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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-049 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-049 entitled: "Meat for Public Consumption Regulatory Ordinance"

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(5)(iv)¹ and Section 447(3)(i)². Hence, we recommend 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

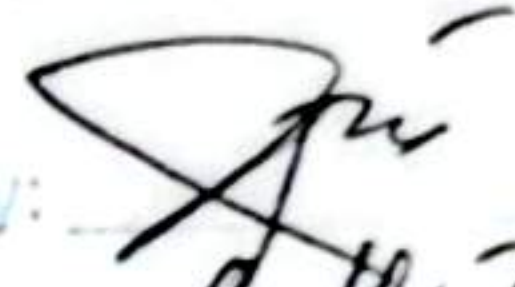
¹ (i) Fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all services rendered by the municipal government to private persons or entities;

² (iv) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products, and other foodstuffs for public consumption;

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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. 2026-049** of the Municipality of Carigara, Leyte, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating the slaughtering, sale, storing, hauling and processing of food animals in Carigara, Leyte and prescribing penalties thereof.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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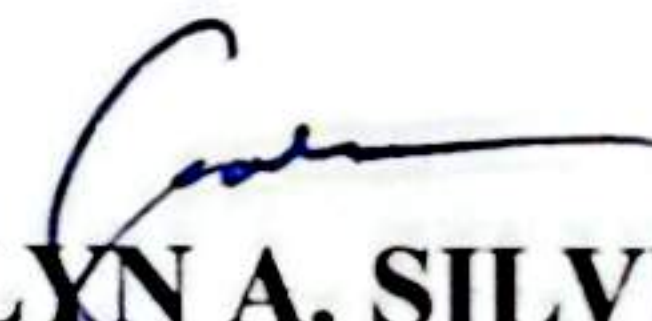
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August 07, 2026

Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, thru the Provincial Board Secretary, Florinda Jill S. Uyvico, the herein **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-049** –“*An Ordinance Regulating the Slaughtering, Sale, Storing, Hauling and Processing of Food Animals in Carigara, Leyte and Prescribing Penalties Thereof.*”

For your perusal and appropriate action.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
MGDH – I (Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan)



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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES/JOURNAL OF THE 54TH REGULAR
SESSION OF THE 20TH COUNCIL OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
OF CARIGARA HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE
BUILDING, CARIGARA, LEYTE, ON JULY 13, 2026

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PRESENT:

Hon. Jimmy A. Camposano	-----	Mun. Vice Mayor-Pres. Officer
Hon. Fernando N. Moriel	-----	SB Member
Hon. Vilma M. Domus	-----	SB Member
Hon. Carlo Angelo B. Go	-----	SB Member
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Hon. Joenlee C. Larraga	-----	SB Member
Hon. Myla L. Aguilar	-----	SB Member
Hon. Guillermo I. Panal	-----	SB Member
Hon. Arvin. N. Urmeneta	-----	SB Member-LnB President

ABSENT:

Hon. Mildred C. Modesto	-----	SB Member-Forced Leave
Hon. Daniel N. Ariaso, Jr.	-----	SB Member-SK Fed. Pres.

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-049

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SLAUGHTERING, SALE,
STORING, HAULING AND PROCESSING OF FOOD ANIMALS IN
CARIGARA, LEYTE AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREOF**

HON. MILDRED C. MODESTO
AUTHOR

ARTICLE 1

TITLE, DECLARATION OF POLICY and OBJECTIVE

SECTION I - TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **Meat for Public
Consumption Regulatory Ordinance of the Municipality of Carigara**

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Leyte.

Section II - DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Carigara, Leyte to ensure the hygienic slaughter of food animals and the application of humane slaughter procedures to produce clean, safe and wholesome meat and poultry products fit for human consumption, employing the standards prescribed under the National Meat Inspection Code and the Animal Welfare Act.

To this end, the Municipality hereby creates the MUNICIPAL MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE (MMIS), which shall serve as the sole meat inspection authority responsible for implementing and enforcing the meat safety and quality standards to protect the consuming public from unreasonable risks of injury and health hazards.

SECTION III - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

In consideration of the increasing number of consumers of meat and poultry products in the Municipality of Carigara, this Ordinance is enacted for the following purposes and objectives:

- a. To prevent dubious and malpractices of livestock traders, meat dealers, meat vendors, meat and poultry product handlers by regulating the sale of meat and poultry products for public consumption.
- b. To follow strictly the provision of the National Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines and the Animal Welfare Act in hauling, transporting, and slaughtering of food animals for public consumption.
- c. To provide technical know-how on the hygienic and sanitary procedure in the hauling, handling, storing and sale of meat and poultry products to all dressing plant operators and personnel, slaughterhouse operators and personnel, meat traders, meat shop operators and personnel, meat vendors, meat butchers, and helpers.



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**ARTICLE 2
DEFINITION OF TERMS**

SECTION IV. DEFINITION OF TERMS: As used in this Ordinance, the following terms, words, and phrases shall be construed to mean as follows:

1. **MEAT INSPECTOR** - a professionally trained person/officer, duly appointed or designated by the Local Chief Executive for Meat Inspection and control of hygiene and supervised by MMIS.
2. **MMIS** - Municipal Meat Inspection Service
3. **ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTION** - the visual and physical inspection/examination of food and animals prior to slaughter.
4. **POSTMORTEM INSPECTION** - the visual examination of meat and offal after the slaughter of animals which have passed the ante-mortem inspection.
5. **ADULTERATED MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCT** - meat or meat product which injected laced or sprayed with any substances to increase its weight or to make it appears as wholesome meat.
6. **HOT MEAT** - meat or carcass from food animals and poultry that are clandestinely slaughtered in an unregistered slaughterhouse or dressing plant and has not undergone meat inspection and sold to the public.
7. **WHOLESOME MEAT** - any edible parts of animals and poultry, slaughtered at the accredited slaughterhouse, and undergo meat inspection.
8. **BRAND** - official mark stamped on the surface of meat or meat products or attached as label showing distinct characteristics or information for the main purpose of identification and traceability.
9. **DOWNER** - a crippled or weakened food animal unable to stand or



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showing abnormal locomotion that shall be considered 'suspect' animal.

This excludes animal weakened by forced water intake or "tingal"

10. **EMERGENCY SLAUGHTER** - slaughter of food animal necessitated by a previous accident such as bone fracture, or danger of suffocation.
11. **HUMANE SLAUGHTER** – slaughter of food animal that shall be done rapidly and away from public view and must occur with the least fear, anxiety, pain, and distress to the animals.
12. **FOOD ANIMALS** – all domestic animals slaughtered for human consumption such as but not limited to cattle, carabaos, buffaloes, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, deer, rabbit, ostrich and poultry (chicken, ducks, geese, turkey, and pigeons).
13. **INSPECTED AND PASSED** – a condition wherein the carcass and parts of carcasses so market have been inspected and found to be safe, wholesome and fit for human consumption.
14. **INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED** - A condition wherein the carcasses or parts of carcasses so marked have been inspected and found to be unsafe unwholesome and unfit for human consumption.
15. **ABBATIOR or SLAUGHTERHOUSE** - premises that are approved and registered or licensed by any controlling authority in which food animals are slaughtered and dressed for human consumption.
16. **ACCREDIT/ACCREDITATION** - the power of the municipal meat inspection service to accredit or issue accreditation: (a.) any meat establishment engaged in the slaughtering operation, preparation, processing, manufacturing, storing, canning, of meat and sale of meat and meat products. (b.) any importer, broker, trader, or meat handler, and (c.) any meat vehicle or convergence.
17. **BUTCHER** - refers to a person duly accredited by Municipal Meat Inspection Service employed by either the government or a private



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- individual or establishment, who is responsible for the slaughtering and dressing of food animals.
18. **DEPUTIZED COLLECTION** - an employee authorized by the Municipal Treasurer to collect the necessary fees and charges from abattoir and meat inspection services.
19. **CARCASS** - refers to the body of any slaughtered food animal after bleeding and dressing.
20. **FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION** - refers to a meat or its by product that has been passed in meat inspection and appropriately branded or marked by the Meat Inspector as safe and wholesome and no signed of changes due to disease, decomposition, contamination and adulteration have been found.
21. **HELPER** - a person duly licensed and accredited by the Municipal Meat Inspection service to assist the butcher in the slaughter of food animal.
22. **LECHON SUPPLIES/DEALER** - a person or firm engage in the business of roasting pigs, piglets, chicken or calf.
23. **LECHONAN** – refers to the establishment where roasted pigs, piglets, chicken, or calf are sold in wholesale or retail.
24. **MEAT DEALER/HANDLER** - refers to a person, establishment, duly licensed or accredited by MMIS, who is directly involved in the preparation, transport, sale and distribution of meat and meat product to the public market, resorts, hotel restaurants, and other similar establishment.
25. **MEAT DELIVERY VEHICLE** - an enclosed conveyance vehicle, duly licensed and accredited by MMIS, used to transport meat and meat product from one place to another in a hygienic manner.
26. **MEAT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE** - an official document issued by the Municipal Meat Inspection Service, certifying to the



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wholesomeness and fitness of meat and meat products for human consumption and containing all relevant information to identify its ownership and origin.

27. **MEAT PROCESSOR** - any person, group of persons, firm establishment engaged in the business of manufacturing, preservation, packaging, bottling, canning, or packing of meat product.
28. **MEAT VENDOR** - a person duly licensed and accredited by MMIS who engaged in the retail of meat and meat products at the designated retail area or stall.
29. **MUNICIPAL MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE (MMIS)** - an office created by virtue of this ordinance who has the direct supervision, over meat inspection and meat hygiene activities in the municipality.
30. **Municipal Meat Inspection Service (MMIS)** - refers to an office to be headed by a Municipal Veterinarian/Agriculturist/Meat Inspector which shall exercise direct supervision over meat inspection and meat hygiene activities in the municipality.
31. **JACKO, GOLO** - GOLO, NARIC, ZIPPER SIZING a piece of meat sliced from the carcass by butcher or helper for purposes of defrauding the owner, vendor or dealer.
32. **National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)** - a specialized regulatory agency attached to the Department of Agriculture which shall serve as the sole controlling authority on all matters pertaining to meat and meat products inspection and meat hygiene.
33. **OFFAL** - refers to the food, animal's by-products, glands, organs and tissues other than the meat which may or may not be edible.
34. **Post-Abattoir Inspection** - shall mean control measures conducted on meat and meat products during transport up to the time of retail sale for the enforcement of regulations governing meat and meat product



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inspection usually performed in public and private market stalls, meat shops and meat storage facilities.

35. **Post-Abattoir Handling** - refers to the disposition or handling of meat as it leaves the abattoir to the meat markets, cold storage facilities, meat processing plants and other establishments.
36. **Stockyard/Corral** - a required feature of a slaughterhouse where animals are deposited, rested, taken care of and inspected prior to slaughter.
37. **Suspect** - an animal suspected of being affected with a disease or condition which may require its condemnation, in whole or in part when slaughtered, and is subject further examination to determine its disposal.
38. **“Tingal”** - refers to the act of forcibly administering or introducing water orally to cattle, carabao, or horse for the purpose of increasing gross weight to defraud consumers regarding real weight and meat quality.
39. **Viscera** - refers to the internal organs of food animals as distinguished from offal.

ARTICLE 3

CARIGARA MUNICIPAL SLAUGHTERHOUSE

SECTION V. OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT

For purposes of this Ordinance there is hereby an Operational Management which shall be followed to wit:

1. It shall be the duty of the Slaughterhouse Master and the Meat Inspector to enforce proper sanitation and hygiene practices within the slaughterhouse and throughout all stages of food animals slaughter.



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2. All food animals for slaughter shall be confined for 8-12 hours in Slaughterhouse holding pen prior to slaughter, to provide sufficient rest for the animals and preserve meat quality.
3. All food animals for slaughter that stay more than 12 hours at the HOLDING PEN shall be charged a BOARDING FEE for every hour of stay until it is slaughtered or withdrawn back to the Slaughter stockyard.
4. All large Cattle confined/ deposited at slaughterhouse holding pen, shall have an approved Permit to Slaughter.

4. a REQUIREMENTS FOR SLAUGHTER PERMIT OF LARGE CATTLE

- 4.a.1 – Barangay clearance as to proof of ownership of said animals.
- 4.a.2- Proof of Buying and Trading of animals witnessed by the Brgy. Chairman.
- 4.a.3- Original Copy of the Certificate of Ownership of Large Cattle (COLC).
4. a.4- Police clearance of animal from point of origin.
4. a.5- Entrance Slip, Official Receipt of payment of Slaughter Permit.

4. b REQUIREMENTS FOR SLAUGHTER PERMIT OF LARGE ANIMALS

- 4.b.1- Veterinary Health Certificate
- 4.b.2- Shipping Permit/Transport Permit
- 4.b.3- Certificate of Transfer of Ownership

5. No person or group of persons, or firm shall be allowed to use the STOCKYARD of the Slaughterhouse for confining animals other than for slaughtering for public sale. In cases where such cannot be avoided, a double “BOARDING FEE” shall be collected from the owner of the



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ARTICLE 10

PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL
SLAUGHTERHOUSE

To ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of Republic Act No. 9296, the Municipality shall establish and maintain the following Plantilla positions and personnel for the operation and management of the municipal slaughterhouse, subject to existing civil service laws, budgetary requirements, and other applicable regulations:

1. **Veterinary Officer** – Responsible for the supervision of animal health programs, ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection oversight, disease surveillance, and enforcement of meat safety and animal welfare standards.
2. **Slaughterhouse Master** – Responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of the slaughterhouse, ensuring compliance with prescribed operational, sanitation, and safety standards.
3. **Meat Inspector** – Responsible for conducting ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of food animals and meat products, and for enforcing meat inspection regulations and standards.
4. **Delivery Van Driver** – Responsible for the safe and sanitary transport of meat and meat products, including the operation and maintenance of official delivery vehicles.
5. **Stunner** – Responsible for the humane handling and stunning of animals prior to slaughter in accordance with applicable animal welfare and slaughterhouse regulations.
6. **Utility Worker/Cleaner** – Responsible for maintaining cleanliness, sanitation, waste management, and general upkeep of the slaughterhouse facilities and equipment.



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The Municipal Mayor, through the Municipal Human Resource Management Office and with the approval of the Municipal Council, may create additional positions or designate personnel as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the slaughterhouse and the enforcement of meat inspection and public health laws.

ARTICLE 11

MUNICIPAL MEAT INSPECTION ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Pursuant to **Republic Act No. 9296**, there is hereby created a **Municipal Meat Inspection Enforcement Team** which shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Ordinance and other applicable meat inspection laws, rules, and regulations. The Team shall conduct monitoring, inspection, surveillance, apprehension, and enforcement activities against the slaughter, transport, sale, distribution, and possession of hot meat, uninspected meat, adulterated meat, and other meat products declared unsafe for human consumption.

The composition, powers, duties, and functions of the Enforcement Team shall be determined by the Municipal Mayor through an Executive Order consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance and applicable national laws.

COMPOSITION

The Municipal Meat Inspection Enforcement Team shall be composed of:

1. Municipal Agriculturist – Team Leader;
2. Municipal Meat Inspector/Meat Control Officer – Deputy Team Leader;
3. Representative from the Municipal Health Office – Member;
4. Representative from the Municipal Veterinary Office – Member;



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5. Representative from the Municipal Police Station – Member;
6. Representative from the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office – Member; and
7. Other personnel as may be designated by the Municipal Mayor.

**ARTICLE 12
PENALTY**

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance is punishable by imprisonment for a period of not more than six (6) months, or a fine of at least One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00), or both, at the discretion of the court of competent jurisdiction.

**ARTICLE 13
ENFORCEMENT**

The Municipal Veterinary Officer or its Designate or the designated Meat Inspector who is a regular employee, is hereby mandated to effectively implement this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE 14
SEPARABILITY**

If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and enforceable.



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**ARTICLE 15
REPEALING CLAUSE**

Any Ordinance or any of its provisions which are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**ARTICLE 16
EFFECTIVITY**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in local newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY this 13th day of July 2026 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Carigara, Leyte.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the ordinance enacted by the Sanggunian on 13 July 2026.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
MGDH - (Secretary to the Sanggunian)

Attested:


JIMMY A. CAMPOSANO
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a public hearing was conducted last June 23, 2026 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the 2nd Floor, Liga Hall Building, Brgy. Ponong, Carigara, Leyte for the deliberation of the proposed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-049** –*“An Ordinance Regulating the Slaughtering, Sale, Storing, Hauling and Processing of Food Animals in Carigara, Leyte and Prescribing Penalties Thereof”*.

ISSUED this 7th day of August, 2026.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
MGDH – I (Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan)



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CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-049** –“*An Ordinance Regulating the Slaughtering, Sale, Storing, Hauling and Processing of Food Animals in Carigara, Leyte and Prescribing Penalties Thereof*”, was posted last, August 07, 2026 in accordance with R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

ISSUED this 7th day of August, 2026.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
MGDH – I (Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan)