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**2nd INDORSEMENT**
August 25, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 26-08 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, 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] 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] *(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,*

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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 **Ordinance No. 26-08** of the **Municipality** of **Inopacan, Leyte,** entitled: **An Ordinance granting recognition to professional examination topnotchers from the Municipality of Inopacan, Leyte.**

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

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## 16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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**Honorable Leonardo Javier Jr.**
Vice Governor/Presiding Officer
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte
Provincial Government Complex
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Thru:

**Ms. Florinda Jill S. Uyvico**
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte
Provincial Government Complex
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**Honorable Javier Jr.:**

Forwarding herewith ***1 original copy*** and ***13 photocopies*** of **Ordinance No. 26-08** of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RECOGNITION TO PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION TOPNOTCHERS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE"**, for consideration by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

Attached herewith is the Certificate of Posting *for reference.*

Sincerely,

**MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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*EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE 16th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF INOPACAN, LEYTE HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2026 AT THE SB SESSION HALL*

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Sanders C. Lumarda | - Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Rowena K. Madrazo | - SB Member |
| Hon. Sheila L. Po | - SB Member |
| Hon. Fernando B. Rulete | - SB Member |
| Hon. Lourdes B. Villas | - SB Member |
| Hon. Edna L. Ceniza | - SB Member |
| Hon. Andrew B. Dedal | - SB Member |
| Hon. Edmund D. Bayhonan | - SB Member |
| Hon. Teotimo G. Lapasa | - SB Member |
| Hon. Panfila I. Alonzo | - SB Member (LnB Pres) |
| Hon. Nathaniel Dave M. Katigbe | - SB Member (PSK Pres) |

ABSENT:

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***AUTHOR:*** **HON. EDNA L. CENIZA**

**WHEREAS,** outstanding achievements of Inopacnons in professional examinations bring pride, honor, and inspiration to the Municipality;

**WHEREAS,** providing recognition to professional examination topnotchers serves as motivation for the youth and future generations of Inopacan to pursue academic excellence;

**WHEREAS,** Section 16 of R.A. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which is the General Welfare Clause, empowers local government units to promote the general welfare and support programs that enhance the economic, social, educational, cultural, and physical well-being of their constituents;

**WHEREAS,** the Municipality desires to institutionalize a system of recognition for deserving topnotchers who have represented and elevated the name of Inopacan in regional, national, and international platforms;

**NOW THEREFORE,** on motion of Honorable Edna L. Ceniza, duly seconded by Honorable Edmund D. Bayhonan, be it;

**RESOLVED** as it is hereby **RESOLVED** to enact the following;

**ORDINANCE NO. 26 - 08**
**SERIES OF 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RECOGNITION TO PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION TOPNOTCHERS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte that;

**SECTION 1.** *Title. – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Inopacan Excellence Recognition Ordinance of 2026."*

**SECTION 2.** *Declaration of Policy.* – It is hereby declared the policy of the Local Government Unit of Inopacan to recognize and honor exceptional achievements of Inopacnons in academics, as these contribute to community pride, youth empowerment, and excellence in public service and nation-building.

**SECTION 3.** *Objectives.* – This Ordinance aims to:

a. Encourage the youth to pursue excellence in academics;

b. Recognize individuals who bring honor and distinction to the Municipality of Inopacan;

c. Establish a formal recognition program; and

d. Promote a culture of discipline, perseverance, and excellence among Inopacnons.

**ARTICLE I**

**RECOGNITION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATION TOPNOTCHERS**

**SECTION 4.** *Coverage.* – The recognition for Licensure Examination Topnotchers under this Article shall apply to all Inopacnons who obtained Top 10 rankings in professional examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) or other government-authorized licensure bodies beginning Calendar Year 2026 onwards.

Classification of Professional Licensure Examinations and Government Administered Qualifying Examination:

a. Licensure Examinations – required by law before a person can practice a profession. Examples: CPA, Engineer, Nurse, Teacher, Architect, Agriculturist;
b. Board Examinations – another term commonly used for licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commision;
c. Bar Examinations – for admission to the legal profession. Example: The Philippine Bar;
d. Certification Examination – grant professional certification but not necessarily a government license;

e. Qualifying Examinations – determine eligibility for a profession, specialization, or advanced training;
f. Competency Assessments – Measure occupational skills and competencies. Examples: Technical Education and Skills Development Authority National Certificate (NC) assessments;
g. Entrance Examinations

**SECTION 5.** *Qualifications.* - To qualify, the applicant must:

a. Must be a certified Inopacnon;

b. Must have obtained a Top 10 ranking in a duly recognized licensure examination beginning Calendar Year 2026 onwards

**SECTION 6.** *Plaque of Recognition and Certificate of Commendation for Professional Examination Topnotchers.*

**SECTION 7.** *Special Recognition.* – The Municipal Mayor, upon the recommendation of the Sangguniang Bayan, grant special recognition to individuals who bring extraordinary honor to the Municipality.

## ARTICLE II

## PROCEDURE AND IMPLEMENTATION

**SECTION 8.** *Implementing Office.* – The Municipal Mayor through the Local Youth Development Office shall be the implementing office for this ordinance and shall oversee the conferment of awards during the Municipality's Founding Anniversary celebration.

**SECTION 9.** *Source of Funds.* – Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against the MOOE of the LYDO or the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

**SECTION 10.** *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11.** *Repealing Clause.* – All ordinances, resolutions, and issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12.** *Effectivity.* – This Ordinance shall take effect upon the approval of the Local Chief Executive.

**ENACTED** this 12th day of August 2026 at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Bayan of Inopacan, Leyte.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance and that the same was enacted on the date above stated.

**MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

**HON. SANDERS C. LUMARDA**
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

**HON. AZUCENA P. MIRAMBEL, M.D., FPOGS**
Municipal Mayor

Date: 8-14-26

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## 16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that copies of **Ordinance No. 26 - 08** of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE GRANTING RECOGNITION TO PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATION TOPNOTCHERS FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN, LEYTE",** has been posted in the bulletin board in the municipal hall/building and in conspicuous places of this Municipality.

This Certification is being made to facilitate consideration of the above-mentioned Municipal Ordinance by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte.

Done this **17th** day of **August 2026**, at Inopacan, Leyte.

**MELANIE M. MATIN-AO, MPA**
Secretary to the Sanggunian