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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 36 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Jaro, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 36 entitled: **“Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Fall etc.”**

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)(vi)¹ and Section 447(5)(i)² of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). However, it is noted that the penalties provided under Section 10 are more that those provided for under the LGC. Hence, further review of the Ordinance is recomended.

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 (vi) *Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as dynamite fishing and other forms of destructive fishing, illegal logging and smuggling of logs, smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna, slash and burn farming, and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration of eutrophication of rivers and lakes, or of ecological imbalance;*

² (i) *Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of communal forests and watersheds, tree parks, greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest development projects;*

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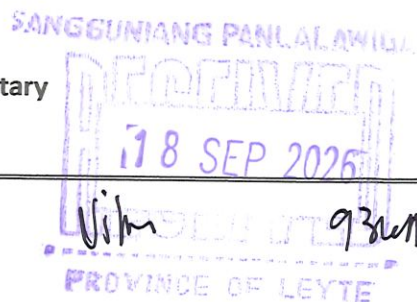
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein **Ordinance No. 36, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance declaring Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls as Municipal Ecological and Ecotourism Protected Areas, providing for their conservation, protection, preservation, management, and sustainable utilization, prescribing penalties for violations thereof, and for other purposes.**


FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary
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September 15, 2026

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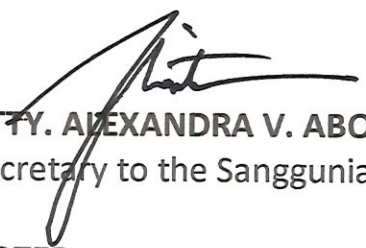
Thru: **Florinda Jill S. Uyvico**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Madam;

Respectfully forwarding **ORDINANCE NO. 36**, series of 2026, otherwise known as, **"AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RUBAS HOT SPRING, KAPALASPASAN FALLS, SALIWA FALLS, MABUHANGIN FALLS, JAGUSAIS COLD SPRING, AND BURABOD FALLS AS MUNICIPAL ECOLOGICAL AND ECOTOURISM PROTECTED AREAS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**, for review and favorable action by the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

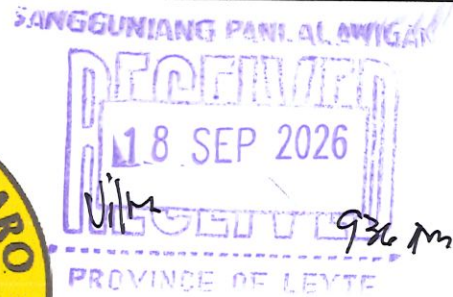
Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on the matter.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. ALEXANDRA V. ABORITA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

NOTED:


HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA
Municipal Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer



ORDINANCE NO. 36

Series of 2026

INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE ALMA A. TAMAYO
Chairman Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Affairs

“AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RUBAS HOT SPRING, KAPALASPASAN FALLS, SALIWA FALLS, MABUHANGIN FALLS, JAGUSAIS COLD SPRING, AND BURABOD FALLS AS MUNICIPAL ECOLOGICAL AND ECOTOURISM PROTECTED AREAS, PROVIDING FOR THEIR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES)”.



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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 50th REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF JARO, LEYTE HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL,
LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON JULY 27, 2026.

PRESENT:

HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.	-Municipal Vice Mayor/SB Presiding Officer
HON. REY P. AURE	-SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
HON. LANULFO M. BORJA	-SB Member
HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES	-SB Member/Majority Floor Leader
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

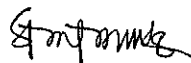
Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes Local Government Units to exercise powers necessary for effective governance and the promotion of general welfare, including measures to protect public health, preserve the environment, and conserve natural resources.

Further, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution guarantees the right to a balanced and healthful ecology. Likewise, Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038 (NIPAS Act), emphasizes the conservation and protection of the country's natural heritage and biodiversity.

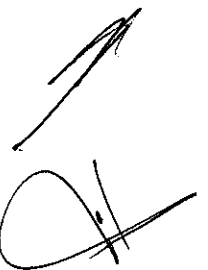
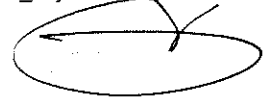
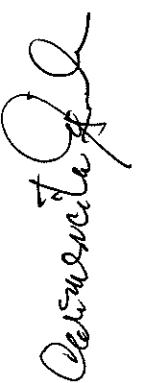
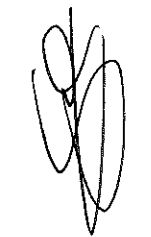
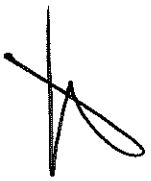
This proposed Ordinance seeks to declare Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls situated within the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte as Municipal Ecological and Ecotourism Protection Areas in recognition of their ecological, environmental, cultural, and tourism significance. The proposed measure aims to ensure the protection, conservation, preservation, effective management, and sustainable utilization of these valuable natural resources and to safeguard them against environmental degradation and adverse human activities that may threaten their ecological integrity and long-term sustainability.

The ordinance likewise establishes policies to regulate activities within these protected areas, promote responsible ecotourism practices, encourage community participation, and impose penalties for prohibited acts. Through this measure, the Municipality intends to safeguard these valuable natural assets and ensure their long-term protection and sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations.

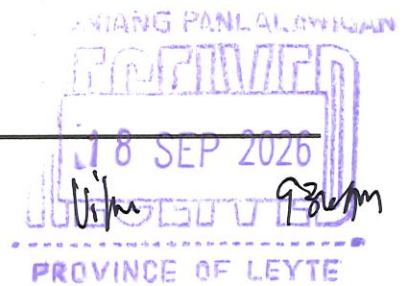
In view of the foregoing, approval of this Ordinance is respectfully requested.



HONORABLE ALMA A. TAMAYO
Chairman Committee on Tourism, Arts
and Cultural Affairs



**ORDINANCE NO. 36
SERIES OF 2026**



AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RUBAS HOT SPRING, KAPALASPASAN FALLS, SILAWA FALLS, MABUHANGIN FALLS, JAGUSAIS COLD SPRING, AND BURABOD FALLS AS MUNICIPAL ECOLOGICAL AND ECOTOURISM PROTECTED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR THEIR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE ALMA A. TAMAYO
Chairman Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Affairs

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte in Regular Session assembled that

SECTION 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the “Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls Ecological Protection Ordinance of Jaro, Leyte.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte to protect, preserve, conserve, and sustainably manage Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls as important ecological and ecotourism resources of the Municipality. In the pursuit of this policy, this ordinance shall have the following objectives:

- A. To protect, preserve and maintain the natural condition and ecological integrity of the sites, including their surrounding rivers, forests, watersheds, and ecosystem.
- B. To prevent environmental degradation, pollution, destruction of natural resources, and other activities that may adversely affect the sustainability and ecological balance of the protected areas.

- C. To conserve biodiversity through the protection of wildlife species, natural habitats, vegetation, and other ecological resources found within the protected areas.
- D. To promote responsible, sustainable, and environment-friendly ecotourism activities that support environmental conservation while providing economic opportunities to local communities.
- E. To encourage active participation and cooperation among local communities, government agencies, private stakeholders, and other sectors in the protection and management of the protected areas.
- F. To establish appropriate measures, regulations, and management mechanisms for the conservation, development, and sustainable utilization of the protected sites.
- G. To strengthen environmental awareness and promote environmental education among residents, visitors, and stakeholders regarding the importance of protecting natural resources.
- H. To ensure that present and future generations continue to benefit from the ecological, social, cultural, and economic value of Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls.

SECTION 3. SCOPE - This Ordinance shall apply to Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte, including their surrounding rivers, streams, watersheds, forest lands, natural habitats and a buffer zone of forty (40) meters or as determined by environmental assessment from the protected area. It shall likewise cover all persons, residents, visitors, business establishments, organizations, government agencies, and other entities conducting activities, operations, or utilizing resources within the protected areas and their adjoining zones.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- A. **Protected Area** – refers to Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls including their surrounding ecosystems, watersheds, rivers, streams, forest lands, and designated buffer zones covered under this Ordinance.
- B. **Buffer Zone** - refers to an identified area surrounding the protected sites established to provide an additional layer of protection, regulate activities, and minimize adverse environmental impacts that may affect the protected area and its resources.
- C. **Ecotourism** - refers to regulated and sustainable tourism activities within protected natural areas designed to preserve ecological balance, protect biodiversity, generate environmental awareness, and provide benefits to local communities.
- D. **Environmental Protection** – refers to all actions, regulatory measures and activities intended to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate, and sustainably manage natural resources and ecosystems.
- E. **Biodiversity** – refers to the variety and variability of living organisms including plants, animals, microorganisms, and ecosystems within the protected areas that contribute to ecological balance and sustainability.
- F. **Watershed** – refers to a land area where rainwater and surface water naturally drain into rivers, streams, springs, waterfalls, and other bodies of water within the protected areas.
- G. **Pollution** – refers to the contamination of air, water, or land by substance or activities which may adversely affect environmental quality and human health.
- H. **Waste Disposal** – refers to the collection, treatment, and proper disposal of garbage, refuse, and other waste materials in accordance with existing environmental laws, regulations, and established waste management practices.

- I. **Carrying Capacity** – refers to the maximum number of visitors or users that a protected site can accommodate without causing environmental degradation, ecological imbalance, or adverse impacts on natural resources and ecosystem functions.
- J. **Conservation Fee or Environmental Fee** – refers to charges collected from visitors intended to support maintenance, protection, rehabilitation, and conservation activities within the protected areas.
- K. **Unauthorized Activities** – refers to acts, projects, construction, extraction, commercial operations, or other activities conducted within the protected area without proper permits or approval from the appropriate government authority.
- L. **Natural Resources** – refers to naturally occurring resources and environmental assets found within the protected areas including water sources, forests, wildlife, plants, minerals, and landscapes.
- M. **Visitor** – refers to any individual, group, tourist, researcher, or other person entering, accessing, or utilizing Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and related protected areas for recreation, tourism, research, or other lawful purposes.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS - Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, including their surrounding rivers, watersheds, forest areas, natural habitats, and designated buffer zones within the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte, are hereby declared as Municipal Ecological and Ecotourism Protection Areas.

All activities within these areas shall be regulated to protect ecological integrity, conserve natural resources, and ensure ecological balance and prevent environmental degradation. Any activity that may adversely affect the natural condition, ecological integrity, and sustainability of the protected areas shall be regulated or prohibited in accordance with this Ordinance and other applicable environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED ACTS – Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160 and other applicable environmental laws, the following acts within Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and their protected areas are prohibited:

- A. Dumping, disposing, or discharging garbage, sewage, chemicals, toxic substances, wastewater, or any pollutants that may contaminate or damage the protected areas and their surrounding ecosystems.
- B. Cutting, destroying, or damaging trees, plants, and other vegetation without proper authorization or permit from concerned authority.
- C. Quarrying, mining, extraction of sand, gravel, rocks, and other natural resources without proper authorization or permit.
- D. Damaging, defacing, vandalizing, or destroying natural features, rock formations, landscapes, and other natural resources within the protected area.
- E. Hunting, capturing, collecting, killing, disturbing, or causing harm to wildlife species and their natural habitats within the protected areas.
- F. Constructing structures, facilities, or establishments without the required permit, clearances, or approval from the concerned authorities.
- G. Engaging in open burning, starting fires, or conducting any activity that may result in forest fires or damage to the protected areas.
- H. Conducting activities that may cause pollution, environmental degradation, or destruction of ecosystems.
- I. Using or disposing of soaps, detergents, chemicals, or other harmful substances in hot springs, waterfalls, rivers, streams, and other water sources within the protected areas.
- J. Conducting unauthorized commercial activities, business operations or other income generating activities without proper authorization or permit from the concerned authorities.

- K. Performing any act that may adversely affect the ecological integrity, environmental condition, and sustainability of the protected areas.

SECTION 7. VISITOR CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY - All visitors entering Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and their protected areas shall strictly comply with the following established rules and regulations:

- A. Observe cleanliness and practice proper waste disposal at all times.
- B. Stay within designated trails, pathways, and protected zones to avoid environmental disturbance.
- C. Refrain from damaging, collecting, or disturbing plants, wildlife species, and their natural habitats
- D. Comply with all rules, guidelines, and regulations issued by the Municipal Tourism Office (MTO), Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), and other concerned authorities.
- E. Pay environmental or conservation fees as may be prescribed by the Municipality.

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL - There is hereby established Management Council responsible for the implementation, monitoring, enforcement, and management of this Ordinance and the protection and conservation of Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and their designated protected areas.

The council shall be composed of the following:

Chairman : Municipal Mayor

Vice-Chairman : Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)

Member : Municipal Tourism Officer
: Barangay Chairperson concerned
: Representative from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

- : Representative from Local people's Organization
- : Representative from the Youth Sector
- : Representative from the accredited or duly recognized Local Tour Guide Association, or in absence of such association, one (1) accredited local tour guide designated by Municipal Tourism Office
- : Representative from Indigenous communities, if applicable.

SECTION 9. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

– The Management Council shall have the following powers and function:

- A. Develop and implement conservation and management plans to ensure the protection, preservation, and sustainable use of the protected areas.
- B. Establish visitor carrying capacity for sustainable use and environmental protection.
- C. Install and maintain appropriate signages and waste management facilities to promote environmental protection and proper waste disposal.
- D. Conduct environmental education and awareness activities to promote environmental protection, conservation, and responsible use of the protected areas.
- E. Monitor compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and ensure proper enforcement.

SECTION 10. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE – Any person violating this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- A. First Offense – A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00).
- B. Second Offense – A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and a written warning.
- C. Third Offense – A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and mandatory community environmental service.

SECTION 11. DISPOSITION OF FINES AND FEES - All fines, penalties, environmental fees, and other collections generated under this Ordinance shall accrue to the Municipal Government of Jaro and be used exclusively for the protection, conservation, maintenance, rehabilitation, monitoring, and management of the protected areas and for the implementation of programs and activities under this Ordinance.

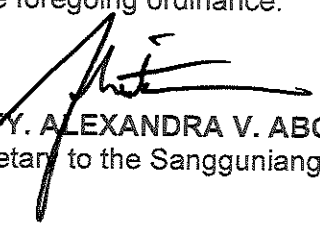
SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and publication in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

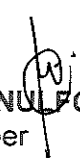
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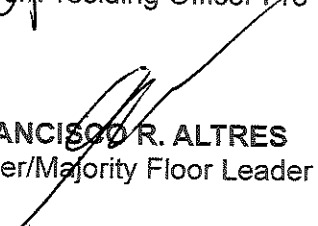
I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

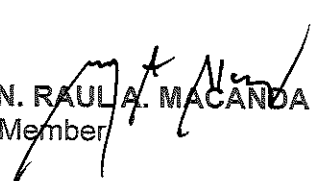

ATTY. ALEXANDRA V. ABORITA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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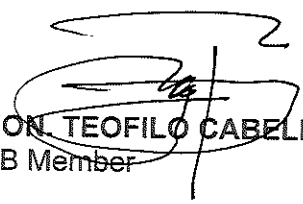

HON. REYN A. AURE
SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore


HON. LANULFO M. BORJA
SB Member

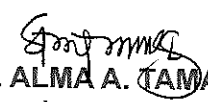

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SB Member/SK Fed.-President

ATTESTED:


HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.
Municipal Vice Mayor
SB Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. JASSIE LOU TAÑALA
Municipal Mayor



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MINUTES OF THE 50th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF
JARO, LEYTE HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON
JULY 27, 2026.

PRESENT:

HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.	-Municipal Vice Mayor/SB Presiding Officer
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RECORDS OF THE PROCEEDINGS:

CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, SINGING OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM
AND ROLL CALL.

Honorable Pedro B. Tañala Jr. Presiding Officer called to order the 50th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan at 9:52 in the morning. He then requested the SB Members to stand for the prayer, which was followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

PRAYER

The Body offered a prayer.

PAMBANSANG AWIT

The Body sang the Philippine National Anthem.

ROLL CALL

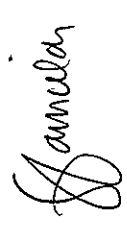
After the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, the Chair requested the SB Secretary to call the roll to determine if there is a quorum, as follows:

PRESENT:

HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.	-Municipal Vice Mayor/SB Presiding Officer
HON. REY P. AURE	-SB Member/Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
HON. LANULFO M. BORJA	-SB Member
HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES	-SB Member/Majority Floor Leader

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 The Chair declared that with eleven (11) Sangguniang Bayan members present, the 50th Sangguniang Bayan Regular Session had a quorum. The Chair then requested Honorable Francisco R. Altres, Majority Floor Leader, to facilitate the Order of Business for the day.

 Honorable Francisco R. Altres obtained the floor and requested the reading of the minutes of the 50th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan held on July 20, 2026. After the reading thereof, the Chair asked the Body if there were any amendments to the minutes. Hearing none, the Chair declared that the minutes of the 49th Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan were duly adopted, without amendments thereto, as read by the SB Secretary.

PRIVILEGE HOUR: NONE.

QUESTION HOUR: NONE.

READING AND REFERRAL OF PROPOSED MEASURES:

COMMITTEE REPORT:

ITEM NO. 1– PROPONENT: HON. TEOFILO CABELLO

Chairman Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability.

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY HELD ON JULY 22, 2026 TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO WIT:

1. AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (MENRO), INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Senior Ecosystems Management Specialist	18	Existing
Environmental Management Specialist II	15	For creation
Forest Ranger	4	For creation
Administrative Aide I	1	For creation

2. AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SOLID WASTE MUNICIPAL OFFICE (SWMO) INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Administrative Officer V	18	For creation
Administrative Officer IV	15	For creation
Senior Administrative Assistant I	13	Existing
Administrative Aide I	1	For creation

3. AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MUNICIPAL TOURISM OFFICE INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Supervising Tourism Operations Officer	22	For creation
Senior Tourism Operations Officer	18	For creation
Tourism Operations Officer II	15	Existing
Tourism Operations Officer I	11	Existing
Tourist Receptionist	8	For creation

4. AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE (HRMO) INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Supervising Administrative Officer (HRMO IV)	22	Existing
Administrative Officer V (HRMO III)	18	For creation
Administrative Officer IV (HRMO II)	15	For creation
Administrative Officer II (HRMO I)	11	For creation
Administrative Assistant II (HRM Asst.)	8	For creation
Administrative Aide IV (HRM Aide)	4	For creation

5. AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE POPULATION AND NUTRITION OFFICE INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Population Program Officer III	18	For creation
Population Program Officer II	15	For creation
Population Program Officer I	11	Existing
Population Program Worker II	7	Existing
Population Program Worker I	5	For creation

6. AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Administrative Officer V	18	For creation
Administrative Officer IV	15	For creation
Administrative Officer II	11	For creation
Assistant Information Officer I	8	Existing
Administrative Aide VI (Date Controller I)	6	For creation

The Chair gave the floor to Hon. Teofilo Cabello, who moved for the consideration of the above proposed resolution, which was duly seconded. Thereafter, Hon. Teofilo Cabello, through the Chair requested Mr. Benedict Enales to read the committee report.

The Chair directed Mr. Enales to proceed with the reading of the Committee Report. After the reading, the Chair inquired from the Body if there were any corrections. Hearing none, the Chair requested Hon. Teofilo Cabello, to offer the final motion for its adoption.

Hon. Teofilo Cabello stated that Mr. Judy Parado recommended that the staffing plan be reviewed for each office. He further stated that Ms. Thelma Arguelles suggested convening all department heads since only six (6) offices are covered by the proposed ordinance.

He added that the department heads will submit their final recommendations on or before August 15, 2026. Consequently, the consideration of the proposed ordinance shall be held in abeyance for the meantime.

Hon. Teofilo Cabello took the floor and moved for the final adoption of the Committee Report, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 1, under the Committee Report, had been moved, carried, and approved en masse.

CALENDAR OF BUSINESS:

A. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ITEM NO. 1– PROPONENT: HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES

Vice-Chairman Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BARANGAY ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2026, OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY IDENTIFICATION (ID SYSTEM) OF BARANGAY III POBLACION MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

The Chair recognized Hon. Francisco R. Altres and gave him the floor to present his motion.

Hon. Francisco R. Altres moved for the approval of the proposed resolution, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 1 under the Unfinished Business had been duly moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

At this point in time, Hon. Raul A. Macanda, moved for a ten- minute recess, which was duly seconded. The Chair declared a recess at 10:36 a.m.

After the recess, the Chair declared the session resumed at 10:57 a.m.

B. BUSINESS FOR THE DAY:

ITEM NO. 1– PROPONENT: HON. BENJAMIN H. GARIANDO, JR.

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCEREST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO LEYTE TO THE AONTAS CHOIR OF IRELAND FOR ITS OUTREACH PROGRAMS, CAREER GAUIDANCE INITIATIVES, AND CULTURAL COLLABORATION THAT PROMOTED EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

The Chair recognized Hon. Benjamin H. Gariando, Jr. and gave him the floor to present his motion.

Hon. Benjamin H. Gariando, Jr. moved for the approval of the proposed resolution, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that Item No. 1 under the Business for the Day had been duly moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body.

**ITEM NO. 2- APPROVAL ON THIRD-AND-FINAL READING
ORDINANCE NO. 36, SERIES OF 2026**

INTRODUCED BY: HON. ALMA A. TAMAYO

Chairman Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Affairs

**ORDINANCE NO. 36,
SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RUBAS HOT SPRING, KAPALASPASAN FALLS, SILAWA FALLS, MABUHANGIN FALLS, JAGUSAIS COLD SPRING, AND BURABOD FALLS AS MUNICIPAL ECOLOGICAL AND ECOTOURISM PROTECTED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR THEIR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chair recognized Hon. Alma A. Tamayo to offer the motion.

The Chair then opined and inquired from the floor if there were any minor amendments to the ordinance, and hearing none, requested Hon. Alma A. Tamayo to offer the final motion.

Hon. Alma A. Tamayo took the floor, and moved for its final approval, which was duly seconded en masse.

Thereafter, the Chair declared that **Ordinance No. 36, Series of 2026, otherwise known as** "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RUBAS HOT SPRING, KAPALASPASAN FALLS, SILAWA FALLS, MABUHANGIN FALLS, JAGUSAIS COLD SPRING, AND BURABOD FALLS AS MUNICIPAL ECOLOGICAL AND ECOTOURISM PROTECTED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR THEIR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", has been moved, carried, and approved en masse by the August Body under the **third and final reading**.

OTHER MATTERS:

1. Hon. Alma A. Tamayo informed the Body that a visitation of the proposed tourism sites in Jaro is scheduled on July 30–31, 2026

Hon. Teofilo Cabello asked what they would do during the visitation.

Hon. Alma A. Tamayo replied that a communication would be sent to the Punong Barangays regarding the site inspection to determine the current status of the proposed tourism sites.

Hon. Teofilo Cabello suggested that the visitation should be conducted as a whole.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda stated that during the committee meeting of the Tourism Office, it was agreed that an ocular inspection should be conducted by the group as a whole since the LGU intends to assist these organizations.

Hon. Teofilo Cabello asked whether a vehicle would be provided.

The Chair replied that they would use an LGU vehicle.

Hon. Rey P. Aure pointed out that some of the proposed tourism sites are located on private property and that the consent of the property owners must first be obtained.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala stated that there was no need to conduct another inspection because the tourism sites had already been identified and previously visited by the MDRRMO. She added that what remained to be done was to formally recognize or identify the sites.

Hon. Lanulfo M. Borja suggested that at least two or three members of the Sangguniang Bayan personally visit the actual sites.

Hon. Carmencita G. Tañala responded that the least that could be done was to send a communication to the Punong Barangays informing them that the destinations had already been legally identified.

Hon. Raul A. Macanda stated that only one site, the hot spring, had an issue. However, he added that an agreement had already been reached during the committee meeting to comply with all the necessary requirements.

Hon. Benjamin H. Gariando, Jr., expressed his agreement with the suggestion of Hon. Borja.

Hon. Teofilo Cabello remarked that the inspection should have been conducted before the approval of the ordinance.

Hon. Alma A. Tamayo clarified that the purpose of the ordinance is to conserve and protect the area, not to allow it to be developed into a swimming area.

Hon. Rey P. Aure suggested that tarpaulins be installed during the visitation to mark and declare the areas as protected sites.

The Chair agreed with the suggestion of Hon. Aure.

There being no more business for consideration, Hon. Teofilo Cabello, moved for the adjournment of the session, duly seconded. Thereafter, the Chair declared the 50th SB Regular Session adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

EXCERPT RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE:

ITEM NO. 1- PROPONENT: HON. TEOFILO CABELLO

Chairman Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-417

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, HELD ON JULY 22, 2026 ON THE REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FOLLOWING ORDINANCES TO WIT:

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (MENRO), INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Senior Ecosystems Management Specialist	18	Existing
Environmental Management Specialist II	15	For creation
Forest Ranger	4	For creation
Administrative Aide I	1	For creation

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SOLID WASTE MUNICIPAL OFFICE (SWMO) INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Administrative Officer V	18	For creation
Administrative Officer IV	15	For creation
Senior Administrative Assistant I	13	Existing
Administrative Aide I	1	For creation

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MUNICIPAL TOURISM OFFICE INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Supervising Tourism Operations Officer	22	For creation
Senior Tourism Operations Officer	18	For creation
Tourism Operations Officer II	15	Existing
Tourism Operations Officer I	11	Existing
Tourist Receptionist	8	For creation

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICE (HRMO) INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Supervising Administrative Officer (HRMO IV)	22	Existing
Administrative Officer V (HRMO III)	18	For creation
Administrative Officer IV (HRMO II)	15	For creation
Administrative Officer II (HRMO I)	11	For creation
Administrative Assistant II (HRM Asst.)	8	For creation
Administrative Aide IV (HRM Aide)	4	For creation

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE POPULATION AND NUTRITION OFFICE INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Population Program Officer III	18	For creation
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Population Program Officer I	11	Existing
Population Program Worker II	7	Existing
Population Program Worker I	5	For creation

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE NECESSARY PLANTILLA POSITIONS, STAFFING PLAN AND, WORKFORCE.

PROPOSED STAFFING PLAN		
PLANTILLA POSITION TITLE	SG	REMARKS
Administrative Officer V	18	For creation
Administrative Officer IV	15	For creation
Administrative Officer II	11	For creation
Assistant Information Officer I	8	Existing
Administrative Aide VI (Data Controller I)	6	For creation

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Honorable Teofilo Cabello**, duly seconded *en masse* by the Honorable Members present, be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY HELD ON JULY 22, 2026, ON THE REVIEW OF THE FOREGOING PROPOSED ORDINANCES:

1. An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), including the creation of the necessary plantilla positions, staffing plan, and workforce;
2. An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Solid Waste Management Office (SWMO), including the creation of the necessary plantilla positions, staffing plan, and workforce;
3. An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Municipal Tourism Office, including the creation of the necessary plantilla positions, staffing plan, and workforce;
4. An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Human Resource Management Office (HRMO), including the creation of the necessary plantilla positions, staffing plan, and workforce;

5. An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Population and Nutrition Office, including the creation of the necessary plantilla positions, staffing plan, and workforce; and
6. An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Public Information Office, including the creation of the necessary plantilla positions, staffing plan, and workforce.

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copies of this Resolution to the Municipal Mayor and all other offices concerned for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED ON JULY 27, 2026.

ITEM NO. 2- PROPONENT: HON. FRANCISCO R. ALTRES
Vice-Chairman Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 418

A RESOLUTION APPROVING BARANGAY ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2026, OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY IDENTIFICATION (ID SYSTEM) OF BARANGAY III POBLACION MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE".

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 447 (a) (1) (i) Book III of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, among the powers and duties of the Sangguniang Bayan is "to review all ordinances approved by the Sangguniang Barangays;

WHEREAS, submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan is AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY IDENTIFICATION (ID SYSTEM) OF BARANGAY III POBLACION MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE, for approval;

WHEREAS, the subject Ordinance has been referred to the Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability for review under the committee level;

WHEREAS, after the committee review on the subject Ordinance, the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Budget and Appropriations recommended for the declaration of validity pursuant to Section 57 (c) Book 1 of R.A. 7160;

WHEREAS, the August Body, upon review and a thorough discussion in the plenary, finds subject Ordinance in conformity with the existing laws, rules and regulations; the same being an exercise of the powers of the Sangguniang Barangay to enact tax and revenue ordinances pursuant to Section 391 (a) (2) Book III of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion presented by **Honorable Francisco R. Altres**, Vice Chairman Committee on Good Government, Public Ethics and Accountability, duly seconded en masse by the Honorable Members present, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO APPROVED BARANGAY ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2026, OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BARANGAY IDENTIFICATION (ID SYSTEM) OF BARANGAY III POBLACION MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE".

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to all concerned offices for their information and appropriate action.

APPROVED ON JULY 27, 2026.

ITEM NO. 3- PROPONENT: HON. BENJAMIN H. GARIANDO, JR.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 419

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SINCEREST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE TO THE AONTAS CHOIR OF IRELAND FOR ITS OUTREACH PROGRAMS, CAREER GUIDANCE INITIATIVES, AND CULTURAL COLLABORATION THAT PROMOTED EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte recognizes the invaluable contributions of organizations and individuals whose acts of generosity, volunteerism, and international cooperation contribute significantly to the welfare and development of its people;

WHEREAS, the Aontas Choir of Ireland has generously extended its time, talent, and resources in conducting meaningful outreach programs, career guidance initiatives, and cultural exchange activities that have positively impacted the youth, students, educators, and the wider community of the Municipality of Jaro;

WHEREAS, these initiatives have significantly contributed to the educational, social, and cultural enrichment of the Municipality of Jaro and have strengthened international friendship and cooperation, leaving a lasting and meaningful impact on the local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of **Honorable Benjamin H. Gariando Jr.**, duly seconded en masse, this Sangguniang Bayan-

RESOLVED, TO EXPRESS THE SINCEREST GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE TO THE AONTAS CHOIR OF IRELAND FOR ITS OUTREACH PROGRAMS, CAREER GUIDANCE INITIATIVES, AND CULTURAL COLLABORATION THAT PROMOTED EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL ENRICHMENT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JARO, LEYTE;

RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish copy of this resolution to the Mayor's Office, and other municipal offices concern for their information and guidance.

APPROVED ON JULY 27, 2026.

ITEM NO. 4-- APPROVAL ON THIRD-AND-FINAL READING
ORDINANCE NO. 36, SERIES OF 2026
INTRODUCED BY: HON. ALMA A. TAMAYO
Chairman Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes Local Government Units to exercise powers necessary for effective governance and the promotion of general welfare, including measures to protect public health, preserve the environment, and conserve natural resources.

Further, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution guarantees the right to a balanced and healthful ecology. Likewise, Republic Act No. 7586, as amended by Republic Act No. 11038 (NIPAS Act), emphasizes the conservation and protection of the country's natural heritage and biodiversity.

This proposed Ordinance seeks to declare Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls situated within the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte as Municipal Ecological and Ecotourism Protection Areas in recognition of their ecological, environmental, cultural, and tourism significance. The proposed measure aims to ensure the protection, conservation, preservation, effective management, and sustainable utilization of these valuable natural resources and to safeguard them against environmental degradation and adverse human activities that may threaten their ecological integrity and long-term sustainability.

The ordinance likewise establishes policies to regulate activities within these protected areas, promote responsible ecotourism practices, encourage community participation, and impose penalties for prohibited acts. Through this measure, the Municipality intends to safeguard these valuable natural assets and ensure their long-term protection and sustainability for the benefit of present and future generations.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Ordinance is respectfully requested.

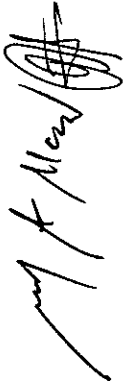

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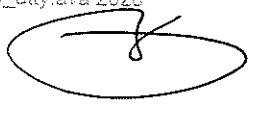












**ORDINANCE NO. 36
SERIES OF 2026**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING RUBAS HOT SPRING, KAPALASPASAN FALLS, SILAWA FALLS, MABUHANGIN FALLS, JAGUSAIS COLD SPRING, AND BURABOD FALLS AS MUNICIPAL ECOLOGICAL AND ECOTOURISM PROTECTED AREAS; PROVIDING FOR THEIR CONSERVATION, PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, MANAGEMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY: HONORABLE ALMA A. TAMAYO
Chairman Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Affairs

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte in Regular Session assembled that

SECTION 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the “Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls Ecological Protection Ordinance of Jaro, Leyte.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte to protect, preserve, conserve, and sustainably manage Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls as important ecological and ecotourism resources of the Municipality. In the pursuit of this policy, this ordinance shall have the following objectives:

- A. To protect, preserve and maintain the natural condition and ecological integrity of the sites, including their surrounding rivers, forests, watersheds, and ecosystem.
- B. To prevent environmental degradation, pollution, destruction of natural resources, and other activities that may adversely affect the sustainability and ecological balance of the protected areas.

- C. To conserve biodiversity through the protection of wildlife species, natural habitats, vegetation, and other ecological resources found within the protected areas.
- D. To promote responsible, sustainable, and environment-friendly ecotourism activities that support environmental conservation while providing economic opportunities to local communities.
- E. To encourage active participation and cooperation among local communities, government agencies, private stakeholders, and other sectors in the protection and management of the protected areas.
- F. To establish appropriate measures, regulations, and management mechanisms for the conservation, development, and sustainable utilization of the protected sites.
- G. To strengthen environmental awareness and promote environmental education among residents, visitors, and stakeholders regarding the importance of protecting natural resources.
- H. To ensure that present and future generations continue to benefit from the ecological, social, cultural, and economic value of Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls.

SECTION 3. SCOPE - This Ordinance shall apply to Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte, including their surrounding rivers, streams, watersheds, forest lands, natural habitats and a buffer zone of forty (40) meters or as determined by environmental assessment from the protected area. It shall likewise cover all persons, residents, visitors, business establishments, organizations, government agencies, and other entities conducting activities, operations, or utilizing resources within the protected areas and their adjoining zones.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- A. **Protected Area** – refers to Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls including their surrounding ecosystems, watersheds, rivers, streams, forest lands, and designated buffer zones covered under this Ordinance.
- B. **Buffer Zone** - refers to an identified area surrounding the protected sites established to provide an additional layer of protection, regulate activities, and minimize adverse environmental impacts that may affect the protected area and its resources.
- C. **Ecotourism** - refers to regulated and sustainable tourism activities within protected natural areas designed to preserve ecological balance, protect biodiversity, generate environmental awareness, and provide benefits to local communities.
- D. **Environmental Protection** – refers to all actions, regulatory measures and activities intended to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate, and sustainably manage natural resources and ecosystems.
- E. **Biodiversity** – refers to the variety and variability of living organisms including plants, animals, microorganisms, and ecosystems within the protected areas that contribute to ecological balance and sustainability.
- F. **Watershed** – refers to a land area where rainwater and surface water naturally drain into rivers, streams, springs, waterfalls, and other bodies of water within the protected areas.
- G. **Pollution** – refers to the contamination of air, water, or land by substance or activities which may adversely affect environmental quality and human health.
- H. **Waste Disposal** – refers to the collection, treatment, and proper disposal of garbage, refuse, and other waste materials in accordance with existing environmental laws, regulations, and established waste management practices.

- I. **Carrying Capacity** – refers to the maximum number of visitors or users that a protected site can accommodate without causing environmental degradation, ecological imbalance, or adverse impacts on natural resources and ecosystem functions.
- J. **Conservation Fee or Environmental Fee** – refers to charges collected from visitors intended to support maintenance, protection, rehabilitation, and conservation activities within the protected areas.
- K. **Unauthorized Activities** – refers to acts, projects, construction, extraction, commercial operations, or other activities conducted within the protected area without proper permits or approval from the appropriate government authority.
- L. **Natural Resources** – refers to naturally occurring resources and environmental assets found within the protected areas including water sources, forests, wildlife, plants, minerals, and landscapes.
- M. **Visitor** – refers to any individual, group, tourist, researcher, or other person entering, accessing, or utilizing Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and related protected areas for recreation, tourism, research, or other lawful purposes.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS - Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, including their surrounding rivers, watersheds, forest areas, natural habitats, and designated buffer zones within the Municipality of Jaro, Leyte, are hereby declared as Municipal Ecological and Ecotourism Protection Areas.

All activities within these areas shall be regulated to protect ecological integrity, conserve natural resources, and ensure ecological balance and prevent environmental degradation. Any activity that may adversely affect the natural condition, ecological integrity, and sustainability of the protected areas shall be regulated or prohibited in accordance with this Ordinance and other applicable environmental laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED ACTS – Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160 and other applicable environmental laws, the following acts within Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and their protected areas are prohibited:

- A. Dumping, disposing, or discharging garbage, sewage, chemicals, toxic substances, wastewater, or any pollutants that may contaminate or damage the protected areas and their surrounding ecosystems.
- B. Cutting, destroying, or damaging trees, plants, and other vegetation without proper authorization or permit from concerned authority.
- C. Quarrying, mining, extraction of sand, gravel, rocks, and other natural resources without proper authorization or permit.
- D. Damaging, defacing, vandalizing, or destroying natural features, rock formations, landscapes, and other natural resources within the protected area.
- E. Hunting, capturing, collecting, killing, disturbing, or causing harm to wildlife species and their natural habitats within the protected areas.
- F. Constructing structures, facilities, or establishments without the required permit, clearances, or approval from the concerned authorities.
- G. Engaging in open burning, starting fires, or conducting any activity that may result in forest fires or damage to the protected areas.
- H. Conducting activities that may cause pollution, environmental degradation, or destruction of ecosystems.
- I. Using or disposing of soaps, detergents, chemicals, or other harmful substances in hot springs, waterfalls, rivers, streams, and other water sources within the protected areas.
- J. Conducting unauthorized commercial activities, business operations or other income generating activities without proper authorization or permit from the concerned authorities.

- K. Performing any act that may adversely affect the ecological integrity, environmental condition, and sustainability of the protected areas.

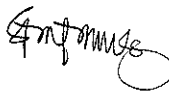
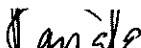
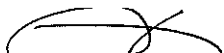
SECTION 7. VISITOR CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITY - All visitors entering Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and their protected areas shall strictly comply with the following established rules and regulations:

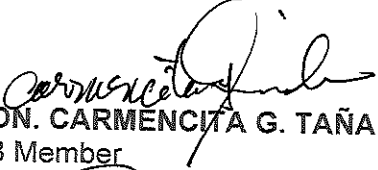
- A. Observe cleanliness and practice proper waste disposal at all times.
- B. Stay within designated trails, pathways, and protected zones to avoid environmental disturbance.
- C. Refrain from damaging, collecting, or disturbing plants, wildlife species, and their natural habitats
- D. Comply with all rules, guidelines, and regulations issued by the Municipal Tourism Office (MTO), Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), and other concerned authorities.
- E. Pay environmental or conservation fees as may be prescribed by the Municipality.

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL - There is hereby established Management Council responsible for the implementation, monitoring, enforcement, and management of this Ordinance and the protection and conservation of Rubas Hot Spring, Kapalaspasan Falls, Silawa Falls, Mabuhangin Falls, Jagusais Cold Spring, and Burabod Falls, and their designated protected areas.

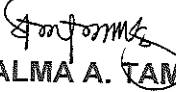
The council shall be composed of the following:

- Chairman** : Municipal Mayor
- Vice-Chairman** : Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)
- Member** : Municipal Tourism Officer
- : Barangay Chairperson concerned
- : Representative from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)




HON. CARMENCITA G. TAÑALA
SB Member


HON. ZANDRO T. MORABE
SB Member/LIGA Fed.-President


HON. ALMA A. TAMAYO
SB Member


HON. VIANCA MAE N. FAMILAR
SB Member/SK Fed.-President

ATTESTED:


HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.
Municipal Vice Mayor
SB Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. JASSIE LOU TAÑALA
Municipal Mayor



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Corner Del Carmen and Real Streets

September 15, 2026

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TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

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ISSUED this 17th day of August 2026 at Jaro, Leyte

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ATTY. ALEXANDRA V. ABORITA
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan

APPROVED:


HON. PEDRO B. TAÑALA, JR.
Municipal Vice-Mayor

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Barangay I

September 15, 2026

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ISSUED this 15th day of September 2026 at Barangay District I, Jaro, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


IVY M. SOLAR
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. MARIA FE LINDA B. COSARES
Barangay Chairwoman

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Barangay II

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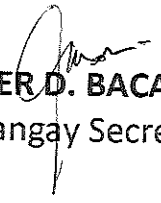
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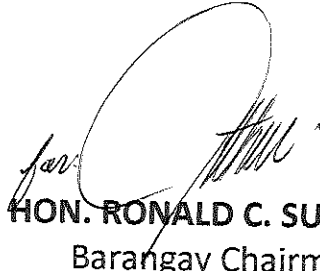
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ISSUED this 15th day of September 2026 at Barangay District II, Jaro, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


JENNIFER D. BACALANDO
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. RONALD C. SUPERABLE
Barangay Chairman

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Barangay III

September 15, 2026

CERTIFICATION

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ISSUED this 15th day of September 2026 at Barangay District II, Jaro, Leyte.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


JAINA O. BATUCAN
Barangay Secretary

APPROVED:


HON. ADRIANO DIOLA
Barangay Chairman