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2nd INDORSEMENT

July 15, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 29 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 29 entitled: “**An Ordinance establishing the coastal Greenbelt ones of the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte 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)(1)(vi)¹ and Section 447(5)(i)² 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) Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging and smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash and burn farming, and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance;

² (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1st Indorsement

14 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 29, s. 2026** of the **Municipality of Villaba, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Coastal Greenbelt Zones of the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte, providing for their scientific management, protection, restoration and sustainability, and prescribing penalties for violations thereof.**


ANDRE S. SANICO
Prov. Govt. Asst. Dept. Head



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Thru: **LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR**
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Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

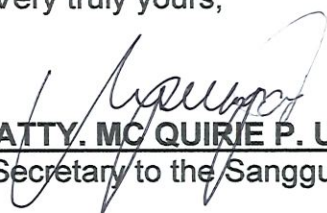
We respectfully transmit herewith fourteen (14) original copies of:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 29, 2026 – entitled: “AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES OF THE MUNICIPALITY
OF VILLABA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT,
PROTECTION, RESTORATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRESCRIBING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF,”

For your review and approval.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Copy Furnished:

1. Municipal Treasury Office
 2. Municipal Accounting Office
 3. Municipal Budget Office
- LGU- Villaba, Leyte



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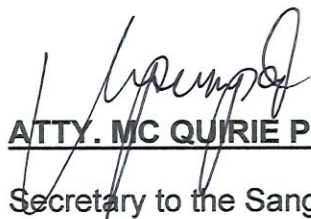
Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:

In relation to our letter of transmittal for review of MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 29, S. 2026 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, RESTORATION, SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF", the undersigned undertake to submit the proof of publication within twenty (20) days from receipt of this letter.

Hoping for your favorable cooperation.

Thank you.

Best regards,



ATTY. MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD

Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Authored by: Hon. Richard R. Veloso
Sponsored by: Hon. Randel V. Loon and Hon. Jamel O. Gonzales

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the coastal areas of the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte, are vital natural resources that provide ecological, economic, and social benefits to the community, including protection against storm surges, support for fisheries, biodiversity conservation, and opportunities for sustainable tourism;

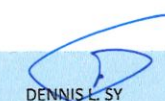
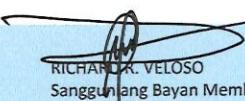
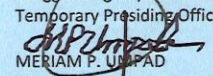
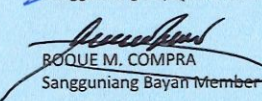
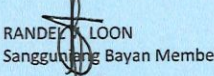
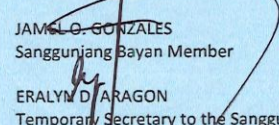
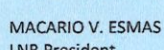
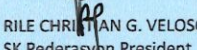
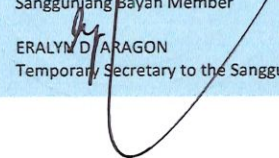
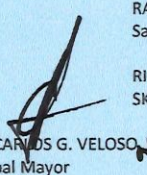
WHEREAS, these coastal areas are increasingly threatened by human activities such as illegal settlement, improper waste disposal, unsustainable fishing practices, and other forms of environmental degradation;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Villaba recognizes the urgent need to conserve, protect, and sustainably manage its coastal ecosystems to ensure the long-term welfare of its people and the resilience of its environment;

WHEREAS, the establishment of scientifically managed coastal greenbelt zones is necessary to preserve biodiversity, maintain ecological balance, prevent coastal erosion, and promote sustainable use of coastal resources;

Now, Therefore, on motion by the Hon. Richard R. Veloso, duly seconded by the Hon. Randel V. Loon, be it

Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte, in session duly assembled, that:

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SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Villaba Coastal Greenbelt Management, Protection, and Climate Resilience Ordinance of 2026,” hereinafter referred to as the “Ordinance,” which establishes a comprehensive legal and administrative framework for the protection, rehabilitation, and sustainable management of coastal ecosystems within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Villaba, Leyte.

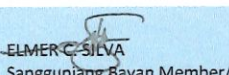
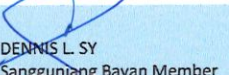
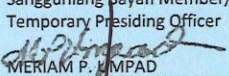
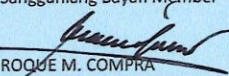
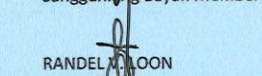
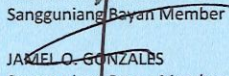
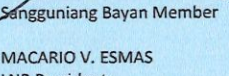
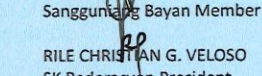
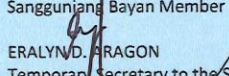
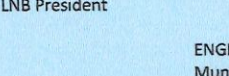
SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Villaba to uphold the constitutional right of its people to a balanced and healthful ecology by protecting and rehabilitating coastal ecosystems, particularly mangroves and beach forests, as natural buffers against environmental hazards. The Municipality recognizes the urgent need to strengthen climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies through the establishment of Coastal Greenbelt Zones pursuant to national directives, including DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2025-066. Towards this end, the Municipality commits to promoting ecological sustainability, safeguarding human life and property, and ensuring community participation in environmental governance and stewardship.

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASES. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the powers vested in the Local Government Units under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, particularly Article II, Section 16, and Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which mandates LGUs to promote the general welfare and protect the environment. It further derives authority from Republic Act No. 9729 or the Climate Change Act, Republic Act No. 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act, Republic Act No. 8550 as amended, Presidential Decree No. 1067 or the Water Code, and relevant issuances of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), as well as DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2025-066 requiring the establishment of Coastal Greenbelt Zones.

SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES. This Ordinance aims to establish scientifically defined Coastal Greenbelt Zones within the Municipality of Villaba to serve as natural barriers against storm surges, coastal erosion, and sea-level rise. It further seeks to restore degraded mangrove ecosystems, regulate human activities along coastal areas, integrate climate-resilient approaches into land use planning, and ensure the sustainable use and management of coastal resources through institutional mechanisms, community participation, and enforcement of environmental laws.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Coastal Greenbelt Zone – the coastal barangays within the Municipality that composed of mangroves and beach forests serving as ecological protection barriers.

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Mangrove and Beach Forest Buffer Zone – A minimum 50-meter vegetative strip along coastlines.

Easement Zones – Areas reserved for public use:

3 meters (urban)

20 meters (agricultural)

40 meters (forest)

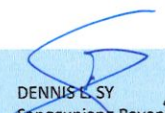
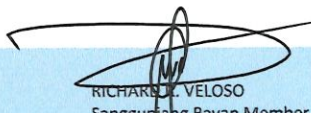
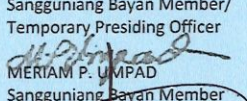
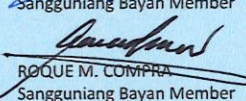
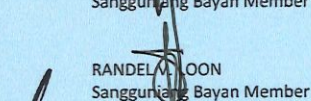
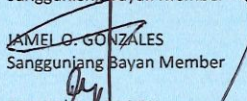
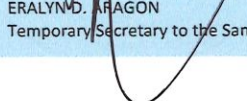
Foreshore Area – Land between high and low tide lines.

Climate Resilience – Capacity to withstand and recover from climate-related hazards.

SECTION 6. COVERAGE AND SCOPE. This Ordinance shall apply to all coastal barangays within the Municipality of Villaba, including all shoreline areas, foreshore lands, river mouths, estuarine systems, and existing or potential mangrove habitats. It shall likewise cover all individuals, entities, and activities, whether public or private, that directly or indirectly affect coastal ecosystems within the municipal jurisdiction.

SECTION 7. IDENTIFICATION, DELINEATION, AND MAPPING. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), in coordination with the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO), and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), shall undertake comprehensive coastal resource assessments, including geographic information system (GIS)-based mapping, hazard and vulnerability analysis, and coastal profiling. The results thereof shall include official maps, technical descriptions, and georeferenced coordinates of designated Coastal Greenbelt Zones, which shall be certified by NAMRIA and incorporated into the Municipality's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), Zoning Ordinance, and Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP).

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES. Coastal Greenbelt Zones are hereby established within identified areas of the Municipality, with a minimum width of fifty (50) meters of mangrove and beach forest vegetation, subject to expansion based on environmental risk assessments, particularly in areas highly susceptible to storm surges, erosion, and flooding. Such zones shall be protected and managed as ecological buffers and shall not be subject to conversion or incompatible land uses, except as may be allowed under existing laws and lawful government projects serving public interest.

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SECTION 9. MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION STRUCTURE. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) shall serve as the lead implementing agency of this Ordinance, with support from the MDRRMO, MAO, Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), barangay local government units, and relevant national agencies. The MENRO shall be responsible for the planning, coordination, enforcement, monitoring, and reporting of all activities related to Coastal Greenbelt Zones.

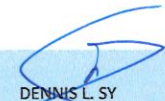
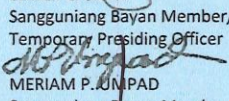
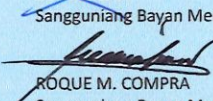
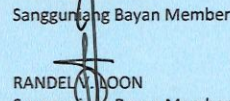
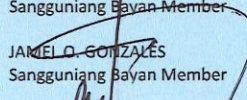
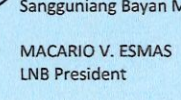
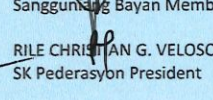
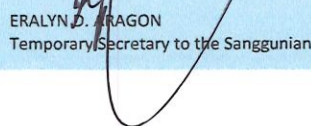
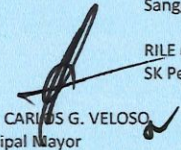
SECTION 10. COASTAL GREENBELT MANAGEMENT PLAN (CGMP), The Municipality shall formulate and adopt a comprehensive Coastal Greenbelt Management Plan (CGMP), to be implemented over a five-year period, which shall include reforestation targets, species selection and zoning, maintenance and monitoring systems, community participation mechanisms, and integration with disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation strategies. The CGMP shall be regularly updated based on scientific data and environmental conditions.

SECTION 11. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT. The Municipality shall actively engage local communities, particularly fisherfolk organizations and coastal barangays, in the protection and maintenance of Coastal Greenbelt Zones through the formation of People's Organizations (POs) and community-based stewardship programs. Sustainable livelihood opportunities, such as mangrove eco-tourism, nursery development, and coastal resource management initiatives, shall be provided to encourage compliance and promote environmental awareness.

SECTION 12. PROHIBITED ACTS. Within the designated Coastal Greenbelt Zones, it shall be unlawful to cut, damage, or destroy mangrove and beach forest species; convert such areas into fishponds, residential, or commercial uses; construct any structure within the legally prescribed easement zones; dispose of solid or liquid waste; or undertake any activity that degrades the ecological integrity of the area, including illegal occupancy and unauthorized reclamation.

Provided, however, that this provision shall not be interpreted to prohibit the continued operation, maintenance, or lawful use of existing municipal government coastal projects, public infrastructure, and officially approved development initiatives established prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance, provided that environmentally responsible practices and reasonable mitigation measures are observed whenever practicable and consistent with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 13. REGULATION OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. All proposed

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developments within or adjacent to Coastal Greenbelt Zones shall be subject to strict regulation and must secure the necessary Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), undergo Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and comply with all applicable environmental laws, zoning regulations, and setback requirements prior to approval and implementation.

SECTION 14. REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES. The Municipality shall conduct a comprehensive inventory and tagging of all illegal structures within Coastal Greenbelt Zones within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance. Owners of such structures shall be issued Notices of Violation and given a period of three (3) months to voluntarily remove said structures. Failure to comply shall result in summary demolition by the Municipality at the expense of the owner, without prejudice to the imposition of penalties.

This provision shall not apply to existing lawful municipal government projects, public infrastructure, and officially approved coastal development initiatives established prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance.

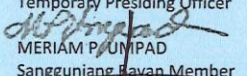
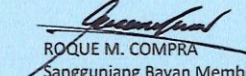
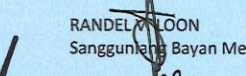
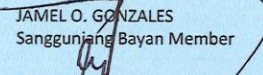
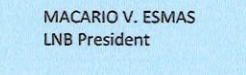
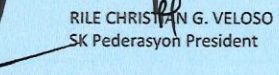
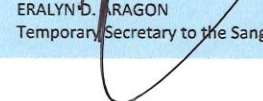
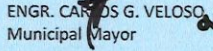
SECTION 15. ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS. A Coastal Greenbelt Enforcement Task Force is hereby created, composed of the following:

- Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)
- Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (MDRRMO)
- Barangay Officials and Barangay Tanods of the coastal barangay
- Bantay Dagat

To ensure strict implementation of this Ordinance through regular monitoring, patrols, inspections, and apprehension of violators.

SECTION 16. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Municipality shall establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system, including quarterly reporting, annual environmental audits, and the use of GIS and satellite technologies to track changes in coastal ecosystems. Reports shall be made accessible to the public to ensure transparency and accountability.

SECTION 17. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION. Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced from the Municipality's 20% Economic Development Fund, Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF), and other available national and external funding sources. Annual appropriations shall be included in the Municipal Annual Investment Program (AIP).

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SECTION 18. INCENTIVES. To encourage compliance, the Municipality shall provide incentives such as tax benefits, recognition awards, and livelihood support to individuals, organizations, and barangays actively contributing to the protection and sustainability of Coastal Greenbelt Zones.

SECTION 19. PENALTIES. Any person found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00) and mandatory community service for the first offense; Two Thousand Pesos (₱2,000.00) and confiscation of equipment for the second offense; and Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00) and/or imprisonment of up to six (6) months for the third offense, at the discretion of the court. In addition, violators shall bear the cost of environmental restoration and may be disqualified from securing permits from the Municipality.

SECTION 20. INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION. The Municipality shall coordinate closely with national government agencies, including but not limited to the DENR, DILG, DA-BFAR, and the Climate Change Commission, to ensure technical support, policy alignment, and effective implementation of coastal management programs.

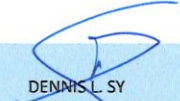
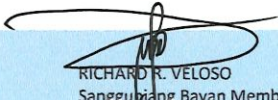
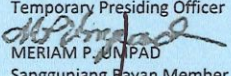
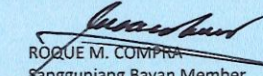
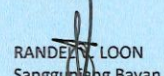
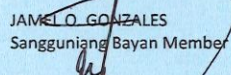
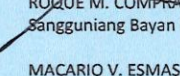
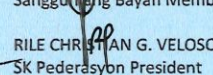
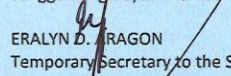
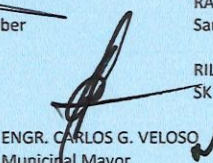
SECTION 21. INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNICATION (IEC). The Municipality shall implement sustained Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaigns to raise public awareness on coastal protection, environmental laws, and climate change adaptation, including integration into school curricula and barangay-level capacity-building programs.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, and executive issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

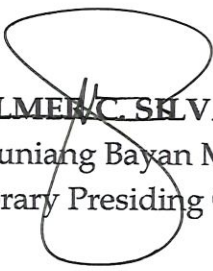
SECTION 24. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon its completion of the publication requirement.

Approved unanimously.

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This Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session on June 4, 2026.


ERALYN D. ARAGON
Temporary Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

ELMER C. SILVA
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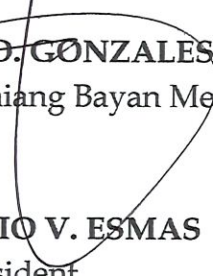

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APPROVED:

ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

4 JUL 2026



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

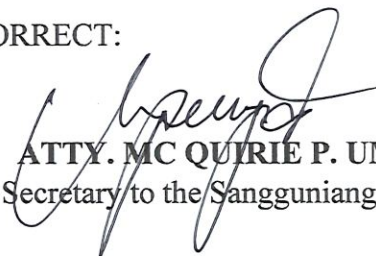
ON MAY 05, 2026 AT MUNICIPAL FUNCTION HALL

The public hearing commenced at exactly 10:25 in the morning, with an opening prayer, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the Villaba Hymn. The hearing was attended by Adolph Rae A. Barro, MENRO; Teddy Vapor, HRMO; Renato N. Casas, MAO; Member of the concerned committee of the Sangguniang Bayan were also present, in the persons of the Hon. Dennis L. Sy and Hon. Roque M. Comprá; Punong Barangays in Coastal Areas.

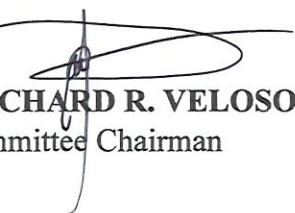
Brgy. Captain Lancelot Y. Lago of Brgy. Libagong raised a concern regarding the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) proposal to construct a coastal road, as it may affect their mangrove area. Brgy. Captain Rebecca T. Cometa of Brgy. Suba suggested that, if possible, existing projects be exempted from the ordinance, as these have already been planned and only require funding to be fully completed. Mr. Teddy L. Vapor stated that they should first meet with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to obtain its plans and determine the specific coastal barangay areas suitable for designation as greenbelt zones. He added that, given the presence of existing coastal projects, reviewing the DPWH plans is necessary. Mr. Adolph Rae Barro Jr. of MENRO stated that the coastal greenbelt zone is a general concept and is not limited to mangroves, as it may also include the development of beach forests. He further suggested including the term "Beach Forest" in Section 5 (Definition of Terms) of the ordinance. Hon. Dennis L. Sy suggested installing tarpaulins in no-build zones indicating penalties to deter violations. He also recommended involving barangays in monitoring the coastal greenbelt. Further, he suggested allocating a separate budget for the program next year to be directly managed by MENRO, instead of coursing it through the LDRRM Fund, to streamline budgeting. Mr. Renato N. Casas informed that their office already has seedlings available for planting and expressed their willingness to cooperate with the LGU's future activities. Mr. Teddy L. Vapor subsequently proposed and scheduled a tree planting activity tentatively on May 21, 2026.

Without further deliberations, the public hearing adjourned at 11:30 in the morning.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ATTY. MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


HON. RICHARD R. VELOSO
Committee Chairman



COMMITTEE ON DISASTER AND RISK REDUCTION MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2, S. 2026

MAY 05, 2026

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

FINDINGS

1. The proposed Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) coastal road project may potentially affect existing mangrove areas in Brgy. Libagong and nearby coastal barangays.
2. Coordination with DPWH is necessary to determine suitable coastal areas for greenbelt zone designation.
3. There is a need to strengthen enforcement in no-build zones, including information dissemination and barangay-level monitoring.
4. A review of budget allocation is necessary, with a proposal to directly allocate funds to MENRO instead of coursing through the LDRRM Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Conduct a coordination meeting with the DPWH to obtain and review their coastal project plans, in order to specify in the ordinance which parts or portions of each coastal barangay will be developed into a coastal greenbelt.
2. Install tarpaulins in no-build zones indicating restrictions and corresponding penalties to enhance public awareness and compliance.
3. Involve barangays in the monitoring of coastal greenbelt zones to strengthen local participation in enforcement.
4. Allocate a separate budget for coastal greenbelt programs to be directly managed by MENRO for more efficient implementation.

HON. RICHARD R. VELOSO
Committee Chairman

CONCURRING:

HON. RANDEL V. LOON
Vice Chairman

HON. JAMEL O. GONZALES
Member

APPENDICES:

e.g. Minutes of Public Hearing and Committee Meetings and Attendance Sheet, Photo/Video



SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Office of the Secretary to the Sanggunian

NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the scheduled public hearing on April 27, 2026 has been rescheduled to May 5, 2026 at 10:00 in the morning. The hearing will be conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environmental Protection, Management and Natural Resources at the Liga ng mga Barangay Hall, this Municipality, regarding Proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 17, S. 2026, authored by Sangguniang Bayan Member Richard R. Veloso, entitled:

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"

The Municipal Vice Mayor, All Sangguniang Bayan Members, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO), Municipal Agriculture Officer (MAO), Municipal Planning and Development Officer (MPDO), Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (MDRRMO), Municipal Engineer, Punong Barangays in Coastal Barangays, Members of Sangguniang Barangay Committee on Environment Protection, Representative from Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Representative from National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) and all other interested parties are invited to attend.

Villaba, Leyte, April 27, 2026.

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In public service,

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COASTAL GREENBELT ZONES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT, PROTECTION, RESTORATION, AND SUSTAINABILITY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

DATE: MAY 05, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM

VENUE: LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY HALL, SITIO CAYANGIA-AN, BRGY. POBLACION DEL NORTE, VILLABA, LEYTE

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