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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-007 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Santa Fe, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-007 entitled: "Rainwater Collection and Harvesting Ordinance of Santa Fe, 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(5)(vii)¹. 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 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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1ST Indorsement
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-007, series of 2026** of the **Municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance mandating the construction and maintenance of rainwater collection facilities in existing and proposed government facilities, including schools, and privately-owned business establishments, prescribing guidelines and mechanisms for its implementation, and for other purposes.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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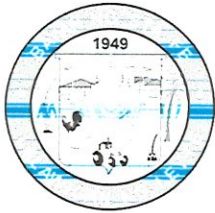
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RESPECTFULLY FORWARDED to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Leyte, Palo, Leyte: the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No.2026-007 (Series of 2026)** of the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RAINWATER COLLECTION FACILITIES IN EXISTING AND PROPOSED GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATELY - OWNED BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”** duly approved by the said August Body on **June 01, 2026**, hereby recommending your appropriate favorable action.

JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Copy Furnished:

- *The Municipal Mayor*
- *The Engineering Office*
- *The Municipal Budget Officer*
- *The Municipal Treasurer's Office*
- *The Municipal Planning and Development Office*
- *The Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office*



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Chairperson- Committee on Engineering, Infrastructure, and General Services

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

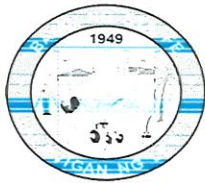
Recent efforts by Prime Water to install an additional pumping station, which the Sangguniang Bayan had rejected for environmental reasons, highlighted the need to explore alternative sources to maximize the supply of potable water. We have to find ways to conserve potable water.

Rainwater can be a viable alternative for non—potable needs. If properly harvested, stored, and utilized, rainwater can be a major source of non—potable water for uses such as car washing, general cleaning, laundry, and supplemental use for commercial and industrial use. Also, it can be maximized for urban gardening, landscape, irrigation, and other agricultural needs.

It is necessary and imperative as well for the Local Government Unit, in collaboration with Prime Water, to promote alternative sources of water supply, such as the installation of Rainwater Collection facilities.

An alternative, therefore, is imperative. Hence, this Ordinance.

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Sangguniang



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Continuation: Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-007
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SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "Rainwater Collection and Harvesting Ordinance of Santa Fe, Leyte".

SECTION 2. — Policy, Purposes and Objectives. This ordinance enacted for the following purposes and objectives:

- (a) Promote the harvesting, storage, and utilization of rainwater as a viable alternative source of water supply.
- (b) Promote the construction and installation of Rainwater Collection facilities (RWFs)
- (c) Mandate the construction and installation of Rainwater Collection Facilities in the Municipality and barangay—government-owned facilities, private business establishments for non—potable use, which will lessen the consumption of potable water;
- (d) Encourage the residents to actively participate in government programs and undertakings to address environmental issues, including the preservation of water sources.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this ordinance, the terms and phrases as used in this ordinance shall be defined as follows:

- (a) Cluster—type Rainwater Collection Facility type of structure that serves as the common system for a group of persons or establishments.
- (b) Communal—type Rainwater Collection Facility type of structure that serves as the common system for a community;
- (c) Filtering is the act of removing dirt or any matter suspended in the water by passing it through a porous particle or mass.
- (d) Gutter and Downspout structures made to channel water from the roof to the tank;
- (e) Non—Potable Use Non—potable water is water that is unsafe for human consumption,
- (f) Rain or Rainwater drops of freshwater that fall as precipitation from clouds or a type of precipitation as a product of the condensation of atmospheric water vapor that is released on the Earth's surface;
- (g) Rainwater Collection Facility or RWFs, a technology that collects and stores rainwater for non—human use. The rainwater collection structure consists of the catchment area (roof, platform, ground, or any surface identified), the conveyance (gutter pipes, etc.), and the cistern (storage or tank);



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- (h) Rainwater Harvesting — is the collection and storage of rain, rather than allowing it to run off. Rainwater is collected from a roof—like surface and redirected to a tank, cistern, deep pit (well, shaft, or borehole), aquifer, or a reservoir with percolation.

SECTION 4. Beneficial Use of Rainwater Collection Facility. — The construction and installation of the Rainwater Collection Facility (RWF) is intended to serve as a mechanism to promote water conservation.

(a) Multiple uses of harvested rainwater:

May be used as an additional source for car washing, general cleaning, laundry, gardening, among others, including maintenance and upkeep of government-owned and barangay facilities;

To increase the holdback capacity of water, reduce run—off and soil erosion, contain effluents, as well as augment farm water supply.

SECTION 5. Basic Components of Rainwater Collection Facility. — A Rainwater Collection Facility (RWF) is composed of five basic components, namely:

- (1) collection system (catchment system) — used to collect and store the captured rainwater;
- (2) conveyance system (gutters and downspout) used to transport the harvested rainwater from the catchment to the storage;
- (3) cistern (storage tanks) — used to store the filtered water, which is ready to use and is protected from possible mosquitoes;
- (4) treatment and disinfection system (leaf screen, first flush diverters, roof washers) used for filtering the collected rainwater and removing pollutants;
- (5) drainage/ sewerage system, rainwater, and stormwater drainage.

SECTION 6. — Mandate to Install Rainwater Collection Facility (RWFs) in Local Government Unit —Owned Facilities. This ordinance mandates the construction and installation of RWFs in the following city government—owned facilities: All proposed facilities or buildings to be constructed by the Municipality of Santa Fe must include the RWFS.

SECTION 7. Rainwater Management Board. There is hereby created a Rainwater Management Board to implement its mandates and oversee the implementation of this ordinance, to be composed of the following:

Chairperson - Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairperson - SB Chairman, Committee on Infrastructure



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- Members
- SB Chairman, Committee on Environment
 - SB Chairman, Committee on Public Order and Safety
 - Municipal Engineering
 - Municipal Planning Development and Coordinator
 - Municipal Risk Reduction Management Officer (MDRRMO)
 - General Services Officer
 - Municipal Treasurer
 - President, Liga ng mga Barangay
 - Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

SECTION 8— Functions of the Board. The **Monitoring Evaluation Planning Program Implementation Operations (MEPIO)** shall serve as the Secretariat of the Board and shall provide administrative and technical support.

- a) To develop the corresponding Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the Residential, Institutional, Industrial, and Commercial RWCF within 90 days from the effectivity of this Ordinance. In crafting the IRR, the following, among others, must be considered:
- 1) The designs and specifications, including prototypes and maintenance guide thereto, shall be incorporated in the manual to be prepared jointly by the MEO and MPDO, and subject to the approval of the Board;
 - 2) The grant of benefits and tax incentives, and/or rebates to commercial establishments to encourage compliance and adaptation of the same, as well as provide appropriate sanctions for non—compliance thereof;

The IRR shall form part of this Ordinance.

- a) To provide technical assistance to establishments/ institutions in their compliance with the provisions of this ordinance and the corresponding IRR.
- b) To prepare a database of new and existing establishments/ institutions with RWFS or similar facilities, and submit the same to the Sangguniang Bayan for its information and appropriate action;
- c) To adopt strategies that will extensively promote and advocate rainwater harvesting and implement a mass media plan for a regular information dissemination campaign of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Penal Provisions. —The following shall be observed in the implementation of this ordinance.

Punong Barangays of non—complying barangays shall be censured, and the corresponding budget for the ensuing year shall not be approved by the Sangguniang Bayan until after the corresponding budget for the installation of the RCF shall have been included thereto.



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Department heads/ Chiefs of Offices of the Municipal Government who do not include the construction of RCFs in their annual budget will be held liable for simple neglect of duty and will be appropriately addressed.

SECTION 10. Funding and Appropriations. —The necessary amount as recommended by the Rainwater Management Board is hereby set aside to ensure the proper implementation of this Ordinance beginning Calendar Year 2027 and every year thereafter.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause. Should any provision in this ordinance be declared unconstitutional by any competent court, the remaining provisions shall remain valid and legal.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause. Any ordinance, rules, regulations, and executive issuances found inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. Effectivity. — 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 01ST day of June, 2026, during the 22nd Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Santa Fe, Province of Leyte.

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

This ordinance is approved unanimously.

ATTESTED/APPROVED:


HON. RODEL L. AJETO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

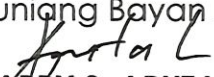

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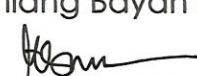

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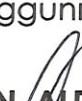

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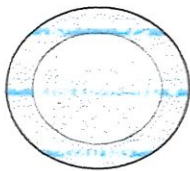

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan

ATTESTED BY:


HON. EDUARDO N. TOREROS
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. AMPARO H. MONTEZA
Municipal Mayor
Date: JUNE 25, 2026



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CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that the copies of Municipal Ordinance of the herein attached **Municipal Ordinance No.2026-007(Series of 2026)** of the Sangguniang Bayan, this Municipality, entitled **“AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF RAINWATER COLLECTION FACILITIES IN EXISTING AND PROPOSED GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, AND PRIVATELY - OWNED BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND MECHANISMS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**, duly approved and/or enacted by said August Body on **June 1, 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 30th day of June 2026, at Santa Fe, Leyte.


JULIUS XERXES M. OBENQUE
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan