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SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

MINUTES OF THE 57TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2026

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr.	Vice-Governor/Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Carlo P. Loreto	5 th District Board Member Floor Leader
3. Hon. Wilson S. Uy	1 st District Board Member
4. Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar	1 st District Board Member
5. Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que	2 nd District Board Member
6. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin	2 nd District Board Member
7. Hon. Alan P. Ang	3 rd District Board Member
8. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr.	4 th District Board Member
9. Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla	4 th District Board Member
10. Hon. Michael L. Cari	5 th District Board Member
11. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen	SK Federation President Ex-Officio Member
12. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez	Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT:

1. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting	3 rd District Board Member (On Official Business)
2. Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy	PCL President Ex-Officio Member (On Official Business)

The 57th Regular Session opened at 11:24 o'clock in the morning presided over by the Honorable Leonardo M. Javier, Jr., Vice-Governor of Leyte.

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable Alan P. Ang, 3rd District Board Member and followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

A motion to dispense with the Panunumpa sa Watawat, the Leyte Hymn, the PBMLP Hymn and the PBMLP Creed of the agenda was presented by the Honorable Floor Leader Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by the Honorable Alan P. Ang, 3rd District Board Member and Honorable Raissa J. Villasin, 2nd District Board Member.

Considering that there was no objection, the motion was carried.

50 The Honorable Presiding Officer requested the SP Secretary Mrs. Florinda Jill S.
51 Uyvico, to call the roll in order to determine the presence of quorum.

52 **MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SP SECRETARY**

53 The following Members are in attendance:

54 **PHYSICALLY PRESENT:**

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56 Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr. - Presiding Officer
57 Hon. Carlo P. Loreto - Floor Leader
58 Hon. Wilson S. Uy
59 Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
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66 Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen
67 Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez

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69 Twelve (12) Members are present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader.

70 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

71 We have a quorum, Mr. Chair.

72 **HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR**

73 Okay, we have a quorum to do business.

74 **HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

75 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the consideration of the minutes of the
76 previous session of September 15, 2026.

77 Is there any correction or proposal of amendments from the Floor?

78 **HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

79 Mr. Chair, I move that we approve the minutes from our September 15, 2026. I so
80 move.

81 **HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

82 Second.

83 **HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

84 Second.

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86 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

87 It's been seconded.

88 Motion is approved.

89 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-1065

90 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

91 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

92 We have five Committee Reports registered before our Secretariat. First Committee
93 Report, Madam Secretary, please.

94 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

95 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

96 **1) Joint Report from Committee on Rules, Laws, and**
97 **Privileges and Committee on Energy, Science & Technology**
98 **Joint Committee Report No. 20**

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100 **Hon. Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar**
101 **Chairperson**

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103 **"REVISED AND CONSOLIDATED PROPOSED PROVINCIAL**
104 **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUICK GAS (QGAS) DIGITAL**
105 **FUEL PRICE INFORMATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM OF THE**
106 **PROVINCE OF LEYTE."**

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109 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

110 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the distinguished Chairman of the Committee on
111 Rules, the Honorable Reposar?

112 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

113 Honorable Reposar, go ahead, please.

114 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

115 For the 1st Committee Report, I yield the floor to the Chairperson of the Committee on
116 Energy, the Honorable Codilla.

117 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

118 The Honorable Reposar graciously yields the floor to Honorable Codilla. Mr. Chair, will
119 you please recognize the Honorable Codilla?

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HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Honorable Codilla, go ahead, please.

HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader. Thank you, Honorable Reposa.
Good morning, everyone.



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
PROVINCE OF LEYTE



SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS AND PRIVILEGES AND COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Joint Committee Report No. _____
Series of 2026

SUBJECT:

“REVISED AND CONSOLIDATED PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUICK GAS (QGAS) DIGITAL FUEL PRICE INFORMATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE”

I. ANTECEDENTS

The Committees on Rules, Laws and Privileges and Energy, Science & Technology acting within their respective mandates, jointly considered and reviewed the proposed Provincial Ordinance entitled:

“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUICK GAS (QGAS) DIGITAL FUEL PRICE INFORMATION AND MONITORING SYSTEM OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”

The proposed measure was referred to the appropriate committees for review, legal evaluation, refinement, consolidation, and recommendation to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

The Committees undertook a review of the original draft and the subsequent comments, suggestions, and proposed amendments, particularly those intended to clarify the nature and purpose of the QGAS, delineate the authority of the Provincial Government from the regulatory powers of national government agencies, establish the responsibilities of participating fuel retailers, and provide appropriate safeguards for implementation.

II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEASURE

The proposed ordinance seeks to establish the Quick Gas (QGAS) Digital Fuel Price Information and Monitoring System as an official provincial digital platform for the collection, consolidation, publication, and dissemination of prevailing retail prices of gasoline, diesel, kerosene, and other covered petroleum products.

The measure is principally intended to:

1. Promote transparency in the retail petroleum market within the Province of Leyte;
2. Provide consumers with accessible and timely information regarding prevailing fuel prices at retail stations;
3. Facilitate informed consumer decisions by making price information publicly available;
4. Establish a centralized digital platform for the submission, consolidation, publication, and archival of fuel-price information;
5. Maintain historical fuel-price records which may be useful for public information, research, planning, and policy formulation;
6. Promote digital governance and innovation in the delivery of provincial public services;
7. Provide a mechanism for verification and correction of inaccurate, incomplete, or outdated information; and

165 8. Coordinate, when appropriate, with national government agencies, particularly the Department of Energy (DOE) and Department
166 of Trade and Industry (DTI), while respecting their respective mandates and regulatory authority.

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168 III. LEGAL AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

169 The Committees recognize that the establishment of a provincial information system falls within the general powers and responsibilities of
170 local government units, subject to the Constitution and applicable laws.

171 The proposed ordinance invokes, among others, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of
172 1991, particularly the general welfare clause, as a policy basis for undertaking measures intended to promote the welfare of the inhabitants and
173 improve the delivery of public services.

174 The Committees likewise considered Section 17 of the Local Government Code, insofar as the proposed digital system relates to the delivery
175 and improvement of public services and local governance.

176 The measure further recognizes the policy objectives embodied in Republic Act No. 8479, otherwise known as the Downstream Oil Industry
177 Deregulation Act of 1998, and Republic Act No. 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines, particularly with respect to
178 transparency, consumer information, and informed purchasing decisions.

179 Importantly, the Committees find it necessary that the proposed ordinance clearly distinguish the information-gathering and transparency
180 functions of the Provincial Government from the regulatory powers vested by national law in the appropriate national government agencies.

181 For this reason, the Revised and Consolidated Ordinance expressly provides that the QGAS shall operate solely as an information and
182 transparency mechanism and shall not be construed as authorizing the Province to regulate, determine, approve, fix, standardize, or control
183 petroleum prices or otherwise exercise regulatory powers reserved by law to the DOE, DTI, or other national government agencies.

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185 IV. COMMITTEE FINDINGS

186 After careful review of the proposed measure, the Committees make the following findings:

187 A. The proposed ordinance is principally informational in character.

188 The Committees find that the revised measure properly characterizes QGAS as a digital fuel price information and monitoring
189 system, rather than a price-control or price-regulation mechanism.

190 The system is intended to collect and publish retailer-submitted information concerning prevailing retail fuel prices for the benefit
191 of the consuming public.

192 B. The revised draft contains safeguards against regulatory overreach.

193 The Committees note the importance of the express language in Section 2 and Section 4 stating that QGAS shall not regulate
194 petroleum prices or exercise powers vested in national government agencies.

195 This clarification is material to the proper implementation of the ordinance and should be retained in the final measure.

196 C. The responsibilities of covered fuel retailers are expressly identified.

197 The revised ordinance requires covered retail fuel stations to submit their prevailing retail prices through the QGAS platform
198 within the prescribed periods.

199 The reporting requirements are intended to ensure that information appearing on the provincial platform remains sufficiently
200 current and useful to consumers.

201 The Committees further recognize that the ordinance places responsibility for the accuracy of retailer-submitted information upon
202 the submitting retailer.

203 D. The measure provides a mechanism for verification and correction.

204 The Committees consider the provisions on verification, correction, and status-labeling of information to be important
205 administrative safeguards.

206 The classifications “Retailer-Reported,” “Province-Verified,” and “Under Verification” provide users with information
207 concerning the status of data appearing on the platform and help distinguish retailer-submitted information from information
208 independently validated by the Province.

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E. The proposed ordinance recognizes data security and privacy considerations.
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The Committees note that Section 9 requires reasonable safeguards involving system security, data integrity, audit trails, access
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controls, cybersecurity measures, and compliance with the **Data Privacy Act** whenever personal information is processed.
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These provisions are appropriate given the digital nature of the proposed system.
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F. The measure provides for institutional responsibility.
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The designation of the **Provincial Management Information Systems Office (MIS Office)** as the implementing office
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establishes a clear administrative responsibility for the operation, maintenance, security, improvement, and management of the
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QGAS platform.
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The authority of the MIS Office to coordinate with relevant provincial offices, component local government units, and national
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government agencies further supports inter-agency implementation.
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G. The annual reporting requirement promotes accountability.
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The Committees find the annual reporting requirement under Section 13 to be a useful accountability mechanism.
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The submission of an Annual QGAS Report to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan will allow the legislative body to monitor
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participation, system utilization, compliance trends, system enhancements, and possible improvements in implementation.
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H. The ordinance provides an appropriate funding mechanism.
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Section 14 provides that the amount necessary for implementation and maintenance shall be charged against available
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appropriations of the Provincial Government and thereafter included in the annual appropriations ordinance, subject to applicable
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budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.
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I. The measure contains appropriate implementation and legal-safeguard provisions.
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The inclusion of provisions on implementing guidelines, transitory implementation, separability, repeal of inconsistent issuances,
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and effectivity provides an administrative framework for the orderly implementation of the QGAS.

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V. MATERIAL REVISIONS AND CONSOLIDATIONS
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In reviewing the original draft of the ordinance, the Committees incorporated and consolidated comments and recommendations intended to
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improve the measure's legal clarity, administrative feasibility, and implementation.
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Among the significant refinements reflected in the Revised and Consolidated Ordinance are:
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1. Clarification of the QGAS as an information and transparency mechanism;
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2. Express recognition of the regulatory authority of the DOE, DTI, and other national government agencies;
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3. Clear definition of covered retail fuel stations and prevailing retail prices;
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4. Specification of the reporting periods and information required from covered fuel stations;
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5. Establishment of verification and correction mechanisms;
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6. Use of appropriate status classifications for reported information;
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7. Identification of the Provincial MIS Office as the implementing office;
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8. Provision for cybersecurity, data integrity, access controls, and data privacy compliance;
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9. Establishment of an annual reporting mechanism to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
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10. Provision for implementing guidelines and transitional procedures; and
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11. Clarification that publication through QGAS does not constitute a provincial certification or guarantee concerning the continuous
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availability or accuracy of retailer-reported prices unless independently verified.
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The Committees consider these revisions necessary to make the proposed measure more precise, administratively workable, and consistent
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with the intended limited purpose of the QGAS.

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VI. COMMITTEE POSITION
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After consideration of the proposed measure and its revised and consolidated provisions, the Committees find that the establishment of the
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QGAS may provide the Province with a structured mechanism for public access to fuel-price information, digital transparency, consumer
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awareness, and data-supported local planning, without assuming the price-regulatory functions of national government agencies.
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The Committees further find that the revised provisions sufficiently articulate the intended character of the system as an **information and**
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transparency platform, subject to compliance with applicable national laws, rules, regulations, and standards.

256 The Committees therefore support the advancement of the **Revised and Consolidated QGAS Ordinance** for consideration by the
257 Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

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259 **VII. RECOMMENDATION**

260 WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Joint Committees on Rules, Laws and Privileges and Energy hereby RECOMMEND the
261 APPROVAL of the Proposed Provincial Ordinance No. _____, Series of 2026, entitled:

262 **“AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE QUICK GAS (QGAS) DIGITAL FUEL PRICE INFORMATION AND**
263 **MONITORING SYSTEM OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION,**
264 **MAINTENANCE, AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”**

265 The Committees further recommend that the **Revised and Consolidated version**, incorporating the amendments, clarifications, legal
266 safeguards, and implementation provisions considered by the Committees, be adopted as the version to be presented to the **Sangguniang**
267 **Panlalawigan** for second and subsequent consideration, as may be required under its Rules of Procedure.

268 The Committees likewise recommend that, during the remaining stages of legislative consideration, the proposed ordinance continue to be
269 implemented and interpreted consistently with the powers and jurisdiction of the **Department of Energy, Department of Trade and**
270 **Industry, and other concerned national government agencies**, and with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and administrative
271 issuances.

272 Respectfully submitted.

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275 **COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS AND PRIVILEGES and COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

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279 *(originally signed)*

280 **HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR**
281 *Chairperson, Committee on Rules and Privileges*
282 *Vice-Chairperson, Committee on Energy, Science & Technology*

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286 *(originally signed)*

287 **HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA**
288 *Chairperson Committee on Energy, Science & Technology*

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292 *(originally signed)*

293 **HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO**
294 *Vice-Chairperson, Committee on Rules and Privileges*
295 *Member, Committee on Energy, Science & Technology*

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298 *(originally signed)*

299 **HON. WILSON S. UY**
300 *Member, Committee on Rules and Privileges*

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303 *(originally signed)*

304 **HON. MICHAEL L. CARI**
305 *Member, Committee on Rules and Privileges*

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311 **Date:** _____, 2026
312 **Place:** Palo, Leyte

313 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

314 Mr. Chair, I move that we adopt and approve the Joint Committee Report No. 20. I so

315 move.

316 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

317 Second.

318 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

319 Second.

320 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

321 Second.

322 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

323 It's been seconded.

324 Motion is approved.

325 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1066**

326 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

327 Corollary motion, Mr. Chair.

328 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

329 Go ahead, please.

330 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

331 I move to approve on 2nd Reading the Proposed Ordinance and Calendar the same for

332 the 3rd Reading on the next regular Session. I so move.

333 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

334 Second.

335 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

336 Second.

337 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

338 Second.

339 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

340 It's been seconded.

341 Motion is approved.

342 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-1066-A

343 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

344 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

345 We now proceed to the next Committee Report, Madam Secretary, please.

346 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

347 **2) Committee on Rules, Laws, and Privileges**
348 **Committee Report No. 21, Series of 2026**

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350 **Hon. Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar**
351 **Chairperson**

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353 **“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BARANGAY**
354 **CHAIRPERSONS AND SCHOOL HEADS TO DECLARE LOCALIZED**
355 **CLASS SUSPENSION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE”**
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357 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

358 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, the
359 Honorable Reposar?

360 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

361 Honorable Reposar, go ahead, please.

362 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

363 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.



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367 **OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**
368 Palo, Leyte
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371 **COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES**
372 **COMMITTEE REPORT**
373 No. 21 S. 2026
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375 Date: September 14, 2026

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377 **RE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BARANGAY CHAIRPERSONS AND SCHOOL HEADS TO DECLARE**
378 **LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE”**
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380 Prepared by: Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges

381 Chairperson: Atty. Ronnan Christian “Bolingling” Reposar

382 Vice-Chairperson: Atty. Carlo P. Loreto

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385 Members: Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari, Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez,
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389 **I. BACKGROUND**

Ordinance No. 516, Series of 2026, entitled: “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BARANGAY CHAIRPERSONS AND SCHOOL HEADS TO DECLARE LOCALIZED CLASS SUSPENSION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BABATNGON, LEYTE” was submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review pursuant to **Section 56(a) of RA 7160**.

The Provincial Legal Office (PLO), through its 2nd Indorsement dated **May 4, 2026**, issued its preliminary legal opinion stating that while the ordinance is generally within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan, **DepEd Order No. 37 s. 2022** limits the authority to suspend classes to **Local Chief Executives (LCEs)** and **School Heads**, thus requiring further review.

The Committees conducted a detailed evaluation of the ordinance’s legality, consistency with national laws and DepEd issuances, and its implementability.

II. FINDINGS

1. **The Sangguniang Bayan has general authority to enact measures for public safety.** Under **Section 447(a)(1)(iv) of RA 7160**, the Sangguniang Bayan may enact ordinances promoting health, safety, and public welfare, especially during disasters and emergencies.

Thus, the **intent** of the ordinance to enable faster, localized hazard response is consistent with the LGU’s general welfare powers.

2. **DepEd Orders strictly define who may suspend classes.** The ordinance cites DepEd Order No. 22 s. 2024, which indeed provides **automatic triggers** for class suspension and authorizes **School Heads** to suspend classes based on hazard conditions.

However, DepEd Order No. 37 s. 2022 (Guidelines on Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Schools) clearly states:

- **Only Local Chief Executives (Mayors/Governors)** may declare class suspensions within their territorial jurisdiction.
- **School Heads** may suspend classes only within their respective schools, based on hazard triggers.
- Barangay Chairpersons **are not authorized** under DepEd guidelines to declare class suspensions.

Thus, the ordinance **expands authority beyond what DepEd allows** by granting Barangay Chairpersons independent power to suspend classes.

This is the core legal defect identified by the PLO.

3. **Barangay Chairpersons may coordinate but not declare class suspensions.** Under RA 10121 (DRRM Act), barangays play a frontline role in hazard monitoring and community response.

However, **class suspension is an educational governance function**, and DepEd rules do not delegate this authority to barangay officials.

Barangay Chairpersons may:

- recommend suspension,
- coordinate with School Heads and the LCE,
- provide hazard information,

but **cannot independently declare class suspension**.

4. **The ordinance risks inconsistency with national policy.** Section 56(c) of RA 7160 requires municipal ordinances to be **consistent with national laws and policies**.

By granting authority not recognized by DepEd, the ordinance becomes **inconsistent** with:

- DepEd Order No. 37 s. 2022
- DepEd Order No. 22 s. 2024
- Executive Order No. 66 s. 2012 (class suspension protocols)

Thus, the ordinance requires **modification**.

5. **The ordinance’s provisions on automatic triggers and reporting are valid.** The ordinance’s detailed hazard triggers (TCWS, rainfall warnings, earthquake intensity, flooding, etc.) are **consistent with DepEd Order No. 22 s. 2024**.

Sections on:

- reporting,
- coordination,
- continuity of learning,
- DRRM fund utilization are likewise **valid and implementable**.

Only the **grant of authority to Barangay Chairpersons** is legally problematic.

III. CONCLUSION

The Committee conclude that:

1. The ordinance is **partially valid**, particularly in its adoption of DepEd hazard triggers and DRRM coordination mechanisms.
2. However, the provision granting **Barangay Chairpersons independent authority to declare class suspensions** is **inconsistent with DepEd Orders and the executive order as mentioned**, thus must be **deleted or modified**.
3. Only the **Local Chief Executive** and **School Heads** may declare class suspensions under existing national policy.

Therefore, the ordinance **cannot be approved in its present form**.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

The Committees recommend:

APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS, specifically:

1. **Delete or amend Section 5(2)**
to remove the authority of Barangay Chairpersons to declare class suspensions.
2. Replace it with language authorizing Barangay Chairpersons to:
 - **recommend**
suspension,
 - **coordinate**
hazard monitoring,
 - **assist**
School Heads and the LCE in emergency response.

Suggested replacement text:

"Barangay Chairpersons may recommend localized class suspension to the School Head and Local Chief Executive based on verified hazard conditions and shall coordinate with the MDRRMO for monitoring and reporting."

This aligns the ordinance with DepEd Orders while preserving the intent of localized hazard response.

Prepared by: **Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges**

HON. ATTY. ROMAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Chairperson,

(originally signed)
HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice Chairperson

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HON. WILSON S. UY
Member

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HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
Member

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HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ
Member

Attested by:

(originally signed)
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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541 HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
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560 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

561 Mr. Chair, I move that we adopt the said Committee Report and return the said
562 ordinance to the SB of origin. I so move.

563 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

564 Second.

565 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

566 Second.

567 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

568 Second.

569 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

570 It's been seconded.

571 Motion is approved.

572 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1067**

573 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

574 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

575 We now proceed to the next Committee Report, Madam Secretary, please.

576 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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578 **3) Committee on Rules, Laws, and Privileges**
579 **Committee Report No. 22, Series of 2026**
580 **Hon. Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar**
581 **Chairperson**

Review of the Corrected Ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag entitled: "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE OFFICIAL SEAL AND LOGO OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF DULAG."

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Honorable Reposar, go ahead, please.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.



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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 22 S. 2026

Date: September 14, 2026

Review of the Corrected Ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag entitled:
"An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Official Seal and Logo of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag."

Prepared by: Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges

Chairperson: Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" Reposar

Vice-Chairperson: Atty. Carlo P. Loreto

Members: Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari, Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez,

IV. BACKGROUND

The Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag previously transmitted an ordinance institutionalizing its official seal and logo for mandatory review. The Sangguniang Panlalawigan advised that the penalty provision exceeded the authority of the Sangguniang Bayan, as originally drafted.

In response, the SB Dulag formally communicated that:

"In compliance with said guidance, the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag has duly amended the ordinance to correct its penal clause."

They further stated:

"Accordingly, we are hereby transmitting a copy of the revised ordinance for consideration and appropriate action by the Honorable Body."

The corrected ordinance now contains a penalty clause that conforms to Section 447(a)(1)(vi) of RA 7160, limiting fines to ₱2,500, and properly channels administrative sanctions through Civil Service and DILG rules.

II. FINDINGS

V. Compliance with SP Guidance

The Committee finds that the SB Dulag fully complied with the directive of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan by revising the penal clause to:

- Impose a fine not exceeding ₱2,500, consistent with RA 7160;
- Apply administrative sanctions only in accordance with Civil Service and DILG rules;
- Remove any ultra vires (beyond authority) penal provisions.

This compliance is explicitly confirmed in their official transmittal letter.

VI. Valid Exercise of Local Legislative Authority

The corrected ordinance meets the requisites of a valid ordinance:

- Proper Subject Matter: Regulation of the official seal and logo is a legitimate exercise of corporate powers.
- Proper Authority: SB Dulag is empowered under RA 7160 to institutionalize official symbols.
- Consistency with National Law: The corrected penalty clause now conforms to statutory limits.
- Reasonableness: The ordinance clearly defines prohibited acts and provides a proportionate penalty system.

III. CONCLUSION

After due deliberation, the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges hereby recommends:

APPROVAL of the Corrected Ordinance Institutionalizing the Official Seal and Logo of the Sangguniang Bayan of Dulag, noting full compliance by the SB Dulag with the guidance previously issued by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

The Committee further recommends that the corrected ordinance be entered into the official records as compliant and approved without further modification.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte is respectfully requested to:

1. Approve the corrected ordinance;
2. Acknowledge the SB Dulag's prompt compliance and adherence to legal standards;
3. Transmit the approval to the Municipality of Dulag for implementation.

Prepared by: **Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges**

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Chairperson,

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726 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

727 Mr. Chair, I move that we adopt the said Committee Report. I so move.

728 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

729 Second.

730 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

731 Second.

732 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

733 It's been seconded.

734 Motion is approved.

735 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-168**

736 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

737 Corollary motion, Mr. Chair.

738 I move that we pass a resolution approving the said ordinance of the Municipality of

739 Dulag. I so move.

740 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

741 Second.

742 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

743 Second.

744 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

745 Second.

746 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

747 It's been seconded.

748 Motion is approved.

749 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1069**

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HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the next Committee Report, Madam Secretary, please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

4) Committee on Rules, Laws, and Privileges
Committee Report No. 23, Series of 2026
Hon. Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar
Chairperson

Review of Municipal Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2025 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MINING, QUARRYING AND MINERAL EXTRACTION ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE."

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 23 S. 2026

Date: September 14, 2026

I. SUBJECT MATTER

Review of Municipal Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2025, entitled:

"An Ordinance Regulating Mining, Quarrying, and Mineral Extraction Activities within the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte."

Endorsed for further review, pursuant to Section 56 of RA 7160 by the Provincial Legal Office through its 2nd Endorsement dated May 8, 2026.

Prepared by: Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges

Chairperson: Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" Reposar

Vice-Chairperson: Atty. Carlo P. Loreto

Members: Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari, Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez,

804 I. BACKGROUND

805 The ordinance regulates mining and quarrying activities within MacArthur, Leyte, establishes a Municipal Mining
806 Monitoring Team (MMMT), prescribes documentary requirements, and imposes buffer zones and penalties.

807 Upon review, the Provincial Legal Office (PLO) identified several provisions, particularly in
808 Article III (Requisites) that appear inconsistent with RA 7942 (Philippine Mining Act of 1995) and relevant jurisprudence.

809 In line with the SP's mandate under Section 56 of RA 7160, the Committee conducted a legal evaluation and now
810 recommends specific amendments to ensure the ordinance's compliance with national law while preserving LGU powers
811 under Sections 16, 26, and 27 of the Local Government Code.

812 III. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

813 A. Sections 26 and 27, RA 7160 (Local Government Code)

814 Section 27 requires prior consultation and prior approval of the sanggunian concerned before any project or program is
815 implemented within the LGU.

816 This approval pertains to project implementation, not the issuance of mining permits, which remain under the exclusive
817 authority of the DENR-MGB.

818 B. RA 7942 (Philippine Mining Act)

819 RA 7942 vests exclusive permitting authority in:

- 820 • DENR/MGB (exploration, MPSA, FTAA, industrial sand & gravel);
- 821 • Provincial Governor (certain quarry permits).

822 LGUs participate through:

- 823 • Consultations;
- 824 • Environmental and social acceptability processes;
- 825 • Monitoring and enforcement of local environmental laws.

826 C. Supreme Court Doctrine¹

827 The Supreme Court has consistently held that:

- 828 • LGUs cannot veto, block, or impose additional mandatory prerequisites on national mining permits;
- 829 • Section 27 approval cannot be interpreted as permit approval power;
- 830 • LGUs may regulate land use, conduct consultations, and impose environmental safeguards, but may not alter
831 national permitting processes.

832 II. FINDINGS

833 The Committee finds that several provisions of the ordinance, particularly in Articles III, V, VI, and VII, require
834 amendment to ensure consistency with RA 7942, RA 7160, and jurisprudence.

835 The Committee therefore recommends specific amendments, detailed below, together with their legal explanations.

836 V. RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS WITH CORRECTED LEGAL FRAMING

837 A. ARTICLE III – REQUISITES FOR LOCAL CONCURRENCE

838 I. Condition Precedent for Project Implementation

839 **Recommended Amendment:** Replace the original permitting prerequisite
840 with:

841 "No mining, quarrying, or extraction project shall be implemented within the Municipality of MacArthur unless the
842 Sangguniang Bayan issues a Resolution Interposing No Objection or a Resolution Confirming Compliance with
843 Section 27 of the Local Government Code, attesting that consultations were conducted and that the project may be
844 implemented within the municipality, without prejudice to the permitting authority of the DENR-MGB and such other
845 concerned government agency."

846 **Legal Explanation:**

- 847 • Section 27 gives LGUs approval power over project implementation, not over permit issuance.
- 848 • The original RINO requirement unlawfully functioned as a permit prerequisite, violating RA 7942.
- 849 • The corrected framing preserves LGU authority while respecting national permitting processes.

850 II. Mandatory Grounds for Withholding Concurrence

¹ *Province of Occidental Mindoro v. Agusan Petroleum and Mineral Corporation* (G.R. No. 248932)

Recommended Amendment: Retain the environmental, food security, and social acceptability criteria, with clarified legal grounding:

“The Sangguniang Bayan may withhold concurrence if the project poses unmitigable environmental risks, threatens food security or irrigation systems, or lacks genuine social acceptability, pursuant to Sections 16 and 26 of RA 7160.”

Legal Explanation:

- These criteria fall squarely under the General Welfare Clause and Section 26.
- This amendment is fully valid and strengthens LGU evaluation powers.

III. Nature of the Resolution (Corrected Framing)

Recommended Amendment:

“The Resolution Interposing No Objection or the Resolution Confirming Compliance with Section 27 of the Local Government Code pertains solely to local concurrence for project implementation and shall not be construed as a prerequisite for the issuance of mining permits under RA 7942.”

Legal Explanation:

- Prevents misinterpretation that LGU concurrence affects national permit validity.
- Aligns with Supreme Court doctrine on LGU limits.

B. ARTICLE V – BUFFER ZONES AND PROHIBITED AREAS

I. Mandatory Buffer Zones

Recommended Amendment:

Retain the 500m, 300m, and 50m buffer zones, but relocate their legal effect:

“The buffer zones established herein shall be incorporated into the Municipal Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) and Zoning Ordinance, and shall be enforced through this mining ordinance for monitoring and compliance purposes.”

Legal Explanation:

- Buffer zones are zoning restrictions, not mining permit conditions.
- They must be placed in the CLUP to be legally enforceable.
- This corrected framing avoids invalidation under RA 7942 and HLURB/DHSUD rules.

II. Field Verification

Recommended Amendment: Retain as-is, with minor clarification:

“MENRO and the host barangay shall conduct joint field verification of buffer zones, applying the stricter ecological parameters defined in the CLUP and this ordinance.”

Legal Explanation:

- LGUs may conduct field verification.
- This strengthens enforcement without conflicting with national law.

C. ARTICLE IV – MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT

I. MMMT Autonomy

Recommended Amendment: Retain as-is, with clarification:

“The MMMT shall monitor compliance with local ordinances, land-use restrictions, buffer zones, and municipal environmental standards, complementary to the national MMT under RA 7942.”

Legal Explanation:

- LGUs may create local monitoring teams.
- This is valid under Section 447 and the General Welfare Clause.

II. Conflict Resolution (Corrected Framing)

Recommended Amendment: Replace “MMMT findings shall prevail” with:

“MMMT findings shall prevail only with respect to violations of municipal laws, buffer zones established under the CLUP, local land-use restrictions, and municipal road safety standards. National violations shall remain under the jurisdiction of MGB and EMB.”

Legal Explanation:

- LGUs cannot override national technical findings.
- LGUs can enforce local violations independently.
- This corrected framing is legally defensible.

D. ARTICLE VI – PENALTIES

I. Tiered Penalty Structure

Recommended Amendment:

- Retain as-is.
- It respects the ₱2,500 cap under RA 7160.

II. National Escalation Clause

Recommended Amendment:

“For violations constituting environmental crimes under RA 7942, the LGU shall endorse the matter to DENR–MGB, EMB, and the DOJ for prosecution.”

Legal Explanation:

- LGUs may refer violations to national agencies.
- This strengthens enforcement without exceeding LGU authority.

VI. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

After due deliberation, the Committee recommends that the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte:

RETURN Municipal Ordinance No. 10, Series of 2025, FOR INCORPORATION OF THE ABOVE SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS.

These amendments:

- Preserve LGU authority under Sections 16, 26, and 27 of RA 7160;
- Protect prime irrigated and irrigable agricultural lands in MacArthur;
- Ensure compliance with RA 7942 and Supreme Court doctrine;
- Prevent LGU overreach into national permitting processes;
- Strengthen environmental and social safeguards;
- Provide clear legal consequences for non-compliance;
- Maintain the integrity of the CLUP and zoning powers.

Prepared by: Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges

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1035 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1036 With that Mr. Chair, I move that we adopt the Committee Report and return the

1037 ordinance to SB of origin.

1038 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1039 Second.

1040 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1041 Second.

1042 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

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1044 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1045 Second.

1046 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1047 Mr. Chair?

1048 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1049 Go ahead, please.

1050 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1051 With the recommendation, Mr. Chair, I would just like to suggest to the proponent to
1052 return the ordinance and declare it invalid instead of further amendments because I firmly
1053 believe that mining, quarrying, and extraction are in the jurisdiction of the Province of Leyte.

1054 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1055 Mr. Chair, only Article 3 of the Ordinance but there are other Sections and Articles
1056 which are valid. The findings of the Provincial Legal Office only states categorically that
1057 Article 3 is the only problematic since it requires a lot of clearances and other

1058 documentations which may be misinterpreted to be a pre-requisite before the Provincial
1059 Government or the MGB and DENR issues the permit and that's beyond authority of the
1060 Sanggunian Bayan or the LGU. Hence, the recommendation of the PLO is affirmed by the
1061 Committee.

1062 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1063 Mr. Chair, I understand the recommendation of the PLO but as I look at the title alone,
1064 the ordinance regulating mining, quarrying and mineral extraction activities are not in the
1065 purview of LGU of MacArthur, Mr. Chair. So that is why instead of giving them a room for
1066 further amendments, I suggest that we strike it immediately to declare invalid their proposed
1067 ordinance. That would be my position, Mr. Chair.

1068 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1069 Mr. Chair, if this will entail further discussion since Board Member Wilson is also a
1070 committee member, I move to defer the reporting of this Committee Report. I so move.

1071 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1072 Second.

1073 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1074 Second.

1075 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1076 Second.

1077 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1078 It's been seconded.

1079 Motion is approved.

1080 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-1070

1081 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1082 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1083 Before we proceed, Mr. Chair, I wish to recognize the presence of the distinguished
1084 Congresswoman Karen Tañala Javier, who I saw in the TV successfully presided over the 3
1085 Budgets of 3 Agencies. Let us all give a big hand to Congresswoman Javier.

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1087 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR
1088 Congratulations, Ma'am.
1089 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1090 We now proceed to the last Committee Report, Madam Secretary, please.
1091 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

1092 **5) Committee on Rules, Laws, and Privileges**
1093 **Committee Report No. 24, Series of 2026**
1094 **Hon. Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar**
1095 Chairperson
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1097 **“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF**
1098 **HONORARIUM TO REPRESENTATIVES OF ACCREDITED CIVIL SOCIETY**
1099 **ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES OF THE**
1100 **MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGA, LEYTE.”**
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1102 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
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1104 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR
1105 Honorable Reposar, go ahead, please.
1106 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1107 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 24 S. 2026



1120 Date: September 14, 2026
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1122 **RE: AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF HONORARIUM TO REPRESENTATIVES OF**
1123 **ACCREDITED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES OF THE**
1124 **MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGA, LEYTE.**
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1126 Prepared by: Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
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1132 Members: Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari, Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez,
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1135 **I. BACKGROUND**
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1137 The Sangguniang Bayan referred to the Committees the proposed ordinance entitled:

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1139 **“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE GRANT OF HONORARIUM TO REPRESENTATIVES OF**
1140 **ACCREDITED CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) IN LOCAL SPECIAL BODIES OF THE**
1141 **MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGA, LEYTE.”**
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1143 The measure seeks to provide honoraria amounting to **P500 per meeting**, subject to a **P1,000 monthly cap**,
1144 for CSO representatives participating in Local Special Bodies (LSBs), including the Local Development Council,
1145 Local School Board, Local Health Board, and others.
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1147 The Committees conducted a review of the ordinance’s **soundness, legality, reasonableness, and**
1148 **implementability**, and examined relevant laws, DILG issuances, and the **Opinion of the Provincial Legal**
1149 **Office (PLO)** dated May 2026.
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1152 **II. FINDINGS**
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1154 **1. Lack of Statutory Authority.** The Committees find that **no national law authorizes LGUs to grant**
1155 **honoraria to CSO representatives in Local Special Bodies.**
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- 1157 • **RA 7160 (Local Government Code)** - Sections 34 - 36 mandate LGUs to support CSOs, but only
1158 through technical, logistical, and financial assistance to the organization, not compensation to
1159 individual representatives. Sections 98, 107, 108 require CSO representation in LSBs but do not
1160 authorize honoraria.
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- 1162 • **IRR of RA 7160 (Rule XIII, Articles 62-64)**
1163 These provisions strengthen CSO participation but do not provide authority for monetary
1164 compensation.
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1166 Thus, the ordinance attempts to create a benefit **not granted by national law**, making it **ultra vires**.
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1168 **2. Misapplication of DILG Memorandum Circulars.** The ordinance cites “supportive mechanisms” under
1169 DILG MC 2025-060. However, the controlling issuance is **DILG MC 2018-89**, which the PLO correctly
1170 invoked.
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1172 Under **Section 8.2 of MC 2018-89**, honoraria may be granted **only when**:
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- 1174 • the CSO is engaged in a **specific DILG program or project**, and
- 1175 • a **Terms of Reference (TOR)** is issued by the **DILG Secretary, Regional Director, or Provincial**
1176 **Director**.
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1178 This means:

- 1179 • Honoraria is allowed **only for DILG-initiated projects**,
- 1180 • **Not** for LGU-created Local Special Bodies,
- 1181 • And **not** through a municipal ordinance.
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1183 Therefore, the ordinance’s reliance on DILG MCs is **legally**
1184 **misplaced**.
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1186 **3. COA Rules Prohibit Honoraria Without Legal Basis**
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1188 COA Circular 2007-001 allows honoraria only when:

- 1189 • the activity is **authorized by law**, and
- 1190 • the payee performs a **government-mandated special task**.
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1192 CSO representatives:

- 1193 • are **not government personnel**,
- 1194 • serve **voluntarily**,
- 1195 • and their participation is **not compensated by statute**.
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1197 Any honoraria granted under the ordinance will be **disallowed by**
1198 **COA**, exposing approving officials to:

- 1199 • Notice of Disallowance
- 1200 • Personal liability
- 1201 • Refund of disallowed amounts
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1203 **4. Improper Expansion of “Supportive Mechanisms”** DILG MC 2025-060 encourages LGUs to provide:

- 1204 • logistical support
- 1205 • transportation assistance
- 1206 • capacity development
- 1207 • documentation support
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1209 But **not monetary compensation**.

1210 **5. Appropriation Without Legal Basis.** The ordinance appropriates **₱364,000 annually** for honoraria.

1211 Under **Section 305 of RA 7160**, appropriations must be:

- 1212 • for a **public purpose**, and
- 1213 • **authorized** by law

1214 Since honoraria is **not authorized**, the appropriation is **invalid**.

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1220 **III. CONCLUSION**

1221 Based on the foregoing, the Committees conclude that the proposed ordinance is:

- 1222 • **Legally infirm**
- 1223 • **Ultra vires**
- 1224 (beyond the powers of the LGU)
- 1225 • **Inconsistent with RA 7160, its IRR, DILG MC 2018-89, and COA rules**
- 1226 • **Vulnerable to COA disallowance**
- 1227 • **Not implementable**

1228 The Provincial Legal Office's findings are **affirmed**.

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1233 **IV. RECOMMENDATION**

1234 The Committees **recommend DISAPPROVAL** of the proposed ordinance.

1235 However, the Committees recommend that the LGU adopt **allowable supportive mechanisms** for CSO

1236 participation, such as:

- 1237 • meals during meetings
- 1238 • transportation assistance
- 1239 • reimbursement of actual expenses (with receipts)
- 1240 • training and capacity-building
- 1241 • documentation and secretariat support

1242 These are consistent with Sections 34–36 of RA 7160 and DILG MC 2025-060.

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1253 Prepared by: **Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges**

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1293 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1294 Mr. Chair, I move that we adopt the said Committee Report. I so move.

1295 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1296 Second.

1297 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1298 It's been seconded.

1299 Motion is approved.

1300 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1071**

1301 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1302 Corollary motion, Mr. Chair.

1303 I move to pass a resolution recommending disapproval of the said ordinance. I so

1304 move.

1305 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1306 Second.

1307 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1308 It's been seconded.

1309 Motion is approved.

1310 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1071-A**

1311 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1312 We now proceed to the Business of the Day, Madam Secretary, please?

1313 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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1315 **ITEM NO. 01**

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1317 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**

1318 **Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**

1319 **Babatngon, Leyte** in the amount of **Php4,153,800.25** under

1320 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 524, Series of 2026.** Same is

1321 recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the

1322 Local Finance Committee per review dated September 15,
1323 2026.

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1325 **ITEM NO. 02**

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1327 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1328 **Supplemental Budget No. 01 FY 2025** of the **Municipality of**
1329 **Tolosa, Leyte** in the amount of **Php2,275,000.00** under
1330 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 26, Series of 2025**. Same is
1331 recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the
1332 Local Finance Committee per review dated September 15,
1333 2026.

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1335 **ITEM NO. 03**

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1337 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1338 **Supplemental Budget No. 01 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**
1339 **Barugo, Leyte** in the amount of **Php19,409,929.95** under
1340 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 09, Series of 2026 together with**
1341 **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 1, CY 2026 in**
1342 **the amount of Php182,959,929.95**. Same is recommended
1343 for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance
1344 Committee per review dated September 10, 2026.

1345 **ITEM NO. 04**

1346 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1347 **Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**
1348 **Leyte, Leyte** in the amount of **Php4,634,721.97** under
1349 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 002-26 together with**
1350 **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 2 CY 2026 in**
1351 **the amount of Php7,850,000.00**. Same is recommended for
1352 **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance
1353 Committee per review dated September 15, 2026.

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1356 **ITEM NO. 05**

1357 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1358 **Supplemental Budget No. 01 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**
1359 **Calubian, Leyte** in the amount of **Php7,099,412.62** under
1360 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2026-01, Series of 2026**
1361 **together with Supplemental Annual Investment Program**
1362 **(SIP) No. 1 CY 2026 in the amount of Php12,099,412.62**.
1363 Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by
1364 the Local Finance Committee per review dated September
1365 10, 2026.

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1368 **ITEM NO. 06**

1369 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1370 **Supplemental Budget No. 1 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**
1371 **Kananga, Leyte** in the amount of **Php64,292,278.33** under
1372 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 24L.26-021, Series of 2026**
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1374 together with Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 2
1375 in the amount of Php124,213,660.02. Same is
1376 recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the
1377 Local Finance Committee per review dated September 15,
1378 2026.
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1380 **ITEM NO. 07**
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1382 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1383 **Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**
1384 **Kananga, Leyte** in the amount of **Php20,624,446.95** under
1385 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 24L.26-022, Series of 2026.**
1386 Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by
1387 the Local Finance Committee per review dated September
1388 10, 2026.
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1391 **ITEM NO. 08**
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1393 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1394 **Supplemental Budget No. 02 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**
1395 **Inopacan, Leyte** in the amount of **Php8,000,000.00** under
1396 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 26-02, Series of 2026 together**
1397 **with Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 2 in the**
1398 **amount of Php130,000,000.00.** Same is recommended for
1399 **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance
1400 Committee per review dated September 10, 2026.
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1403 **ITEM NO. 09**
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1405 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1406 **Supplemental Budget No. 1 CY 2026** of the **City of Baybay,**
1407 **Leyte** in the amount of **Php373,723,174.64** under
1408 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 1, Series of 2026 together with**
1409 **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) CY 2026 of the**
1410 **same amount.** Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with
1411 **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review
1412 dated September 15, 2026.
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1415 **ITEM NO. 10**
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1417 Presented for consideration is **General Fund**
1418 **Supplemental Budget No. 2 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of**
1419 **Javier, Leyte** in the amount of **Php10,975,607.72** under
1420 **Appropriation Ordinance No. 2026-09,** Same is
1421 recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the
1422 Local Finance Committee per review dated September 10,
1423 2026.
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1426 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
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1428 Mr. Chair, there are ten Supplemental Budgets. Will you please recognize the Distinguished
1429 Chairman Honorable Uy?
1430 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR
1431 Honorable Uy, you are recognized.
1432 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1433 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader. We have 10 Supplemental
1434 Budget, Mr. Chair.
1435 For Item No. 01 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 of Babatngon, Leyte.
1436 Item No. 02 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 of Fiscal Year 2025 of the
1437 Municipality of Tolosa, Leyte.
1438 Item No. 03 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 of Fiscal Year 2026 of the
1439 Municipality of Barugo, Leyte. Together with the Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No.
1440 01 for CY 2026.
1441 Item No. 04 is General Fund Supplemental Budget Number 2 for Fiscal Year 2026 of
1442 the Municipality of Leyte, Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Program.
1443 For Item No. 05 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 01 Fiscal Year 2026 of the
1444 Municipality of Calubian, Leyte, together with the Supplemental Annual Investment Program
1445 for CY 2026.
1446 Item No. 06 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2026 of the
1447 Municipality of Kananga Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Program No. 2.
1448 Item No. 07 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 for Fiscal Year 2026 of the
1449 Municipality of Kananga, Leyte.
1450 Item No. 08 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 02 Fiscal Year 2026 of the
1451 Municipal of Inopacan, Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Program.
1452 Item No. 09 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 1 for Fiscal Year of 2026 of
1453 City of Baybay, together with the Supplemental Investment Program for Calendar Year 2026.

1454 And Item number 10 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 2 for Fiscal Year 2026
1455 of the Municipality of Javier, Leyte.

1456 Mr. Chair, all these ten Supplemental Budgets were recommended for approval, and
1457 with some conditions set forth by the Local Finance Committee per review. If a motion is in
1458 order, I move that we approve all the Supplemental Budget from Item 1 to 10. I so move, Mr.
1459 Chair.

1460 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1461 Second.

1462 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1463 Second.

1464 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR
1465 Any objections?

1466 I hear none, the motion is approved.

1467 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1072**

1468 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1469 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next item, Item No. 11
1470 Madam Secretary, please?

1471 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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1473 **ITEM NO. 11**
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1475 Presented for consideration is a request for
1476 **Accreditation** with the Provincial Government of Leyte as a
1477 non government organization of **MATALOM FEDERATION OF**
1478 **SENIOR CITIZENS** with office address at Day Center,
1479 Barangay San Pedro, Matalom, Leyte.

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1481 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1482 Mr. Chair, the same has been reviewed thoroughly by the Secretariat and they are
1483 compliant with all the legal requirements. I move that we approve the request for
1484 Accreditation. I so move.

1485 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT
1486 Second.

1487 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1488 Second.

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1490 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1491 Any objections?

1492 I hear none, the motion is approved.

1493 Approved unanimously. RES. NO. 2026-1073

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1495 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1496 Next item, Madam Secretary, please?

1497 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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1499 ITEM NO. 12

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1501 Presented for consideration is a furnished copy of
1502 the letter dated September 10, 2026 addressed to the
1503 Members of the Provincial Local Finance Committee,
1504 Province of Leyte, from **Engr. Adleo C. Go**, Municipal
1505 Planning and Development Coordinator, Municipality of
1506 Dagami, Leyte. The letter was submitted as clarification
1507 and in response to Item No. 8 of the review findings issued
1508 by the Provincial Local Finance Committee on the 2026
1509 Annual Budget of the Municipality of Dagami, Leyte.

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1511 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1512 Mr. Chair, I move that we refer this to the Committee on Finance. I so move.

1513 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1514 Second.

1515 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1516 Any objections?

1517 I hear none, the motion is approved.

1518 Approved unanimously. RES. NO. 2026-1073-A

1519 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1520 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next item, Madam Secretary, please?

1521 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

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1523 ITEM NO. 13

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1525 Presented for consideration is an **ANSWER** from
1526 respondent Atty. Erwin Belleza relative to the case filed by
1527 Christopher A. Elem, complainant, about the allegation
1528 that respondent have committed graft and corruption, and
1529 taking advantage of his possession committed oppression,

1530 direct assault, abuse of authority, and perjury against the
1531 complainant.
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1533 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1534 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Joy Que, the proceeding Chairman
1535 of the Blue Ribbon Committee?
1536 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR
1537 Honorable Joy Que, go ahead, please.
1538 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1539 Mr. Chair, I move that this answer by Attorney Belleza be referred to the Blue Ribbon
1540 Committee. Thank you.
1541 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1542 Second.
1543 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR
1544 Referred.
1545 Any objections?
1546 I hear none, the motion is approved.
1547 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1074**
1548 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
1549 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next item, Madam Secretary, please?
1550 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY
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1552 **ITEM NO. 14**
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1554 Presented for consideration is **MUNICIPAL**
1555 **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12, SERIES OF 2026** of the Municipality
1556 of San Miguel, Leyte, entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE**
1557 **ESTABLISHING THE SAN MIGUEL MUNICIPAL INFIRMARY AS A**
1558 **SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE HEALTHCARE FACILITY**
1559 **OF SAN MIGUEL, LEYTE.”** Same is recommended for the
1560 declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per
1561 2nd Indorsement dated August 10, 2026.
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1564 **ITEM NO. 15**
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1566 Presented for consideration is **MUNICIPAL**
1567 **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-005, SERIES OF 2026** of the
1568 Municipality of Santa Fe, Leyte, entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE**
1569 **RECLASSIFYING LOT NO. 938 AND LOT 939-C FROM AGRO-**
1570 **INDUSTRIAL TO RESIDENTIAL USE LOCATED AT BARANGAY**
1571 **PILIT, SANTA FE, LEYTE.”** Same is recommended for the

1572 declaration of its **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per
1573 2nd Indorsement dated September 4, 2026.

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1599 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1600 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?

1601 There are several items from the 1st District, perhaps the Distinguished Board Member

1602 Reposar can make an Omnibus Motion for Items 14, 15, 16 and 17.

1603 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1604 Honorable Reposar, you are recognized?

1605 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1606 Thank you very much, Honorable Presiding Chair and the Honorable Board Member.

1607 Item No. 14 is proposed local measure coming from the Municipality of San Miguel,

1608 while the other Ordinances coming from the 1st District are from the Municipality of Santa Fe,

1609 Leyte.

1610 Perusing the records, Mr. Chair, the same has been thoroughly reviewed by the

1611 Provincial Legal Office and the same Office recommended that these proposed measures

1612 coming from the Municipalities of San Miguel and Santa Fe, Leyte, respectively, Mr. Chair, to
1613 be declared of valid.

1614 I therefore move for the passage of an Omnibus Resolution, Mr. Chair, recommending
1615 validity of the said Ordinance. I so move.

1616 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1617 Second.

1618 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1619 Second.

1620 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1621 Second.

1622 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1623 Any objections?

1624 I hear none, the motion is approved.

1625 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1075**

1626 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1627 Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the last item, Madam Secretary, please?

1628 MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

1629 **ITEM NO. 18**

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1631 Presented for consideration is **MUNICIPAL**
1632 **ORDINANCE NO. 21, SERIES OF 2026** of the Municipality of
1633 **Merida, Leyte**, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE RETITLING AND**
1634 **REASSIGNING THE EXISTING POSITION OF MUNICIPAL**
1635 **GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT HEAD 1 (ASSISTANT**
1636 **ASSESSOR), SALARY GRADE 22, TO MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**
1637 **ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT HEAD (WITHOUT SPECIFIC**
1638 **DESIGNATION), SALARY GRADE 22, AND REASSIGNING THE**
1639 **SAME UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR OF THE**
1640 **MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE, AND FOR OTHER**
1641 **PURPOSES."** Same is recommended for the declaration of its
1642 **VALIDITY** by the Provincial Legal Office per 2nd Indorsement
1643 dated September 4, 2026.

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1645 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1646 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Centino?

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1648 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1649 Go ahead, please.

1650 HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1651 Thank you, Mr. Floor and Mr. Presiding Officer.

1652 Item No. 18 is the Municipal Ordinance No. 21 Series of 2026, of the Municipality of

1653 Merida entitled, "An Ordinance, Retitling and Reassigning the Existing Position of Municipal

1654 Government Assistant, Department Head 1, with the Salary Grade 22 to Municipal

1655 Government Assistant Department Head, without specific designation," Mr. Chair, this Item

1656 No. 18 was declared valid by the Provincial Legal Office, and it was endorsed dated

1657 September 4 of this year.

1658 So, Mr. Chair, I would like to move for the approval of this Item No. 18 Ordinance No.

1659 21 Series of 2026. I so move, Mr. Chair.

1660 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1661 Second.

1662 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1663 Second.

1664 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1665 Any objections?

1666 I hear none, the motion is approved.

1667 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1076**

1668 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1669 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1670 Mr. Chair, we have no more item in our agenda so we now proceed to Other matters.

1671 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1672 Other matters, Mr. Chair.

1673 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1674 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Gimenez?

1675 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1676 Go ahead, please.

1677 HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, LIGA NG MGA BRGY PRESIDENT

1678 In line with the passing of Governor Dakila Carlo E Cua, I'd like to move for passage of a
1679 Resolution of Condolence to his family. He used to be the President of the ULAP, United Local
1680 Authorities of the Philippines, and he's the Chairman of the Governor's League of the Philippines. I s
1681 move, Mr. Chair.

1682 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1683 Second.

1684 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1685 Second.

1686 HON. ELMER FREDERICO N. CODILLA: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1687 Second.

1688 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1689 Second.

1690 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1691 Second.

1692 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1693 Any objections?

1694 I hear none, the motion is approved.

1695 Approved unanimously.

RES. NO. 2026-1077

1696 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1697 Mr. Chair, yesterday was the fiesta of Jaro and we have with us today the Vice-Mayor
1698 of Jaro, Honorable Tata Tañala. Can we please let's give a big hand for Vice-Mayor Tata
1699 Tañala.

1700 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1701 Mr. Floor and Mr. Chair?

1702 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1703 The Honorable Joy Que?

1704 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1705 Honorable Joy, go ahead, please.

1706 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1707 Mr. Floor and Mr. Chair, I just would like to point out a consideration that some of the
1708 conditions in the Budget Approval that we made was *"that the procurement of goods,*
1709 *supplies, and equipment and related services shall be made in accordance with the*
1710 *provisions of Republic Act 9184."*

1711 This RA 9184 has already been repealed by Republic Act 12009. So, I think the
1712 conditions there are some, from the Local Finance Committee, recommendations that
1713 actually cite RA 9184. It should be changed. It should now read as RA 12009 because
1714 Section 115 of RA 12009 has expressly repealed RA 9184.

1715 The RA 12009 has become a law since 2025. Although it provides for a transitory
1716 period of 3 years still RA 12009 says that we should already be using this for government
1717 procurement.

1718 So, I think all of those budgets where we approved with the conditions stating that
1719 they need to follow RA 9184, should read as RA 12009.

1720 HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1721 So, you recommend amending?

1722 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1723 Amending the approval and indicate that RA 9184 should not be the basis for
1724 procurement, but rather RA 12009. Like example, here Generals Fund Supplemental Budget
1725 Number 1, CY 2026 of the City of Baybay. Item No. 03 here says that "the procurement of
1726 goods, supplies, equipment, and related services shall be made in accordance with the
1727 provisions of RA 9184 and it's implementing rules and regulations." BM Wilson here
1728 recommended this be approved Omnibus Motion, right?

1729 I just would like to recommend that in our Omnibus Motion approving all of these
1730 Budgets, that we amend all those items that say that the procurement of goods should be
1731 based on RA 9184, rather, it should read as "all those procurements should be based on RA
1732 12009," because as Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members, especially as the lawyers here,

1733 we know about the law. And this law has already been passed since 2025. So to continue
1734 approving and recommending this particular condition might not be suitable.

1735 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1736 Perhaps Mr. Chair, in our Omnibus Resolution, we can include that as a whereas
1737 clause, so, that we can inform all the Municipalities as well.

1738 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1739 Yes, the basis of their procurement should be on RA 12009 and no longer 9184.

1740 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1741 May we will hear from the Honorable Uy, if he's amenable to the suggestion?

1742 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1743 Honorable Uy, please.

1744 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1745 Yes, Mr. Chair, I am in agreement with the suggestion of Honorable Que. But I think
1746 the recommendation came from the Local Finance Committee. Maybe we can call the
1747 attention of the Local Finance Committee to take a look or go with the suggestion of
1748 Honorable Que.

1749 Because this representation just follows the recommendation of the Local Finance
1750 Committee without knowing any new amended laws but I suggest that we request the Local
1751 Finance Committee to make some correction or amendments, as to the observation of Board
1752 Member Que, is that correct?

1753 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1754 Maybe we can pass another Resolution reminding the Local Finance Committee, and
1755 the Provincial Legal Office. Maybe they have not been updated.

1756 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1757 Yes.

1758 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1759 In the meantime, we can approve.

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1761 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1762 Approve all the Supplemental Budget.

1763 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1764 As corrected, Mr. Chair.

1765 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1766 But correct the particular condition that it would now be RA 12009. There is actually a

1767 Section 115 of RA 12009. Specifically says RA 9184, otherwise known as the Government

1768 Procurement Reform and seek Commonwealth Act 138 are hereby repealed. So, for us to

1769 continue recommending that as a condition makes us you know, ignorance of the law

1770 excuses no one from compliance there with. So, I think we should again approve all of those

1771 Budgets, but with the condition that it would be.

1772 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1773 Subject.

1774 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1775 Yes, amended to RA 12009. And then, we write another Resolution recommending to

1776 the Local Finance Committee to update their recommendation and use RA 12009 and cite

1777 Section 115.

1778 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1779 Okay. Thank you, Honorable Que.

1780 Mr. Chair, the Honorable Uy is amenable to the amendment to the motion, so the

1781 motion is amended accordingly to approve the Omnibus Motion subject to compliance with

1782 RA 12009. May we hear the ruling on the Omnibus Motion, Mr. Chair?

1783 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1784 Is there any objection from the lawyers here?

1785 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1786 We join Honorable Joy, Mr. Chair.

1787 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1788 Is there any other suggestion?

1789 If there are none motion is approved.

1790 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1078**

1791 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1792 Thank you so much, Mr. Chair.

1793 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1794 For the other motion, Mr. Chair, we give the floor to Honorable Que, to inform, remind,
1795 suggest.

1796 HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1797 Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor, thank you again for the approval of the first Resolution.

1798 The second Resolution is that we the Sangguniang Panlalawigan write a letter
1799 addressed to Governor Petilla, through the Local Finance Committee to inform them to
1800 update their recommendation and use RA 12009 instead of RA 9184, citing therein Section
1801 115 of RA 12009 that RA 9184 has already been repealed.

1802 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1803 Second.

1804 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1805 Second.

1806 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1807 Second.

1808 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1809 We appreciate that.

1810 Motion is approved.

1811 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1078-A**

1812 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1813 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Do we hear any other matters?

1814 Mr. Chair, the father of Mayor Linlin Villahermosa, Mano Rodging passed away last
1815 Friday. I move that we pass a Resolution extending condolences to the Villahermosa family.
1816 I request Honorable Cari to join me in the motion. I so move.

1817 HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

1818 Second.

1819 HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1820 Second.

1821 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1822 Second.

1823 HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1824 Second.

1825 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1826 Motion is approved.

1827 Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1079**

1828 HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1829 Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Lumen?

1830 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1831 Honorable Lumen, please.

1832 HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

1833 Thank you so much Mr. Chair. Thank you so much Mr. Floor Leader. If there are no

1834 other matters, I move to adjourn. Thank you so much.

1835 HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1836 Second.

1837 HON. ALAN P. ANG: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

1838 Second.

1839 HON. LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

1840 Session is adjourned.

1841 Thank you, everybody.

1842 (The regular session was adjourned at 12:03 o'clock in the afternoon.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

APPROVED:

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LEONARDO M. JAVIER, JR.
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Date Approved: _____

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