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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 16 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte.

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 76[1] of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) in consonance with Section 443(c)(2)[2] of the same, subject to CSC rules and the availability of funds. 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

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[1] ;***Section 76.*** *Organizational Structure and Staffing Pattern. - Every local government unit shall design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into consideration its service requirements and financial capability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed by the Civil Service Commission.*

[2] [2] ***Section 443.***
(c) The sangguniang bayan may:
(2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the municipal government;

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1ST INDORSEMENT
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 16, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte,** entitled: **An Ordinance creating the Cooperative Development Office of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte.**

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Republic of the Philippines
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R HONORABLE MEMBERS;

ve the honor to submit to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte copies of **MUNICIPAL DINANCE NO. 16, SERIES OF 2026 "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, TE"** enacted by the 19th Council of this Municipality, for review and consideration.

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ELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
etary to the Sangguniang Bayan

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true and accurate copy of the Resolution-Ordinance duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Merida, Leyte on **JULY 01, 2026.**

JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
SB Secretary

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

HON. ATTY. CHRISTIAN Q. SALTA
SB Member

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LNB President (Wellness Leave)

HON. ASHLEY NOREEN J. DIAZ
SK Federation President

HON. RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer

HON. ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENCIO
Municipal Mayor

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 43RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (19TH COUNCIL), MERIDA, LEYTE, HELD ON July 01, 2026 AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL.

-RESOLUTION NO. 19-26-118-

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 16, SERIES OF 2026 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE."

WHEREAS, Cooperatives play a vital role in promoting inclusive economic growth, livelihood generation, community empowerment, and social development. In the Municipality of Merida, cooperatives have significantly contributed to the advancement of local entrepreneurship, agricultural productivity, financial inclusion, and community-based enterprises;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the important role of cooperatives in nation-building and local economic development, the State, through Republic Act No. 9520, encourages the promotion and strengthening of cooperatives as instruments of equity, social justice, and sustainable development;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 11535, all Municipalities, are mandated to establish the position of Cooperative Development Officer to institutionalize local cooperative development programs and ensure effective implementation of cooperative-related services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 Grants Local Government Units the authority to create offices and appoint personnel necessary for efficient governance and effective delivery of public services;

WHEREAS, considering the increasing number of cooperatives and associations operating within the Municipality and the growing demand for technical assistance, training, monitoring, accreditation, and coordination of cooperative programs, there is a pressing need to establish a dedicated Cooperative Development Office (CDO) for the Municipality of Merida;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Cooperative Development Office shall strengthen institutional support for cooperatives and shall serve as the primary office responsible for cooperative promotion, regulation, coordination, and development initiatives within the Municipality;

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan (19th Council) of Merida, Leyte in session assembled;

-MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 16-
Series of 2026

Introduced / Authored by:
Hon. Brenda T. Adolfo

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MERIDA, LEYTE.

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the "An Ordinance Creating the Cooperative Development Office of the Municipality of Merida, Leyte.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS - The Cooperative Development Office shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Formulate and implement local cooperative development plans, programs, and policies;
2. Assist in the organization and registration facilitation of cooperatives;
3. Provide technical assistance, capability-building activities, and trainings to cooperatives;
4. Conduct monitoring, evaluation, and profiling of cooperatives operating within the Municipality;
5. Coordinate with the Cooperative Development Authority and other government agencies on cooperative-related programs and activities;
6. Assist cooperatives in accessing financing, grants, livelihood opportunities, and government assistance programs;
7. Maintain a database and records of accredited and registered cooperatives within the Municipality;

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8. Promote cooperative awareness and education among barangays, schools, associations, and community groups;
9. Facilitate mediation and coordination among cooperatives and stakeholders when necessary;
10. Perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the Municipal Mayor and provided by law or ordinance.

SECTION 3. **FUNDING** - Funding requirements for the operation of the Cooperative Development Office, including personnel services, maintenance and other operative expenses (MOOE), and other necessary expenditures, shall be sourced from available municipal funds subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 4. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. **EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This ordinance shall take effect after compliance of the posting requirement as prescribed by RA No. 7160, known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED: 01 JULY 2026

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS

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APPROVED BY HIS HONOR, THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR ON July 10, 2026.

CONFORME:

ENGR. ROLANDO M. VILLASENCIO
Municipal Mayor

CERTIFIED BY:

RODRIGO M. WENCESLAO
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:

JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

10 AUGUST 2026

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE
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DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS;

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Hoping everything is in order.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

JOSELITO T. DELOS ANGELES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan