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PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

2nd INDORSEMENT

September 4, 2026

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Province of Leyte

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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-012 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Santa Fe, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-013: **"An Ordinance reclassifying Lot No. 4301 etc.."**

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)(2)(viii)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(viii) Reclassify land within the jurisdiction of the municipality, subject to the pertinent provisions of this Code;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-012, series of 2026** of the **Municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance reclassifying Lot No. 4301 from commercial/industrial to residential use located at Barangay Pilit, Santa Fe, Leyte.**

[Signature]
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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INDORSEMENT

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
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RESPECTFULLY FORWARDED to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, Palo, Leyte: the herein attached **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO.2026-012 (SERIES OF 2026)** of the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality, entitled "AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 4301 FROM COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL USE LOCATED AT BARANGAY PILIT, SANTA FE, LEYTE, duly approved by the said August Body on **July 06, 2026**, hereby recommending your appropriate favorable action.

[Signature]
JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Copy Furnished:

- *The Municipal Mayor*
- *The Municipal Treasurer's Office*
- *The Municipal Police Station*
- *All in Santa Fe, Leyte*

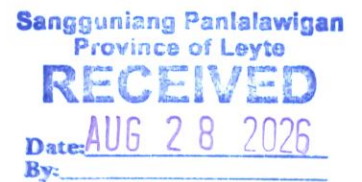


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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the copies of Municipal Ordinance of the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No.2026-012 (Series of 2026)** of the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 4301 FROM COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL USE LOCATED AT BARANGAY PILIT, SANTA FE, LEYTE** , duly approved and/or enacted by said August Body on **July 06, 2026**, has been posted in at least (3) conspicuous places in the municipality. One copy was posted at the bulletin board at the lobby of the municipal hall, one at the HRMO, and one at the Municipal Gymnasium.

Issued this 23rd day of July 2026, at Santa Fe, Leyte.


JULIUS XERKES M. OBENQUE
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



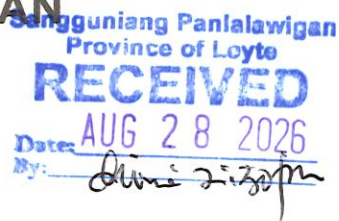
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-012
Series of 2026



AN ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 4301 FROM COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL USE LOCATED AT BARANGAY PILIT, SANTA FE, LEYTE OF THIS MUNICIPALITY.

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HON. RICARDO D. FAJARDO
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HON. GENY R. ESMERO
HON. LEAH T. SALCEDA
HON. ALDRIN D. PETILLA
HON. MARILOU L. MILITANTE
HON. KENT ELMER JACINTO

HON. EDUARDO N. TOREROS
Presiding Officer

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Santa Fe, Province of Leyte, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Reclassifying Lot No. 4301 from Commercial/Industrial to Residential Use Located at Barangay Pilit, Santa Fe, Leyte. "

SECTION 2. PURPOSE – This Ordinance is enacted to promote the proper and beneficial use of land consistent with the Municipality's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and to address the growing need for residential areas within Barangay Pilit, Santa Fe, Leyte.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE – This Ordinance covers Lot No. 4301, presently classified as Commercial/Industrial, situated in Barangay Pilit, Municipality of Santa Fe, Province of Leyte, with a total land area of 21,050 square meters, more or less, and registered under the name of Mr. Leonardo M. Javier Jr., married to Mrs. Lolita T. Javier.



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SECTION 4. RECLASSIFICATION – Lot No.4301 is hereby reclassified from Commercial/Industrial to residential use, subject to existing laws, zoning ordinances, and approval of concerned national government agencies, including the Department of Agrarian Reform and other regulatory bodies, when applicable.

SECTION 5. JUSTIFICATION – The reclassification is justified by the following:

- a) The area surrounding the subject property has gradually developed into a residential community.
- b) The reclassification will support housing needs and community development.
- c) The proposed use is consistent with the overall land use direction of the Municipality.
- d) The change will not adversely affect public welfare, safety, and environmental balance.

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS – The property owner shall comply with all applicable requirements set by national and local government agencies, including but not limited to;

- a) Zoning Regulations and locational clearances;
- b) Environmental compliance requirements;
- c) Building permits and other necessary approvals.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION – The Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), in coordination with the Office of the Municipal Assessor and other concerned offices, shall implement and monitor compliance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES - Any violations of this Ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with existing laws and local ordinances.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE –If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any ordinances, resolutions, and issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This ordinance shall take effect after three (3) consecutive weeks by way of posting copies at the bulletin board of the municipal building and in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte.

ENACTED this 6th day of July 2026 during the 27th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Santa Fe, Leyte.



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Let copies of the Ordinance be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Amparo H. Monteza; to the Office of the Municipal, Municipal Planning, and Development Office (MPDO), Municipal Assessor's Office, and Municipal Engineering Office

This ordinance is approved unanimously.


HON. RODEL L. AJETO

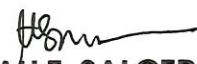
Sangguniang Bayan Member


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Liga President/SB Member


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Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. KENT ELMER JACINTO

SK Federation President

I HEREBY CERTIFY the correctness of the foregoing quoted resolution and ordinance

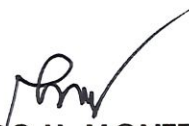

JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE
SB Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


HON. EDUARDO N. TOREROS

Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. AMPARO H. MONTEZA

Municipal Mayor

Date: JUL 7 13, 2026