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September 25, 2026

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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2026-051 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 2026-051 entitled: “ **Anti-Trafficking in Persons Ordinance of Carigara, Leyte .**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with RA No. 10364². Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer }

¹ (a) The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:
(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government,

² “Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012”

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-051** of the **Municipality of Carigara, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the institutional mechanisms for trafficking in persons, protection and support of trafficked persons, pursuant to the provisions of RA No. 11862 (the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022) and for other purposes.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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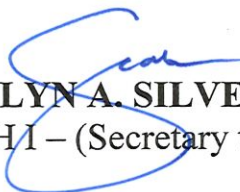
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Respectfully forwarded to the Honorable Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, thru the Provincial Board Secretary, Florinda Jill S. Uyvico, the herein **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-051** – “*An Ordinance Establishing the Institutional Mechanisms for Trafficking in Persons, Protection and Support of Trafficked persons, Pursuant to the Provisions of RA No. 11862 (The Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022) and For Other Purposes* .

For your perusal and appropriate action.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
MGDH I – (Secretary to the Sanggunian)



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ABSENT:

Hon. Fernando N. Moriel ----- SB Member – Forced Leave

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-051
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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTIONAL
MECHANISMS FOR TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PROTECTION
AND SUPPORT OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS, PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF RA No. 11862 (THE EXPANDED ANTI -
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS ACT OF 2022) AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

Author: **Hon. Vilma M. Domus**

WHEREAS, it is declared policy of the State to value the dignity of
every human person and guarantees the respect of individual rights.



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In pursuit of this policy, the State shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and development of programs that will promote human dignity, protect the people from any threat of violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons, and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons, not only to support trafficked persons, but more importantly, to ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of the society;

WHEREAS, RA No. 9208, otherwise known as the “Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act Of 2003” has been signed into law on 26 May 2003 and serves as the national framework to address trafficking in our country;

WHEREAS, Section 16 (l) of RA 9208 mandates local government units to monitor and document cases of trafficking in persons in their areas of jurisdiction, effect the cancellation of licenses of establishments which violate its provisions and ensure effective prosecution of such cases;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government declared its full support to the worldwide campaign to fight TIP when in Congress passed the amendments to RA No. 9208 under RA No.10364, also known as the “Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012”, which was formally signed into law on February 6, 2013;

WHEREAS, RA No. 10364 widened the definition of trafficking in persons and created an inter-agency council against trafficking and instituted policies to eliminate TIP, especially women and children, establishing the necessary institutional mechanisms for the



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protection and support of the trafficked persons, providing penalties for its violations and other purposes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Rules and Regulations implementing RA No. 9208 (as amended), the local government units (LGU's) shall enact ordinances aimed at providing protection and support to trafficked persons and their families;

WHEREAS, the role of the LGU is expressly provided in the IRR of R.A. 11862, through Section 144 (d) to Enact ordinances to localize and strengthen the implementation of the Act by providing local services and programs to trafficked persons and other exploitative behavior;

WHEREAS, trafficked persons, especially women and children, is a real problem that demands proactive and coordinated response at the international, regional, national, and even local levels;

WHEREAS, the incidences of documented, as well as unreported cases of trafficking and abuse of women and children clearly manifest that human trafficking is an alarming issue;

WHEREAS, in line with the objective of the current administration to make Carigara a safe municipality for all its residents, it is imperative that this concern be directly and effectively addressed by the Carigara Municipal Council, in order to prevent the municipality from becoming a source, transit point or destination of trafficking victims.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara, Leyte, in session assembled, that:



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SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as **“Anti-Trafficking in Persons Ordinance of Carigara, Leyte”**.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES

It is hereby declared that it is the policy of the Local Government Unit of Carigara that values the dignity of every human person and guarantees the full respect of individual rights.

It shall be a policy of the Municipality to recognize the equal rights and inherent human dignity of women and men as enshrined by the United Nation Universal Declaration of Human Rights, United Nations convention of Rights of the Children, United Nations Conventions Against Transnational Organized Crime, including its protocol; to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons, especially women and children and all relevant and universally accepted human rights instruments and other international conventions to which the Philippines is a signatory.

Towards this end, the Municipal Government shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures and the development of projects, programs, and activities that will promote human dignity, protect the people from any threats of violence and exploitation, eliminate trafficking in persons, and mitigate pressures for involuntary migration and servitude of persons, not only to support trafficked persons but more importantly, too ensure their recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration into the mainstream of society.



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The Municipal Government shall address the problem of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, at the local level by instituting policies and programs to prevent, protect and rehabilitate trafficked persons.

The Municipal Government shall also take firmer stance against trafficking in persons by penalizing certain acts or omission that can be considered as violations of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. **Accessories** – whoever has the knowledge of the commission of the crime and without having participated therein, either as principal or accomplice, take part in its commission in any of the following manners:
 - a) Profiting themselves on assisting the offender to profit by effect of the crime;
 - b) Concealing or destroying the body of the crime or effects or instruments in order to prevent the discovery; and
 - c) Harboring, concealing, or assisting in the escape of the principal of the crime, provided the accessory acts with the abuse of his or her public functions or is known to be habitually guilty of some other crime.
2. **Child** – refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age or one who is over 18 but unable to fully take care or protect himself/herself from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or



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discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition.

3. **Council** – shall mean the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking created under Section 6 of RA No. 9208, as amended by RA No. 10364.
4. **Debt Bondage** – refers to the pledging by the debtor of his/her personal services or labor or those of as person under his/her control as security or payment for a debt, when the length and nature of services is not clearly defined or when the value of the services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt.
5. **Force Labor** – refers to the extraction of work or services from any person by means of enticement, intimidation or threat, use of force or coercion, including deprivation of freedom, abuse of authority or moral ascendancy, debt bondage or deception including any work or service extracted from any person under the menace of penalty.
6. **Involuntary Servitude** – refers to a condition of enforced and compulsory service induced by means of any scheme, plan or pattern, intended to cause a person to believe that he/she did not enter into or continue in such condition, he/she or another person would suffer serious harm or other forms of abuse or physical restraint, or threat of abuse or harm, or coercion including depriving access to travel documents and withholding salaries, or the abuse or threatened abuse of legal process.
7. **Sexual Exploitation** – refers to participation by a person in prostitution, pornography, or the production of pornography,



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in exchange of money, profit or any other considerations where the participation is caused or facilitated by any means of intimidation or threat, use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, debt bondage, abuse of power or of position of legal process, taking advantage of vulnerabilities of person, or giving, or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, or facilitated by any means as provided in these acts.

8. **Slavery** – refers to the status or condition of a person over whom any or all of the powers attaching to the right ownership are exercised.
9. **Trafficking in Persons** – refers to the recruitment, obtaining, hiring, providing, offering, transportation, transfer, maintaining, harboring, or receipt of persons with or without the victims' consent or knowledge, within or across national borders by means of threat or use of force, or other forms of coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or position, taking advantage of the vulnerability of the person, or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person for the purpose of exploitation which includes at a minimum, the exploitation or the prostitution of other or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labor or services, slavery, servitude or the removal or sale of organs.

The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, adoption, or receipt of a child for the purpose of exploitation



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or when the adoption is induced by any form of consideration for the purpose of exploitation shall also be considered as Trafficking in Persons, even if it does not involve any means set forth in the preceding paragraph, pursuant to RA No. 10364.

The use, procuring or offering of a child for the production and trafficking of drugs, illegal activities or work, which by nature or the circumstances it is carried out, is likely to harm their health, safety and morals.

10. **Pornography** – refers to any representation, through publication, exhibition, cinematography, indecent shows, information technology, or by whatever means of a person engage in real or simulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a person for primarily sexual purposes.
11. **Prostitution** – refers to any act, transaction, scheme, or design involving the use of person by another, for sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct in exchange for money, profit or any other consideration.
12. **Recovery and Reintegration Programs for TIP** – DSWD comprehensive program that ensures adequate recovery and reintegration services provided to trafficked persons.
13. **Victim Processing Center** – a discrete, secure and dignified space of victims for a safe of at least three (3) days to allow immediate/initial, processing of the survivor's reaction after rescue, completion of key post-operation support activities and gather victim testimonies to be submitted in legal



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proceedings against their perpetrators.

14. **Sex Tourism** – refers to a program organized by travel and tourism-related establishment and individuals which consists of tourism packages or activities, utilizing and offering escort and sexual services as enticements for tourists.

15. **LCAT-VAWC** – refers to Carigara Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking Violence Against Women and Children.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING

The Municipal Mayor, through an Executive Order shall create a Local Council on Anti-Trafficking. The Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWC) shall serve as the primary arm of the LGU in the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Its composition shall include:

Chairperson : Municipal Mayor

Vice Chairperson : SB Chairperson of the Committee on
Gender, Children and Family Welfare

Members:

GAD Focal Person

Municipal Planning and Development
Coordinator

Municipal Social Welfare and
Development Office



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Municipal Health Officer
Public Employment Services Officer
(PESO)
Chairperson, SB Committee on
Barangay Affairs and Development
Chairperson, SB Committee on Youth
and Sports
MLGOO
PDAO
Business Permits and Licensing Officer
(BPLO)
VAWC Desk Officer
Overseas Help Desk Officer (OHDO)
Carigara PNP (Representative)
CSOs/NGOs- (Representative)

The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office shall serve as the Secretariat.

The GAD Focal Person shall provide technical support to the secretariat to assist in the day-to-day coordination and monitoring of the committee programs.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The LCAT-VAWC shall meet quarterly in a year. Special meetings may be called upon by the Chairperson or upon request of the majority of the Committee members.



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SECTION 6. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LCAT-VAWC

1. Institute policy and programs protecting victims of human trafficking and violence especially, women and children;
2. Undertake information, education, and advocacy campaign against trafficking in persons and VAWC;
3. Monitor and oversee the strict implementation of RA No. 9208, RA No. 9262, RA No. 11930, R.A. 11862 and other related laws for the protection of women and children, and of the IACAT and IACVAWC national plan of action;
4. Implement the program and activities as stated in the national plan of action; and
5. Submit a comprehensive report on the programs undertaken to the Regional IACAT-VAWC and/or National IAC, as may be required.

SECTION 7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS).

LGUs shall develop and implement programs to prevent TIP, monitor and document TIP cases, and provide support to trafficked persons including their subsequent rehabilitation and reintegration. To this end, they shall:

- a) Ensure that the Violence Against Women and Children desks in all barangays are activated and staffed by trained personnel who are able to provide immediate and appropriate support to trafficked persons;
- b) Organize and ensure the smooth functioning of a sub-



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committee on TIP as an integral part of the local anti-trafficking in persons council that shall recommend policies and programs aimed at ensuring the protection of children against TIP and grant honoraria to local antitrafficking in persons committees or council members to ensure total active participation;

- c) Document and monitor cases of TIP in their respective areas of jurisdiction, effect the cancellation of licenses of establishments which violate the provisions of the Act, ensure effective prosecution of TIP cases, and prescribe compliance with the Act as requisite for the issuance and renewal of licenses and permits to establishments within their respective jurisdictions, including internet service providers, internet content hosts, internet cafes and establishments offering Wi-Fi services, tourism enterprises and malls, transportation services, and financial intermediaries;
- d) Ensure the provision of necessary services to trafficked persons, such as temporary shelter, board and lodging, transportation, counseling and documentation, among others;
- e) Coordinate with, refer, and endorse to the DSWD all TIP cases;
- f) Undertake an information campaign against TIP through the establishment of the Migrants Advisory and Information Network (MAIN) desks in municipalities or provinces in coordination with the DILG, PIA, CFO, NGOs and other concerned agencies. They shall develop a system for accreditation among NGOs for purposes of establishing centers and programs for intervention in various levels of the community;



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- g) Encourage and support community-based initiatives which address the TIP;
- h) Enact ordinances to localize and strengthen the implementation of the Act by providing local services and programs to trafficked persons and other exploitative behavior;
- i) Develop a system for accreditation of NGOs and CSOs for purposes of establishing centers and programs for interventions in the community;
- j) Submit regular reports to the Council on TIP cases and programs undertaken to prevent and address TIP; and
- k) Provide livelihood grants to support the economic empowerment of poor households, in order to increase their financial capacities and address household crises which force them to engage in TIP.

SECTION 8. ANTI-TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS DATABASE

The Municipal Government of Carigara, through the MSWD shall monitor and document cases of trafficking in persons within its territorial jurisdiction.

The MSWD, in coordination with the LCAT-VAWC, is hereby tasked to ensure the harmonization and standardization of databases, including minimum data requirements, definitions, reporting formats, data collection systems, and data verification systems. Such databases shall have, at the minimum, the following information:



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- (a) The number of cases of TIP, sorted according to status of cases, including the number of cases being investigated, submitted for prosecution, dropped, and filed and/or pending before the courts and the number of convictions and acquittal;
- (b) The demographic profile/ information on each case (sex and age disaggregated).

SECTION 9. REPORTORIAL DUTY

The LCAT-VAWC, through the Municipal Mayor, shall submit to the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT) Chair, a report including highlights of major achievement, best practices, etc. on or before February 15 of each year, with respect to the preceding years' program and data on trafficking-related cases.

SECTION 10. PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO VICTIM AND SURVIVORS OF TRAFFICKING

The Municipal Government of Carigara shall provide financial assistance for victims/survivors of TIP and other forms of Sexual Exploitation. This assistance shall be used for medical or psychological services, hospital, legal services, livelihood or skills training and educational needs of the victims/survivors. It can also be used for counselling and social intervention. The MSWD shall oversee assessment and recommendation of assistance to the victims/survivors of TIP and other forms of Sexual Exploitation.



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SECTION 11. INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN ON ANTI-RAFFICKING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

The LCAT-VAWC shall formulate, coordinate, and implement a sustained Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Program to promote public awareness, prevent trafficking in persons and violence against women and children, and encourage community participation in the protection of vulnerable sectors. In furtherance thereof:

- (a) All barangays are hereby encouraged to establish or designate an LCAT-VAWC Information and Referral Desk, or strengthen existing mechanisms, to serve as the focal point for information dissemination, referral of cases, and coordination of anti-trafficking and VAWC programs within their respective jurisdictions.
- (b) The Municipal Government, through the LCAT-VAWC and concerned offices, shall develop, produce, and disseminate Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials, including but not limited to:
 - * primers;
 - * brochures;
 - * flyers;
 - * posters;
 - * streamers;
 - * infographics;
 - * audiovisual presentations;



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- * radio and television announcements;
- * social media campaigns;
- * official municipal website publications;
- * podcasts; and
- * other digital communication materials, which shall be strategically distributed in schools, barangay halls, transport terminals, ports, public markets, business establishments, tourism areas, government offices, health facilities, and other areas where trafficking or VAWC risks may occur.

(c) The LCAT-VAWC shall conduct regular:

- * Community education campaigns;
- * School-based awareness programs;
- * Youth forums;
- * Orientation seminars;
- * Workplace advocacy;
- * Parents' education sessions;
- * Gender sensitivity trainings;
- * Safe migration orientations;
- * Online safety and cybercrime awareness activities;
- and
- * Capacity-building activities in partnership with barangays, SKs, DepEd, CHED, TESDA, NGOs, faith-based organizations, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders.



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- (d) The Committee shall utilize traditional, digital, and social media platforms to disseminate timely advisories, prevention campaigns, emergency hotlines, reporting mechanisms, and available support services for victims and survivors.
- (e) The Committee shall observe nationally recognized advocacy campaigns, including but not limited to:
- * National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation;
 - * 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women;
 - * National Women’s Month;
 - * World Day Against Trafficking in Persons;
 - * National Children’s Month; and
 - * Other advocacy campaigns declared by law or by national government agencies.
- (f) The Municipal Government shall coordinate all advocacy activities with the DILG, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Justice (DOJ), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT), and other concerned agencies to ensure consistency with the National Strategic Action Plan Against Trafficking in Persons (NSAPAT), the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Women, and other applicable national policies.
- (g) The Committee shall periodically evaluate the effectiveness of



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its information and advocacy campaigns through monitoring, documentation, community feedback, and submission of accomplishment reports to the appropriate oversight agencies.

**SECTION 12. DEVELOPMENT OF MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS PREVENTION PLAN**

To ensure the increased protection of the constituency especially women and children against trafficking, a Trafficking in Persons Prevention Plan (TIPPP) shall be formulated and approved at the Barangay and Municipal level.

**SECTION 13. CONDUCT OF INTENSIVE ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN
TO SCHOOLS ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION
PREVENTION**

In addition to the intensified advocacy program of the Municipal Government of Carigara in TIP, the LCAT-VAWC shall undertake the conduct of advocacy campaigns through various media and forum in all schools in Carigara. It shall undertake, in consultation with all school units and the Department of Education Schools Division Office, the information of age-appropriate and gender sensitive modules, learning materials and production of advocacy materials in various media.



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SECTION 14. CANCELLATION OF LICENSES OF ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES

The Office of the Municipal Mayor, through the BPLO, shall, after due notice and hearing, effect the cancellation of business permits and licenses of establishments on the following grounds:

- (a) Upon lawful order of the court;
- (b) Upon issuance of permanent closure order by the DOLE for violation of RA No. 9231 (An Act Providing the Elimination of the Worst Form of Child Labor and Affording Stronger Protection for the Working Child), in relation to RA No. 10364.
- (c) When the establishment or its owner or any of its staff violates the provisions of RA No. 10364 The proceedings arising from this Section shall be summary in nature.

Upon receipt of the order of the court (Section 14.a.), order of the DOLE (Section 14.b.) or information or report that an establishment or its personnel had violated any provisions of RA No. 10364, the Office of the Municipal Mayor, through the Head of the BPLO, shall send a Show Cause Order to the registered owner of the concerned establishment requiring the latter to submit evidence why the cancellation of the business is not an appropriate remedy.

The concerned business establishment shall have a period of three (3) days to submit countervailing evidence upon receipt of the order. No motion or request for extension shall be entertained, and such motion shall be taken as a waiver on the part of the



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establishment to contest the findings and recommendations of the Office of the Municipal Mayor. Upon receipt of the reply, the Office of the Mayor shall forthwith resolve the issue within the period of not more than ten (10) days.

The Order cancelling the business permit shall take effect immediately upon signing of the mayor. No motion for reconsideration shall be entertained

SECTION 15. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT APPLYING FOR BUSINESS LICENSE

In addition to the usual requirements for the issuance of a business license, specific business establishment listed below shall undergo an orientation on Anti-Trafficking in Persons, prior to the issuance of the business permit:

- (a) Bars, nightclubs, videoke bars, KTV bars, Philippine Recruitment Agency and other similar establishments providing adult entertainment applying for new business licenses or applying for renewal shall sign an undertaking that they shall not employ minors and women who are victims of trafficking. Moreover, they shall require their applicants to submit PSA authenticated birth certificates and at least one (1) government-issued identification card (ID), aside from the usual application documents. These establishments shall be required to keep copies of PSA authenticated birth certificates and IDs of all employees, as proof of age of majority. In the



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event that the PSA certifies No Record of Birth, other secondary evidences of proof of birth such as baptismal certificate, school ID should be kept as proof of age of majority.

(b) The owner, proprietor or manager of boarding houses, pension houses, dormitories hotel, resorts, lodging houses and similar establishment applying for business permits and/or licenses or applying for renewal thereof, shall sign a written undertaking that they shall not engage in any acts, which promote trafficking such as, but not limited to, allowing the use of their premises to traffickers and their victims. The owner, manager of such establishment shall have the mandatory duty to report suspected cases of trafficking to the LCAT-VAWC Office.

(c) The owner, proprietor or manager of internet cafés, computer rental shop, computer gaming shops or centers, and similar establishment applying for business permits and/or licenses or applying for renewal thereof, shall sign a written undertaking that they shall not allow any form of sexual exploitation as defined in the Expanded Act such as, but not limited to, the participation of any person in pornography or the production of pornography, to take place within its premises nor allow the transmittal/distribution/uploading thereof.

SECTION 16. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

Any business or entity found to have violated the provisions of this Ordinance shall be meted out with the following administrative



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sanctions:

- a. Revocation of Business Permits and/or Closure of Business Establishment;
- b. Revocation of Franchise or Provisional Authority

If the offender is a public official/s and/or employee/s, aside from penalties imposed in this Ordinance, he/she also be held administrative liable according to the Local Government Code of 1991, Civil Service Laws, and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations, as the case may be.

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION

An annual amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱100,000.00) shall be allocated to defray the expenses necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance. The Annual Budget of the LCAT-VAWC for purposes of implementing this Ordinance shall be sourced from the Office of the Mayor and shall be included in the Gender and Development (GAD) Fund of the Local Government Unit (LGU).

SECTION 18. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE

The provisions of existing ordinances, resolutions, or executive orders dealing with related subject matter such as protection against child labor and exploitation, anti-violence against women and children, and the like which are not contradictory with this Ordinance, are hereby adopted as an integral part of this Ordinance.



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SECTION 19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, those which have not been declared as such shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 20. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolution and executive issuance's which are deemed inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 21. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Carigara, Leyte, and on the Official website of the Municipality and its social media platforms.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, this 24th day of August, 2026

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the Ordinance duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan on 29 June, 2026.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
MGDH I - (Secretary to the Sanggunian)

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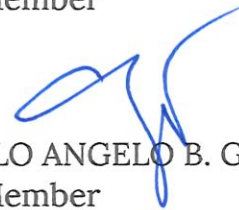
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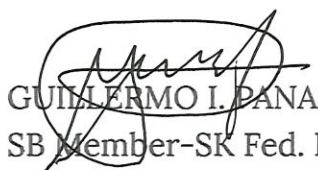

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CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that **Municipal Ordinance No. 2026- 051** – “*An Ordinance Establishing the Institutional Mechanisms for Trafficking in Persons, Protection and Support of Trafficked persons, Pursuant to the Provisions of RA No. 11862 (The Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2022) and For Other Purposes*”, has been posted last September 24, 2026 in accordance with R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

ISSUED this 25th day of September, 2026.


RACHELYN A. SILVESTRE-CABALLES
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