
- Sangguniang Kabataan** - is composed of elected officials aged 18 to 24, including chairperson and councilors. Its primary mandate is to initiate, plan, and implement programs, projects, and activities that promote the welfare and development of youth within the barangay.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to all Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) units in the Municipality of Albueria and shall involve youth aged 15–30 years old.

SECTION 5. CREATION OF YOUTH DRUG-FREE PROGRAM

To effectively promote a drug-free youth community, the Municipality of Albueria shall implement the following **comprehensive programs and advocacy initiatives**:

A. PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- Conduct regular **Drug Awareness Seminars, Forums, and Symposiums** in all barangays, schools, and youth organizations;
- Integrate **values formation, mental health awareness, and life skills training** in youth programs;
- Organize **school-based and community-based education campaigns** in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd).

B. YOUTH ADVOCACY AND PARTICIPATION

- Establish a **Youth Anti-Drug Advocacy Group** in every barangay led by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK);
- Encourage youth volunteers to serve as **peer educators and ambassadors of drug-free living**;
- Support youth-led campaigns such as:
 - Social media advocacy (#DrugFreeYouthAlbueria);

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- Poster-making, slogan, and video contests;
- Community awareness drives and house-to-house information dissemination.

C. ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

1. Promote **sports development programs**, leagues, and tournaments;
2. Conduct **arts, music, dance, and cultural activities**;
3. Provide **skills training, leadership training, and livelihood programs** in coordination with concerned agencies;
4. Encourage participation in environmental and civic activities to promote positive youth engagement.

D. COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS

1. Observe and celebrate **Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week** and other related events;
2. Install and distribute **Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials** such as posters, tarpaulins, and brochures;
3. Conduct barangay-level **drug-free pledge campaigns** and youth summits.

E. PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATION

1. Strengthen collaboration with:
 - Philippine National Police (PNP)
 - Municipal Health Office (MHO)
 - Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO)
 - Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC)
 - Schools, NGOs, and faith-based organizations
2. Engage parents, teachers, and community leaders in advocacy efforts.

F. FUND UTILIZATION

The **Five Percent (5%) Annual SK Budget Allocation** mandated under this Ordinance shall be utilized to support the above programs, including:

- a. Training, seminars, and workshops;
- b. Advocacy materials and campaign expenses;
- c. Sports and youth development activities;
- d. Support for intervention and referral services;
- e. Other related activities consistent with the objectives of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. MANDATORY BUDGET ALLOCATION

All Sangguniang Kabataan Councils in the Municipality shall are strongly encouraged to allocate not less than five percent (%5) of their annual budget, subject to the priorities identified in their approved Annual Youth Development Plan and Annual Barangay Youth Development Investment Program

The allocated fund shall be used for:

- a. Conduct of trainings, seminars, and workshops;
- b. Production of IEC (Information, Education, Communication) materials;
- c. Youth-led activities and campaigns;
- d. Support for rehabilitation awareness and reintegration programs;
- e. Other related lawful expenditures consistent with this Ordinance.

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SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM

The implementation of this Ordinance shall be led by the Sangguniang Kabataan, in coordination with:

- Local Youth Development Office (LYDO)
- Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO)
- Municipal Health Office (MHO)
- Philippine National Police (PNP)
- Department of Education (DepEd)
- Barangay Councils

SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE LOCAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (LYDO)

The LYDO shall:

- a. Provide technical assistance to SK Councils;
- b. Consolidate youth drug-free programs;
- c. Monitor and evaluate program implementation;
- d. Submit annual reports to the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 9. INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION

Outstanding SK Councils implementing effective drug-free programs may be given recognition and incentives by the Municipality of Albueria During the Linggo ng Kabataan “oSKars Awards” thru the Local Youth Development Office.

SECTION 10. REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE TEMPLATE

All SK Councils shall submit **Report** to the LYDO every after the conduct of Event using the following standard format:

A. BASIC INFORMATION

- Barangay:
- SK Chairperson:
- Reporting Period:
- Total SK Annual Budget:
- 5% Allocation for Drug-Free Program:

B. PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

Date	Program/Activity	Description	No. of Participants	Partner Agencies
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C. BUDGET UTILIZATION

Program/Activity	Approved Budget	Actual Expenses	Balance
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D. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Summary of key achievements;
- Number of youth reached;
- Impact on the community.

E. CHALLENGES AND ISSUES

- Problems encountered during implementation;

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- Actions taken to address issues.

F. REFERRAL AND INTERVENTION REPORT

Youth identified as requiring counseling, intervention, or rehabilitation shall be referred to the appropriate agencies to include the MHO, MSWDO, BADAC, or accredited treatment facilities, subject to confidentiality laws and child protection policies.

- Number of youths referred for counseling or intervention;
- Type of services provided;
- Status of cases (confidential details withheld).

G. PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Proposed improvements;
- Planned activities for the next quarter/year.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any Ordinance or part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval after compliance with the publication or posting requirements under Section 59 of Republic Act No. 7160.

APPROVED.

ENACTED BY THE 12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALBUERA, LEYTE DURING ITS 52nd REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JULY 13, 2026 AT THE SESSION HALL, DAMULAAN, ALBUERA, LEYTE.

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

CARL KEVIN E. BATISTIS
SB Member I

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PPSK President/Ex-Officio Member

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance duly enacted by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Albura, Leyte on its 52nd Regular Session on July 13, 2026 at the Session Hall, Damulaan, Albura, Leyte.


PAMELA M. BOHOLST, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I


MARIEL E. MARINAY
Municipal Vice Mayor I/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ROLAN E. ESPINOSA
Municipal Mayor
Date: 16 JUL 2026



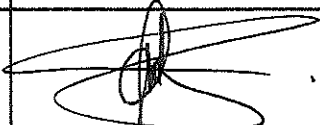
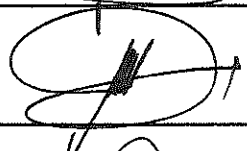
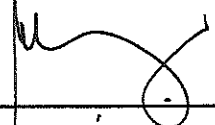
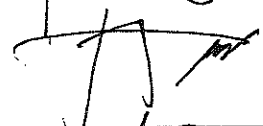
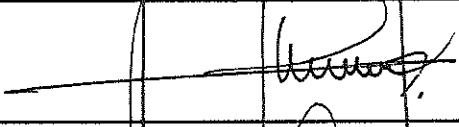
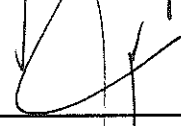
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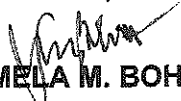
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11	Hon. BERNARD JOEY D. MESTULA SK Federation President, Ex-Officio	

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that those who have affixed their signatures above, have actually attended the 52nd Regular Session of the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Albuera, Leyte, held at the Damulaan Session Hall on July 13, 2026


PAMELA M. BOHOLST
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan