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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-04 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tanauan, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-04 entitled: “**Plastic Bag Use 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(a)(1)(vi)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 9003². 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 Ecological Solid Waste Management Act

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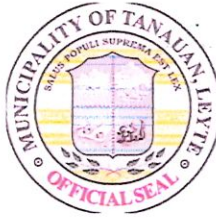
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1ST INDORSEMENT
08 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 2026-04 of the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating the use of plastic bags in the commercial establishments in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte, and providing penalties for violations thereof.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



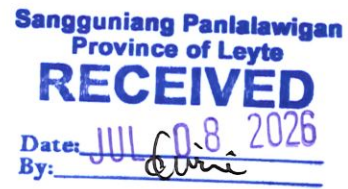
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

July 7, 2026

THE SECRETARY

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Capitol Building
Palo, Leyte



Sir/Madam;

Respectfully submitting herewith **17th SANGGUNINAG BAYAN ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF"**, for your appropriate action.

Sponsored By: Hon. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais
Co-sponsors: Hon. Josie M. Creer
Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel
Hon. Mark Christian Ferdinand L. Gimenez

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

Thank You.

Truly Yours,

ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

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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
HON. JAN ELMER V. MAGDALAGA
HON. MARK CHRISTIAN FERDINAND L. GIMENEZ
HON. CHERRY ANNE T. FIEL
HON. JOSIE M. CREER
HON. QUINTIN T. OCTA, JR., D.M.D.
HON. MARK EFREN E. MERILO
HON. LAURO A. VILLERO
HON. EFREN C. MERILO
HON. KYLE C. MESIAS

Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding
Sangguniang Bayan Member

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SB Member/Liga Fed. Pres.
SB Member/SK Fed. Pres.

ABSENT : None.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 04

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Sponsored by : Hon. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe – Borais

Co sponsor : Hon. Josie M. Creer

Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel

Hon. Mark Christian Ferdinand L. Gimenez

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

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, grants Local Government Units the authority to enact measures necessary to promote the general welfare, including environmental protection and ecological balance;

WHEREAS, Section 447(a)(1)(vi) of the same Code authorizes the Sangguniang Bayan to enact ordinances intended to protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger it;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, mandates Local Government Units to adopt systematic, comprehensive, and ecological solid waste management programs and reduce non-environmentally acceptable products and packaging;

WHEREAS, plastic bags are non-biodegradable materials that significantly contribute to flooding, clogged drainage systems, marine pollution, and environmental degradation;

WHEREAS, improper disposal of plastic bags adversely affects public health, coastal resources, fisheries, and agricultural productivity in the Municipality of Tanauan, Leyte;

WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate the use of plastic bags in commercial establishments and encourage the use of reusable, recyclable, and environmentally friendly alternatives;

WHEREAS, the Municipality recognizes its responsibility to promote sustainable practices and environmental awareness among residents, consumers, and business establishments;

SECTION 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as **"Plastic Bag Use Regulatory Ordinance"**

SECTION 2. Definition of terms

For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a.) Dry goods – refer to any product that does not require refrigeration freezing to maintain freshness such as textiles, clothing and other products that may not produce juice when packed.
- b.) Plastic bags – also known as sando bags, pouch, plastic shopping bags and plastic film bags. It is a type of flexible packaging material made of thin, plastic film that is used for containing and transporting food and other products (commercial or industrial). It shall also refer to thin-gauge packaging medium that is used as bags or wraps.
- c.) Plastic waste – refers to any plastic packaging material thrown as waste.
- d.) Primary packaging materials – refer to those types of packaging for containing wet produce, snack foods, frozen foods, hardware and other products.
- e.) Secondary packaging materials – refers to those types of packaging materials for wet goods to provide support to any primary packaging.
- f.) Wet goods – Fish and meat products.
- g.) Bio-degradable packaging materials – refer to packaging materials made of wooden or bamboo materials, pandan, clean manila paper (no print) and other similar materials.

SECTION 3. Prohibition of the Use of Plastic Bags on Dry Goods.

No person or business establishment shall utilize bags as packaging materials on dry goods every **Saturday** for the first 6 months of implementation, adding one day of its implementation every 6 months.

SECTION 4. Disposal of Plastic Wastes

Plastic bags or other similar plastic waste materials shall be discarded only at the collection area of the barangay. The aforementioned waste materials must be cleaned and dried prior to submission to the respective barangays for proper collection and disposal.

SECTION 5. Monitoring and Implementing Office

The Municipal Environment and Natural Resource Office (MENRO) shall monitor the effective implementation of this ordinance. The office shall prepare a semi-annual report on the progress of the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Information Education and Communication Campaign

Upon approval of this ordinance, the municipality shall conduct massive information education and communication campaigns and shall also include the promotion of alternative biodegradable materials and encourage the utilization of alternative packaging materials such as Eco Bags (Bayong), cloth bags (katsa), woven baskets, paper bags, Manila papers (no print), bamboo strip (banban) and other similar materials. Consumers are enjoined to bring their own containers (enumerated above) or recyclable materials for the purpose.

SECTION 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this ordinance, the necessary implementing rules and regulations shall be issued by the Municipal Mayor for the proper and effective implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. Moratorium

All business establishment and/or individuals are hereby given Ninety (90) moratorium from the date of this ordinance is effective to strictly comply with the provision hereof.

SECTION 9. Penalties

Any person or business establishment who shall violate this ordinance shall be punished through the imposition of the following penalties:

First offense	Fine of ₱500.00
Second offense	Fine of ₱1,000.00
Third and succeeding offenses	Fine of ₱2,500.00 or suspension of business permit

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause – This ordinance repeals any ordinance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions hereof.

SECTION 11. Separability Clause - Any section or provisions of this ordinance, or any part thereof, or the application of such section, provision as portion is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder thereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 12. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval by authorities concerned.

ENACTED : 22 JUNE 2026

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

ELEUTERIO T. LERIOS
SB Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

HON. ARCHIE LAWRENCE R. KAPUNAN
Vice Mayor/Presiding

HON. JAN ELMER V. MAGDALAGA
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APPROVED BY:

HON. MA. GINA E. MERILO
Municipal Mayor
LGU – Tanauan, Leyte
Date: 06 JUL 2026

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16th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

12 March 2026 - THURSDAY- 9:00 A.M.

Presidencia Lobby, Tanauan Town Hall, Tanauan, Leyte

A. PRELIMINARIES

In attendance were the main sponsor of the proposed Ordinance – Hon. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais; the chairpersons from the different barangays; representatives from the different commercial establishments in the municipality and different stakeholders; and the MENRO-Designate of the LGU.

B. AGENDA

THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Sponsor: *Engr. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais*
Co-Sponsors: *Hon. Josie M. Creer*
Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel
Hon. Lauro A. Villero
Hon. Mark Efren E. Merilo

C. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

The main sponsor presented and thoroughly explained the rationale of the proposed ordinance as well as all the provisions thereof.

D. OPEN FORUM

The representative from Monterey Meatshop raised his concerns on the use of plastic in their meat and other products such as tocino, hotdog and other frozen goods that are delivered to their shop by their suppliers which are packed with plastic. He further stated that it might affect to their sales if they will not sell their products to customers who do not have bayongs, eco-bags or such other similar containers other than plastic bags.

Hon. Morabe explained that the proposed Ordinance defined two types of packaging – the primary and secondary packaging and that those plastic packaging of frozen goods and other meat products are considered primary packaging and is allowed to use as what is not allowed is the secondary packaging wherein the said frozen goods packed in plastics are again placed in other plastic bags in selling to the customers.



1 The MENRO-Designate – Mark Leo Cinco, further explained that as to not selling their products to
2 customers who do not have bayongs or other containers aside from plastic, it is now the intent of
3 the ordinance for stores to innovate and resort to other alternatives or packaging materials.

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5 The Punong Barangay of Brgy. Canramos – PB Fred Nirza asked if the ordinance will not be so
6 burdensome to the buying public in instances when they want to buy fish or meat after work which
7 they would not normally be bringing bayong and will then buy first a bayong before they can buy
8 fish.

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10 The MENRO-Designate answered that what is first addressed in the ordinance is the behavior of the
11 people or individual so that they will be accustomed to be bringing with them eco-bags for purposes
12 of unscheduled trips to the wet markets. Hon. Morabe added that it is the reason why there is a
13 grace period or moratorium before the full implementation of the Ordinance so that the people can
14 slowly adjust and given that some neighboring municipalities are already implementing the same
15 regulation and that there are also other establishments in the Municipality who are implementing
16 the same then eventually the ordinance will be feasible.

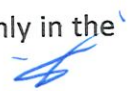
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18 Sangkay Tonyo also raised his concern that in his job of daily vlogging he can attest that there are a
19 lot of plastic garbage all around the streets, bridges and alleys and that the ordinance should be
20 implemented immediately on a daily basis and not only one day for the first six months and adding
21 one day every after six months which would mean that it will take after 3 years before the ordinance
22 can be implemented on a daily basis. The main sponsor however answered that the ordinance
23 considers also the situation of not only the establishment owners but also the buying public and
24 that the moratorium and phases of implementation ensures sufficient time for the constituents to
25 adjust since the intention of the Ordinance is not to totally eradicate plastic use but merely to
26 regulate the same.

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28 The representative from Prince supermarket manifested that their store is already implementing
29 the no plastic days particularly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and asked if the same is
30 already in compliance with the Ordinance. The MENRO-Designate then answered that the
31 Ordinance designated Saturday as no plastic day for the first six month, therefore the store should
32 implement the ordinance on the said day, either by adding additional day particularly Saturday on
33 top of the MWF schedule or to replace one day from MWF and make it a Saturday if the store wants
34 to maintain the 3-day no plastic day regulations.

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36 The representative of the Dr. Flores Medical Clinic asked whether dispensing of medicines and the
37 disposal of medical and biohazard wastes are included in the ordinance which prohibits the use of
38 plastic. The sponsor answered that as to the dispensing of medicine, the ordinance will likewise
39 apply to medical clinics as it is the same with other drugstores.

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41 The MENRO-Designate explained that for biohazard wastes, medical clinics are required to place
42 the same to certain garbage bags and plastic drums or containers to ensure the safety of garbage
43 collectors. Hon. Morabe however stated that she will study further the concern and will incorporate
44 the same in the ordinance when necessary.

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46 The Punong Barangay of Brgy. Sacme – PB Marites Salvaña, also raised her concern that the
47 ordinance should also include giving authority to constituents to report sari-sari store owners in the
48 barangay who are not compliant of the said ordinance since rampant plastic use is not only in the



1 public markets but also in different commercial stores in the different barangays and to include a
2 mechanism of confidentiality for the protection of citizens who made the report to avoid them
3 being blamed or ostracized in their respective barangays.

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5 Hon. Morabe then manifested that she will take note of all the suggestions such as the enforcement
6 of Task Force at the barangay level. She further stated that she is crafting a proposed ordinance to
7 institutionalize the issuance of official Citation Tickets and Notices of Violations not only for the
8 instant proposed ordinance but for other existing municipal ordinances with imposable penalties.

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10 Other similar concerns were also addressed by the sponsor as well as the MENRO-Designate.

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12 **E. ADJOURNMENT**

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14 There having no more matters to be discussed, the public hearing was adjourned at 11:30 in the
15 morning.

16 CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

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18 **ATTY. MIAMOR D. NATIVIDAD**
19 **LOCAL LEGISLATIVE OFFICER IV**

20 ATTESTED:

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23 **HON. ENGR. MAE JANE ANGELIE M. MORABE-BORAIS**
24 **Main Sponsor**



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNJANG BAYAN

PUBLIC HEARING

1. PROPOSED ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Sponsor: Hon. Mae Jane Angelie M. Morabe-Borais

Co-Sponsors: Hon. Josie M. Creer

Hon. Lauro A. Villero

Hon. Cherry Anne T. Fiel

Hon. Mark Efren E. Merilo

Date: March 12, 2026

Time: 9:00 in the morning

Venue: Tanauan Presidencia Lobby

ATTENDANCE

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1	SANGKAY TONYO	"SADA LA"	
2	ESMA C. CUNYAN	CEO	
3	CHRIS MC CUNYAN	CSO	
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6	HOEL MORTON	PRINCE HYPERMART	
7	Cal Segura	CS PRODUCTIONS	
8	JOURNES B. ABANDO		
9	LAMOS EUGENE	CSO	
10	CILLO, CECILIA C.	COPIERS PHARMA & TWIN STORE	
11	MORADA SHARON G.	WKS DEPARTMENT STORE	
12	RAMON P. PETERO	PRINCE KACANAN	
13	WILMA B. PUEZ	Pinhong Bauangan	
14	PHED C. NINZA	P.B. CASHIERS	
15	Jake Gula Jr	AT CO PAID	
16	SUYON ROOSTER S.	ANIDOKS	
17	MORABE-BORIS MAE JANE	SB MEMBER	
18	IRENE P. MACEDA	P.B	
19	LUDIVIA V. LADAN	P.B	
20	CHARA Cabidag	P.M	
21	MARY ROSE PUEZ	Twilight	
22	MELDY N. DAYAON	CSO	
23	BENNIS M. DAYAON	CSO	
24	QUINTIN ACTA	CSO	
25	MESIAS, KYLE C.	SB	
26	FIEL, CHERRY ANNE T.	SB	



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35	Robert	Registration	
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38	Willie Cabillo	IT	
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41	Baron B. Mubay		
42	CHRISTIAN BENEDICT A. ABELLA		
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53	Mar D. Villegas		
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55	Charry Ancena		
56	Bernardine Palcom		
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59	CARLITO O. OLIMBERIO		
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61	Rincion Omas		
62	Induca Omas		
63	EULALIA PIEL	SB	
64	EMARIL E. MANDAN		
65	ERMITA ITHAS	IB	
66	GOMEZ, ANTONIO	CB	
67	EPHAN JIM		
68	JOJO Morales		
69	Jifer Cinco		
70	MARICRITA SIMON		
71	DIOSA OLIZAGA	STUDENT	
72	JOSEFA, JONEL	STUDENT	



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100	JAY CINCO	VENDOR	



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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAUAN, LEYTE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF", 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