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

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-08 entitled: "Fire Hydrant and Fire Lane Management and Protection Ordinance"

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)(5)(vi) and (vii)¹ 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

¹ (vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit the putting up of encroachments or obstacles thereon, and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare, authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public places;

(vii) Subject to existing laws, provide for the establishment, operation, maintenance, and repair of an efficient waterworks system to supply water for the inhabitants; regulate the construction, maintenance, repair and use of hydrants, pumps, cisterns and reservoirs; protect the purity and quantity of the water supply of the municipality and, for this purpose, extend the coverage of appropriate ordinances over all territory within the drainage area of said water supply and within one hundred (100) meters of the reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct, pumping station, or watershed used in connection with the water service; and regulate the consumption, use or wastage of water;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-08** of the **Municipality of Hindang, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating the installation, provision, maintenance, protection, and use of fire hydrants and fire lanes in the Municipality of Hindang, Leyte, prohibiting obstructions, illegal parking, and unauthorized use thereof, providing penalties therefor, and for other purpose**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF
HINDANG, LEYTE, IN ITS REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JULY 27, 2026 AT
THE SB SESSION HALL**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION, PROVISION, MAINTENANCE,
PROTECTION, AND USE OF FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE LANES IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF HINDANG, LEYTE; PROHIBITING OBSTRUCTIONS, ILLEGAL PARKING, AND
UNAUTHORIZED USE THEREOF; PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSE**

**Authored by:
Hon. Clotilde P. Abenoja-Guinocor**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The protection of lives and properties is a fundamental responsibility of the Local Government Unit. Fire incidents, when not immediately addressed due to lack of access to water sources or obstructed emergency routes, can result in severe damage, injury, and loss of life.

National laws such as Republic Act No. 4136, Republic Act No. 7160, and Republic Act No. 9514 mandate the proper provision, accessibility, and protection of fire hydrants and fire lanes. However, despite these existing laws, there remains a need to localize and strengthen enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance within the Municipality of Hindang.

Incidents reported in various jurisdictions have shown that vehicles parked near fire hydrants, the obstruction of designated fire lanes, and the unauthorized use of fire hydrants can severely compromise emergency preparedness and response efficiency.

This Ordinance is therefore proposed to institutionalize clear local policies, designate responsibilities among implementing agencies, regulate the installation and use of fire safety infrastructure, and promote public awareness. It aims to ensure that fire hydrants remain accessible, fire lanes remain unobstructed, and emergency responders are able to perform their duties without delay.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Hindang, Leyte, in its regular session assembled this date, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Fire Hydrant and Fire Lane Management and Protection Ordinance of Hindang, Leyte"**.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality to safeguard the general welfare by ensuring the proper installation, maintenance, accessibility, and protection of fire hydrants and fire lanes, and by preventing any act that may hinder emergency response operations.

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SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Ordinance:

- a. **Fire Hydrant** – A connection point to a water supply system intended for firefighting use.
- b. **Fire Lane** – A designated access route reserved exclusively for fire response and emergency vehicles.
- c. **Obstruction** – Any act, object, or condition that blocks, limits, or interferes with access to fire hydrants or fire lanes.
- d. **Unauthorized Use** – Any use of fire hydrants without prior approval from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Local Government Unit.
- e. **Implementing Agencies** – Refers to the BFP, PNP, LGU offices, and water service providers tasked with enforcing this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. PROVISION AND INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS

- a. All developers, property owners, and operators of residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, or storage establishments shall install fire hydrants in accordance with applicable national laws and regulations, including RA 9514 and its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations.
- b. Fire hydrants shall be installed at strategic locations to ensure adequate coverage, visibility, and accessibility for firefighting operations.
- c. The maximum distance between fire hydrants shall not exceed two hundred fifty meters (250 m). Each fire hydrant shall be capable of delivering a minimum water flow of 3,785 liters per minute (1,000 gallons per minute) for at least one (1) hour.
- d. Industrial or storage occupancies with a floor area of five thousand square meters (5,000 sq. m.) or more shall provide at least one (1) fire hydrant within the premises.
- e. The Local Government, in coordination with the Bureau of Fire Protection and water service providers, shall ensure the availability of sufficient water sources, including fire hydrants, cisterns, elevated water tanks, or alternative water-impounding devices, particularly in areas without a reliable public water supply.
- f. All water reservoirs or tanks shall maintain a minimum fire reserve of twenty percent (20%) over and above the Average Daily Demand Supply (ADDs) to ensure readiness for firefighting operations.

SECTION 5. PROTECTION AND ACCESSIBILITY

- a. Fire hydrants shall always remain visible, accessible, and free from any obstruction. No person shall tamper with, damage, conceal, or render inoperative any fire hydrant.
- b. Clearly visible warning signs and pavement markings, reading “NO PARKING – FIRE HYDRANT”, shall be installed near all fire hydrants to indicate restricted zones and to ensure compliance with this Ordinance and Republic Act No. 4136.

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c. The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) and other concerned offices, shall monitor and enforce the proper use and protection of fire hydrants.

SECTION 6. FIRE LANE DESIGNATION AND MAINTENANCE

a. The Municipal Fire Marshal, in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU) and other concerned agencies, shall identify, designate, and approve fire lanes within the municipality in accordance with national fire safety standards.

b. Fire lanes shall be clearly marked and maintained to ensure visibility and compliance. Such markings shall include:

- Red paint along the curb or lane edges
- The words "FIRE LANE" or "FIRE LANE – NO PARKING" displayed at prescribed dimensions and intervals, as required by the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR) of RA 9514.

c. Fire lanes shall maintain the following minimum standards for accessibility:

- Unobstructed width: not less than 6.1 meters
- Vertical clearance: not less than 4.1 meters

d. Fire lanes shall remain unobstructed at all times and shall be used exclusively for emergency access. The BFP and LGU shall monitor compliance and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PROHIBITION

The following acts are hereby declared unlawful:

- a. Parking or stopping any vehicle within four (4) meters of a fire hydrant;
- b. Obstructing access to fire hydrants or designated fire lanes in any manner, including placement of objects, structures, or vehicles;
- c. Removing, damaging, defacing, or tampering with fire hydrants, fire lane signage, or pavement markings;
- d. Using fire lanes for purposes other than emergency access, including parking, loading/unloading, vending, or storage;
- e. Unauthorized use of fire hydrants, including but not limited to:
 1. Drawing, collecting, or diverting water without written authority from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Local Government Unit (LGU);
 2. Using fire hydrant water for personal, commercial, agricultural, construction, or industrial purposes;
 3. Selling fire hydrant water or using it as a source of income;

- 4. Installing hoses, pumps, valves, or other devices to extract water from fire hydrants without proper authorization;
- 5. Any other act in violation of Republic Act No. 9514, its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (RIRR), and related fire safety laws.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES

Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. **First Offense** – a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00);
- b. **Second Offense** – a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00);
- c. **Third and Succeeding Offenses** – A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00), or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

In addition to the penalties above, the following measures may be imposed:

- a. Immediate towing or impounding of vehicles illegally parked or causing obstruction, at the owner's expense;
- b. Immediate removal of obstruction and clearing of fire hydrants or fire lanes;
- c. Confiscation of tools, equipment, or devices used in unauthorized use of fire hydrants;
- d. Payment of full repair or replacement cost for any damaged fire hydrant, signage, or fire lane marking;
- e. For business establishments:
 - 1. **First Offense** – Written Warning;
 - 2. **Second Offense** – Suspension of Business Permit for a period not exceeding three (3) days;
 - 3. **Third and Succeeding Offenses** – Suspension of Business Permit for a period not exceeding seven (7) days, or revocation or non-renewal of the Business Permit.
- f. Denial of issuance or renewal of permits, licenses, or clearances for failure to settle fines or comply with this Ordinance;

WITHOUT PREJUDICE CLAUSE

The penalties imposed herein shall be without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil, criminal, or administrative charges under existing national laws, including Republic Act No. 4136 and Republic Act No. 9514.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Hindang, Leyte.

ENACTED this 27th day of July, 2026 by this Sanggunian in its regular session held for the purpose at the SB Session Hall, this Municipality, with the following votes:

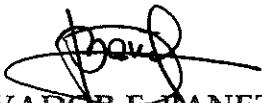
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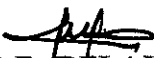

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SB Member


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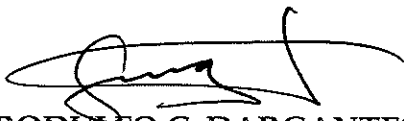
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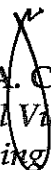

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ANNABEL A. MABALE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

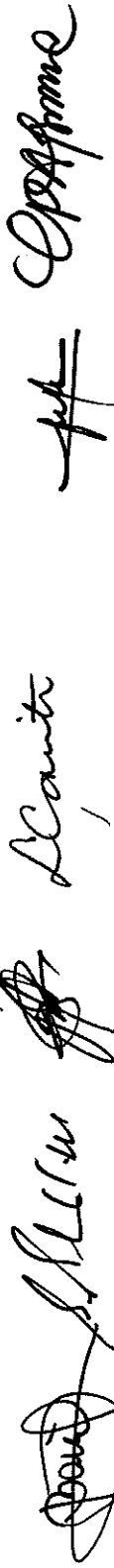
ATTESTED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:


JUN A. CABAL
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ELPIDIO B. CABAL, JR.
Municipal Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY *that* ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08 of the Sangguniang Bayan, Hindang, Leyte, RE: *"An Ordinance regulating the installation, provision, maintenance, protection, and use of fire hydrants and fire lanes in the Municipality of Hindang, Leyte; prohibiting obstructions, illegal parking, and unauthorized use thereof; providing penalties therefor and for other purpose"*, had been correspondingly posted in the Municipal Hall and two (2) conspicuous places of the municipality as prescribed under the Local Government Code of 1991 otherwise known as Republic Act 7160.

GIVEN *this 12th day of August, 2026 at Hindang, Leyte, Philippines.*


ANNABEL A. MABALE
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY *that a PUBLIC HEARING was actually conducted last July 21, 2026 relative to ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -08 of the Sangguniang Bayan, this municipality, RE: "An Ordinance regulating the installation, provision, maintenance, protection, and use of fire hydrants and fire lanes in the Municipality of Hindang, Leyte; prohibiting obstructions, illegal parking, and unauthorized use thereof; providing penalties therefor and for other purpose", as prescribed under the Local Government Code of 1991.*

THIS CERTIFICATION *is issued in compliance with the requirements as provided for under Republic Act 7160.*

GIVEN this *12th day of August, 2026 at Hindang, Leyte, Philippines.*


ANNABEL A. MABALE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTENDANCE SHEET

PUBLIC HEARING on proposed ordinances :

- An Ordinance prohibiting the collection, solicitation or acceptance of any fees, contributions of gifts of beneficiaries of Government Assistance Programs in the Municipality of Hindang, Leyte, and Providing Penalties Thereof, by Hon. Mikhael Anne Gelo D. Aboyme;
- An Ordinance regulating the installation, provision, maintenance, protection and use of hydrants and fire lanes in the Municipality of Hindang, Leyte; prohibiting obstructions, illegal parking, and unauthorized use thereof; providing penalties thereof, and for other purposes, by Hon. Clotilde A. Guinocor;
- An Ordinance establishing the Policies, Guidelines, Rental Rates and conditions for the Lease of Commercial and Office Spaces in the Hindang Port Terminal Building, Brgy. Tabok, Hindang, Leyte and for other purposes, by Hon. Clotilde A. Guinocor;

JULY 21, 2026 @ 8:00AM , SB Conference Hall, LGU Hindang

Name	Barangay	Gender		Signature
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1. RENEWAL M. LEGASPI	TABOK 4PS		✓	
2. MARISA A. LARGONIA	TABOK 4PS		✓	
3. EPPEN M. RALLOS	PONTOL	✓		
4. FLORENDA P. SERRA	HIMACUO			
5. CATHERINE D. AGRADO	HIMACUO		✓	
6. WILMA B. MEDIA	KATIPUNAN		✓	
7. Imelda A. Canlas	Doa del Norte		✓	
8. Uchel chona G. Cantiga	Pob. 1 OSCA		✓	
9. Victoriano A. Dagaman Jr.	BALDO 2A	✓		
10. Rudolph B. DELLO	ANOLON	✓		
11. EDUARDO C. CRISTINO	PONTOL	✓		
12. ARL A. Abayon	Anabaw	✓		
13. JENNY S. PARMONTE	BDS	✓		
14. PLT EUREN SORSONG JR	COB Hindang	✓		
15. P/L Mark Anthony F. Milano	HINDANG PNP	✓		
16. ADRIAN N. LIGDO	MAHILUM	✓		
17. TEODORO A. NETA	MA-ASIN 1	✓		
18. SEOUNDINA B. ANOLON	ANOLON		✓	
19. Paulito C. Dargantes	XBC PRESS	✓		
20. Angelina B. Benito	Dagudosan		✓	
21. JOEL A. BONTUAN	DABACON	✓		
22. ESTRELLA M. ALEMANA JR	PONTOL	✓		
23. FOR Emmanuel S. Calagis		✓		
24. JOY Kim P. Lopez	BTP Hindang	✓		
25. FOR Kathy C. Marfe		✓		
26. LOWIE R. APORANTES	P/B DRS	✓		
27. BRISARIO F. de Guis	Pob. 1	✓		
28. JOSE MARION D. MONTANO	LGU - SB	✓		
29. MONIKA A. ORVITA	SB m		✓	
30. CLOTILDE A. GUINOCOR	SB m		✓	

31. SORIANO B. DELACANON	SBM	M		
32. PEDRAJO A. CUBERO	"	M		
33. VICTORIA N. FULCRO	M / PMS		F	
34. ~~ARNOLD~~ ABAND	POB. 2	M		
35. Mica Tonette Manapul	POB del cur		F	
36. Maria Janisheer V. Semblante	POB. 1		F	
37. Myrna C. Abasola	USO II - SBO		F	
38. Rosa T. Villacorte	POB. 1		F	
39. Anlene Ledes	Tagb		F	
40. LUIS P. LEON	POB 2	M		
41. Mary Jane R. Araago	POB. 1		F	
42. ANTONIO REMOTO	POB. 2	M		
43. Melody Apas	Tabok		F	
44. Rosali G. Sulmar	Tagbibi		F	
45. Debora Canigas	DDN		F	
46. Andre Abamo	PDN	M		
47. Leah Corpin	Tabok		F	
48. Lyra Abasola	Marasin		F	
49. Erik Guazm	Tabok	M		
50. Jessa Resula	POB 2		F	
51. Ovarter Jr. Almaria	AND May Tagbibi	M.		
52. Jeanna Kesiya G. Abundo	POB. 1		F	
53. Leona Albesa	Anolon		F	
54. Danila Albesa	San Vicente		F	
55. Maria Evelyn Gloom	POB. 1		F	
56. Katherine Santiago	Anolon		F	
57. MY BAUNA	POB. 1		F	
58. VICENTE BETCHER	POB. 2	M		
59. Christine Ann Amato	Indang		F	
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