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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 10 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Tabontabon, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 10 entitled: “**Anti-Public Drinking Ordinance of Tabontabon, 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 458(a)(1)(v)¹ and (4)(v)² 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 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 (v) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy, mendicancy, prostitution, establishment and maintenance of houses of ill repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications, and such other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the municipality;

² (v) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any intoxicating malt, vino, mixed or fermented liquors at any retail outlet;

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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 10, series of 2026 of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte**, 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.**

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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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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10 SERIES 2026

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND OTHER INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN ALL PUBLIC PLAZAS, PARKS, ROADS, SIDEWALKS, WITHIN THE TERRETORIAL JURISDICTION OF TABONTABON, LEYTE, AND ITS BARANGAYS EXCEPT ON OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) mandates that local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, and maintain peace and order within their respective territorial jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has continuously urged local government units to tighten public safety regulations, emphasizing that drinking alcoholic beverages in public spaces compromises public peace, results in street brawls, causes unnecessary noise, and disrupts the peaceful life of residents;

WHEREAS, public areas are shared community resources meant for wholesome recreation, safe pedestrian passage, and family-oriented activities, which must be kept free from the hazards and disorderly conduct often associated with public intoxication;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Tabontabon recognizes the necessity of regulating public conduct and curbing anti-social behaviors that stem from unregulated liquor consumption, while still providing reasonable allowances for duly authorized official functions, local celebrations, and community events;

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. 10 Series of 2026 entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR AND OTHER INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN ALL PUBLIC PLAZAS, PARKS, ROADS, SIDEWALKS, WITHIN THE TERRETORIAL JURISDICTION OF TABONTABON, LEYTE, AND ITS BARANGAYS EXCEPT ON OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF";

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

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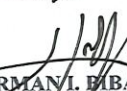
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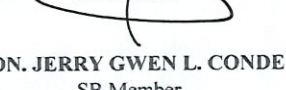

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SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Anti-Public Drinking Ordinance of Tabontabon, Leyte".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a. Alcoholic Liquor / Intoxicating Beverages – refers to beverages containing ethanol, including but not limited to beer, wine, gin, brandy, rum, whisky, vodka, tuba, lambanog, or any other distilled or fermented spirits that can cause intoxication when consumed.

b. Public Places – refers to areas accessible or open to the public, regardless of ownership, including but not limited to public plazas, municipal/barangay parks, playgrounds, national/provincial/municipal/barangay roads, streets, sidewalks, bridge walkways, and narrow alleys.

c. Official Functions – refers to public events, festivals, fiestas, civic activities, or social gatherings officially sponsored, authorized, or recognized via written permit by the Municipal Mayor or the respective Punong Barangay.

d. Events - is an occurrence, happening, or social occasion that takes place at a specific time and location.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or drink any form of alcoholic liquor or intoxicating beverages in all public plazas, parks, roads, streets, sidewalks, and alleys within the territorial jurisdiction of this Municipality and its constituent Barangays.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTIONS

The prohibition stated in Section 3 shall not apply in the following instances: When the drinking or consumption occurs inside a private residence or within the enclosed parameters of its private yard. When the consumption is made within commercial establishments duly licensed by the Municipality to sell and serve alcoholic beverages (e.g., restaurants, bars, and bistros), provided that consumers remain within the designated, licensed indoor or commercial outdoor spaces of the venue. During Official Functions, Provided,

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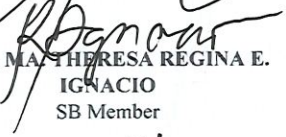

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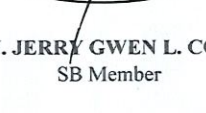

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that the organizers have secured a clear written permit from the Office of the Municipal Mayor or the concerned Punong Barangay prior to the event.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES AND FINES

Any person found violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense: A fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) or eight (8) hours of community service under the supervision of the Barangay Tanod.

Second Offense: A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (₱2,000.00) or sixteen (16) hours of community service.

Third and Subsequent Offenses: A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00), or imprisonment of not less than five (5) days nor more than ten (10) days, or both, at the discretion of the proper Court.

Note: If the offender is a minor, the provisions of Republic Act No. 9344 (Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act) shall strictly apply, and the parents or legal guardians may be held accountable or required to undergo counseling sessions alongside the minor.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

The Philippine National Police (PNP) stationed in this municipality, Barangay Officials, Barangay Tanods, and other law enforcement deputized by the Municipal Mayor are hereby authorized and mandated to strictly enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE

All municipal ordinances, resolutions, or executive orders inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

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

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.

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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. REDOÑA
Municipal Mayor

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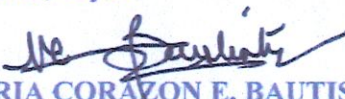
CERTIFICATION

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”;
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”.

ISSUED this 08th day of September, 2026 at Tabontabon, Leyte.


MARIA CORAZON E. BAUTISTA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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