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

September 10, 2026

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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 9 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tabontabon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 9 entitled: "Anti-half naked Ordinance of Tabontabon, Leyte"

**REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:**

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(1)(ii)<sup>1</sup>. 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*

<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

(ii) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose penalties for the violation of said ordinances;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 09, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance prohibiting the act of being topless or going half-naked in public places within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte and providing penalties for violation thereof.**

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



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Respectfully submitted to the Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan, the herein Municipal Ordinances of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte, for appropriate action, to wit:

1. Municipal Ordinance No. 08 Series 2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A WEEKLY MARKET DAY EVERY TUESDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON TO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS, ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY, AND PROMOTE AGRI-TOURISM IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE MASAGANANG SAKAHAN COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK (TIKLOS 2026) AND THE LOCAL POVERTY REDUCTION ACTION PLAN (LPRAP)";
2. Municipal Ordinance No. 09 Series 2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR GOING HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON, LEYTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF";
3. Municipal Ordinance No. 10 Series 2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND OTHER INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN ALL PUBLIC PLAZAS, PARKS, ROADS, SIDEWALKS, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF TABONTABON, LEYTE, AND ITS BARANGAYS EXCEPT ON OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF".

Hope you find it in order.

  
MARIA CORAZON E. BAUTISTA  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

NOTED:

  
HON. PONCIANO R. JUSTIMBASTE, Jr.  
Presiding Officer





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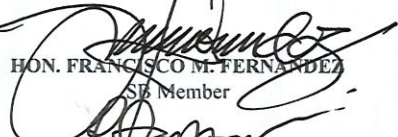
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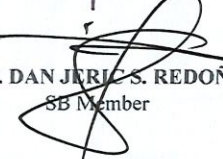
  
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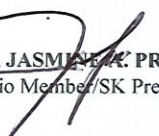
  
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**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR GOING HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON, LEYTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte, is committed to upholding public morality, decency, and general welfare among its residents and visitors;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to exercise powers necessary for the promotion of the general welfare, including the maintenance of peace and order, and the preservation of comfort and convenience;

**WHEREAS**, the act of going topless or half-naked in public streets, plazas, commercial areas, and other public spaces within the municipality offends community standards of modesty and propriety;

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of the local government to foster a wholesome environment that safeguards public decency, particularly for the youth and families within the community;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion by Hon. Herman I. Bibar and unanimously seconded;

**BE IT RESOLVE**, as it is hereby resolved to enact/approve Municipal Ordinance No. 09 Series of 2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR GOING HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON, LEYTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF";

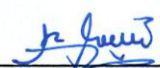
**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Honorable Sangguniang Bayan, in its Regular Session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE**

This ordinance shall be known as the "Anti-Half-Naked Ordinance of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte".

**SECTION 2. SCOPE**

This ordinance shall be applicable to all persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte.



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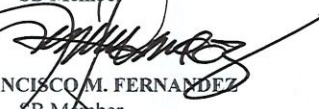
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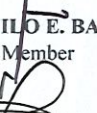
  
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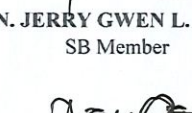
  
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**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- a) Topless/Half-Naked - the act of appearing bare breasted.
- b) Public Places - include but not limited to the following: roads, streets, sidewalks, parks bridges and alleys.

**SECTION 4. PROHIBITION**

No persons shall be allowed, including persons riding in private motorcycles, to move about in public places and/ or outside his private residence topless or half-naked within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte.

**SECTION 5. EXEMPTION**

The following cases shall be considered as exemptions to the forgoing ordinance:

- a) Persons inside private premises;
- b) Activities or events with special permit issued by the Municipal Government/ implementing agencies;
- c) In case of medical emergencies;
- d) Indigenous people wearing ethnic clothes;
- e) Public beaches and rivers;
- f) Persons who are engaged in sports and sports activities;

**SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY**

The Philippines National Police (PNP) of Tabontabon, Leyte and the Barangay Officials/ through the Barangay Tanods are hereby assigned to implement this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. PENALTY**

The following penalties shall be imposed for violation of this Ordinance.

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| First Offence  | ₱ 500.00  |
| Second Offence | ₱ 1000.00 |
| Third Offence  | ₱ 1500.00 |



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**SECTION 8. 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 9. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after copies of this ordinance have been posted in the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Building and in conspicuous places in the sixteen (16) barangays of the municipality.

**ENACTED** unanimously, August 17, 2026.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

MARIA CORAZON E. BAUTISTA  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

**ATTESTED:**

HON. PONCIANO R. JUSTIMBASTE, Jr.  
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

HON. EFREN D. REDONA  
Municipal Mayor  
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### **CERTIFICATION**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that the herein Municipal Ordinances of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte, had been posted in conspicuous places in the municipality, and all the bulletin areas in the barangays, to wit:

1. **Municipal Ordinance No. 08 Series 2026** entitled “**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A WEEKLY MARKET DAY EVERY TUESDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON TO SUPPORT LOCAL FARMERS, ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY, AND PROMOTE AGRI-TOURISM IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE MASAGANANG SAKAHAN COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK (TIKLOS 2026) AND THE LOCAL POVERTY REDUCTION ACTION PLAN (LPRAP)**”;
2. **Municipal Ordinance No. 09 Series 2026** entitled “**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES-FOR-HIRE (HABAL-HABAL) WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON, LEYTE, PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THEIR OPERATION, PRESCRIBING FEES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**”;
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**ISSUED** this 08<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2026 at Tabontabon, Leyte.

  
**MARIA CORAZON E. BAUTISTA**  
*Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan*

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