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**PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE**

**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**

September 10, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 9 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Baybay City, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 9 entitled: **“Responsible Pet Ownership Ordinance of the City of Baybay”**

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 458(a)(4)(viii)<sup>1</sup> 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*

<sup>1</sup> ((viii) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

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**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **City Ordinance No. 09, S. 2026 of the City of Baybay, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance prescribing guidelines on responsible pet dog ownership in the City of Baybay, amending certain sections of the City Ordinance No. 9 series of 2020.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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September 3, 2026

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
Province of Leyte  
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To the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte:

I am pleased to transmit herewith the Hard copy of the City Ordinance of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Baybay City:

1. City Ordinance No. 9, s. 2026 "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES ON RESPONSIBLE PET DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 9 SERIES OF 2020"

It is hoped that said Ordinance is in order and therefore, merits your kind consideration.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

  
ATTY. VIVIAN E. VIDALLON  
SP Secretary



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### 7TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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**ORDINANCE No. 09, S. 2026**

30th Regular Session

Date: SEP 03 2026  
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**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES ON RESPONSIBLE PET DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 9 SERIES OF 2020**

Authored by:

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### PREFATORY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code (LGC) of 1991, provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom x x x and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, x x x promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology x x x preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

WHEREAS, Section 458 Paragraph (a)(4)(viii) of the same Code expressly empowers the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* to provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

WHEREAS, in a study by the World Health Organization entitled "Animal Waste, Water Quality, and Human Health" published in 2012, it was found out that the excreta of mammals frequently contaminate water that is used for bathing and recreation, that is treated and distributed for human consumption, and that is used to irrigate crops.";

WHEREAS, the City is committed to protect the health and well-being of its citizens, while at the same time ensuring that responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals be practiced by the people;

WHEREAS, the LGC likewise directs Local Government Units to take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all forms of animal diseases;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, as it is hereby ordained by the 7th *Sangguniang Panlungsod* of the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, in its 30th Regular Session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as THE RESPONSIBLE PET DOG OWNERSHIP ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BAYBAY

**Section 2. SCOPE AND APPLICATION.** This Ordinance covers all owners of pet dogs residing in City, and those who carry, transport, convey, and/or stop with their dogs within the territorial jurisdiction of Baybay City.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

- a. **Adoption** - shall mean permanently taking in an impounded stray dog and integrating the dog into one's family providing a second chance of life for an impounded pet dog while freeing up rescue space.
- b. **Dog** - refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order *carnivora* (male or female), scientifically known as *Canis familiaris*.
- c. **Enclosed premises** - shall mean the house, fenced yard or property of the pet's owner.
- d. **Euthanasia** - refers to the process of painless death to dogs and other animals.
- e. **Fostering** - shall mean providing temporary, safe and calm home environment until the animal is fully rehabilitated or transferred to a dog pound.
- f. **Impound** - refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law
- g. **Owner** - refers to any person, including his/her representative, keeping, harboring, having custody or control of any domesticated dog, or permitting the same to habitually remain on, or be lodged or fed within his/her yard or premises.
- h. **Pet dog** - refers to a dog which is domesticated or considered tamed, and presumably under the control of its owner or the one in possession thereof; whether or not registered/licensed by the City.
- i. **Pound** - refers to a public enclosure for stray dogs.
- j. **Public places** - refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, markets, schools and streets.
- k. **Stray pet dog** - refers to any pet dog without leash wandering or roaming around without the presence or control of its owners.
- l. **Voluntary surrender of pet dog** - voluntarily relinquishing ownership of a pet dog to a shelter, rescue, or humane society. The owner transfers the legal rights and decision-making power regarding the dog's future to a facility, including adoption, transfer, or euthanasia

**SECTION 4. DEPUTATION.** The Barangay and SK Elected Officials, through the Barangay Chairperson, are hereby deputized to implement the provisions of this Ordinance in so far as hereinafter provided.

**SECTION 5. MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF PET DOGS.** All owners of pet dogs within the territorial jurisdiction of Baybay City are hereby mandated to submit annually their pet dog(s) for registration in their respective Barangays while newly born or acquired pet dogs shall be registered within thirty (30) days from birth or acquisition.

A registration fee of One Hundred Pesos (Php100.00) shall be collected by the Barangay for the registration of the first head of pet dog in the household. A registration fee of Two Hundred Pesos (Php 200) shall be collected for succeeding heads of pet dogs in the household. Cost of dog tag shall be added to the registration fees.

**SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET DOG OWNERS.** All owners of pet dogs within the territorial jurisdiction of Baybay City are responsible of the following:

- a. Submit their Dogs for mandatory registration annually.

- b. Have their dog regularly vaccinated against rabies and maintain a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their dog, for record purposes.
- c. Be a responsible owner by providing their dog with proper grooming, adequate food and clean shelter.
- d. Maintain control over their dog and not allow it to roam the streets or any public places without a leash.
- e. Pet dog owners whose pet are found to be urinating or defecating, and have been proven to do so, on another person's property, on streets, sidewalks, and other public places, shall properly collect and properly dispose the excreta left behind. Failure of the pet owners to collect and dispose the waste of their pets shall be penalized in accordance with Section 13 hereof.
- f. Report immediately any dog biting incident to the concerned Barangay Officials for investigation and/or appropriate action. Assist the dog bite victim immediately and shoulder the medical expenses incurred and other incidental expenses relative to the victim's injuries.
- g. Assume all liabilities, if any, for damage, injury and accident that their pet dogs may cause.

**SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BARANGAY.** The Barangay Officials shall have the following responsibilities, to wit:

- a. Formulate additional policies, if necessary, in support of this Ordinance.
- b. Designate Barangay Tanod(s) to act as Animal Control Officers.
- c. Designate Barangay Animal Welfare Officer who shall facilitate veterinary care of pet dogs and educate the public on responsible pet dog ownership.
- d. Include responsible pet dog ownership orientation and forums as a regular program of the Barangay.
- e. Allocate funds for the effective implementation of this Ordinance which can be used for the construction of a Barangay Dog Pound and for such other related purposes.
- f. Collect fees, fines and penalties in accordance with Sections 5 and 13 hereof. Collections related to this Ordinance shall go to the barangay and shall be used to enforce this Ordinance.
- g. Submit to the LGU, within February of each year, a list of its registered dogs.
- h. Ensure the proper removal and disposal of dead pet dogs in their respective Barangays.
- i. Spearhead the capture of, or the trapping of, stray dogs, and dispose of the same in accordance with this Ordinance and existing laws.

**SECTION 8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY LGU** - The Baybay City mayor shall issue an Executive Order (EO) to enforce the following responsibilities:

- a. Strictly enforce the provisions of this Ordinance including the establishments of Barangay Dog Pounds, dog impounding protocols, and field control mechanisms to eliminate stray dogs.
- b. Establish a City Dog Pound and strictly enforce dog impounding activities and field control to eliminate stray dogs.
- c. Allocate funds to augment the implementation of this Ordinance and other laws such as, but not limited to, the rabies prevention and control programs, particularly on the financing of supplies, and human and dog vaccines needed for immunization.
- d. Ensure the enforcement Republic Act No. 8485 or "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998", particularly Section 6 thereof.
- e. Enact additional ordinances that will support the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program of the National Government.
- f. Prohibit the trade of dogs for meat.

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- g. Maintain a dog pound where impounded dogs shall be kept, in accordance with Section 10 hereof, and existing laws and ordinances to that effect.
- h. Appoint a veterinarian and/or establish a veterinary office in the Local Government Unit of the City.
- i. Collect the fines imposed under Section 13 hereof. Provided, that any fines collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used for the enhancement of this Ordinance and other laws related to animal welfare as well as rabies prevention and control.
- j. Require pet shops to post information regarding rabies and responsible pet ownership.
- k. Develop a database for registration of pet dogs that Barangays can adopt, incorporating therein the use tags and photographs of pet dogs with its owners as a feature.
- l. Implement education program for responsible pet dog ownership.
- m. Collaborate with other government agencies and private sectors towards successful implementation of this Ordinance.
- n. Train Animal Control Officers and Animal Welfare Officers of the Barangays.

**SECTION 9. IMPOUNDING, FIELD CONTROL AND DISPOSITION OF UNREGISTERED, STRAY AND UNVACCINATED DOGS IN THE DOG POUND OF BARANGAYS.** The Barangay Units are primarily responsible for the control of dogs in their respective areas. Capture and impounding of stray, unregistered and sickly dogs shall be done by each Barangay.

The Barangay shall impound captured dog within their respective Barangay for no less than three (3) days. Owners may redeem their dog from the Barangay Dog Pound after paying the redemption fee as provided under Section 13 hereof.

However, stray dogs captured, confiscated or voluntarily surrendered within the Poblacion District Barangays, with no Dog Pound or without any space for confinement, may be brought directly to the City Dog Pound. The owners of these captured stray pet dogs shall then be given six (6) days redemption period. In each Barangay, photographs of captured dog shall be taken and posted in the bulletin board of the barangay hall coupled with announcement of the possibility of redemption after paying the appropriate fees.

All fees collected under this Ordinance shall be used exclusively for the promotion of responsible pet dog ownership in the Barangay.

**SECTION 10. IMPOUNDING, FIELD CONTROL AND DISPOSITION OF UNREGISTERED, STRAY AND UNVACCINATED DOGS IN THE CITY DOG POUND.** The City Dog Pound shall be responsible in keeping all unregistered, stray or unvaccinated dogs not claimed in the Barangay. After the lapsed of the period of confinement in the Barangay Dog Pound without the same being claimed by the owner, the subject dog shall then be transferred to the City Dog Pound and shall be kept therein for another three (3) days. The City Government shall have the responsibility of transferring the dogs in the Barangay Dog Pound to the City Dog Pound.

The owner may still redeem the impounded dogs at the City Dog Pound within three (3) days after it has been transferred but subject to redemption fees as provided under Section 13 hereof. Impounded dogs not claimed after three (3) days from the City Dog Pound shall then be placed for adoption to qualified persons, with the assistance of an animal welfare CSOs or NGOs, when feasible, or otherwise disposed of the same in any manner authorized by law or ordinance.

**SECTION 11. ADOPTION AND FOSTERING OF IMPOUNDED DOGS.** Interested residents of the City may adopt or foster dogs from the dog pounds. Filling up, signing and submission of an application to the City Veterinarian Office is required. Potential adopters and foster owners shall undergo orientation on responsible pet ownership before they will be allowed to adopt. A background investigation shall also be conducted by the City Government to determine the sincerity and fitness of the adopters to adopt and/or foster. Adoption contract shall be signed by the adopter and the City Government.

**SECTION 12. VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PET DOGS.** Pet owners may voluntarily relinquish their ownership of their full grown pet dogs and/or puppies to the City Government after ascertaining by the latter of the reasonableness of such surrender. All voluntary surrender of pet dogs shall be supported by proper application and execution of a waiver of ownership.

**SECTION 13. PENALTY CLAUSE.** Any violation of this Ordinance shall be imposed with the following fees and penalties:

- Pet owners who fail or refuse to have their dog registered and immunized against rabies shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or an imprisonment of not more than five (5) days. Pet owners shall also be liable to pay for the expenses of the vaccination of their dogs.
- Pet owners who refuse to have their dog put under observation after said dog has bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or an imprisonment of not more than five (5) days.
- Pet owners who refuse to put leash on their dogs when they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for each incident or an imprisonment of not more than five (5) days.
- Pet owners who fail to collect and properly dispose the excreta of pet animals shall be meted a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for each incident or an imprisonment of not more than five (5) days.
- Any person found guilty of trading dog for meat shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) per dog and shall be prosecuted criminally in accordance with Republic Act No. 8485 and such other laws related thereto.

**SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 15. TRANSITORY PROVISION.** Dog registration fees are waived from the date of approval of this ordinance until the end of CY 2026. However, the cost of the dog tag shall be the responsibility of the owner.

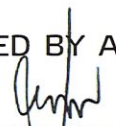
All other parts of this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval

**SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All executive orders, memorandum orders, memorandum circulars, administrative orders, ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 17. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect after due compliance with all the requirements provided under RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code.

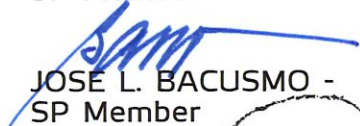
Enacted: July 30, 2026  
Baybay City, Leyte, Philippines.

CARRIED BY ALL OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT:

  
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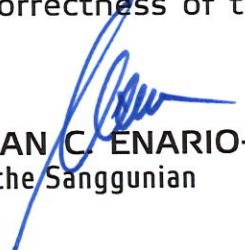
  
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RESOLVED FURTHER, that certified copies of this ORDINANCE be furnished to the City Mayor Honorable Jose Carlos L. Cari, City Administrator Florante Cayunda Jr.; City Legal Officer, Atty. Avito C. Cahig, Jr.; OIC City Budget Officer, Noel V. Managbanag; City Accountant Jay Ryan Austero; City Treasurer Alberta A. Manatad, CLGOO Jesica J. Josol, and to all other offices/agencies/entities concerned for their information, guidance and appropriate action.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

  
ATTY. VIVIAN C. ENARIO-VIDALLON  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

  
ATTESTED & CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ADOPTED

ATTY. ERNESTO M. BUTAWAN  
Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

CONFORME:

  
ENGR. JOSE CARLOS L. CARI  
City Mayor

Date: September 2, 2026



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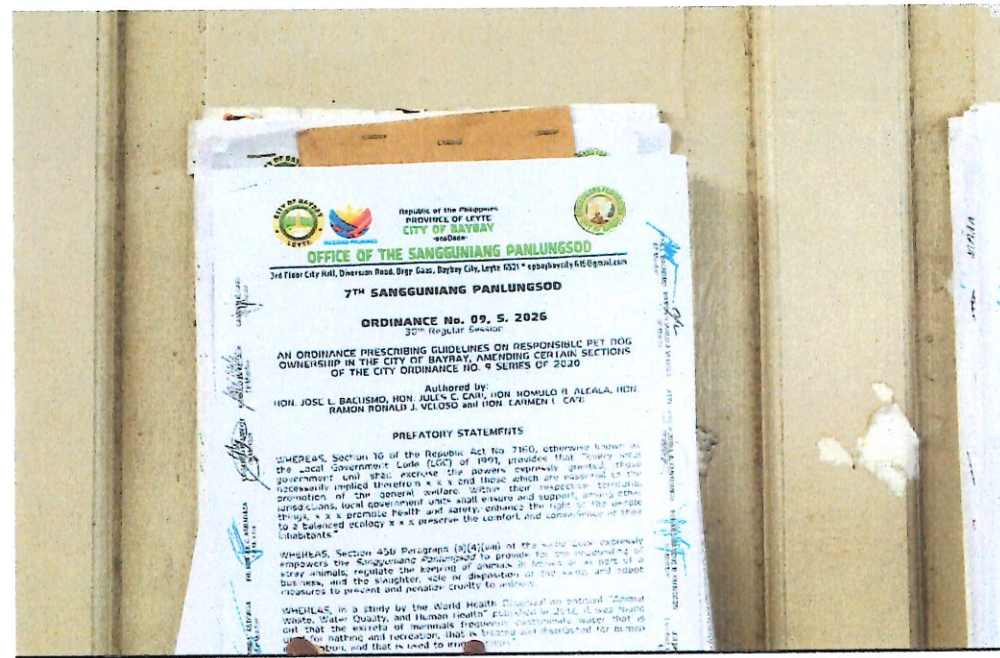
**TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:**

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the City Ordinance No. 09, S. 2026 "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES ON RESPONSIBLE PET DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 9 SERIES OF 2020" was posted in the bulletin board at the Legislative Department, New City Hall, Diversion Road, the Public Market and Baybay City Bus and Terminal immediately upon approval.**

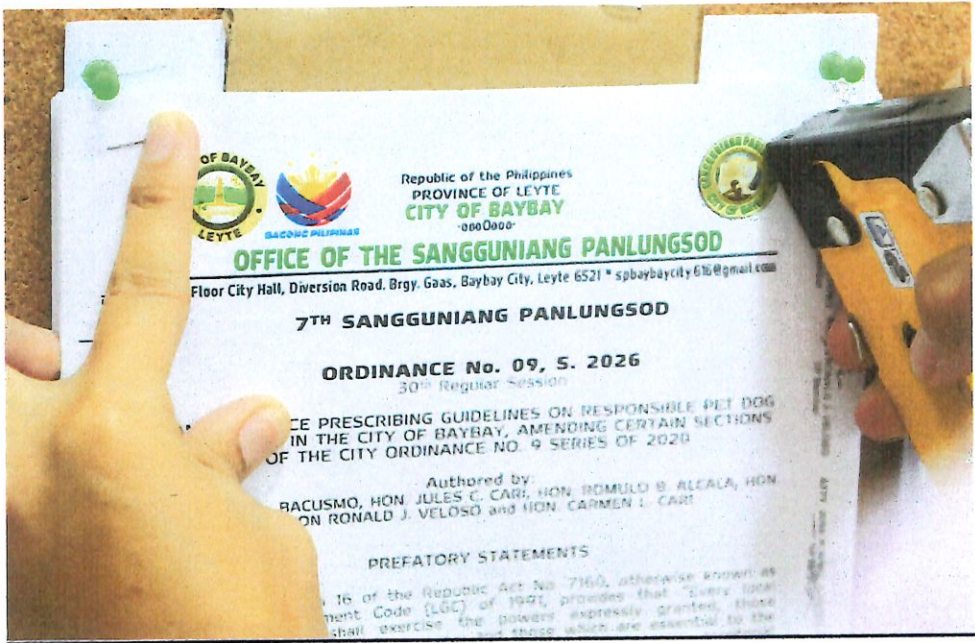
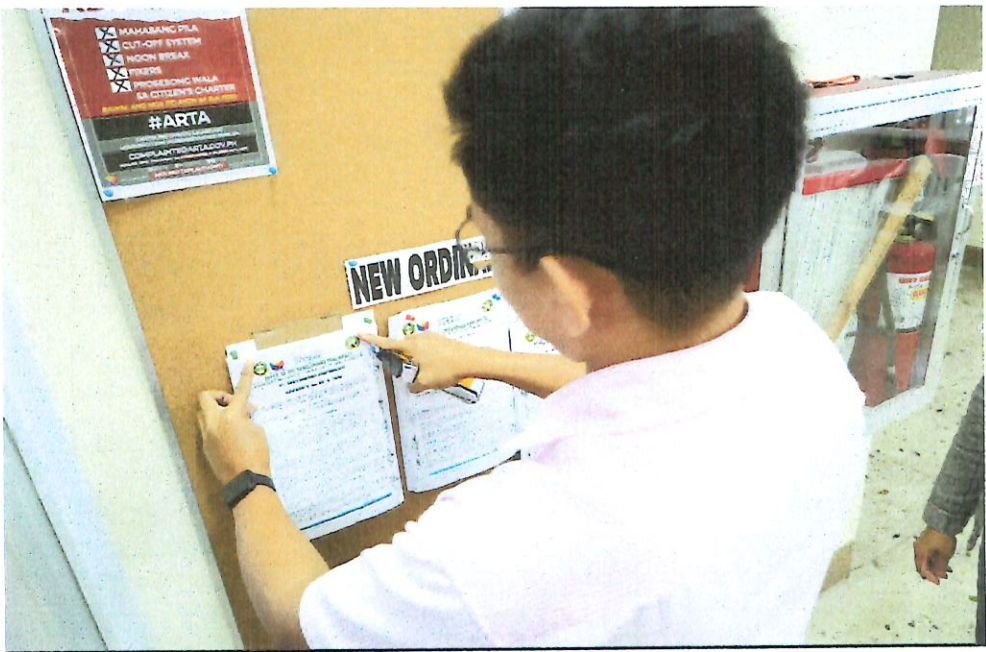
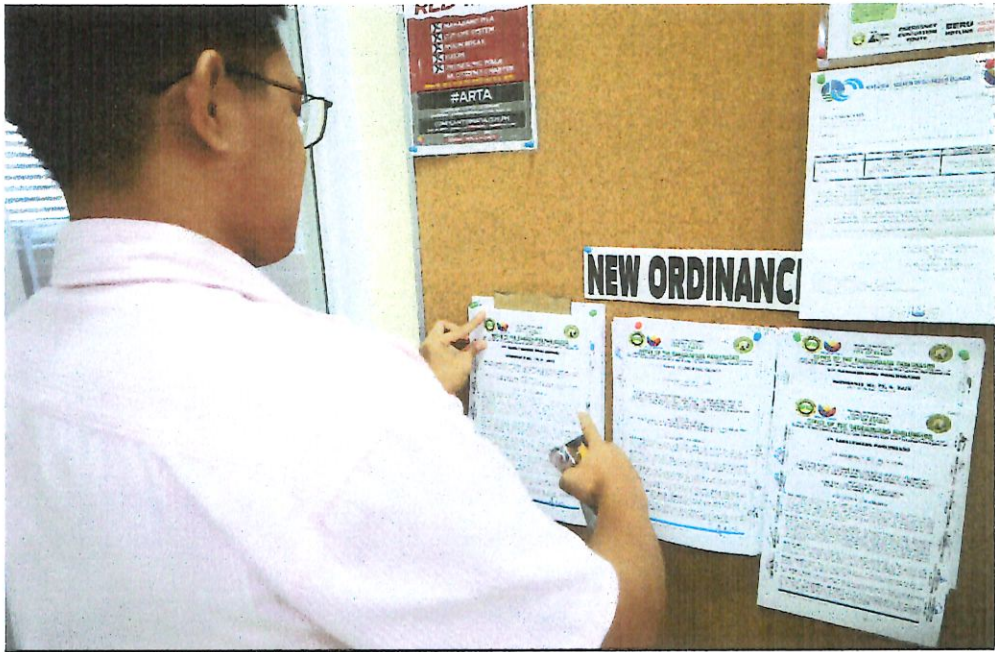
**Issued this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2026, at Baybay City, Leyte.**

  
**ATTY. VIVIAN E. VIDALLON**  
SP Secretary

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