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2nd INDORSEMENT
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 26-09 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
18 August 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Ordinance No. 26-09** of the **Municipality** of **Inopacan, Leyte,** entitled: **An Ordinance providing guidelines for the creation of sisterhood and town twinning relations between the Municipality of Inopacan with other Local Government Units; appropriating funds for implementation thereof and for other purposes.**

FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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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
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Honorable Javier Jr.:

Forwarding herewith ***1 original copy*** and ***13 photocopies*** of **Ordinance No. 26-09** of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE CREATION OF SISTERHOOD AND TOWN TWINNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**, 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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16TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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:

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)

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ABSENT:

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AUTHORS: **HON. ANDREW B. DEDAL**
HON. FERNANDO B. RULETE

CO-AUTHORS: **HON. ROWENA K. MADRAZO**
HON. LOURDES B. VILLAS
HON. SHEILA L. PO
HON. EDNA L. CENIZA
HON. EDMUND D. BAYHONAN

WHEREAS, Section 33 of Republic Act No. 7160 states that Local Government Units may, through appropriate ordinances, group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them;

WHEREAS, Sisterhood and Town Twinning Relations foster friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation among cities and municipalities, whether local or international;

WHEREAS, such relationships pave the way for mutually beneficial programs including but not limited to trade and investments, tourism, environmental management, cultural and educational exchange and sharing of best practices in local governance;

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of Sisterhood and Town Twinning Relations to achieve one common goal, the Local Government Unit of Inopacan deemed it necessary to establish a Sisterhood and Twinning Program and provide guidelines for a creation or partnerships with other Local Government Units;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Andrew B. Dedal duly seconded by Honorable Fernando B. Rulete and Honorable Edmund D. Bayhonan, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to enact the following:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 26 - 09
(Series of 2026)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE CREATION OF SISTERHOOD AND TOWN TWINNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as "The Sisterhood and Twinning Ordinance of the Municipality of Inopacan".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy – It is the policy of the Municipality of Inopacan to provide strategic approach in the creation of Sisterhood and Town Twinning Partnerships in order to establish socio-economic relations, global and national solidarity with other local and international jurisdictions.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms – For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean and be construed as:

3.1 **Sisterhood/Twinning** – shall mean a formal and friendly agreement between cities and municipalities aims to promote cultural and socio-economic bonds;

3.2 **Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)/ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – shall mean a formal document executed by the Local Chief Executive drafting the specific terms and areas of cooperation of the Sisterhood and Town Twinning partners.

SECTION 4. Composition. – The Sisterhood and Twinning Committee is hereby constituted as follows:

Chairperson	: Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairperson	: Chairperson (Committee on Eco-Tourism)
Members	

- Municipal Tourism Officer
- Municipal Administrator
- Municipal Planning and Development Officer/Coordinator
- Liga ng mga Barangay President or his/her representative
- Local Business Sector Representative

SECTION 5. Functions. – The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

5.1 Evaluate and recommend prospective Sisterhood and Twinning local government units based on shared profiles and mutual goals;

5.2 Review Letters of Intent, draft MOAs/MOUs highlighting the proposed fields of partnership, and LGU profiles;
5.3 Formulate, implement and monitor specific programs, projects and activities derived from sisterhood formal agreement;
5.4 Recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan the legislative approval of the proposed sisterhood/twinning agreements.

SECTION 6. Areas of Cooperation. – The Sisterhood and Twinning Agreement may cover areas such as but not limited to the following:

6.1 Tourism Promotion and Eco-Tourism Programs;
6.2 Local Governance Best Practices, revenue generation and public service delivery;
6.3 Agriculture, trade, commerce, as well as investment opportunities;
6.4 Cultural, arts, sports and youth development exchanges;
6.5 Disaster Risk Reduction Management, emergency response and mutual aid assistance.

SECTION 7. Procedure for the Creation of Sisterhood and Twinning Partnership. There shall be a procedural approach to undertake for the creation such as but not limited to the following:

7.1 Initiation. A written Letter of Intent must be submitted by the proposing LGU accompanied by an LGU profile;
7.2 Review. The Sisterhood and Twinning Committee as well as Eco-Tourism Committee shall evaluate the proposal and conduct necessary consultation;
7.3 Legislative Authorization. The Sangguniang Bayan shall pass a resolution authorizing Municipal Mayor to enter into and sign a Memorandum of Agreement and/or Memorandum of Understanding;
7.4 Signing Ceremony. The official signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and/or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by the respective Municipal Mayors as Sisterhood and Twinning Partners;
7.5 MLGOO Coordination. The Municipal Local Government Operations Officer shall coordinate in any international Sisterhood and Twinning activities in accordance with national policies and regulations.

SECTION 8. Funding Requirement. – Funds to pay shall be chargeable to the Local Government appropriation for Fiscal year 2026. An initial budget shall be allocated from the General Fund to defray administrative costs, correspondence and hosting of delegations.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause – All ordinances, resolutions, orders, and/or rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause – If for any reason any section or provision of this ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining section or provision thereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED this 12th day of **August 2026** at the **SB Session Hall 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: 8-19-26

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that copies of **Ordinance No. 26 - 09** of the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Inopacan, Province of Leyte, entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE CREATION OF SISTERHOOD AND TOWN TWINNING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY OF INOPACAN WITH OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**, 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