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

September 30, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 6 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 6 entitled: “Anti 4ps Cash Card loan Collateral Ordinance of MacArthur”

**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)<sup>1</sup> of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). 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 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> (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,

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**1<sup>ST</sup> INDORSEMENT**  
28 July 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 06, series of 2025 of the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance prohibiting any person or business establishment/s in the Municipality of MacArthur to accept Pantawid Pamilya Cash Card Loan collateral providing penalty for violation thereof and for other purposes.**

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



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ENDORSEMENT  
July 28, 2026

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Respectfully submitting to the Honorable Provincial Board for consideration and approval the herein Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2025 entitled AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

  
MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA  
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## Municipal Ordinance No. 06 Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY  
PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR  
TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH  
CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING  
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 51ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE HELD ON 06 JULY 2026 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

|                                     |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Honorable Raul E. Mundala           | SB Member<br>Presiding, Pro Tempore                  |
| Honorable Ireneo G. Remanes Jr.     | SB Member                                            |
| Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante | SB Member                                            |
| Honorable Trina C. Burawis          | SB Member                                            |
| Honorable Xandrix P. Pantin         | SB Member                                            |
| Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso       | SB Member                                            |
| Honorable Jose A. Baranda           | Ex-Officio Member<br>President, Liga ng mga Barangay |
| Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos      | Ex-Officio Member<br>SKF President                   |

ABSENT:

|                               |            |
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| Honorable Jonathan T. Barquin | SB Member  |
| Honorable Victoriano T. Lazar | SB Member  |

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 06  
Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SPONSORED BY : Honorable Trina C. Burawis

Section 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as "ANTI-4P's CASH CARD LOAN COLLATERAL ORDINANCE OF MACARTHUR"

Section 2. RATIONALE.

Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and to eradicate

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extreme poverty and hunger, achieve universal education, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health and promote gender equality and empower women.

The grants received by the beneficiaries through their compliance to the program conditions are owned by the Government which does not authorize the grantee to pawn or use it as loan collateral or to any transaction or undertaking whatsoever.

Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte has a total number of 1,085 household beneficiaries.

Department of Social Welfare Development has National Advisory Committee (NAC) Resolution No. 20 series of 2014 entitled "SANCTION FOR VARIOUS CASES FILED UNDER THE GRIEVANCE AND REDRESS SYSTEM (GRS)" stated that Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program is sincere and truthful in its drive to prevent and end all cases on collateral / pawning committed by beneficiaries.

**Section 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** – it is hereby the policy of the Municipal Government to protect its citizen especially the underprivileged from unscrupulous individuals taking advantage of the plight of the poor who are beneficiaries of the National Government Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) by extending them loans with the condition that their 4Ps cash card IDs be made as loan collateral.

**Section 4. OBJECTIVES.** – This Ordinance aims to attain the following:

- To address the misuse of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) cash card in the municipality of MacArthur; and
- To penalize any person or business establishment/s in the municipality of MacArthur to accept the 4Ps cash card as loan collateral.

**Section 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** – under this ordinance the following term shall mean:

- PPPP– Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program
- 4Ps Beneficiaries – refer to the active household registered in the condition cash transfer program with 18 years old below child/children.
- Pawning of Cash Card – the cash card of the Pantawid beneficiaries is given to a loan sharks as security for money borrowed or credit on items /good.
- Collection of fees – to collect any amount of money from a Pantawid beneficiary for whatever purpose/s
- Fraud – an act of deceit, cheating or trickery made by a dishonest individual in order to receive benefits as a member of the program

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6. False Representation - a fabricated / made-up representation of a deceive the program and receive the grants outside the knowledge of both the true beneficiaries and the program

7. Sanction - a penalty imposed for violating the standing rule on the prohibition of misusing the grants offered by the program

8. Cash Grants - monetary assistance released to the Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries offered by the Philippine Government in condition that they comply with the monthly obligation set by the program

9. Plight - a very bad or difficult situation

10. Collateral - valuable property owned by someone who wants to borrow money that they agree will become or a security pledged for the payment of a loan.

11. Merchant or Lender - refers to any person, natural or juridical who lends money, services or goods in exchange of keeping or making the cash card or identification card as its collateral.

#### Section 6. EXTERNAL MUNICIPAL ACTION TEAM

a. Creation: there shall be created an external Municipal Action Team to enforce the intents and purposes of this ordinance. For monitoring purposes the team shall be attached to the office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO)

b. Composition: the team shall have the following composition, to wit:

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|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson: | -MSWDO                                                                    |
| Vice-Chair:  | -SB Chairman, Committee on Social Services                                |
| Secretariat: | - 4Ps Action Team Leader                                                  |
| Members:     | - SB Chairman, Committee on Social Welfare, Cooperative and Accreditation |
|              | - ABC President                                                           |
|              | -SK Fed. President                                                        |
|              | - Municipal Legal Officer                                                 |
|              | - School Supervisors                                                      |
|              | - 4Ps Cluster Grievance Officer                                           |
|              | - BNS & BHW, CDWR Association President                                   |
|              | - Cooperative Sector Representative                                       |
|              | - Philippine National Police                                              |

c. Duties and Responsibilities - the team shall also endeavor to effectively and efficiently implement the ultimate goals of 4Ps. In addition, the external MAT shall perform and exercise the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Take all appropriate and necessary actions to ensure and protect the rights of the 4Ps beneficiaries.

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2. Establish and maintain linkages and coordination with government agencies, non- governmental organization or institution and other stakeholders for the protection and welfare of 4Ps beneficiaries.

3. To ensure systematic and efficient monitoring on the 4Ps beneficiaries.

4. Perform such other duties and functions as it may deem fit for the efficient and effective implementation of this ordinance.

d. **Meetings and Quorum** - the team shall meet at least once every semester or as often as necessary at the expressed call of the Focal Person for 4Ps, or of the majority of the member of the team. Provided, that a notice shall be sent to the member at least twenty- four (24) hour before the meeting will be held. The team shall decide by a majority vote of all the members present during a meeting with the existence of a quorum, on any matter before it.

#### Section 7. BARANGAY ACTION TEAM (BAT).

a. **Creation:** to enforce the intents and purposes of this ordinance there must be a creation of Barangay Action Team in every barangay under the territorial jurisdiction of MacArthur, Leyte. For monitoring purposes, the team shall be attached to the office of the Punong Barangay.

b. **Composition:** the team shall have the following composition:

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|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson: | -Punong Barangay                                                     |
| Vice-Chair:  | -Chairperson of the Sangguniang Barangay Committee on Social Service |
| Secretariat: | -DSWD Municipal Link                                                 |
| Members:     | -Chairperson of the Sangguniang Barangay Committee on Health         |
|              | -Committee Chairman on Peace and Order                               |
|              | -SK Chairman                                                         |
|              | -School Principal (both Elementary and High School)                  |
|              | -BNS/BHW and Child Development Workers Representative                |
|              | -Midwife/Nurse                                                       |
|              | -Purok Chairpersons                                                  |
|              | -Religious Sector Representative                                     |
|              | -Parent Leader                                                       |

c. **Duties and Responsibilities:** the team shall also endeavor to effectively and efficiently implement the ultimate goals of 4Ps. In addition, the BAT shall perform and exercise the following duties and responsibilities

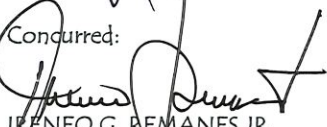
1. Serve as venue for complaint, request, and resolve grievance in the barangay level as well as policy recommendation, relating to

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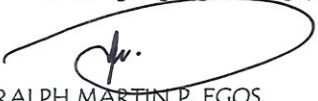
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the implementation of 4Ps and protection of the household - beneficiaries

2. Take all appropriate and necessary actions to ensure efficient and effective delivery of services in the barangay level

3. Give technical support such as validation, certification and recommendation of 4Ps beneficiaries profiles

4. Establish and maintain linkages and coordination within the barangay

5. Undertake community monitoring and evaluation and provide a program feedback mechanism

6. Perform such other duties and function as it may deem fit for the efficient and effective implementation of this ordinance

d. **Meeting and Quorum** - the team shall meet at least once every quarter or as often as necessary as an expressed call of the Focal Person for 4Ps or of the majority of the members as the team. Provided, that a notice shall be sent to the members at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting will be held. Team shall decide by a majority vote of all members present during a meeting with the existence of a quorum on any matter before it.

#### Section 8. FOCAL PERSON FOR 4Ps.

a. **Designation Effectivity:** upon approval of this Ordinance, the Local Chief Executive shall designate permanent employee from the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) who will act as Convergence Focal Person.

b. **Duties and function:** The Focal Person for 4Ps shall serve as LGU link for the program and ensure efficient program operation, in addition, he or she shall:

1. Facilitate for all acquisition of an office space preferably within the Municipal Complex;

2. Conduct regular monitoring and provide technical assistance to Municipal link (ML)/Community Facilitator (CF) and Project Development Officer and Parent Leaders to ensure effective program implementation; and

3. Act as point person for coordination between DSWD and LGU MacArthur.

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**Section 9. PROHIBITED ACTS.** – Pursuant to this ordinance the following acts shall be prohibited and are considered punishable, vis:

a. Accepting 4Ps cash cards and identification cards directly or indirectly from Pantawid beneficiaries as collateral in any transaction involving money, goods or services;

b. Forcing 4Ps beneficiaries to settle his or her monetary obligation, or whatsoever from his or her grants from the program; and

c. Willful or malicious withholding and any attempt to threat to withhold the grants accorded to household beneficiaries by any persons or business establishment owner.

d. MISDEMEANOR case filed against program beneficiaries – refers to tendencies or behaviour of beneficiaries viewed and expressed by external entities as offensive, objectionable and contrary to acceptable social, moral and legal standards. Misdemeanour complaints of the program may include, but not limited to, (1) misuse of grants (pawning of cash cards, loan collateral, and vices), (2) collection of Fees and (3) false representation of beneficiaries in the program.

d.1. To determine facts of a wrong doing/s committed by the beneficiary, any of the following must be established:

d.1.1. Pantawid Pamilya beneficiary who pawned his cash card to a certain individual with the cash card validated not in his/her possession;

d.1.2. Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries who used Pantawid documents i.e. Pantawid ID, Kasunduan, and cash cards as loan collateral;

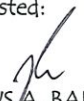
d.1.3. Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries who have been reported/caught in the act, as using the cash grants in illegal and legal gambling activities;

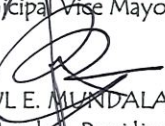
d.1.4. Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries who collect fees in any amount, from their co-beneficiaries of the program; and

d.1.5. Households that intentionally provide fake information to official documents required by the program office; submitting forged/spurious documents and making false representation of genuine beneficiaries

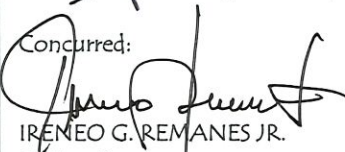
d.2. Households that were reported committing the aforementioned offenses shall be dealt with using the Case Management Process to be administered by the assigned Municipal Link. The said will ensure that assessment, intervention, monitoring and review of the case per household are well-taken. Once sufficient details of the case filed against a program

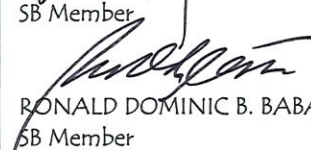
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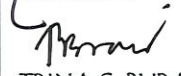
  
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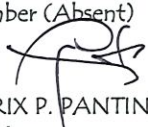
  
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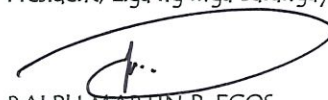
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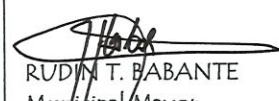
  
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beneficiary has been established and would lead to apply appropriate sanction, every activity/decision shall be fully informed to the concerned beneficiary both orally and in writing.

Below are the sanctions for misdemeanor grievances:

d.2.1. If the complaint is on misuse of grants- pawning of cash cards and using it as loan collateral:

d.2.1.1. First Offense: Counselling by the Municipal Link and a written warning from the head of Provincial Operations Office.

d.2.1.2. Second Offense: Counselling by the Social Welfare Officer III and a written warning from the Regional Director; Household's grants shall be suspended/not released for one (1) payment period or two months.

d.2.1.3. Third Offense: Delisting of the concerned household under GRS Fraud duly approved by the Regional Director and tagging to be facilitated by the Regional Grievance Officers. The household's delisted status is non-appealable.

e.1.1. If the complaint is on misuse of grants- drug abuse, alcoholism and gambling:

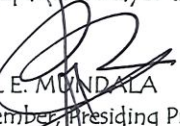
e.1.1.1. First Offense: Counselling by the Municipal Link and written warning from the head of Provincial Operations Office. The case must be elevated to the Barangay Justice System for their appropriate action especially on the existence of illegal gambling in their area;

e.1.1.2. Second Offense: Counselling by the Social Welfare Officer III and a written warning from the Regional Director. The concerned household's cash grants for 1 period or two months shall be suspended/not released. The case must be elevated to the Barangay Justice System for their appropriate action especially on the existence of illegal gambling in their area;

e.1.1.3 Third Offense: Delisting of the concerned household under GRS Fraud duly approved by the Regional Director and tagging to be facilitated by the Regional Grievance Officers. The household's delisted status is non-appealable The case must be elevated to the Barangay Justice System for their appropriate action especially on the existence of illegal gambling in their area;

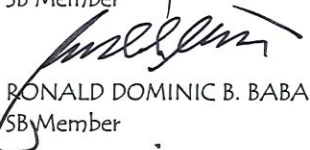
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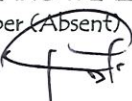
  
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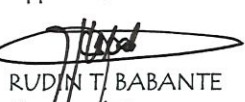
  
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**Section 10. PENALTIES.** – Any person/s or business establishment/s in the Municipality of MacArthur who accepts Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Cash Card as loan collateral shall be fined Two Thousand Five Hundred (P2,500.00) per card and confiscation of 4Ps cash cards shall be made.

Any person who can provide valid information that a certain person /s or business establishment actually accepts 4Ps cash card shall be awarded as an incentive of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) which shall be taken from the amount stated in the penalty.

Further, any merchant who will be caught accepting 4Ps cash card as collateral will be invited to the barangay hall where the beneficiary resides for appropriate social intervention.

**Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All ordinances, resolutions and other issuances that are inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If for any reason or reasons, any part of provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 22. EFFECTIVITY.** – This Ordinance shall take effect after the approval from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the requirement of posting prescribed in RA 7160 is complied with.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled on July 6, 2026 at the Municipal Session Hall, Legislative Building, MacArthur, Leyte, Philippines.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA  
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Committee on Women and Social Services last Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at Barangay Multi-Purpose Hall, Barangay Danao, MacArthur, Leyte.

PRESENT:

Honorable Trina C. Burawis

Chairman, Presiding Officer

ABSENT:

Honorable Ronald Dominic B. Babante

Co-Chairman

Honorable Gwendolyn M. Beriso

Member

Honorable Ralph Martin P. Egos

Member

CALL TO ORDER:

The Public Hearing was called to order at 10:06 in the morning.

AGENDA:

Review and discuss on the following proposed Municipal Ordinance:

- Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2026, AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFICIARIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2025, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2025, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE AND MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GAD PROGRAM.

The Public Hearing started with Mr. Wilson Ruña—4Ps Municipal Link, acknowledged the presence of the attendees and introduced Honorable Burawis as the Chairman of the Committee together with the Sangguniang Bayan Staff. Also present was Ms. Gretchen C. Catingub—Cluster Grievance Officer, Ms. Jemabeth M. Canales—Municipal Book Keeper and Ms. Evelina Maceda—MSWDO.

Honorable Burawis seated as the Presiding Officer acknowledged the presence of the 4Ps beneficiaries who were present and extended her appreciation to Mr. Ruña for organizing the beneficiaries. Afterwards, she stated the purpose of the public hearing was for the benefit of the members of 4Ps through the proposed Ordinances.

The Presiding Officer started with Municipal Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2026, AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EXPANDED BENEFITS OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4PS) BENEFICIARIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE.

The Presiding Officer read the provisions under the Ordinance. She added that the Ordinance was for those members of 4Ps who are graduating. She added that on her last term, there was a program of the LGU for those who have graduated who were 4PS beneficiaries. She expressed her delight knowing that some beneficiaries have graduated from different courses such as nursing, and education. She also stated that the MPDO Designate—Mr. Jodel Villacorte was a beneficiary of the program and was a graduate from the University of the Philippines.

Moreover, she stated that the purpose of the Ordinance is for the beneficiaries to have additional benefits, to not be startled after graduating high school. The LGU would provide financial aid to help support the beneficiaries. She then read *Section 2. Applicability*, which stated that it is applicable to all qualified 4Ps beneficiaries under Republic Act No. 11310 residing in the Municipality of MacArthur, Leyte.

The Presiding Officer stated *Section 5. Creation of Sub-Committees/Teams to Support the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC)*. She added that the 4Ps beneficiaries will organize a Local ACTION Committee/Team per barangay and stated the composing members of the committee.

The Presiding Officer discussed provisions under *Section 5. Expanded Benefits of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)*. She stated benefits such as employment assistance, medical assistance, and livelihood assistance through different programs of the LGU.

Moreover, the Presiding Officer stated *Section 6. Funding*. She added that the Municipal Budget Officer stated that the program would be allocated the amount of one hundred thousand pesos (Php 100,000.00). She clarified that there is no budget of the program for this year as it still needs to be added for budgeting for the year 2027. She also clarified that the initial one hundred thousand pesos budget is for the 31 barangays already. In addition, she stated that the MSWD would be responsible for the implementation of the program.

Ms. Roselyn Saoy—4Ps Member, asked what are the bases for the beneficiaries to be included. Mr. Ruña responded that those who will be included for the program are the graduating students that have undergone screening from SWDI or Social Welfare and Development Indicator. There would also be additional assessment because duplication of services is not allowed. So if they are already a beneficiary of a program from other agency, then they would not be included on this program.

Additionally, Mr. Ruña stated that the Ordinance is one of the ordinances that their office is looking forward to being institutionalized. He added that the Ordinance would strengthen the partnership with the Local Government Unit and to have fundings for other programs.

There being no more questions for proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2026, the Presiding Officer proceeded to discuss proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2025 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT/S IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT PANTAWID PAMILYA CASH CARD AS LOAN COLLATERAL PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

The Presiding Officer stated that this Ordinance would protect and also discipline the beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program as it is prohibited to give off the beneficiaries cash cards. She stated provisions under *Section 4. Objectives*. She added that the objectives of the Ordinance is to address the misuse of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program cash card and to serve its purpose which is solely for the benefit of the members.

Furthermore, the Presiding Officer read provision on *Section 7. External Municipal Action Team* and stated the composition of the team and their duties and responsibilities. She stated that there would be an investigation first for the welfare of the beneficiaries to avoid wrongful accusations. She also discussed provisions under *Section 8. Barangay Action Team*, its creation, composition, duties and responsibilities, and meeting and quorum.

Presiding Officer proceeded to discuss provisions under *Section 10. Penalties*. She stated that the maximum penalty for municipal level is only two thousand five hundred pesos (Php 2,500.00). This be the fine for any person or business establishment who accepts 4Ps cash card as loan collateral and it will be per card. The cash card will also be confiscated. She added that this Ordinance will be implemented in the municipality upon the approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Ms. Roselyn Saoy asked if there is a penalty for those establishment who accepts the cash card. The Presiding Officer clarified that the person or establishment who will accept the cash card as loan collateral would be fined the amount of two thousand five hundred. And the person who informed that a certain person is pawning their card or is accepting a card will be awarded one thousand pesos as an incentive. In addition, the Presiding Officer stated that this Ordinance will prohibit individual or business establishment in accepting cash cards as loan collateral.

Ms. Gretchen Catingub—Cluster Grievance Officer, stated the reason they seek for the LGU's help was to have sanction to loan sharks as they do not have a hold to those individuals but they have a hold to the beneficiaries. She added that even before, they have warned the members to not pawn their cards. In addition, she stated that on the National Advisory Committee Resolution No. 20, if proven that the beneficiaries have pawned their cash cards, they can hold their grants and their account would be locked. She added that the program given by the government would be put to waste that is why the resolution was made for the discipline of the beneficiaries.

Mr. Ruña suggested that if they could include penalties for those who will pawn their cash cards as the Ordinance only fine those who accepts the cash card. He suggested to include

the Resolution No. 20 of NAC which provides penalties for those beneficiaries who does not follow their guidelines.

In addition, Ms. Catingub stated the offenses on *NAC Resolution No. 20* which states:

1. *Misbehavior of beneficiaries: Refer to complaints filed against the beneficiaries pawning their cash cards, using the cash card for loan collateral and use of cash grants for livelihood activities.*
  - 1.1. *First Offense: A verbal warning from the Municipal Link (ML)*
  - 1.2. *Second Offense: Suspension of grants for 3 months*
  - 1.3. *Third Offense: Termination from the program issued by the NAC based on the recommendation from the Regional Advisory Committee, Appeals shall no longer be entertained as the decision of the NAC is deemed final.*

Ms. Catingub stated that it is a privilege to be part of the program, that is why she encouraged the beneficiaries to be more considerate especially now that their grants are increasing. She also warned the beneficiaries that the offenses don't end after every year, every offense would be counted continuously. Once they are caught, it would be uploaded on their system recording their misbehavior that would be accessible nationwide. In addition, Ms. Catingub stated that in times the beneficiaries are really in need, there are a lot of government programs that would help them.

Furthermore, Mr. Ruña stated that before, they have identified people who would pawn their cash card to loan sharks but do not have the authority to take action. With this Ordinance, he added that they can now take appropriate measures for those who would contravene. He clarified that they can still borrow money or take loans, so long that they do not take their cash cards as collateral.

Ms. Jessica Cayubit—4Ps beneficiary, asked if there is a scholarship program for the upcoming college students. The Presiding Officer responded that, base on her knowledge, as of now the LGU do not have scholarship program. The reason is because colleges and universities are free of tuition.

Moreover, Ms. Evelyn Maceda—MSWDO, stated that the government already provided from elementary to senior high school. And now, colleges and universities are tuition free, but not everything is free. Other miscellaneous expenses are still responsibility of the parents. She added that they should not let the government shoulder everything as there are still a lot who are most in need and that they should leave it off for the next generation.

Ms. Maceda manifested that there are a lot of graduates and now professionals, who were beneficiaries of the program. She stated that they should show that the investment of the government was not put to waste. She added that it is a matter of cooperation with the beneficiaries, the parents, and the government. Mr. Ruña added that there are a lot of financial assistance coming from different agencies of the government such as CHED but only a few would approach to avail. He suggested that they should reach out to avail the program.

The Presiding Officer then proceeded to discuss proposed Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2025 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACARTHUR, LEYTE AND MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE GAD PROGRAM". She explained what the GAD Code is. She stated that the GAD Code serves as the local legal

framework that promotes and protects the rights, welfare and equal opportunities of women, men, children, LGBTQIA+, senior citizens, and other vulnerable sectors in the municipality.

Furthermore, the Presiding Officer stated that traditionally, men would have the upperhand to most things but now, there is an equality for all gender. She stated that in the GAD Code, women would have more benefits as they would be given their rights. She added that this GAD Code is already in implementation on the municipality and some programs are already implemented.

The Presiding Officer discussed provisions under *ARTICLE III. HEALTH*. Under *Section 19. Women's Right Over Their Bodies*. She stated that women have the right and control over themselves. That they have control over their pregnancy. Under *Section 22. Reproductive Health Services*. Health care services shall not deny any woman by reason of their poverty.

Under *ARTICLE IV. EDUCATION AND TRAINING*, she stated that if there are scholarship programs, it is not limited to the male population. The women can also avail such programs so long as their willing to study. She also discussed *Section 29. Special Education for Differently-abled Women*. That the municipal government shall ensure that all interested differently-abled women of the municipality shall have access to special education programs.

The Presiding Officer stated that under *ARTICLE V. LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES*, the municipality shall ensure that all departments and agencies shall engage in and expand their socio-economic programs to include women as beneficiaries and implement programs and projects designed to further capacitate women to empower them to access medium and large scale economic opportunities.

Furthermore, under *ARTICLE VI. POLITICAL AND PUBLIC SPHERE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN*, *Section 53. Creation of the Municipal Gender and Development Inter-Agency Committee*. This will serve as the focal point of GAD programs. The Presiding Officer stated the composition of the committee. She added that the Alternative Learning System (ALS) is also one of the program of GAD.

*CHAPTER II. ARTICLE I. PROTECTION AGAINST VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION OR ABUSE*. The presiding Officer stated that under this, includes *Section 72. Sexual Abuse*, there should be a consent from the women even if they are already married. She also stated the corresponding penalties and punishments from the article.

Under *ARTICLE VII. WOMEN AND CHILDREN*, *Section 96. Support to Women and Children*. She stated the rights of the children and also the rights of women.

The Presiding Officer stated that the GAD Code is the Local Law Ordinance that make sure women and men equally benefit from government program, projects, and services. She added that there are already a lot of programs of GAD funded with 5% of the annual investment program of the municipality. She stated that even in barangay level, there is also a 5% allotted for GAD programs.

In addition, she stated the this Ordinance is already being implemented in the municipality but this has been updated and would still need approval from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. She added that this Ordinance is for the equality of everyone.

Mr. Ruña gave emphasis to the first discussed Ordinance—the expanded benefit for the 4Ps, he stated that they are already implementing programs through referral system to avail

programs such as Summer Job program, job orders, seed and fertilizer assistance and other programs. She stated that these services are already available but they needed it to be institutionalized.

In conclusion, the Presiding Officer stated that the discussed Ordinances are all subject for approval to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. After its approval, then they would implement the programs of the Ordinances. She added that some of the programs and services are already implemented on the LGU such as the GAD Desk and Women's Desk on the police station.

The Presiding Officer then extended her appreciation to those who have attended and listen to the proposed Ordinances and to the officers of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business to be discussed, Hon. Burawis declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 in the morning.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

  
ARIANNE M. MERILO  
Temporary Secretary

#### Committee on Women and Social Services

  
HONORABLE TRINA C. BURAWIS  
Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Chairman/Presiding

HONORABLE RONALD DOMINIC B. BABANTE  
Sangguniang Bayan Member  
• Co-Chairman (Absent)

HONORABLE GWENDOLYN M. BERISO  
Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Member (Absent)

HONORABLE RALPH MARTIN P. EGOS  
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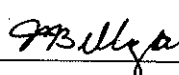
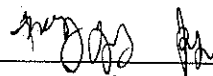
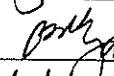
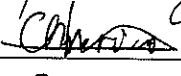
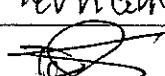
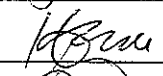
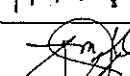
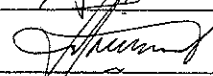
*Public Hearing: Committee on Women and Social Services, Thursday, June 10, 2026 @ 09:00 o'clock in the Morning at Brgy. Danao Covered Court.*

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| 2.  | Gristine Mae P. Buenafe  | 4ps Member  | C. Buenafe           |
| 3.  | ELMA O. Derecho          | -           | Elbercha             |
| 4.  | Geraldine Junio          | 4ps member  | G. Junio             |
| 5.  | Edna A. Adonis           | 4PS         | Edna Adonis          |
| 6.  | TOPIA, IRENE             | 4PS         | Irene I              |
| 7.  | Rosefine M. Silleria     | 4PS         | R.M.S.               |
| 8.  | Victoriana B. Corbes     | 4PS         | V. Corbes            |
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| 11. | Consolacion A. Alipante  | 4PS         | Consolacion Alipante |
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| 16. | Gustina A. Polon         | 4PS         | Gustina A. Polon     |
| 17. | Avelina A. Rota          | 4PS         | A. Rota              |
| 18. | Grace S. Bellesca        | 4PS         | G. Bellesca          |
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| 21. | <del>Presencia A. Andalay</del> | 4PS         | <del>P. Andalay</del> |
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| 26. | Arden R. Durcho                 | 4PS         | Arden                 |
| 27. | Mary Rose O. Junia              | 4PS         | Junia                 |
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| 34. | BENGIE S. BELLEZA               | 4PS         | Belleza               |
| 35. | JUDY ANN REGONIOS               | 4PS         | J. Ann                |
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| 38. | Merita O. Manio                 | 4PS         | Manio                 |
| 39. | Annalyn P. Esperanza            | MCCT        | Annalyn               |
| 40. | Emme Belleza                    | 4PS         | Em                    |
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| 44. | Lede Mere M. Onat               | 4PS         | Onat                  |
| 45. | Rosalyna M. Onat                | 4PS         | Onat                  |
| 46. | Myrna A. Cortel                 | 4PS         | <del>M. Cortel</del>  |
| 47. | Joycie C. Saoy                  | 4PS         | J. Saoy               |
| 48. | SHERA G. GRANATA                | 4PS         | <del>S. G.</del>      |
| 49. | Cheryl Bacali                   | 4PS V. NEU  | Cheryl                |
| 50. | Yolanda Cabriza                 | 4PS         | Y. Cabriza            |
| 51. | Marrie P. Maunies               | 4PS         | Marrie                |
| 52. | Susan F. Custodio               | 4PS NEW     | Susan                 |
| 53. | Mary Rose B. Canillo            | 4PS         | M. Rose               |
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| 56. | JO-ANN A. ARCEGA        | 4PS              |    |
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| 71. | Sheryl Ventoso          | 11               |  |
| 72. | Michelle M. Cain        | 11               | Jm Cain                                                                               |
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| 74. | DOMINADOR Fernandez     | 11               | Fernandez                                                                             |
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| 76. | Riggei A. ESPERANZA     | 4PS              |  |
| 77. | Reynaldo A. Maico       | 4PS              |  |
| 78. | Len A. Ego              | 4PS              |  |
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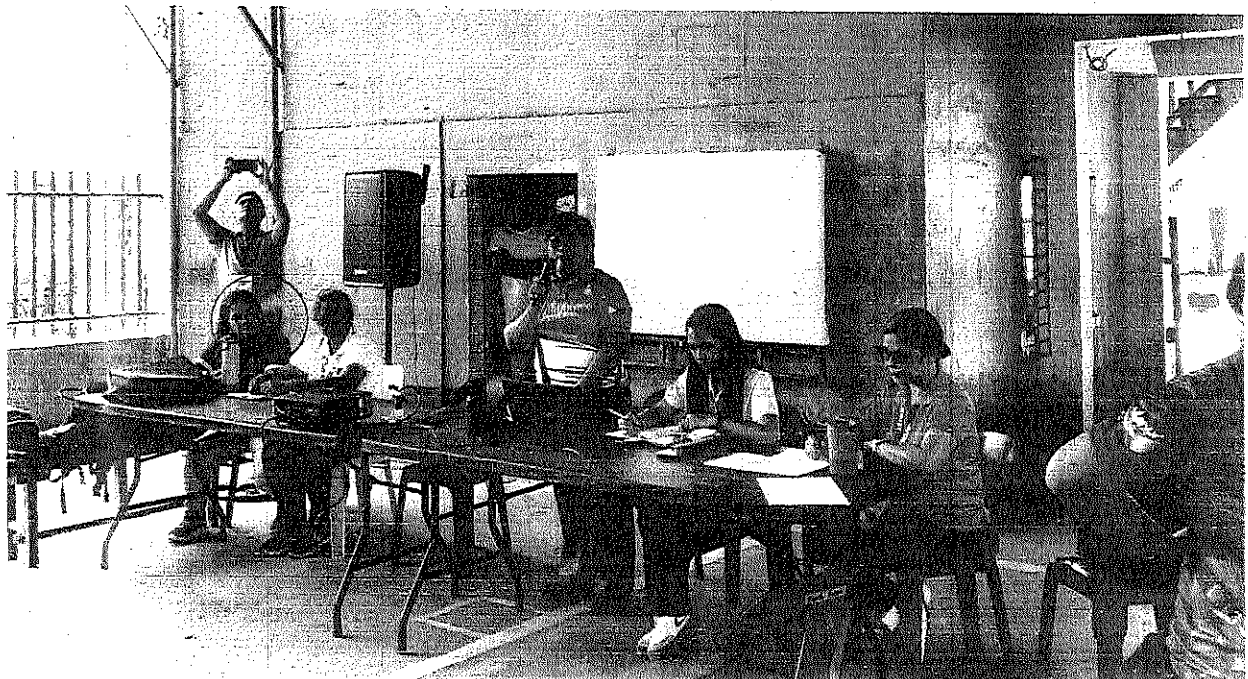
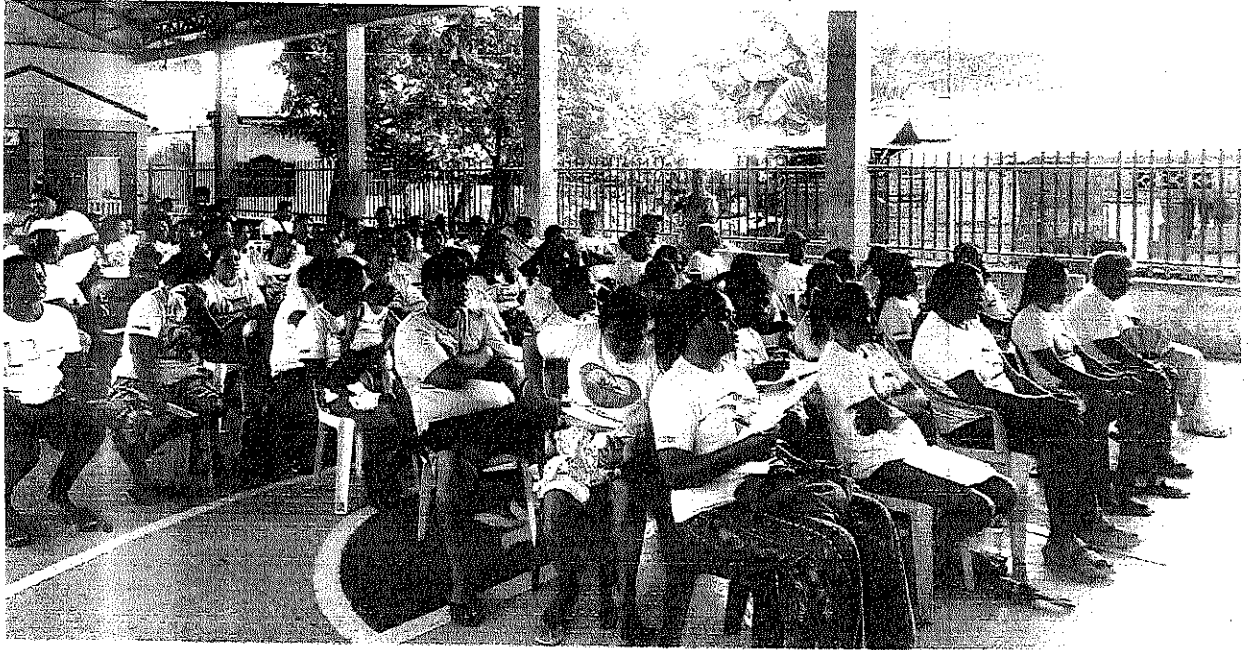


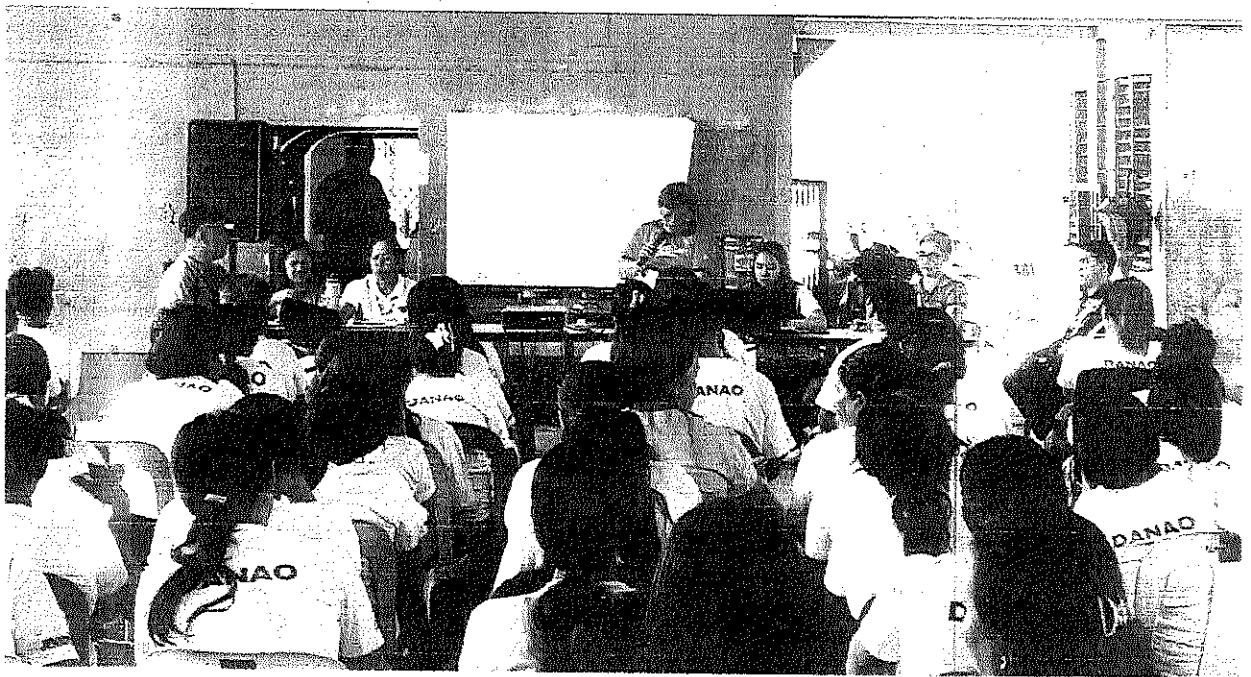
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## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of MacArthur, Leyte, duly enacted on 06 July 2026 and approved last 24 July 2026 has been posted since 27 July 2026 at the bulletin board of the Legislative Building, at Poblacion Public Market, and at Palale I Outpost pursuant to Section 511 of R.A. 7160.

  
MARIE STEPHANIE DE LA CRUZ- PULGA  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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