



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
Provincial Capitol
Tacloban City

-oOo-

PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE

Item No.: **08**
Date: **08 2026 SEP**

PROVINCE OF LEYTE
LEGAL OFFICE
RELEASED

By: *[Signature]*
Date: **8.28.26** Time: *[Signature]*

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
RECEIVED

Date: **AUG 28 2026**
By: *[Signature]*

2nd INDORSEMENT

July 8, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-03 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tanauan, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-03 entitled: **"Family Values Strengthening Ordinance of Tanauan, 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 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9165². 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 (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code,

² "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002".

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF LEYTE
Palo, Leyte
-o0o-

PROVINCE OF LEYTE
LEGAL OFFICE
RECEIVED

By: 
Date: 7-8-24 Time: 2:18

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT
08 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-03 of the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance strengthening family values in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte through community programs, educational initiative and social support mechanism.**


FLORINDA JULL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



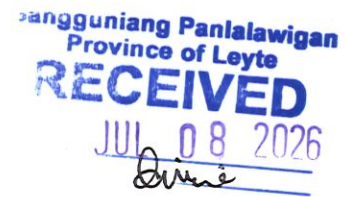
Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Tanauan
-oOo-

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

July 7, 2026

THE SECRETARY

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Capitol Building
Palo, Leyte



Sir/Madam;

Respectfully submitting herewith 17th **SANGGUNINAG BAYAN ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03, "AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING FAMILY VALUES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, THROUGH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT MECHANISM"**, for your appropriate action.

Author: Hon. Jan Elmer V. Magdalaga
Co-author: Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel

Trusting that you will accord this matter with your kindest attention.

Thank You.

Truly Yours,

ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS

Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
TANAUAN
-oOo-

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
RECEIVED

Date: JUL 08 2026
by: Alvin

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FORTY - EIGHT (48TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 17TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, HELD ON JUNE 22, 2026, AT THE SB SESSION HALL, TANAUAN TOWN HALL, TANAUAN, LEYTE.

PRESENT :

HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN	Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding
HON. JAN ELMER V. MAGDALAGA	Sangguniang Bayan Member
HON. MARK CHRISTIAN FERDINAND L. GIMENEZ	-do-
HON. CHERRY ANNE T. FIEL	-do-
HON. JOSIE M. CREER	-do-
HON. QUINTIN T. OCTA, JR., D.M.D.	-do-
HON. MARK EFREN E. MERILO	-do-
HON. LAURO A. VILLERO	-do-
HON. EFREN C. MERILO	SB Member/Liga Fed. Pres.
HON. KYLE C. MESIAS	SB Member/SK Fed. Pres.

ABSENT : None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 03

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING FAMILY VALUES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, THROUGH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT MECHANISM.

Author: Hon. Jan Elmer V. Magdalaga
Co-Author: Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TANAUAN, LEYTE IN
A REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 12 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution;

WHEREAS, Article XV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation and mandates the State to strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to exercise powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare, including the enhancement of social well-being, public morals, and community development;

WHEREAS, Section 17(b)(2)(iv) of Republic Act No. 7160 mandates municipalities to provide basic social welfare services and facilities, including programs and services relating to family and community welfare, child and youth welfare, women's welfare, and other social development initiatives;

WHEREAS, the Family Code of the Philippines recognizes the family as the foundation of the nation and affirms the responsibility of the State and its institutions to preserve and strengthen family solidarity and promote the well-being of all family members;

WHEREAS, the family is the basic unit of society and plays a crucial role in shaping values, character, and the overall well-being of individuals;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tanauan recognizes the importance of strengthening family values to promote unity, discipline, and responsible citizenship among its constituents;

WHEREAS, there is a growing need to address challenges such as family breakdown, lack of parental guidance, and the erosion of traditional Filipino values due to modernization and external influences;

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Family Values Strengthening Ordinance of Tanauan, Leyte."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Municipality of Tanauan to:

- a) Promote and uphold strong family ties, mutual respect, and responsible parenthood;
- b) Strengthen moral and ethical values through education and community participation;
- c) Provide support mechanisms to address family-related challenges and concerns; and
- d) Encourage active community involvement in fostering a culture of respect, discipline, and compassion.

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE

The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall serve as the lead implementing office of this ordinance and shall be responsible for the planning, coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of all programs, projects, and activities established herein.

SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS

The following programs shall be established and implemented in partnership with various stakeholders:

a) **Family Development Seminars** – The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), shall conduct regular seminars on responsible parenthood, conflict resolution, financial literacy, and family bonding activities.

b) **Parenting and Youth Workshops** – Schools and barangays shall host workshops focusing on character-building, social responsibility, and addressing issues affecting children and youth, such as drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, and online safety.

c) **Strengthening Marriage and Pre-Marriage Counseling** – The Local Civil Registrar shall require all couples applying for marriage licenses to attend pre-marriage counseling programs that emphasize mutual respect, effective communication, and family planning.

d) **Family Week Celebrations** – The Municipality shall declare an annual "Tanauan Family Week" on every last week of September incorporated on the GAD ordinance to encourage families to spend quality time together through recreational and bonding activities.

e) **Barangay-Based Family Support Personnel** – Each barangay shall designate a Family Support Personnel to provide guidance, counseling, and referral services for families experiencing difficulties.

f) **Media and Information Campaigns** – The local government shall utilize social media, and printed materials to promote positive family values and raise awareness about family-related concerns.

SECTION 5. FUNDING AND SUPPORT

The Municipality of Tanauan shall allocate funds for the implementation of this ordinance through the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund and other available financial sources thru partnerships with non-government organizations, and private entities shall also be encouraged.

SECTION 6. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The MSWDO, in coordination with the Local Youth Development Office and the Liga ng mga Barangay, shall monitor the effectiveness of these programs and submit an annual report to the Sangguniang Bayan for review and policy adjustments.

SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE

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

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation or posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Tanauan.

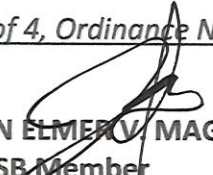
ENACTED : 22 JUNE 2026

ATTESTED BY:

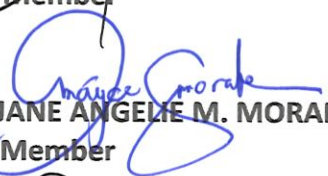
HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN
Vice Mayor/Presiding

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

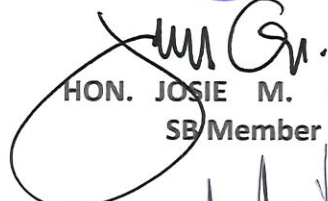
ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS
SB Secretary


HON. JAN ELMER V. MAGDALAGA
SB Member

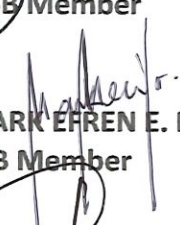

HON. MARK CHRISTIAN FERDINAND L. GIMENEZ
SB Member

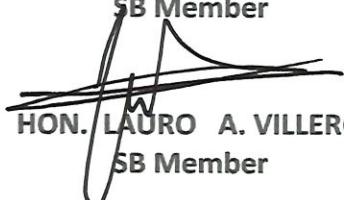

HON. MAE JANE ANGELIE M. MORABE – BORAI S
SB Member


HON. CHERRY ANNE T. FIEL
SB Member


HON. JOSIE M. CREER
SB Member


HON. QUINTIN T. OCTA, JR., D.M.D.
SB Member


HON. MARK EFREN E. MERILO
SB Member


HON. LAURO A. VILLERO
SB Member


HON. EFREN C. MERILO
SB Member/Liga Pres.

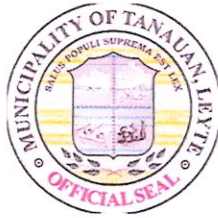

HON. KYLE C. MESIAS
SB Member/SK Fed. Pres.

APPROVED BY:


HON. MA. GINA E. MERILO
Municipal Mayor
LGU – Tanauan, Leyte

Date: 06 JUL 2026





Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Tanauan
-oOo-

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03, "AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING FAMILY VALUES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, THROUGH COMMUNITY PROGRAMS, EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE AND SOCIAL SUPPORT MECHANISM"**, have been posted in the bulletin boards at the following: Entrance of the Municipal Hall, Office of the Sangguniang Bayan and Public Market beginning July 7, 2026 and shall remain posted for a minimum of three consecutive weeks.

This certification is issued in compliance with the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7160.

Issued: July 7, 2026

ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS

Sangguniang Bayan Secretary