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2nd INDORSEMENT

July 13, 2025

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 6 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Barugo, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 6 entitled: “**Nasunogan Church Ruins Protection and Preservation Ordinance of Barugo, Leyte.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). It is however noted on Section 10 of the proposed Ordinance that such penalties run afoul on what is provided on Section 447(a)(iii)². Hence, we recommend further review of the said Ordinance.

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 (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

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1ST INDORSEMENT
10 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 06, series of 2026** of the **Municipality of Barugo, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance safeguarding the Nasunogan Church Ruins and ensuring its cleanliness, conservation, preservation, protection, and maintenance pursuant to the mandate of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) for the protection of Important Cultural Properties (ICP), providing penalties for violations, appropriating funds therefor, and for other purposes.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian





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HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.
Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
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THRU: FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Leyte

Sir:

Respectfully submitted to your good office for review the herein ORDINANCE NO. 06, S. 2026 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE SAFEGUARDING THE NASUNOGAN CHURCH RUINS AND ENSURING ITS CLEANLINESS, CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO THE MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) FOR THE PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTIES (ICP), PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Anticipating your favorable action on this matter.

Very respectfully yours,

[Signature]
DANILO V. AVORQUE
SB Secretary

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CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a Public Hearing was conducted relative to the proposal to pass an Ordinance, ENTITLED **“AN ORDINANCE SAFEGUARDING THE NASUNOGAN CHURCH RUINS AND ENSURING ITS CLEANLINESS, CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO THE MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) FOR THE PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTIES (ICP), PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

This certification is issued this 8th day of July 2026 for whatever legal purpose it may serve.


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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ORDINANCE NO. 06, S. 2026 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE SAFEGUARDING THE NASUNOGAN CHURCH RUINS AND ENSURING ITS CLEANLINESS, CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO THE MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) FOR THE PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTIES (ICP), PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, was posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte in compliance with the provisions of RA 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991.

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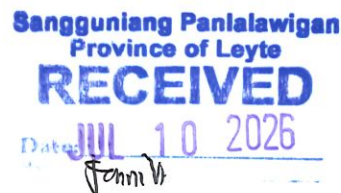
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF BARUGO, LEYTE ON ITS 15TH REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF MAY 2026, AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BARUGO, LEYTE.

Present:	Atty. Jesus B. Cabanacan	Municipal Vice Mayor
		Presiding Officer
	Hon. Felix A. Diloy	SB Member
	Hon. Josephine C. Tiu	SB Member
	Hon. Roselyn L. Baltar	SB Member
	Hon. Nikkos Rhet V. Astorga	SB Member
	Hon. Sonia A. Cañeda	SB Member
	Hon. Eduardo C. Calzita	SB Member
	Atty. Harold Edgar Apostol	SB Member
	Hon. Joemar Q. Acebo	Liga Ng Mga Barangay President
	Hon. Eric C. Hingpis	Pederasyon Ng Mga Sangguniang Kabataan
Absent:	Hon. Charee Mae M. Avila	SB Member (FL)



ORDINANCE NO. 06, S. 2026

AN ORDINANCE SAFEGUARDING THE NASUNOGAN CHURCH RUINS AND ENSURING ITS CLEANLINESS, CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO THE MANDATE OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) FOR THE PROTECTION OF IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTIES (ICP), PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Sponsored by: SBM Roselyn L. Baltar)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Bayan of Barugo, Leyte, on its Regular Session assembled to wit:

SECTION 1. Title

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Nasunogan Church Ruins Protection and Preservation Ordinance of Barugo, Leyte.”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Barugo to preserve, protect, conserve, maintain, and promote the historical, cultural, architectural, and tourism significance of the Nasunogan Church Ruins as part of the municipality’s heritage and identity. The Municipality recognizes the importance of safeguarding cultural properties and ensuring that historical landmarks are properly maintained for the benefit of present and future generations.

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10066, otherwise known as the “National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009,” and in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the Municipality of Barugo shall undertake measures to ensure the preservation, cleanliness, maintenance, and protection of the Nasunogan Church Ruins.

SECTION 3. Objectives

This Ordinance aims to:

1. Preserve and protect the Nasunogan Church Ruins as an important cultural property of the Municipality of Barugo;
2. Ensure the cleanliness, orderliness, and maintenance of the historical site;

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3. Prevent vandalism, destruction, unauthorized alteration, excavation, and misuse of the ruins and surrounding premises;
4. Promote public awareness, appreciation, and participation in heritage conservation;
5. Encourage responsible tourism and cultural education;
6. Establish rules and penalties to protect the integrity of the site; and
7. Strengthen coordination with the NHCP and other concerned agencies in heritage preservation.

SECTION 4. Coverage.

This Ordinance shall apply to the Nasunogan Church Ruins, including its surrounding premises, buffer zones, access areas, and any adjacent property identified by the Municipal Government and the NHCP as necessary for preservation and protection.

SECTION 5. Definition of terms

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. "Nasunogan Church Ruins" – the historical ruins located in the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte, recognized for its historical and cultural significance.
- b. "Important Cultural Property (ICP)" – cultural property declared by competent authorities as possessing exceptional cultural, historical, artistic, and/or scientific value significant to the nation or locality.
- c. "Vandalism" – any act that defaces, damages, destroys, paints, writes on, or alters any part of the church ruins or surrounding structures.
- d. "Preservation" – all activities intended to maintain and protect the historical integrity and condition of the ruins.
- e. "Maintenance" – regular cleaning, vegetation control, inspection, repair, and upkeep activities conducted to ensure the safety and cleanliness of the site.

SECTION 6. Prohibited Acts.

The following acts are strictly prohibited within the Nasunogan Church Ruins premises and designated protected areas:

1. Defacing, vandalizing, writing, carving, painting, or marking any portion of the ruins;
2. Destroying, removing, excavating, altering, or damaging any structure, artifact, stone, or material found within the site;
3. Dumping garbage, littering, or disposing of waste materials within the premises;
4. Unauthorized construction, installation, or modification of structures within the protected area;
5. Conducting unauthorized excavations, treasure hunting, or artifact collection;
6. Climbing, sitting, or standing on fragile portions of the ruins that may cause damage
7. Posting tarpaulins, advertisements, streamers, posters, or signage without prior approval from the Municipal Government;
8. Grazing animals or allowing livestock to roam freely within the protected premises;
9. Conducting activities that may endanger the structural integrity of the ruins;
10. Any act that disturbs the solemnity, cultural value, and historical integrity of the site.

SECTION 7. Maintenance and Cleanliness Program.

The Municipal Government of Barugo, through the Municipal Tourism Office, Municipal Engineering Office, MENRO, Barangay Officials, and other concerned offices, shall:

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1. Conduct regular cleaning and maintenance activities;
2. Install proper waste disposal bins and informational signages;
3. Maintain landscaping and vegetation control around the site;
4. Conduct regular inspection and monitoring of the condition of the ruins;
5. Coordinate with the NHCP and other heritage agencies regarding conservation measures;
6. Organize community participation activities, clean-up drives, and heritage awareness campaigns.

SECTION 8. Creation of the Nasunogan Church Ruins Protection and Preservation Committee.

There is hereby created a Nasunogan Church Ruins Protection and Preservation Committee composed of the following:

Municipal Mayor – Chairperson
SB Chairperson on Tourism/Culture – Vice Chairperson
Municipal Tourism Officer – Member
Municipal Engineer – Member
MENRO Officer – Member
Barangay Captain concerned – Member
Representative from NHCP or accredited heritage organization – Member
Representative from local religious sector – Member
Representative from youth sector – Member

The Committee shall formulate policies, recommend conservation measures, oversee implementation, and ensure compliance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Information and Education Campaign.

The Municipality shall conduct continuing information and education campaigns to raise public awareness regarding the historical and cultural importance of the Nasunogan Church Ruins and the responsibilities of the community in preserving the site.

SECTION 10. Penalties.

Any person found violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense:

Fine of not less than **One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00)** but not more than **Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00)**, or community service of not less than three (3) days.

Second Offense:

Fine of not less than **Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00)** but not more than **Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00)**, or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days, at the discretion of the court.

Third and Subsequent Offenses:

Fine of not less than **Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00)** but not more than **Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00)**, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, at the discretion of the court.

If the violation results in severe damage or destruction of cultural property, applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 10066 and other national laws shall likewise apply.

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SECTION 11. Liability of Juridical Persons.

If the offender is a corporation, association, partnership, contractor, or any juridical entity, the responsible officers thereof shall be held liable.

SECTION 12. Enforcement.

The Philippine National Police (PNP), Barangay Officials, Municipal Tourism Office, MENRO, and other authorized municipal personnel are hereby tasked to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. Appropriation.

The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Municipality of Barugo, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual municipal budget.

SECTION 14. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Nasunogan Church Ruins Protection and Preservation Committee shall formulate the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. 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 16. Repealing Clause.

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

SECTION 17. Effectivity.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication or posting in conspicuous places within the Municipality of Barugo, Leyte, in accordance with law.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan, in session assembled this 5TH day of May 2026 at Barugo, Leyte.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of this foregoing ordinance.


MAE SAREENA ABIELLE T. ELLASO
Admin. Asst. II/Temporary SB Secretary

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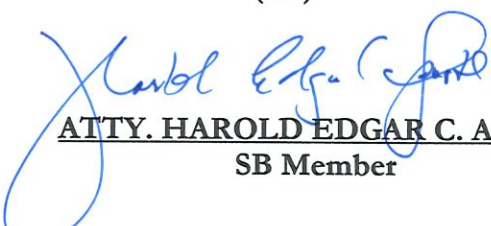

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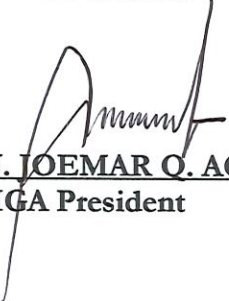

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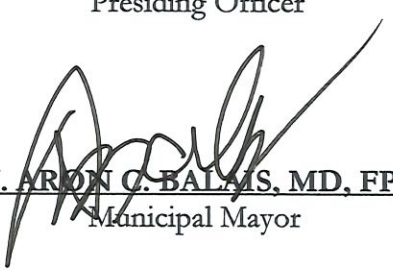

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APPROVED BY:


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