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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 24L.26-018 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 24L.26-018 entitled: "Kananga Public Decency and Proper Attire Ordinance"

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)¹. Hence, we recommend the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.


ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹ ((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 **Ordinance No. 24L.26-018** of the **Municipality of Kananga, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance prohibiting the act of appearing topless, half-naked or indecently exposed in public places within the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte, defining the acts prohibited, providing exemptions, and prescribing penalties therefor.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga

24th SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF KANANGA ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2026 AT THE SESSION HALL.

Present : Honorable Miguel Jorge P. Tan
Honorable Fernando M. Aseo
Honorable Minerva M. Bulawit
Honorable Ritchie C. Cruz
Honorable Alma N. Orfano
Honorable Allan C. Espinosa
Honorable Rowie O. Cogay
Honorable Ronelio C. Palar
Honorable Victoriano L. Globa

Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
SB Member /Floor Leader
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Honorable Mary Daniela L. Cubero

Liga Ng Mga Barangay
President/ *Ex-officio* Member
Pambayang Pederasyon Ng Sangguniang
Kabataan President/ *Ex-officio* Member
SB Member

Absent : Honorable Brenzon C. Cabintoy(*On leave*)

ORDINANCE NO. 24L.26-018

Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF APPEARING TOPLESS, HALF-NAKED, OR INDECENTLY EXPOSED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE, DEFINING THE ACTS PROHIBITED, PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that every local government unit shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective governance and those essential to the promotion of the general welfare, including the promotion of health and safety, improvement of public morals, maintenance of peace and order, and preservation of the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 447 of Republic Act No. 7160 expressly empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to enact ordinances for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants and to enact measures concerning activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution, particularly Article II, Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, declares the policy of the State to value the dignity of every human person and guarantee full respect for human rights; recognize and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution; promote and protect the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of the youth; recognize the role of women in nation-building and guarantee the fundamental equality before the law of women and men; and protect and promote the right to health of the people, thereby affirming the State's legitimate interest in preserving human dignity, family life, public morality, the well-being of children and youth, equality, health, and the general welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Kananga recognizes that public places are shared spaces where persons of different ages, backgrounds, beliefs, and sensibilities interact, and that reasonable standards of public decency and propriety contribute to an orderly, peaceful, family-friendly, and respectful community;

WHEREAS, the Municipality likewise recognizes that regulation of public conduct must be undertaken with respect for human dignity, equality, legitimate individual freedoms, cultural practices, health, legitimate recreation, and other rights protected by the Constitution and national laws;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has recognized that local governments may exercise delegated police power to protect the health, morals, peace, good order, safety, and general welfare of their inhabitants, but such power must be exercised reasonably and with due regard to due process, equal protection, and other constitutional rights;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is therefore intended not to regulate a person's private life or legitimate conduct within private premises, but only to establish reasonable standards of public decency concerning intentional public exposure of the body in circumstances that are offensive to generally accepted standards of decency and propriety;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons and pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws, this Ordinance is hereby enacted.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga, Leyte, in session duly assembled, upon motion of SB Member Allan C. Espinosa, duly seconded by all SB Members present, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Kananga Public Decency and Proper Attire Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Kananga, Province of Leyte, to promote and maintain a safe, orderly, decent, wholesome, and family-friendly community in which all persons may freely and peacefully use public places with due regard for the dignity, rights, privacy, safety, and sensibilities of others.

The Municipality recognizes that public places are shared spaces intended for the common use and benefit of the community. As such, every person has the responsibility to observe reasonable standards of conduct, decorum, and public decency while in places accessible to or visible by the public.

It is likewise the policy of the Municipality to discourage and regulate acts of intentional public exposure, including appearing topless, half-naked, or otherwise indecently exposed in public places, when such acts are inconsistent with generally accepted standards of decency and propriety and are reasonably likely to cause affront, alarm, embarrassment, or serious offense to other members of the community.

This policy is founded upon the principles of human dignity, respect for others, protection of children and youth, preservation of family values, public morality, peace

and order, and the general welfare of the inhabitants of Kananga. It recognizes that standards of public decency contribute to a wholesome environment conducive to the physical, moral, social, and spiritual well-being of the community.

At the same time, the Municipality recognizes that the regulation of public conduct must be exercised fairly, reasonably, and without discrimination, and must at all times respect the rights and freedoms guaranteed

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

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

a. Public Place - any place, whether publicly or privately owned, that is open or accessible to the public, or where persons may ordinarily enter or congregate, including but not limited to public roads, streets, sidewalks, plazas, parks, public markets, terminals, waiting areas, government premises, schools and school surroundings when open to the public, commercial establishments, restaurants, stores, sidewalks, public transportation facilities, and other similar places.

A place that is privately owned shall nevertheless be considered a public place when it is open or accessible to the general public.

b. Public View - a situation in which an act or condition occurring in a private or restricted area is intentionally or knowingly exposed or displayed so that it may readily be seen by persons in a public place.

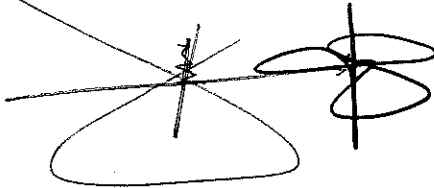
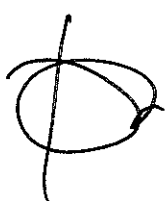
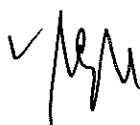
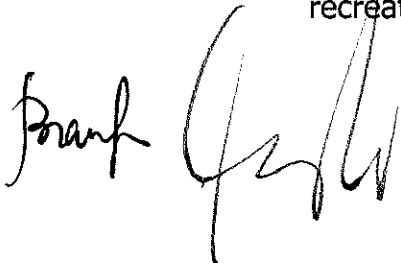
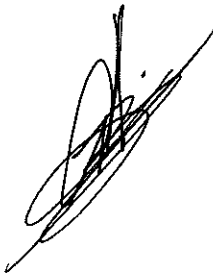
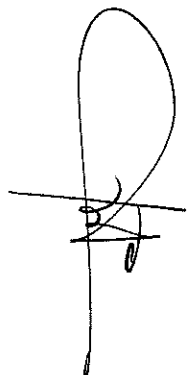
c. Topless - the condition of a person, while in a public place or within public view, in which the breasts of a person who is ordinarily expected by generally accepted standards of public decency to have the breasts covered are substantially exposed.

d. Half-Naked - a state of dress in which a person's clothing substantially exposes the breasts, buttocks, pubic area, or genital area, or leaves the person otherwise substantially unclothed in a public place, under circumstances that are contrary to generally accepted standards of public decency and propriety.

The term shall not include ordinary clothing that merely exposes portions of the arms, shoulders, legs, back, midriff, or other parts of the body unless the circumstances constitute an intentional and substantial exposure of private parts as contemplated by this Ordinance.

e. Indecent Exposure - the intentional or knowing exposure or display in a public place or within public view of the genitalia, pubic area, or buttocks, or other private parts, under circumstances that are reasonably likely to cause affront, alarm, or serious offense to the public, taking into account the context, location, purpose, and generally accepted standards of decency.

f. Accepted Standards of Decency and Propriety - the reasonable standards of conduct ordinarily observed by the community concerning appropriate public behavior and attire, taking into consideration the nature and purpose of the place, the activity involved, cultural and traditional practices, legitimate recreation, and other relevant circumstances.



- g. Legitimate Recreational Area - an establishment or designated area intended principally for swimming, bathing, sunbathing, water sports, or similar recreational activities where attire appropriate to the activity is ordinarily permitted, including beaches, swimming pools, resorts, and similar facilities.
- h. Private Premises - a dwelling, room, enclosed area, or other property not ordinarily accessible to the general public and not intentionally exposed to public view.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally or knowingly:

- a. Appear or remain topless in a public place in circumstances that are contrary to generally accepted standards of public decency and propriety;
- b. Appear or remain half-naked in a public place in circumstances that are contrary to generally accepted standards of public decency and propriety;
- c. Expose the genitalia, pubic area, or buttocks in a public place or within public view under circumstances constituting indecent exposure;
- d. Intentionally expose or display private parts to persons in a public place for the purpose of shocking, offending, harassing, or alarming them; or
- e. Perform an act of public exposure covered by this Ordinance after being lawfully directed by an authorized enforcement officer to cease such conduct.

Provided, that mere poverty, accidental exposure, wardrobe malfunction, breastfeeding, medical necessity, legitimate athletic or recreational activity, cultural practice, artistic or religious presentation, or other conduct expressly exempted under Section 5 shall not by itself constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EXEMPTIONS.

The following shall not constitute violations of this Ordinance, provided that the conduct is undertaken in a lawful and reasonably appropriate manner:

- a. Private Conduct. - Acts occurring wholly within private premises and not intentionally exposed to public view.
- b. Breastfeeding. - Breastfeeding or expressing breast milk by a mother for the nourishment of her child, consistent with Republic Act No. 10028, otherwise known as the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009, and other applicable laws.
- c. Medical or Emergency Circumstances. - Exposure reasonably necessary for medical examination, treatment, first aid, rescue, emergency response, or other legitimate health-related circumstances.
- d. Legitimate Sports and Recreation. - Attire reasonably appropriate to legitimate sports, swimming, bathing, sunbathing, physical exercise, or similar recreational activities conducted in places designed or ordinarily used for such activities.

- e. Cultural and Indigenous Practices. - Traditional clothing, ceremonies, rituals, or practices of indigenous cultural communities or other legitimate cultural traditions, subject to applicable laws.
- f. Religious Practices. - Legitimate religious ceremonies, observances, or practices protected by law, provided that such activities are conducted lawfully.
- g. Artistic and Educational Activities. - Legitimate theatrical, artistic, educational, historical, photographic, or cultural presentations conducted in a lawful and appropriate venue, including activities duly authorized or permitted when such authorization or permit is required by law.
- h. Law Enforcement and Public Service. - Conduct reasonably necessary in the performance of official duties by law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency responders, health workers, or other authorized government personnel.
- i. Infants and Young Children. - Ordinary states of undress involving infants and young children that are not sexualized and do not constitute an intentional public display contrary to accepted standards of decency.

SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND EVENT ORGANIZERS.

Owners, managers, operators, administrators, and organizers of establishments or public events shall take reasonable measures to prevent intentional acts prohibited by this Ordinance within premises under their control when such acts are brought to their attention.

No establishment owner, manager, or organizer shall be held liable merely because an individual independently violates this Ordinance, unless the owner, manager, organizer, or responsible person knowingly authorizes, promotes, or intentionally permits the prohibited conduct after receiving actual notice thereof and having a reasonable opportunity to take corrective measures.

SECTION 7. WARNING AND ENFORCEMENT.

For a first observed violation, an authorized enforcement officer shall, whenever practicable and appropriate to the circumstances, issue a verbal warning and direct the person to cease the prohibited conduct.

If the person voluntarily complies with the lawful directive, no citation shall be issued for the first instance, except when the conduct involves indecent exposure, intentional harassment, sexualized conduct, or circumstances requiring immediate enforcement under applicable law.

Repeated or aggravated violations may be cited and prosecuted in accordance with this Ordinance and applicable law.

Enforcement shall be conducted in a manner that respects the dignity and privacy of the person involved and shall not involve unnecessary humiliation, harassment, discrimination, physical force, or public shaming.

SECTION 8. NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL ENFORCEMENT.

This Ordinance shall be enforced equally and without discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, age, disability, social status, economic status, religion, ethnicity, cultural affiliation, or other protected characteristic.

The standards established herein shall apply to all persons similarly situated.

No enforcement officer shall selectively enforce this Ordinance against one sex or gender while disregarding substantially similar conduct by another person.

SECTION 9. PENALTY.

Any person who violates this Ordinance shall, upon conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, be subject to the following penalties, consistent with the maximum penalty authorized by applicable law for municipal ordinances:

- a. First offense: A fine of not more than Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00);
- b. Second offense: A fine of not more than One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00); and
- c. Third and subsequent offenses: A fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, at the discretion of the proper court, subject to applicable law.

No person shall be imprisoned solely for inability to pay a fine except as may be expressly authorized by law and ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 10. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLEMENTATION.

The Municipal Mayor, through the appropriate municipal offices, barangay officials, law enforcement personnel, and other authorized personnel, shall implement this Ordinance in accordance with law.

The Municipality may conduct information and education campaigns concerning proper public conduct, public decency, human dignity, and the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. POSTING AND PUBLICATION.

Copies of this Ordinance shall be posted in conspicuous places in the Municipal Hall, public markets, terminals, plazas, barangay halls, and other appropriate public places within the Municipality of Kananga.

The publication, posting, submission, review, and effectivity of this Ordinance shall comply with the applicable provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and other applicable laws and regulations.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or portions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with all requirements for approval, posting, publication, and review prescribed by Republic Act No. 7160 and other applicable laws.

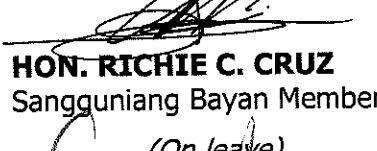
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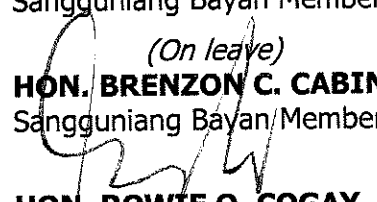

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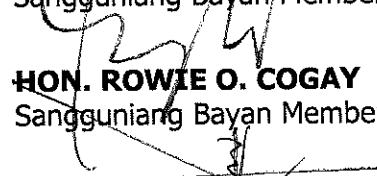

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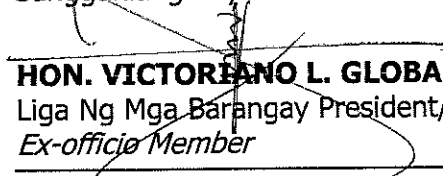
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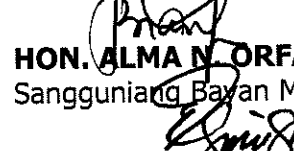
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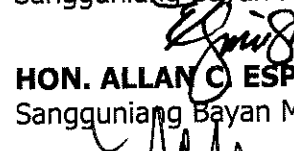
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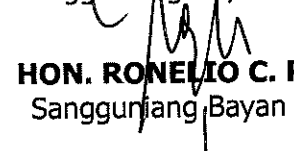
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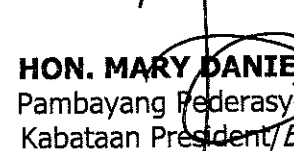
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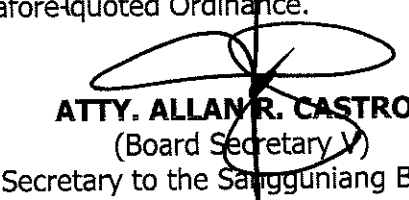

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Sangguniang Bayan Member


HON. MARY DANIELA L. CUBERO

Pambayang Federasyon Ng Sangguniang
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the afore-quoted Ordinance.


ATTY. ALLAN R. CASTRO

(Board Secretary V)

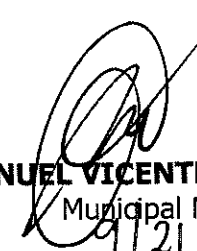
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ATTESTED:


MIGUEL JORGE P. TAN

Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MANUEL VICENTE M. TORRES

Municipal Mayor

9/21/2024
(Date)



Attachment of Ordinance No. 24L-26-015

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Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

(Scheduled on August 25, 2026 at the SB Session Hall, New Municipal Hall Building Barangay Libongao, Kananga, Leyte)

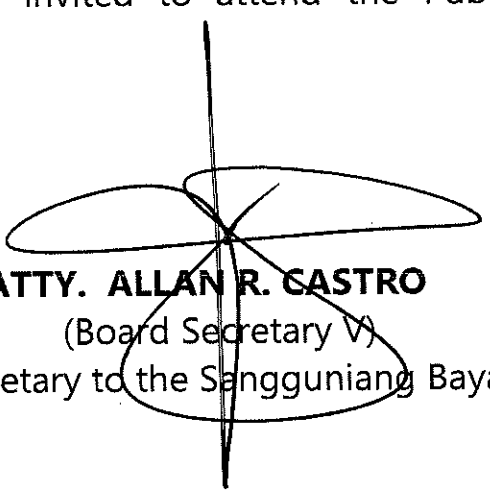
The public is hereby notified that a Public Hearing on the

1. **Ordinance No. 24L.26-015** – An Ordinance Amending the Provisions of Ordinance No. 23L.25-065, Series of 2025, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines on the disposition and allocation of Philhealth Konsultasyong Sulit At Tama Package Fund or the Philhealth Konsulta Package Fund of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte".
2. **Ordinance No. 24L.26-016**- An Ordinance Enacting and Institutionalizing the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Program in the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10915, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and the Professional Regulation Commission, and for other purposes.
3. **Ordinance No. 24L.26-017**- An Ordinance regulating the operation of Commercial Videoke Bar and Video Karaoke Unit/Machine for rent and the use of Videoke Machines and the other Amplified Audio Devices within the territorial jurisdiction of Kananga.
4. **Ordinance No. 24L.26-018**- Prohibiting the Act of Being Topless or Half-Naked.
5. **Ordinance No. 24L.26-019**-An Ordinance amending the provision of Municipal Ordinance No. 24L.25-004, Series of 2025 entitled: "An Ordinance amending the provisions of Municipal Ordinance No.21L.18-037 known as "An Ordinance regulating and establishing the System of Operation of Motorized Tricycles granting of franchise for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Kananga and providing penalties thereof", particularly *Section 14. Fares*.

will be conducted by the 24th Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga on the **25th day of August 2026, Tuesday, at 9:00 in the morning at the SB Session Hall, New Municipal Hall Building, Brgy. Libongao Kananga, Leyte.**

All interested parties / individuals are invited to attend the Public Hearing.

12 August 2026



ATTY. ALLAN R. CASTRO
(Board Secretary V)
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

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PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 24L.26-015

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 23L.25-065, SERIES OF 2025, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES ON THE DISPOSITION AND ALLOCATION OF PHILHEALTH KONSULTASYONG SULIT AT TAMA PACKAGE FUND OR THE PHILHEALTH KONSULTA PACKAGE FUND OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE".

ORDINANCE NO. 24L.26-016

"AN ORDINANCE ENACTING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING THE AGRICULTURAL AND BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA, LEYTE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10915, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

ORDINANCE NO. 24L.26-017

"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL VIDEOKE BAR AND VIDEO KARAOKE UNIT/MACHINE FOR RENT AND THE USE OF VIDEOKE MACHINES AND THE OTHER AMPLIFIED AUDIO DEVICES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF KANANGA."

ORDINANCE NO. 24L.26-018

PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR HALF-NAKED

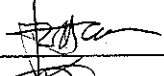
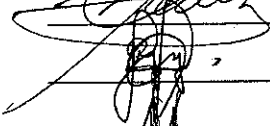
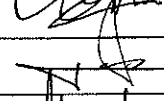
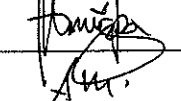
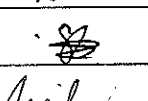
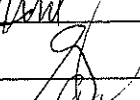
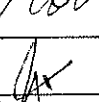
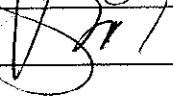
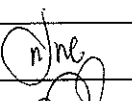
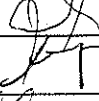
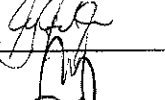
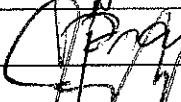
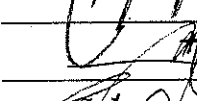
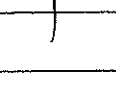
ORDINANCE NO. 24L.26-019

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24L.25-004, SERIES OF 2025 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 21L.18-037 KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING AND ESTABLISHING THE SYSTEM OF OPERATION OF MOTORIZED TRICYCLES GRANTING OF FRANCHISE FOR THE OPERATION THEREOF WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KANANGA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF"

SB SESSION HALL
New Municipal Hall Building
Brgy. Libongao, Kananga, Leyte
AUGUST 25, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Attendance Sheet

NAME	OFFICE /ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
1. Mylen B. Talde	MHO	
2. REY FRANKO M. BARRA	MHO	
3. KRISTOPHER B. GATA		

NAME	OFFICE/ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
4. <u>Francisco S. Hermosa</u>	<u>Bayo Poblacion</u>	
5. <u>Resistado Reyes Jr</u>	<u>BRGX STO NINO</u>	
6. <u>Agnes Luchan</u>	<u>Brgy. Tagaytay</u>	
7. <u>ELBERT POGAY</u>	<u>BRGY KAWAYAN</u>	
8. <u>Hilario Jago</u>		
9. <u>ANTONIO AUGUSTO</u>		
10. <u>Adolf IVES</u>		<u>Adolf IVES</u>
11. <u>EPHRAIM ROMERO</u>	<u>LIBONORO</u>	
12. <u>Jay P. Pineda</u>	<u>TRAMIN</u>	
13. <u>DIOSCORO P. Mata Jr</u>	<u>Libonoro</u>	
14. <u>Jasper Libanago</u>	<u>Tugbong</u>	
15. <u>LEONILLO CALERO</u>	<u>STO. NINO, CAGAYAN</u>	
16. <u>BENJIE RANCALE</u>	<u>KSUMODA LONGY</u>	
17. <u>Agandro</u>	<u>Magallanes</u>	
18. <u>GEORGE BAYAN</u>	<u>12261</u>	
19. <u>JULIUS CESAR UTA</u>	<u>PIBAL</u>	
20. <u>Romero P. Lacandatu</u>	<u>MAO</u>	
21. <u>ARMANDO M.</u>	<u>MAO</u>	
22. <u>HERNANDO V. AMANGCO</u>	<u>MONTRACERRE</u>	
23. <u>HENRY NICOLAS</u>	<u>MAPO PANORAMA</u>	
24. <u>GEMMAZIN PEREZ</u>	<u>BRGY. NATUTALIN</u>	
25. <u>LORRAGA ALBERTO</u>	<u>Bray Tagaytay</u>	
26. <u>Popl Lasaca Carlos</u>	<u>PNP</u>	
27. <u>PSSG Nelson T. LUCERO</u>	<u>PNP</u>	
28. <u>MAJ DARWIN O. OYDA</u>	<u>PNP</u>	
29. <u>ERVIN PINE PA</u>	<u>NATJ B. GAN</u>	
30. <u>Elm Y. Gabilan</u>	<u>Montibello</u>	
31. <u>Popl Brian V. Galberto</u>	<u>Pananga PNP</u>	
32. <u>UMA N. ORFANO</u>	<u>SBM</u>	
33. <u>Rorie Cogay</u>	<u>SBM</u>	
34. <u>MINERVA BULAWIT</u>	<u>SBM</u>	
35. <u>Alan ESPINOSA</u>	<u>SB</u>	
36. <u>MILNER TORRES P. TAN</u>	<u>VM</u>	
37. <u>FRANCISCO M. ABEL</u>	<u>VR</u>	
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Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN ON AUGUST 25, 2026 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING, BRGY. LIBONGAO, KANANGA, LEYTE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE:

1. **Ordinance No. 24L26-015** – An Ordinance Amending the Provisions of Ordinance No. 23L25-065, Series of 2025, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines on the disposition and allocation of Philhealth Konsultasyong Sulit At Tama Package Fund or the Philhealth Konsulta Package Fund of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte".
2. **Ordinance No. 24L26-016-** An Ordinance Enacting and Institutionalizing the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Program in the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10915, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and the Professional Regulation Commission, and for other purposes.
3. **Ordinance No. 24L26-017-** An Ordinance regulating the operation of Commercial Videoke Bar and Video Karaoke Unit/Machine for rent and the use of Videoke Machines and the other Amplified Audio Devices within the territorial jurisdiction of Kananga.
4. **Ordinance No. 24L26-018-** Prohibiting the Act of Being Topless or Half-Naked.
5. **Ordinance No. 24L26-019-**An Ordinance amending the provision of Municipal Ordinance No. 24L25-004, Series of 2025 entitled: "An Ordinance amending the provisions of Municipal Ordinance No.21L18-037 known as "An Ordinance regulating and establishing the System of Operation of Motorized Tricycles granting of franchise for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Kananga and providing penalties thereof".

(Attendance hereto attached)

The Public Hearing was conducted by the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan spearheaded by the Office of the Vice Mayor thru Facebook Page and Posting in the public places. The Public Hearing was attended by some of Punong Barangay, Sangguniang Barangay Member, invited guests particularly the two (2) Municipal Health Officer Dr. Sharon D. Awit and Dr. Mylen Talde and Sanitary Inspector from the Municipal Health Unit, Police Chief Inspector Darwin D. Dalde-Acting Chief of Police and some of PNP Personnel and Drivers and Operators of Bajaj/Tricycle. The Public Hearing start at 9:55 in the morning with the Opening Prayer, Philippine National Anthem and Kananga Hymn through a multimedia presentation.

Atty. Castro(SB Secretary to the Sanggunian) introduced the above-mentioned ordinances. He said that the following ordinances we presented today are in need a public consultation for us also to know your suggestion, opinion or comments before passing these ordinances. He started to discuss the Draft Municipal Ordinance No. 24L26-015 entitled: "An Ordinance Amending the Provisions of Ordinance No. 23L25-065, Series of 2025, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines on the disposition and allocation of Philhealth Konsultasyong Sulit At

Tama Package Fund or the Philhealth Konsulta Package Fund of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte". The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation issued PhilHealth Circular No. 2025-0017, dated October 13, 2025, which has the subject "Selection and Empanelment for PhilHealth's Primary Care Benefit Package", and the said Policy covers the selection processes of the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP), an evolution of the PhilHealth Konsulta Program, thereby necessitating the amendment aforesaid municipal ordinance. January 20, 2025 the Sangguniang Bayan of Kananga enacted on its third and final reading the Municipal Ordinance No. 23L.25-065, Series of 2025, entitled "An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines on the Disposition and Allocation of Philhealth Konsultasyong Sulit At Tama Package Fund Or the Philhealth Konsulta Package Fund of the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte", where the proceeding PhilHealth Circular was not yet available. Therefore, the sangguniang bayan proposed the amendment of the said ordinance to incorporate the philhealth circular to improve the delivery of public services.

Discussions:

Dr. Talde asked why the KMH got a highest percent share compare to the Municipal Health Office, our office share only 35% and 30% for the purchase of medical supplies and the 35% performance incentives divided for physician, nurses, non-health professional and community health worker and 10% for physician unlike the KMH the physician got a 50% share.

Dr. Awit answered that as of now KMH is not YAKAP accredited. The 60% is for the health care facility and regarding the professional fee only the philhealth can decide the sharing. She said that next week the Philhealth Personnel will visit us to discuss about the Yakap Program. She also requests the presence of the Municipal Accountant during the discussion about the program.

2. Ordinance No. 24L.26-016- An Ordinance Enacting and Institutionalizing the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Program in the Municipality of Kananga, Leyte, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10915, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and the Professional Regulation Commission, and for other purposes.

Atty. Castro presented and discussed all provisions of the draft Ordinance No. 24L.26-016.

There is no concern/suggestion/comment on the presented draft ordinance.

3. Ordinance No. 24L.26-017- An Ordinance regulating the operation of Commercial Videoke Bar and Video Karaoke Unit/Machine for rent and the use of Videoke Machines and the other Amplified Audio Devices within the territorial jurisdiction of Kananga.

Atty. Castro presented and discussed all provisions of the draft Ordinance No. 24L.26-017.



Atty. Castro said that there is a need to regulate the operation of commercial videoke bars, videoke machines or units for rent, privately owned videoke machines, and other amplified audio devices by prescribing reasonable hours of operation, establishing standards for responsible use, and providing effective enforcement mechanisms to prevent disturbances and promote harmonious community living. He added that Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through its policy initiatives on safer and more livable communities, has encouraged local government units to adopt appropriate measures regulating the use of videoke machines and other amplified audio devices as part of their efforts to strengthen peace and order and reduce noise pollution.

Discussions:

Hon. Gabilan(Punong Barangay of Montebello) asked if the Barangay Tanod can also be a person authorized to enforce this ordinance.

Mr. Luchavez(Resident of Brgy. Tagaytay) regarding the Piso Wifi Users overnight along highway, he asked how to regulate the operation of Piso Wifi.

Atty. Castro answered that regarding on that matter that is not covered on this ordinance, however it was covered in the Curfew Ordinance.

Hon. Luchavez shared regarding stray dog problem in his barangay. He asked for the solution on this matter.

Atty. Castro answered that the municipal has already existing ordinance for the regulation of stray dogs or impounding stray dogs, however, the problem is in implementation. The ordinance not effectively implemented.

4. Ordinance No. 24L.26-018- Prohibiting the Act of Being Topless or Half-Naked.

Atty. Castro presented and discussed all provisions of the draft Ordinance No. 24L.26-018.

Discussions:

Mr. Artemio Alina(Bajaj Driver) he asked what if he is topless while fixing his car machines in public places, he asked if could this be considered a violation to that ordinance.

PNP Personnel said that there is a case-to-case basis, we considered those persons who engaged activities like fixing his car, sports activities, and those exceptions provided on the said ordinance.

5. Ordinance No. 24L.26-019-An Ordinance amending the provision of Municipal Ordinance No. 24L.25-004, Series of 2025 entitled: "An Ordinance amending the provisions of Municipal Ordinance No.21L.18-037 known as "An Ordinance regulating and establishing the System of Operation of Motorized Tricycles granting of franchise for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Kananga and providing penalties thereof".

Atty. Castro presented and discussed all provisions of the draft Ordinance No. 24L.26-018.



Discussions:

All Drivers/Operators requested to conduct enforcement against colorum vehicles operated in the municipality to ensure that only authorized public utility vehicles can operate on the municipal roads.

Hon. Cruz(SB Member/Chairman of the Committee on Transportation) asked the opinion of PNP Personnel regarding the concern of bajaj drivers and operators.

PInsp. Dalde said that there is no problem to the request of all drivers/operators as long as there is request letter from the sanggunian to conduct this activity.

Mr. Mata(Driver/Operator of Bajaj) aired his concern regarding the illegal collection or toll fee amounting to P30.00 when entering at the Habal-habal Terminal along Masarayao and Montebello area. He also asked the fare rate to be collected for children accompany by parents.

Hon. Cruz suggested to take a video and picture during collection of toll fee so that you have evidence and be forward to the PNP, because collecting of toll fee without authority is illegal.

Police Nelso Luceño said that he already visited the location and he advised the Habal-habal drivers to stop the illegal collection as toll fee.

Atty. Castro added that collecting of any fee without authority is illegal. That illegal activity should be documented to be used as evidence for imprisonment.

Since no concerns/suggestions/comments raised for the presented draft ordinance. The public hearing formally ended at 11::13 in the morning.

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