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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 4 of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 4 entitled: "Official Seal of the Sangguninag Bayan of la Paz, 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)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). Hence, we recommend 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 Section 22. Corporate Powers. -

(3) To have and use a corporate seal;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 04, series of 2026 of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance adopting the Official Seal of the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, prescribing its official description, symbolism, and authorized uses.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



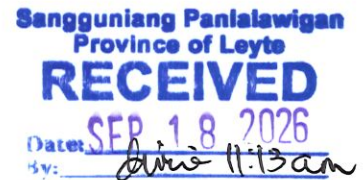
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

September 15, 2026

FLORIDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sangguniang
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex
Palo, Leyte



Madam:

Respectfully submitting herewith copies of the MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04, SERIES OF 2026 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING ITS OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION, SYMBOLISM, AND AUTHORIZED USES, for review and perusal of the office.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof and requesting the same be given due course and appropriate action.

Early action hereon will be highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

September 15, 2026

HON. LEONARDO "SANDY" JAVIER, JR.
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer
The Honorable Members
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex
Palo, Leyte

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen;

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Municipal Ordinance No. 04
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, LEYTE, PRESCRIBING ITS OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION,
SYMBOLISM, AND AUTHORIZED USES

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers every local government unit to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective governance and to promote the general welfare of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 458 of the Local Government Code vests upon the Sangguniang Bayan the legislative authority to enact ordinances and adopt measures necessary for the effective administration of municipal affairs;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan, as the legislative body of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, recognizes the importance of having an official seal that distinctly represents its identity, authority, integrity, and commitment to democratic governance and public service;

WHEREAS, an official legislative seal serves as the authentic symbol of the Sangguniang Bayan and strengthens its institutional identity in all official legislative documents, resolutions, ordinances, communications, certificates, publications, and other official functions;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Official Seal of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte Ordinance of 2026."**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte to establish an official legislative seal that embodies the identity, authority, unity, and commitment of the Municipal Legislative Body in faithfully discharging its constitutional and statutory mandate of enacting ordinances, approving resolutions, and promoting the welfare of the people of La Paz.

The Official Seal shall serve as the official emblem of the Sangguniang Bayan and shall be used in all official documents, legislative publications, certificates, resolutions, ordinances, commemorative materials, official communications, and other lawful purposes.

SECTION 3. ADOPTION OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL.

The design appearing in the attached design made an integral part of this Ordinance, is hereby adopted as the Official Seal of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte.

SECTION 4. DESCRIPTION AND SYMBOLISM OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL.



The Official Seal shall consist of the following elements:

A. Circular Form - The circular configuration symbolizes continuity, unity, equality, history and the enduring commitment of the Sangguniang Bayan to public service and democratic governance.

B. White Outer Band - The white outer ring signifies integrity, wisdom, stability, and responsible leadership exercised by the Municipal Legislative Body. Inscribed on the outer band are the words: "**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HAN LA PAZ**" and **PROBINSYA HAN LEYTE**" which officially identifies the legislative institution and the municipality it serves.

C. Thirty-Five (35) Gold Stars - The thirty-five (35) gold stars represent the Thirty-Five (35) Barangays of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte. The stars symbolize that every barangay is equally represented in the legislative process and that the Sangguniang Bayan remains committed to responsive, inclusive, and equitable governance for every community.

C1. Royal Blue Color - The Royal Blue color symbolizes peace, unity, stability, integrity, and steadfastness in public service. It embodies the commitment of the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte to promote peaceful and responsive governance, sound legislation, harmonious relationships among its constituents, and the faithful discharge of its legislative mandate for the common good.

D. The Gavel - the superimposed on the map is the gavel and the sounding block, the traditional symbol of legislative authority, order, justice, and the rule of law. It represents the authority of the Presiding Officer and the Sangguniang Bayan to deliberate, enact ordinances, approved resolutions, and exercise its legislative powers in accordance with Constitution and the Local Government Code.

E. The Ten (10) Human Figures - Within the stars is a circle of ten (10) interlinked human figures, symbolizing the ten (10) members of the Sangguniang Bayan. Their interconnected formation signifies unity in legislation, cooperation despite diversity of views, collective responsibility, solidarity, shared commitment to public service, and Democratic decision-making for the common good promoting the general welfare of the people of La Paz.

F. Map – At the center of the seal is the Official Map of the Municipality of La Paz, Leyte, illustrating the municipality's territorial jurisdiction and the communities served by the Sangguniang Bayan. The green map represents the agriculture character of the Municipality, recognizing agriculture as the primary source of livelihood and a vital foundation of the municipality's economy. It symbolizes the fertile lands, abundant natural resources, and the diligence of the farmers who contribute significantly to the growth, food security and sustainable development of the community.

G. 2026 – The inscription "2026" beneath the central emblem serves as a historical marker on the seal, recognizing the exact year when the official municipal ordinance approving this design was formally enacted.

H. Yellow Background – Symbolizes honor, integrity, prosperity, excellence in governance, and the collective responsibility of the people and their elected officials in nation-building.

SECTION 5. OFFICIAL USE. The Official Seal shall be used exclusively by the Sangguniang Bayan of La Paz, Leyte, including but not limited to:

1. Official ordinances and resolutions;
2. Legislative correspondence;
3. Committee reports;
4. Certificates and citations;
5. Official identification materials;
6. Legislative publications;
7. Official social media and digital platforms;
8. Signages, banners, and legislative events; and
9. Other official purposes authorized by the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 6. PROHOBITED ACTS. No person, office, organization, or entity shall reproduce, alter, distort, or use the Official Seal for private, commercial, political, or unauthorized purposes without prior authority from the Sangguniang Bayan. Any unauthorized use shall subject the offender to applicable administrative, civil, or criminal liabilities under existing laws.

SECTION 7. CUSTODY OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL. The Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary shall maintain the official digital and printed master copies of the Official Seal and ensure its proper use in accordance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, or portions thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

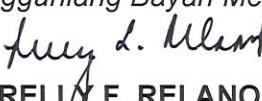
SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and after compliance with the publication or posting requirements provided under the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan this 7th day of September 2026.

Unanimously approved.


OSCAR G. TAN-PIENGCO, J.D.
Sangguniang Bayan Member


RELLY F. RELANO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


JUL C. CINCO
Sangguniang Bayan Member


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Sangguniang Bayan Member


FELICITO B. ACOMPAÑADO, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Member


DANILO F. GOMEZ
Sangguniang Bayan Member


FIONAH KIMBERLYN B. ACOMPAÑADO
President, Pambayang Pederasyon
ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance No. 04,
Series of 2026.


ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


ARACELI P. GO
Municipal Vice-Mayor

APPROVED:


JOEL C. CINCO
Municipal Mayor
Date: 15 SEP 2026



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN;

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that POSTING in prominent places in the Municipal Hall other conspicuous places in the Locality was undertaken and copies of said Ordinances was remain posted for three (3) consecutive weeks pursuant to Section 59(b) of Republic Act 7190, in relation on the Ordinance – MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO.04 SERIES OF 2026 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, L, EYTE, PRESCRIBING ITS OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION, SYMBOLISM, AND AUTHORIZED USES.

Subject Ordinance is being forwarded to that Body for review in compliance with Section 56 of Republic Act 7160.

ISSUED this 15th day of September 2026 at the office of the Sangguniang Bayan, La Paz, Leyte

Very truly yours,

A blue ink signature of Erwin M. Cernal, written in a cursive style.

ERWIN M. CERNAL
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan