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**2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT**

October 1, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2 entitled: “**Ordinance Adopting the Official Seal of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte**”.

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 22(a)(3)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). However, Section 8 of the same ordinance is in violation of Section 447(1)(iii)<sup>2</sup>. Hence, further review of the Ordinance is recommended.

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*

<sup>1</sup> **Section 22. Corporate Powers.** -  
(3) To have and use a corporate seal;

<sup>2</sup> (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance adopting the new official seal of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte, defining its symbolism, prescribing its use, and imposing penalties for unauthorized or improper use thereof.**

  
**FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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September 28, 2026

**THE HONORABLE BODY**

Sangguniang Panlalawigan  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Provincial Government Complex  
West Bypass Road, Campetic  
Palo, Leyte

Dear Gentlemen / Mesdames:

Good Day!

Submitting **Municipal Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2026** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte entitled, ***"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SYMBOLISM, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE THEREOF,"*** for review of the Honorable Body.

Earliest and favorable action shall be gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully yours,

  
**JUDE R. DELA TORRE**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE IN ITS 60<sup>th</sup> REGULAR  
SESSION HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2026

### AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SYMBOLISM, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE THEREOF

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, grants local government units the power to promote the general welfare, including the preservation and promotion of culture, heritage, and identity;

**WHEREAS**, Section 22 of the same Act provides that every local government unit, as a corporation, has the power to have and use a corporate seal, and may continue using, modify, or change its existing corporate seal, subject to registration with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8491, otherwise known as the "Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines," provides for the regulation and proper use of heraldic items and emblems, and vests upon the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) the authority to ensure that such symbols, including local government seals, conform to established heraldic standards and traditions;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of the Capoocan recognizes the importance of an official seal as a symbol of its identity, heritage, authority, and unity;

**WHEREAS**, the updated official seal reflects the municipality's historical significance, cultural heritage, economic foundation, and geographical characteristics;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to formally adopt the new official seal and ensure its proper and consistent use in all official documents, communications, and representations of the Municipality;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Honorable Von Lito Q. Vallar**, duly seconded by **Honorable Federico P. Carolino, Jr.**;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the *Sangguniang Bayan* of the Municipality of Capoocan, Province of Leyte, in Session assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** – This Ordinance shall be known as the *"Ordinance Adopting the Official Seal of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte."*

**SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL.** – The Municipality of Capoocan hereby adopts the new official seal as its symbol of identity. The design of the seal, including all its elements and features, is hereby made an integral part of this Ordinance and shall be attached as *Annex "A"*.

**SECTION 3. SYMBOLISM.** – The elements of the official seal shall have the following meanings:

1. **TWENTY-ONE (21) STARS** – The 21 barangays that comprise and support the town of Capoocan.

2. **SHIELD** – The provincial shield of Leyte Province where Capoocan belongs.

3. **MOUNTAIN** – The mountainous area of Capoocan representing eight upland barangays. Its blue background, paired with the red background of the watchtowers, signifies patriotism and unity with the nation, symbolizes peace, bravery and love of country, and reflects the hues of the Philippine Flag.
4. **WATCHTOWERS** – The twin watchtowers (*or Lantawan*) represent Capoocan's historical and cultural heritage. They were originally built during the Spanish colonial period as defense towers against maritime threats, and were later served as World War II landmarks. They now stand as symbols of unity, resilience, and heritage connecting the town's past and present.
5. **GREEN FIELDS** – Symbolize agriculture as the backbone of the local economy.
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7. **BROWN WEAVING** – Represents the handicraft tradition of the people of Capoocan, particularly women, and symbolizes their industriousness.
8. **1918** – The official establishment of Capoocan as an independent municipality, following its separation from the Municipality of Carigara effective 1 January 1918.

**SECTION 4. OFFICIAL USE OF THE SEAL.** – The official seal shall be used in the following:

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- (c) Signage, identification markers, billboards, and other visual displays installed on or within government premises;
- (d) All government-owned properties such as municipal buildings, facilities, vehicles, machinery, and equipment, where appropriate;
- (e) Official digital platforms, including websites, social media pages, and electronic communications;
- (f) Government-issued materials, paraphernalia, and supplies;
- (g) Such other official uses and purposes as may be authorized by the Municipal Mayor, or as may be determined by the Sangguniang Bayan.

**SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS.** – It shall be unlawful for any person, entity, or organization to:

- (a) Use, reproduce, affix, or display the official seal on any document, publication, property, platform, or material without proper authority from the Municipal Government;
- (b) Alter, edit, revise, or otherwise modify the design, proportions, colors, or elements of the official seal, including digital manipulation;
- (c) Use the official seal on private, commercial, or non-government materials, or for profit, endorsement, or advertisement, without prior written authorization from the Municipal Mayor;
- (d) Affix or display the official seal on any property, signage, vehicle, equipment, or digital platform not owned, operated, or officially sanctioned by the Municipality, in a manner that suggests official authority or endorsement;

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- (f) Use the official seal in any manner that is unlawful or that brings discredit or dishonor to the Municipality of Capoocan.

**SECTION 6. PENALTIES.** – Any person found guilty of violating this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to the following penalties:

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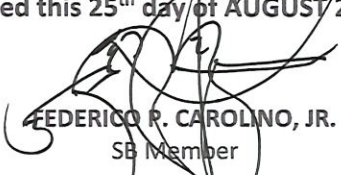
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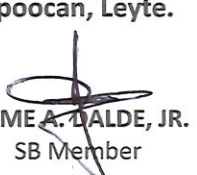
**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the President of the Philippines, as may be required, following endorsement by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and after compliance with the registration with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the applicable publication or posting requirements under existing laws and regulations.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan, in session assembled this 25<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST 2026 at Capoocan, Leyte.

  
GRACIA G. PIGAR  
SB Member

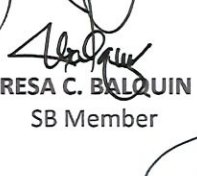
  
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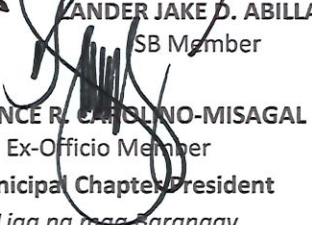
  
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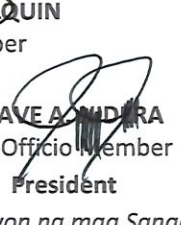
  
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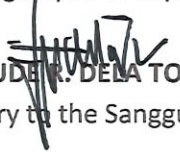
  
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Municipal Chapter President  
Liga ng mga Barangay

  
DAVE A. ANDARA  
Ex-Officio Member  
President  
Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte.

  
JUDE R. DELA TORRE  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. FE CLAIRE P. CAROLINO-PARAGATOS  
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

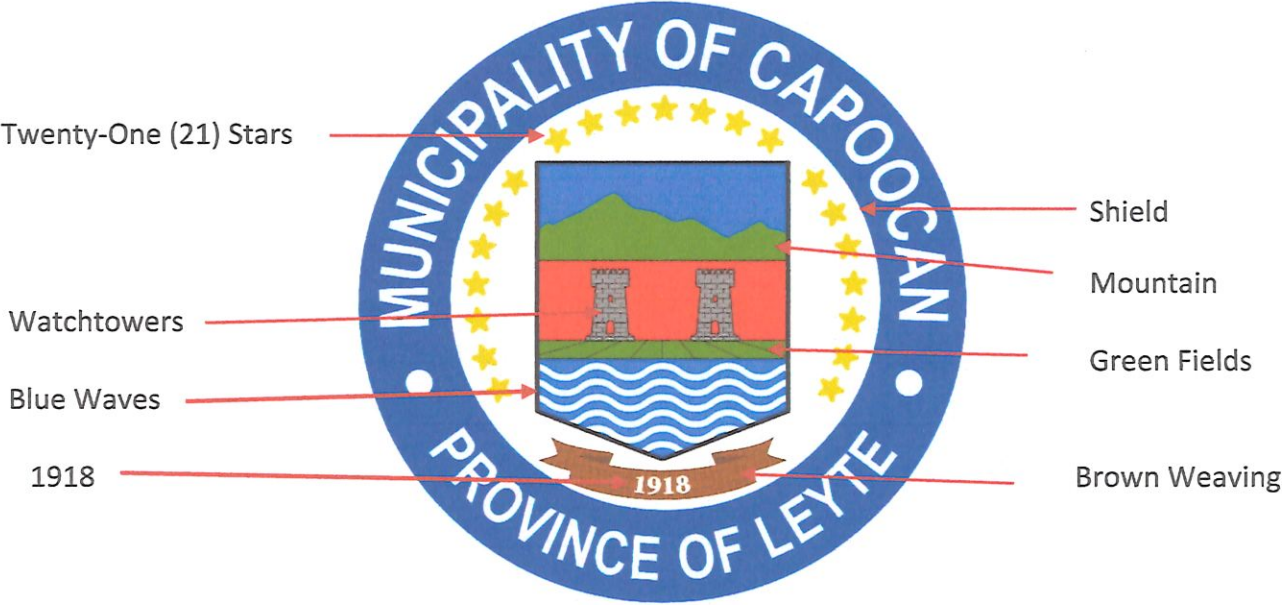
APPROVED:

  
ATTY. FEDERICO H. CAROLINO, SR.  
Municipal Mayor

Date: 9/28/26

Annex "A"

MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN  
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SYMBOLISM

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MINUTES OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE IN ITS PUBLIC HEARING HELD  
ON AUGUST 7, 2026 AT THE CAPOOCAN MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS CENTER

**PRESENT:**

- |                                         |                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Fe Claire P. Carolino-Paragatos | Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer                                          |
| 2. Hon. Gracia G. Pigar                 | Sangguniang Bayan Member                                                        |
| 3. Hon. Von Lito Q. Vallar              | Sangguniang Bayan Member                                                        |
| 4. Hon. Federico P. Carolino, Jr.       | Sangguniang Bayan Member                                                        |
| 5. Hon. Jaime A. Dalde, Jr.             | Sangguniang Bayan Member                                                        |
| 6. Hon. Arnold A. Caing                 | Sangguniang Bayan Member                                                        |
| 7. Hon. Lander Jake D. Abillar          | Sangguniang Bayan Member                                                        |
| 8. Hon. Teresa C. Balquin               | Sangguniang Bayan Member                                                        |
| 9. Hon. Florence R. Carolino-Misagal    | Ex-Officio Member<br>Municipal Chapter President - Liga ng mga Barangay         |
| 10. Hon. Dave A. Nidera                 | Ex-Officio Member<br>President-Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan |
| 11. Mr. Jude R. dela Torre              | Secretary to the Sanggunian                                                     |

**ABSENT:**

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| 1. Hon. Jojo N. Nepomuceno | Sangguniang Bayan Member |
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**GUESTS:**

- |                                                   |                                |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. LGU Department Heads, Unit Heads and employees |                                |
| 2. Mr. Rolando P. Susaya                          | Capoocan I District Supervisor |
| 3. PEMS Enrique O. Delgado                        | Capoocan MPS                   |
| 4. SFO1 Gil M. Demillones, Jr.                    | Capoocan BFP                   |
| 5. FO2 Vivencio Dabocol                           | Capoocan BFP                   |
| 6. RMFB 8                                         | Refer to Attendance Sheet      |
| 7. CSO representatives                            | Refer to Attendance Sheet      |
| 8. Barangay Officials                             | Refer to Attendance Sheet      |
| 9. Barangay Tanods                                | Refer to Attendance Sheet      |
| 10. PUBLIC                                        | Refer to Attendance Sheet      |

The Public Hearing commenced by an invocation, singing of the Pambansang Awit, singing of the Bagong Pilipinas Hymn, and singing of the Capoocan Hymn.

Honorable Arnold A. Caing welcomed the participants of the public hearing. It was followed by messages from the Municipal Vice-Mayor, Honorable Fe Claire P. Carolino-Paragatos, and from the Municipal Mayor, Honorable Federico H. Carolino, Sr. Then the participants were presented and acknowledged by Honorable Lander Jake D. Abillar.

**PRESENTATION AND OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

**A. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2026, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW COPY OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SYMBOLISM, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE THEREOF".**

*(Signatures of officials and guests)*

Honorable Von Lito Q. Vallar presented MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES OF 2026, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SYMBOLISM, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE THEREOF".

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Handwritten signatures of the officials involved in the ordinance process.

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*[Handwritten signatures and stamps at the bottom of the page, including a circular stamp of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Lette.]*

There being no questions and clarifications, the proposed ordinance will now be calendared under second reading on the next regular session of the Sangguniang Bayan.

**B. MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES OF 2026, "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE".**

Honorable Federico P. Carolino, Jr. presented MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 7, SERIES OF 2026, "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE".

**WHEREAS, Section 458 (1)(V) of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that, "The Sangguniang Bayan have the power to promote public order through providing penalties for activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants";**

**WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan recognizes the importance of promoting an atmosphere of decency, propriety and orderliness among the members of its community and all those who come within the Barangay's area of responsibility and territorial jurisdiction,**

**WHEREAS, it is just fitting and proper for people of all ages to give courtesy and respect as well as observe proper decorum wherever they may be;**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte in session assembled that;**

**SECTION 1. TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as the "Anti Topless or Half-Naked in Public Places Ordinance of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte."**

**SECTION 2. SCOPE-** This ordinance shall be applicable to all persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS:**

a) Topless/Half-Naked - the act appearing bare breasted.

b) Public Places - refer to streets, roads, alleys, highways, playgrounds, plazas, parks, open spaces, recreation centers, churches, malls, public offices and other places where number of people converged.

**SECTION 4. PROHIBITION - No person shall be allowed to move about in public places topless or half-naked within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte.**

**SECTION 5. EXCEPTION - The following cases shall be considered as exemption to the foregoing ordinance:**

a) Persons inside private premises.

b) Activities or events with special permit issued by the Municipality/implementing agencies; Fiestas (Barangay)

c) In cases of medical emergencies;

d) Indigenous people wearing ethnic clothes;

e) Public swimming pools, beaches & rivers;

f) Persons who are engaged in sports activities that does not require top clothing;

h) Work-related activities.



(3) days from the date of issue of the citation ticket. Their personal data will be recorded and entered into the Capoocan MPS's system, then the offender will be directed to pay the corresponding fine at the LGU's Municipal Treasurer's Office.

- First Offense** - Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) fine
- Second Offense** - One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) fine
- Third Offense** - Two Thousand and Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Any business found violating the provisions under Section 6 will be penalized as follows:

- 1st Offense** - A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (PhP500.00) per day until compliance
- 2nd Offense** - Seven (7) days business suspension
- 3rd Offense** - Revocation of business permits upon failure to comply with such requirements.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - If, for any reason, any part or provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

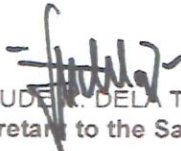
**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All previous ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - This ordinance shall take effect after its approval and compliance to the posting and publication requirements prescribed in Republic Act 7160.

The following suggestions were agreed to be considered in the second reading of the proposed ordinance:

- Put tarpaulin in every barangay, and there should be a waray-waray and Cebuano version of the ordinance. The ordinance shall also be tackled during barangay assemblies.
- Ambulant "malunggay pandesal" vendors will be allowed, provided they have secured the necessary permit.
- Proceeds from fines collected shall accrue to the municipal government and barangay concerned. Forty (40%) percent to the municipal government and sixty (60%) percent to the barangay where arrest/apprehension of violators occurred.

There being no more matters to be discussed, Honorable Jaime A. Dalde, Jr. delivered his closing remarks, and the public hearing was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

  
JUDE A. DELA TORRE  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. FE CLAIRE P. CAROLINO-PARAGATOS  
Vice-Mayor / Presiding Officer



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Liga ng mga Barangay

DAVE A. NIERA  
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| 18. JERRY N. MARIANO                | PRAT PRAT CAPAO              |           |
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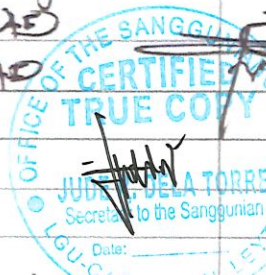




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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT COPIES OF **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2, Series of 2026**, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SYMBOLISM, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE THEREOF", WERE **POSTED** AT THE **FOLLOWING LOCATIONS** IN THE MUNICIPALITY:

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Municipal Lobby
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3. **Waiting Shed**  
Barangay Balud, Capoocan, Leyte
4. **Waiting Shed**  
Market Place, Poblacion Zone II, Capoocan, Leyte

This certifies further that notice of public hearing were also sent to the different barangays of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte for proper and effective information dissemination.

Done this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of September 2026.

  
**JUDE R. DELA TORRE**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Noted by:

  
**ATTY. FE CLAIRE P. CAROLINO-PARAGATOS**  
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**9:00A.M.**



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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

**NO. 7, S.  
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 7, S. 2026, "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE".

*Sponsored by: Hon. Federico P. Carolino, Jr.*



MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

**NO. 8, S.  
2026**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 8, S. 2026, "AN ORDINANCE BANNING DRINKING OF LIQUOR AND INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC AREAS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE".

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

**NO. 9, S.  
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 9, S. 2026, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF VIDEOKE MACHINES AND OTHER AMPLIFIED AUDIO DEVICES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE".

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