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MINUTES OF THE 65TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEYTE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, PALO, LEYTE ON 17 NOVEMBER 2026.

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

1. Hon. Michael L. Cari	5th District Board Member Temp. Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Carlo P. Loreto	5th District Board Member Floor Leader
3. Hon. Wilson S. Uy	1st District Board Member
4. Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar	1st District Board Member
5. Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que	2nd District Board Member
6. Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting	3rd District Board Member
7. Hon. Alan P. Ang	3rd District Board Member
8. Hon. Flaviano C. Centino, Jr.	4th District Board Member
9. Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy	PCL President/Ex-Officio Member
10. Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen	SK Federation President Ex-Officio Member

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

1. Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr.	Vice-Governor/ Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Raissa J. Villasin	2nd District Board Member
3. Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla	4th District Board Member

ABSENT:

1. Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez	Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex-Officio Member (On Official Business)

The 65th Regular Session opened at 10:40 o'clock in the morning presided over by the Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr., Vice-Governor.

Opening Prayer was led by the Honorable Wilson S. Uy, 1st District Board Member and followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

A motion to dispense with the Panunumpa sa Watawat, the Leyte Hymn, the PBMLP Hymn and the PBMLP Creed of the agenda was presented by the Honorable Floor Leader Carlo P. Loreto, duly seconded by the Honorable Chiqui Ruth C. Uy, PCL President, Ex-

Officio Member, Honorable MJ Luinly D. Lumen, Ex-Officio Member, SK Federation President.

The Honorable Presiding Officer requested the SP Secretary Mrs. Florinda Jill S. Uyvico, to call the roll in order to determine the presence of quorum.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

The following Members are in attendance:

PHYSICALLY PRESENT:

Hon. Michael L. Cari	- Temp. Presiding Officer
Hon. Carlo P. Loreto	-Floor Leader
Hon. Wilson S. Uy	
Hon. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar	
Hon. Mildred Joy P. Que	
Hon. Marie Kathryn V. Kabigting	
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Hon. Chiqui Ruth C. Uy	
Hon. MJ Luinly D. Lumen	

VIRTUALLY PRESENT:

Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr.	- Presiding Officer
Hon. Raissa J. Villasin	
Hon. Elmer Frederico N. Codilla	

Twelve (13) Members are present, Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor Leader.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

We have a quorum, Mr. Chair.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Okay, we have a quorum to do business.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the consideration of our Minutes of the previous session of November 10, 2026. May I know if anybody from the Floor has any corrections? Unless there are none, I move that we approve the Minutes for the November 10, 2026. I so move.

HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON.CHIQUI RUTH C. UY: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1194**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the Committee Reports. We have five Committee Reports registered before the Secretariat. First Committee Report is from the Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges. Madam Secretary, please?

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Committee Report No. 30, Series of 2026

Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2026 of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 (SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."**

Chairperson: **Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" Reposar**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, would you please recognize the Honorable Ronnan Christian Reposar?

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Honorable Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, you are recognized.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you very much, Mr. Presiding Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 30 S. 2026

Date: November 12, 2026

SUBJECT: RE: MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 06, SERIES OF 2026 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABONTABON, LEYTE, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, PRIVILEGES AND BENEFITS FOR SOLO PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8972 (SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."**

Date of Referral:	Sept. 29, 2026
Prepared by:	Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Chairperson:	Atty. Ronnan Chiristian "Bolingling" Reposar
Vice-Chairperson:	Atty. Carlo P. Loreto
Members:	Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari, Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez.

The Committee on Rules, to which was referred Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2026 of the Municipality of Tabontabon, Leyte, respectfully submits this Report and Recommendation.

I. COMMITTEE FINDINGS

After review of the Ordinance and the observations raised during plenary deliberations, the Committee finds that the Municipality possesses authority under the Local Government Code to enact measures promoting the welfare of solo parents and their children as part of its social welfare and development functions.

The Committee likewise finds that the Ordinance substantially seeks to implement and localize the benefits granted under the Solo Parents Welfare Act and its amendatory law. However, the following matters require clarification and further examination:

Inconsistency Between the Title and the Governing National Law

The title of the Ordinance refers only to Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000. However, the body of the Ordinance expressly recognizes and incorporates provisions found in Republic Act No. 11861, otherwise known as the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act.

The Committee finds that while such inconsistency does not automatically invalidate the Ordinance, conformity between the title and the governing national law is necessary to avoid ambiguity regarding the legislative intent and legal basis of the measure.

Monthly Cash Subsidy Provision

The Committee notes that Section 10(l) of the Ordinance provides for a monthly cash subsidy of Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00), which may be increased to One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) depending upon the availability of funds and subject to qualifications prescribed therein. Section

15(a) of Republic Act No. 11861[1], as identified in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-140[2], prescribes a means, pension, and subsidy-tested monthly cash subsidy of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) per solo parent earning the minimum wage or below, to be allocated by the concerned city or municipal government, subject to the statutory qualifications and exceptions. The Municipality should clarify whether the ₱500.00 grant constitutes separate local assistance or is intended to substitute for the statutory subsidy; if the latter, conformity of the amount and its conditional increase require further examination.

Eligibility for recognition as a solo parent must be distinguished from eligibility for the monthly cash subsidy. The statutory categories under Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8972, as amended by Republic Act No. 11861[3], must be observed; coverage should not be confined to unmarried mothers. The cash subsidy additionally requires income and benefit screening. Section 6(w) of the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, as quoted in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-140[4], defines means testing by reference to the absence of visible income or income insufficient to provide sole parental care and support, considering family subsistence needs and conditions in the place of residence. Absence of employment or income should therefore not, by itself, exclude an applicant; employment likewise does not automatically disqualify an otherwise eligible applicant earning the applicable regional minimum wage or below. The Committee accordingly requires clarification on the following:

a. Whether Section 10(l) covers all applicable statutory categories of solo parents and applies the regional minimum-wage-or-below benchmark, individualized means assessment, and appropriate verification of solo-parent status to the cash subsidy;
b. Whether the pension and subsidy screening rules conform to Section 15(a), including its restriction concerning recipients of another government-program subsidy and its express proviso allowing senior citizens and persons with disabilities to continue receiving their corresponding benefits without forfeiting benefits under Republic Act No. 11861; and whether the funding and implementation mechanisms address the statutory qualifications and exceptions; and,

Discounts and VAT Exemption Provisions

The Committee further notes that Section 10(m) grants certain discounts and VAT-related privileges.

The Committee finds that VAT exemption is a statutory benefit created by national legislation and that local ordinances may neither diminish nor expand such exemptions beyond what is authorized by law. Accordingly, review is necessary to ensure that the Ordinance merely implements, and does not alter, the scope and conditions prescribed under Republic Act No. 11861 and its Implementing Rules.

II. COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT

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[1] ***Section 15(a) of Republic Act No. 11861*** *(the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act) mandates a* ***₱1,000 monthly cash subsidy*** *for eligible low-income solo parents. It inserts an entirely new provision under the "Additional Benefits" framework of the law to provide direct financial relief.*

[2] ***DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2023-140*** *(signed on September 29, 2023) establishes the mandatory guidelines for Local Government Units (LGUs) to fully enforce* ***Republic Act No. 11861****, also known as the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act.*

[3] ***Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8972****, as amended by* ***Republic Act No. 11861*** *(the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act), completely repeals the original framework to establish a broader, gender-neutral, and updated classification for single parents. (Section 4 categorizes solo parents into groups a to f)*

[4] ***Means-tested*** *– refers to the determination whether a solo parent has no visible means of income, or his/her income is otherwise insufficient to enable the solo parent to provide sole parental care and support to a child, children, or dependent/s owing to the demands for subsistence of his/her family and the conditions prevailing in the place of residence;"*

The Committee finds that the issues identified affect the conformity of specific provisions with existing national law and implementing regulations but do not presently establish a clear basis for outright invalidation of the entire Ordinance.

The concerns appear to be curable through clarification and amendment by the concerned Municipality.

III. RECOMMENDATION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Committee on Rules recommends:

1. That action on the declaration of validity of Municipal Ordinance No. 06, Series of 2026 be DEFERRED;
2. That the Municipality of Tabontabon be requested to review and clarify the questioned provisions regarding:
    - the reference to Republic Act No. 11861 in the title;
    - the monthly subsidy program;
    - the eligibility standards;
    - the discount and VAT exemption provisions; and,
3. That upon submission of the appropriate explanation, clarification, or amendatory legislation, the matter be returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for final determination of validity.

Respectfully submitted.

Prepared by: **Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges**

Originally signed
HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Chairperson

Originally signed
HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice Chairperson

Originally signed
HON. WILSON S. UY
Member

Originally signed
HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
Member

Originally signed
HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ
Member

Attested by:

Originally signed
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, if there are any questions? Hearing none, I move that we adopt the Committee Report. I so move.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON.CHIQUI RUTH C. UY: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1195**

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Corollary motion, Mr. Chair, I move to pass a Resolution returning the Municipal Ordinance No. 6 Series of 2025 of the Municipality of Tabon-tabon and furnishing them copy of the Committee Report. I so move.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1196**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the second Committee Report. Madam Secretary, please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

2) Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Committee Report No. 31, Series of 2026

Municipal Ordinance No. 02, Series of 2026, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SYMBOLISM, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE."**

Chairperson: **Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" Reposar**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, would you please again recognize the Honorable Ronnan Christian Reposar?

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Honorable Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, you are recognized.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you very much, Mr. Presiding Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 31 S. 2026

Date: November 12, 2026

SUBJECT: Municipal Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2026, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SYMBOLISM, PRESCRIBING ITS USE, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED OR IMPROPER USE THEREOF"**

Date of Referral:	Oct. 06, 2026
Prepared by:	Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Chairperson:	Atty. Ronnan Chiristian "Bolingling" Reposar
Vice-Chairperson:	Atty. Carlo P. Loreto
Members:	Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari, Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez.

I. FACTS

The Municipality of Capoocan enacted Municipal Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2026, adopting its new official municipal seal, defining its symbolism, prescribing its official use, prohibiting unauthorized use thereof, and providing penalties for violations.

Pursuant to the review powers of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan under the Local Government Code of 1991, the ordinance was transmitted for review and was subsequently referred to the Provincial Legal Office for legal evaluation.

In its **2nd Indorsement dated October 1, 2026**, the Provincial Legal Office opined that the ordinance is generally within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 22(a)(3) of Republic Act No. 7160 but recommended further review on the ground that Section 8 of the ordinance allegedly violates Section 447(a)(1)(iii) of the same Code.

II. FINDINGS

After careful examination of the ordinance and the legal opinion rendered by the Provincial Legal Office, the Committee finds:

The Ordinance is within the Legislative Authority of the Municipality

Section 22(a)(3) of Republic Act No. 7160 expressly grants local government units the corporate power:

> "To have and use a corporate seal."

The adoption and regulation of the official seal of the Municipality of Capoocan is therefore a legitimate exercise of the powers granted to municipalities under the Local Government Code.

The Provincial Legal Office Opinion Appears to Contain a Citation or Reference Error

The Provincial Legal Office, in its 2nd Indorsement dated October 1, 2026, opined that while the ordinance is generally within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 22(a)(3) of Republic Act No. 7160, "Section 8" thereof is allegedly in violation of Section 447(a)(1)(iii) of the Local Government Code.

After review, the Committee notes that Section 8 of the ordinance is merely a **Repealing Clause**, which reads:

> "All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly."

The Committee finds that Section 447(a)(1)(iii) of Republic Act No. 7160 pertains to the municipal authority to impose fines and imprisonment for violations of ordinances. The cited statutory provision regulates the permissible extent of penalties that may be imposed by municipal ordinances and bears no apparent relation to a repealing clause.

Accordingly, the Committee is of the considered view that the Provincial Legal Office may have inadvertently committed a typographical error, citation error, or mistaken reference in identifying Section 8 as the provision allegedly violative of Section 447(a)(1)(iii).

The Actual Legal Concern Appears to be the Effectivity Clause

The Committee finds that the more substantial legal issue is found in Section 9 of the ordinance, which provides that the ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the President of the Philippines, as may be required, following endorsement by the NHCP and compliance with DILG registration requirements.

The Committee notes that the ordinance fails to identify the specific legal authority requiring presidential approval as a condition precedent to its effectivity. Such provision may create uncertainty regarding when the ordinance becomes effective and enforceable.

The Committee further observes that the approval, review, posting, and effectivity of local ordinances are already governed by the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7160. Accordingly, the inclusion of additional conditions whose legal basis is not expressly established may create uncertainty as to whether the ordinance may take effect notwithstanding compliance with the requirements prescribed by the Local Government Code.

Moreover, the Committee is of the view that any subsequent endorsement, confirmation, recognition, registration, or coordination with the NHCP, the DILG, the Office of the President, or other national agencies may constitute separate administrative processes relating to the recognition, registration, or use of the municipal seal, but not necessarily to the validity or effectivity of the ordinance itself.

For this reason, the Committee finds it necessary that Section 9 be amended to clearly distinguish between:

a. the legal effectivity of the ordinance pursuant to the Local Government Code; and,

b. any subsequent administrative or regulatory requirements that may be necessary for the implementation, registration, recognition, or official use of the municipal seal.

III. CONCLUSION

The Committee finds that the enactment of an ordinance adopting and regulating the official seal of the Municipality of Capoocan is within the powers granted to municipalities under Section 22(a)(3) of Republic Act No. 7160. Likewise, the penalties imposed under Section 6 appear to be within the limitations prescribed under Section 447(a)(1)(iii) of the same Code.

However, the Committee finds merit in requiring further legislative action by the Sangguniang Bayan considering the ambiguity created by Section 9 of the ordinance. As stated, the ordinance in its present form contains an effectivity clause that introduces requirements whose legal basis as conditions for effectivity has not been sufficiently established.

The Committee likewise finds that the Provincial Legal Office appears to have inadvertently cited the wrong provision of the ordinance. Section 8, being merely a repealing clause, bears no apparent relation to Section 447(a)(1)(iii) of the Local Government Code which pertains to the imposition of penalties. Consequently, the Committee is constrained to conclude that the legal concern identified in the Provincial Legal Office's 2nd Indorsement may have arisen from a typographical, citation, or reference error rather than from any defect in the repealing clause itself.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Committee respectfully recommends that Municipal Ordinance No. 2, Series of 2026 of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte be RETURNED to the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan for amendment and clarification prior to favorable action by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Specifically, the Committee recommends that:

1. **Section 9 (Effectivity Clause) be amended** to remove ambiguity regarding the legal effectivity of the ordinance and to clearly identify the statutory basis, if any, for requiring presidential approval, NHCP endorsement, and DILG registration as conditions precedent to effectivity;

2. The Sangguniang Bayan be requested to clarify whether the requirements stated in Section 9 are based on any existing statute, administrative issuance, NHCP guideline, DILG regulation, or presidential issuance, and to expressly cite the same in the ordinance if applicable;

3. In the absence of a specific legal requirement, any endorsement, approval, registration, or recognition by the NHCP, DILG, Office of the President, or other appropriate agencies be treated as a **separate administrative process** relating to the implementation, registration, recognition, or official use of the municipal seal, and not as a condition for the effectivity of the ordinance itself;

4. The Provincial Legal Office be furnished a copy of this Report for information, considering the Committee's finding that the reference in the 2nd Indorsement to Section 8 as allegedly violative of Section 447(a)(1)(iii) appears to be a typographical, citation, or reference error, since Section 8 merely contains the ordinance's repealing clause while the cited statutory provision pertains to municipal penal authority; and,

5. Upon amendment of the ordinance and compliance with the foregoing observations, the same be resubmitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for further review and appropriate action.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

Prepared by: **Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges**

Originally signed
HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Chairperson

Originally signed
HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice Chairperson

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HON. WILSON S. UY
Member

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HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
Member

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HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ
Member

Attested by:

Originally signed
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Having this report, I move that we adopt the Committee Report. I so move.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. RAISSA J. VILLASIN: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1197**

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Corollary motion, Mr. Chair, I move to pass a Resolution returning the Municipal Ordinance No. 2 Series of 2025 of the Municipality of Capoocan and furnishing them copy of the Committee Report. I so move.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1197-A**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the third Committee Report. Madam Secretary, please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

3) Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Committee Report No. 32, Series of 2026

Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-137 of the Municipality of Mayorga, Leyte, entitled: **"AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A UNIFIED TRAFFIC CITATION TICKET SYSTEM FOR VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC ORDINANCES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAYORGA, LEYTE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR APPREHENSION, IMPOUNDMENT, PAYMENT OF FINES, RECORD-KEEPING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."**

Chairperson: **Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" Reposar**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, would you please recognize the Honorable Ronnan Christian Reposar?

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Honorable Ronnan Christian M. Reposar, you are recognized.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you very much, Mr. Presiding Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 32 S. 2026

Date: November 12, 2026

SUBJECT: MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-137 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAYORGA, LEYTE - "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A UNIFIED TRAFFIC CITATION TICKET SYSTEM FOR VIOLATIONS OF MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC ORDINANCES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAYORGA, LEYTE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR APPREHENSION, IMPOUNDMENT, PAYMENT OF FINES, RECORD-KEEPING, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Date of Referral:	Sept. 29, 2026
Prepared by:	Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Chairperson:	Atty. Ronnan Chiristian "Bolingling" Reposar
Vice-Chairperson:	Atty. Carlo P. Loreto
Members:	Hon. Wilson Uy, Hon. Michael L. Cari, Hon. Ma. Martina L. Gimenez.

I. COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Upon examination of the Ordinance and the observations raised during plenary deliberations, the Committee finds that the establishment of a Unified Traffic Citation Ticket System generally falls within the police power and regulatory authority of local government units to regulate traffic and promote public safety.

However, the Committee finds substantial legal concerns regarding certain provisions that directly affect the legality, enforceability, and implementation of the Ordinance.

1. Vehicle Impoundment Provision

The Committee notes that Section 7 reportedly imposes mandatory impoundment of vehicles for one (1), two (2), or three (3) days in cases involving violations relating to modified mufflers.

The Committee finds that the provision raises issues beyond the mere existence of authority under the underlying traffic ordinances.

Specifically, the Committee notes that:

a. The Ordinance appears principally intended to establish a unified citation and enforcement mechanism rather than create new substantive penalties;
b. Vehicle impoundment constitutes a restriction upon the owner's possession and use of private property and therefore implicates constitutional due process considerations;
c. The legal basis authorizing the imposition of impoundment as a sanction is not apparent from the records transmitted for review;
d. The Ordinance does not clearly establish whether the impoundment is intended as a regulatory measure necessary to secure compliance or as an additional punitive sanction;

e. The fixed periods of impoundment appear to operate as penalties, yet the standards justifying the duration thereof are not sufficiently stated.

2. Absence of Due Process Safeguards

The Committee further finds that the impoundment provision is stated in broad and general terms and does not appear to establish sufficient procedural safeguards necessary to prevent arbitrary implementation.

The Ordinance does not clearly provide for:

- Notice requirements;
- Documentation and inventory procedures;
- Custody standards;
- Owner notification procedures;
- Administrative review mechanisms;
- Contest or appeal procedures;
- Release procedures;
- Remedies for wrongful impoundment; and
- Other due process safeguards ordinarily attendant to temporary deprivation of property rights.

The absence of such safeguards may expose the Ordinance to constitutional and statutory challenges and may result in arbitrary or confiscatory implementation.

3. Potential Ultra Vires Exercise of Municipal Power

The Committee is likewise constrained to determine whether the imposition of mandatory impoundment for a predetermined period exceeds the regulatory authority granted to municipalities under the Local Government Code.

While temporary custody of vehicles may be justifiable under certain enforcement situations, the retention of a vehicle for a fixed number of days because of a violation may effectively operate as an additional penalty not expressly authorized by the Local Government Code or the underlying ordinances sought to be enforced.

Accordingly, the Committee finds that clarification of the legal basis for such impoundment is indispensable before a declaration of validity may be considered.

4. Surcharge Provision

Section 8 appears to provide for surcharges without specifying the rate or computation. Subject to verification of its complete text and any applicable municipal enactment, the Municipality should identify the legal authority, enacted rate, computation base, and point at which the surcharge becomes due. The ceilings under Section 168 of Republic Act No. 7160[5] do not automatically establish a local surcharge rate or its applicability to traffic fines. Section 169[6]

[5] Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), Section 168, Surcharges and Penalties on Unpaid Taxes, Fees, or Charges: "The sanggunian may impose a surcharge not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount of taxes, fees or charges not paid on time and an interest at the rate not exceeding two percent (2%) per month of the unpaid taxes, fees or charges including surcharges, until such amount is fully paid but in no case shall the total interest on the unpaid amount or portion thereof exceed thirty-six (36) months."

[6] Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), Section 169, Interests on Other Unpaid Revenues: "Where the amount of any other revenue due a local government unit, except voluntary contributions or donations, is not paid on the date fixed in the ordinance, or in the contract, expressed or implied, or upon the occurrence of the event which

separately addresses interest on other unpaid revenues, not a corresponding surcharge. Collection should therefore rest on an applicable legislative standard, not a rate selected by implementing officials.

The Municipality should also clarify notice, itemized assessment, review of disputed charges, and the effect of a timely contest of the citation on accrual. The concern is not that every surcharge is unlawful, but that its authority, computation, and safeguards must be established, or the provision amended, before enforcement can be endorsed.

II. COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT

The Committee finds that the concerns affecting Section 7 are substantial relative to the legality and enforceability of the Ordinance.

The issue is not merely whether impoundment is already authorized under existing municipal ordinances but whether the Ordinance itself possesses a sufficient legal basis to authorize a temporary deprivation of possession of private property and whether adequate procedural safeguards have been incorporated to satisfy due process requirements.

Until these matters are clarified and appropriate standards are established, the Committee is unable to recommend declaration of validity.

III. RECOMMENDATION

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Committee on Rules recommends:

1. That action on the declaration of validity of Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-137 be DEFERRED;

2. That the Municipality of Mayorga be required to clarify and, if necessary, amend the questioned provisions, particularly regarding:

    - the legal basis for vehicle impoundment;
    - the nature of impoundment as a regulatory or punitive measure;
    - the duration and standards governing impoundment;
    - due process safeguards;
    - release procedures;
    - administrative remedies and appeal mechanisms; and
    - the computation of surcharges under Section 8;

3. That the Municipality be requested to submit the underlying traffic ordinances intended to be enforced through the Unified Traffic Citation Ticket System for determination of consistency and authority; and,

4. That the Ordinance be returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for final review upon compliance with the foregoing recommendations.

Respectfully submitted

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has given rise to its collection, there shall be collected as part of that amount an interest thereon at the rate not exceeding two percent (2%) per month from the date it is due until it is paid, but in no case shall the total interest on the unpaid amount or a portion thereof exceed thirty-six (36) months."

Prepared by: **Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges**

Originally signed
HON. ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Chairperson

Originally signed
HON. ATTY. CARLO P. LORETO
Vice Chairperson

Originally signed
HON. WILSON S. UY
Member

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HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
Member

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HON. MA. MARTINA L. GIMENEZ
Member

Attested by:

Originally signed
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, I move that we adopt the Committee Report. I so move.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. CHIQUI RUTH C. UY: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1198**

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Corollary motion, Mr. Chair, I move to pass a Resolution returning the Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-137 Series of 2026 of the Municipality of Mayorga and furnishing them copy of the Committee Report. I so move.

HON. MARIE KATHRYN V. KABIGTING: 3RD DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1198-A**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

May question lang ako, yung mga ganyang ordinance, diba there's a tendency to over reach the powers of the PNP for the privacy of our citizens?

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Kaya nga Vice-Gov pinapabalik natin yung ordinance kasi hindi clear and may private properties na i-impound so dapat klaro yung basehan bago iimpound kasi baka pang hanap buhay yung eh.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Kaya nga may mga pulis naman eh bakit kailangan pa ng ordinance.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

As per Hon. Reposar, Vice Gov, dapat may due process.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Okay, Mr. Floor Leader, let's proceed.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the next Committee Report. Madam Secretary, please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Committee on Games and Amusements
Joint Committee Report No. 33, Series of 2026

Review of Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-056, Series of 2026, enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara revoking the cockfighting franchise previously granted to Mr. Patrick V. Makabenta

Chairperson: **Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" Reposar**
Hon. Michael L. Cari

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Michael Cari?

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Honorable Cari, you are recognized.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES, LAWS and PRIVILEGES and COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS
JOINT
COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 33 S. 2026

I. Title and Reference:

Re: Review of Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-054, Series of 2026, enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara, revoking the cockfighting franchise previously granted to Patrick V. Makabenta

II. Background

- Ordinance submitted by: Sangguniang Bayan of Carigara
- Subject: Revocation of cockfighting franchise.
- Legal basis: Section 56, RA 7160; PD 449.

III. Findings

1. As to the Legality. Revocation is consistent with Presidential Decree No. 449 (PD 449) and Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160).

   The revocation of the cockpit franchise was based on the violations of PD 449, in Section 5(e)[7] by holding a five-day event instead of the statutory limit of three-days and without the approval of Sangguniang Bayan, and in Section 5(f)[8] by introducing machine betting instead of the traditional method of betting. These acts of Mr. Patrick V. Makabenta violated statutory conditions and compromised public morals. While RA 7160 grants local government units to regulate cockpits, this authority remains subordinate to national statutes, that the Sangguniang Bayan cannot overlook acts that national law expressly prohibits.

2. As to Due Process. Franchise holder, Mr. Patrick V. Makabenta was given notice and hearing.

   The legislative record demonstrates compliance with the requirements of due process. Mr. Patrick V. Makabenta was repeatedly notified of the alleged violations and was given the opportunity to appear personally before the Sangguniang Bayan. He was issued two (2) separate show cause orders and was afforded multiple opportunities to submit written explanations. These acts establish that Mr. Makabenta was afforded ample notice and meaningful opportunity to be heard prior

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[7] *(e) Cockfighting for Entertainment of Tourists or for Charitable Purposes. Subject to the preceding subsection hereof, the Chief Constabulary or his authorized representative may also allow the holding of cockfighting for the entertainment of foreign dignitaries or for tourists, or for returning Filipinos, commonly known as "Balikbayan", or for the support of national fund-raising campaigns for charitable purposes as may be authorized by the Office of the President, upon resolution of a provincial board, city or municipal council, in licensed cockpits or in playgrounds or parks: Provided, that this privilege shall be extended for only one time, for a period not exceeding three days, within a year to a province, city, or municipality. [Section 5(e), PD No. 449]*

[8] *(f) Other games during cockfights prescribed. No gambling of any kind shall be permitted on the premises of the cockpit or place of cockfighting during cockfights. The owner, manager or lessee off such cockpit and the violators of this injunction shall be criminally liable under Section 8 hereof. [Section 5(f) of PD 449]*

to the enactment of the municipal ordinance revoking the franchise granted to him, in accordance to Article III, Section 1[9] of the Philippine Constitution.

3. As to Jurisdiction. The revocation of the cockpit franchise is within the municipal authority of the Sangguniang Bayan.

   Pursuant to Section 447(a)(3)(v)[10] of RA 7160, the provision vests in the Sangguniang Bayan the legislative authority to grant a license or franchise within their respective territorial jurisdiction. Corollary to such authority is the power to suspend or revoke for a lawful cause, provided that the requirements as mandated by the Constitution on due process are observed.

4. As to Reasonableness. The revocation is necessary to protect public welfare.

   Considering the repeated and substantial violations of the conditions of the franchise as provided under Municipal Ordinance No. 2022-133 and PD 449, which governs cockpit operations, the revocation of the franchise constitutes a reasonable exercise of the Municipality's police power. Pursuant to Section 16[11] of RA 7160, otherwise known as the General Welfare Clause, every local government unit is mandated to exercise powers essential to the promotion of the general welfare, which includes the duty to promote health and safety, improve public morals, and maintain peace and order within its territorial jurisdiction.

   Prior to revocation, the Sangguniang Bayan repeatedly notified Mr. Patrick V. Makabenta of the violations and initially attempted less drastic measure by issuing a 30-day suspension. Despite opportunities, Mr. Makabenta remained non-compliant with the conditions of the franchise and applicable laws. Because a cockpit franchise is a privilege and not a vested right, its continued enjoyment is always subservient to the public good. The Sangguniang Bayan acted within the bounds of its police and regulatory powers to protect the public welfare and interest of the Municipality of Carigara.

IV. Committee Action

The Committee recommends:

- While the Sangguniang Panlalawigan exercises oversight functions over component municipalities, such power is confined to the powers expressly granted under the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) and other applicable laws. The revocation of a cockpit franchise through a legislative act enjoys the presumption of validity and regularity and remains valid unless declared invalid by a competent court. Absent statutory basis, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan has no authority to conduct investigation of the Sangguniang Bayan's legislative actions.

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[9] *Section 1. No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws. [Article III, Section 1, 1987 Constitution]*

[10] *(3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of this Code, grant franchises, enact ordinances authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, or enact ordinances levying taxes, fees and charges upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality, and pursuant to this legislative authority shall:*
(v) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the establishment, operation, and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: Provided, That existing rights should not be prejudiced. [Section 447(a)(3)(v), RA 7160]

[11] *5 General Welfare. - Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants. [Section 16, RA 7160]*

- Declare Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-054, Series of 2026 of Carigara, Leyte as Valid.

Respectfully submitted for plenary consideration.

Originally signed
ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Chairperson
Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges
Member - Committee on Games and Amusement

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HON. MICHAEL L. CARI.
Chairperson
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Member-Committee on Rules, Laws and Privileges

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Member
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Attested by:

Originally signed
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, I therefore move to adopt the Committee Report. I so move.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1199**

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Corollary motion, Mr. Chair, I move to pass a resolution approving Municipal Ordinance No. 2026-056 Series of 2026 of the Municipality of Carigara. I so move.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

It's been seconded.

Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1199-A**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the Last Committee Report. Madam Secretary, please.

5) Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
Committee Report No. 34, Series of 2026

COMMITTEE REPORT ON LEYTE'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Chairperson: **Atty. Carlo P. Loreto**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, if the Honorable Members of this Body would recall, I asked permission from the Governor and from this August Body to conduct a study on our Pandemic Response. It was not only for crafting of new legislation but also to write a paper which was a requirement for rating of Mater of Laws in San Beda. The publishable document was approved and was published already and we would like to report on the matter. The Committee Report actually is just a brief through about the paper but we prepared a presentation so that the distinguished Board Member and the Illustrious Vice Governor will no longer be tortured with several pages and academic stuffs. If I may be allowed to begin, Mr. Chair?

HON. LEONARDO JAVIER, JR.: PRESIDING OFFICER/VICE-GOVERNOR

Please proceed, Mr. Floor Leader.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

(*PRESENTATION OF CONVEX OF PANARCHY WAS PRESENTED BY HONORABLE CARLO P. LORETO*)

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COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 34 S. 2026

COMMITTEE REPORT ON LEYTE'S PANDEMIC RESPONSE

PURPOSE AND BASIS

This report accompanies Atty. Carlo P. Loreto's presentation, The Convex of Panarchy. It summarizes lessons for local emergency planning from his study of reported COVID-19 cases in Leyte from 2020 to 2024, 14 provincial issuances from 2020 to 2023, and interviews and focus group discussions.

FINDINGS FROM THE STUDY

The response evolved as conditions changed. Leyte moved from rapid mobilization to standardized protocols, then revised procedures as successive surges strained services. The study uses Panarchy's four phases to explain those shifts: emergence, conservation, release, and reorganization.

Provincial measures supported continuity. Ordinance No. 2020-15 established integrated provincial health protocols, while Ordinance No. 2020-03 enabled virtual legislative sessions. The two major case surges in 2021 and January 2022 show when the response faced pressure. The case trend alone cannot establish the effect of a specific measure.

Barangay experience exposed implementation gaps. Policymakers focused on drafting, revising, and aligning protocols. Frontliners reported staffing shortages, inconsistent instructions, and limited access to digital tools. Some relied on word-of-mouth contact tracing when other channels fell short.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Prepare for each phase of an emergency.** Build scenario-based protocols, ready-to-use legal instruments, and flexible funding arrangements into local DRRM and health plans.
2. **Set a clear route for field feedback.** Use joint planning and a regular reporting channel to resolve conflicting instructions across provincial, municipal, and barangay levels.
3. **Involve and support frontliners.** Include barangay health workers and other implementers in drafting and testing protocols. Provide practical training and psychosocial support.
4. **Build review into policy.** Use field reports and after-action reviews to identify which procedures should change before the next emergency.

Source: *Carlo P. Loreto, The Convex of Panarchy: A Policy Reflection on Leyte's Pandemic Experience, draft article, San Beda University, pp. 7–18, 28–48.*

Prepared by: **COMMITTEE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT**

Originally signed
HON. ATTY CARLO P. LORETO
Chairperson

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HON. ATTY RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
Vice Chairperson

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HON. WILSON S. UY
Member

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HON. MICHAEL L. CARI
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HON. MA. MARITINA L. GIMENEZ
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HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN
Member

Attested by:

Originally signed
FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Therefore, I move that we adopt the said Committee Report. I so move.

I also move that we refer this matter to Committee on Health, Committee on Rules, and Committee on DRRM to craft a legislation to create a code for future pandemics and calamities. I so move.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

The Vice Governor was logged out. He is having technical problems and he texted for us to continue without him.

Under the rules we are suppose to elect the Acting Presiding Officer.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I move that the Floor Leader take the seat of the Presiding Chair. I so move.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I yield the floor in favor of the Honorable Michael Cari. I have full trust and confidence in his competence.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Floor Leader.

Please proceed to the next agenda.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Before we proceed to the next agenda, may I please request for a ruling for the adoption of Committee Report No. 5 and referral of this matter to Committee on Health, Committee on Rules, and Committee on DRRM to craft a legislation to create a code for future pandemics and calamities.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/ 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there's a motion to adopt the Committee Report No. 5 and refer this matter to Committee on Health, Committee on Rules, and Committee on DRRM.

Duly seconded.

Any comments? Objections?

Hearing none, Motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1200**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chair, we now proceed to the First Reading and Reference of Business. Madam Secretary, please.

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. ___
Series of 2026

"AN ORDINANCE CREATING SIXTEEN (16) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITIONS, SIX (6) ACCOUNTANT POSITIONS, SEVEN (7) ENGINEER POSITIONS, AND THREE (3) ARCHITECT POSITIONS IN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE, PROVIDING FOR THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, QUALIFICATION STANDARDS, COMPENSATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

Author:

Atty. Ronnan Christian "Bolingling" Reposar

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the Honorable Reposar?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Honorable Reposar, you are recognized.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you very much Mr. Chair for the recognition. I have the honor to sponsor Provincial Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Creating Sixteen (16) Information Technology Positions, Six (6) Accountant Positions, Seven (7) Engineer Positions, And Three (3) Architect Positions in the Provincial Government of Leyte, Providing For Their Duties And Responsibilities, Qualification Standards, Compensation, And Appropriating Funds Therefor."

I think two sessions ago, the Governor, through his office requested that the we draft an ordinance creating these positions. The measure is a direct response to the growing demands of our province as Leyte continues to modernize its systems, strengthen physical management and accelerate infrastructure development. We need a sixteen IT positions to strengthen our digitalization efforts. This the six account positions will ensure transparency and accountability in our finances and the seven engineer and three architect positions will support the planning and implementation of quality public infrastructure of Leyteños and our Governor. This is not merely about creating positions, it is about building capacity, improving service delivery and investing in a more efficient and responsive provincial government. For these reasons, I respectfully move for the approval of the ordinance in on First Reading, Mr Chair and Mr. Floor Leader. I so move.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. CHIQUI RUTH C. UY: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, PCL PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, I would like to state for the record that I would like to second the motion but I do not have a copy of the ordinance.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there's a motion by the Honorable Reposar approval of the proposed ordinance in on First Reading. And the Secretariat is ordered to provide copy of the Proposed Ordinance to Honorable Loreto.

Any corrections?

Hearing none, so the motion is carried and approved.

Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2026-1201**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the Business of the Day. Item no. 1, Madam Secretary, please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

BUSINESS OF THE DAY:

ITEM NO. 01

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 03 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of Leyte, Leyte** in the amount of **Php7,347,132.41** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 004-26,** together with **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 03 CY 2026** in the amount of **Php8,500,000.00** Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated November 12, 2026.

ITEM NO. 02

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 03 FY 2026** of the **Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte** in the amount of **Php8,892,804.42** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2026** together with **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 03-2026** in the amount of **Php7,780,000.00**. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated November 9, 2026.

ITEM NO. 03

Presented for consideration is **General Fund Annual Budget FY 2026** of the **Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte** in the amount of **Php209,831,436.00** under **Appropriation Ordinance No. 26-005** together with **Annual Investment Program (AIP) CY 2027** of the same amount. Same is recommended for **APPROVAL** with **CONDITIONS** by the Local Finance Committee per review dated November 10, 2026.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD

The Honorable Uy, Mr. Chair.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/ 5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Honorable Uy, please.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

We have three (3) items of budgets, two (2) Supplemental Budgets and one (1) Annual Budget.

For Item No. 01 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 03 for Fiscal Year 2026 of the Municipality of Leyte, Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Program No. 3 for CY 2026. Item No. 02 is General Fund Supplemental Budget No. 03 for Calendar Year 2026 of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, together with the Supplemental Investment Program No. 3 for 2026. And lastly, Item No. 03 is General Fund Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 of the Municipality of Mahaplag, Leyte in the amount of P209,831,436.00, together with the Annual Investment Program for Calendar Year 2027 of the same amount.

Mr. Chair, if my motion is in order, per recommendation and approval by the Local Finance Committee, together with the conditions set forth, I move that we approve the General Fund Supplemental Budget of the Municipality of Leyte, Leyte, General Fund Supplemental Budget of the Municipality of Matag-ob, Leyte, and the Annual Budget 2027 of Mahaplag, Leyte. I so move, Mr. Chair.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there's a motion by the Honorable Uy, approving Item Nos. 01, 02, and 03, duly seconded.

Any corrections?

There's none, so the motion is carried and approved.

Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2026-1202**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the next Item. Item No. 04, Madame Secretary please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 04

Presented for consideration is **MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-201** of the **Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Palo, Leyte**, entitled: **"EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT TO SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLUTION NO. 2026-885, URGING PRIMEWATER LEYTE METRO (PRIMEWATER) AND THE LEYTE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (LMWD) TO IMMEDIATELY RESOLVE THE LOW TO NO WATER SUPPLY CRISIS IN THE AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE 1ST AND 2ND DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE."**

ITEM NO. 05

Presented for consideration is **MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION NO. 2026-202** of the **Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Palo, Leyte**, entitled: **"INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION TO THE REQUEST OF ZALDY A. MONTE TO QUARRY OVER DESIGNATED LOT NUMBER 9859, WITH CORRESPONDING TD/ARP NUMBER 08-30-0015-04761, LOCATED AT BARANGAY CAMPETIC, THIS MUNICIPALITY, SUBJECT HOWEVER TO COMPLIANCE OF OTHER REQUIREMENT (S) THAT WILL BE IMPOSED BY OTHER CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES."**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, will you please recognize the former Vice-Mayor of Palo, the Honorable Reposar, for Items 4 and 5?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Reposar is recognized.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

For Item No. 04, we take note of the said Resolution and express our gratitude to the Sangguniang Bayan of Palo for their support.

For Item No. 05, Mr. Chair, perusing the documents, there were no documents submitted except for the Resolution and of the cover letter, Mr. Chair. I think this is very important because we have an Environmental Code and a RINO Provincial Ordinance. I

would like to ask the Municipality or the Sangguniang Bayan of Palo, to furnish us the basis of the Resolution Interposing No Objection, particularly on whether or not a Public Hearing was conducted, and such other requirements covered by Sections 16 and 27 of the Local Government Code, and the requirements of the Environmental Code of the Provincial Government of Leyte, and the Resolution Interposing No Objection of the Provincial Government of Leyte. This is for us to be informed and to compare or at least ensure that the requirements those mentioned Ordinance have been complied with, Mr. Chair, so that when it comes to the application Interposing No Objection of this certain application for a quarry operation, we note that there was already compliance of the existing, so we will not have to do it anymore, Mr. Chair.

HON. CHIQUI RUTH C. UY: PROVINCIAL COUNCILOR'S LEAGUE PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there's a motion by the Honorable Reposar, taking note of the Resolutions coming from the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, duly seconded.

So, approved.

Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2026-1203**

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Corollary motion, Mr. Chair.

I move that these will also be referred to the Committee on Environment and the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Mr. Chair.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Any other comments?

There's none, the motion is carried.

Carried unanimously. **Res. No. 2026-1204**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the next Item. Item No. 06, Madame Secretary please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 06

Presented for consideration is **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-523** of the **Office of the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Carigara, Leyte**, entitled: **"A RESOLUTION FORMALLY FOLLOW UP ON THE STATUS OF THE REVIEW BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO 2026-054, OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARIGARA, LEYTE, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REVOKING OR CANCELLING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-133 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A COCKPIT FRANCHISE TO MR. PATRICK V. MAKABENTA TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A COCKPIT ARENA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARIGARA."**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I move that we refer this to the Committee on Games and Amusement.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I think this is related to what Honorable Cari has reported, Mr. Chair. So, I think we will just have to copy furnish them of the copy of the Committee Report, and corresponding Resolution, Mr. Chair.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Okay. Thank you, Honorable Reposar.

Let us proceed, Mr. Floor Leader.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the next Item. Item No. 07, Madame Secretary please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 07

Presented for consideration is **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-532** of the **Office of the Sangguniang Bayan, Municipality of Carigara, Leyte**, entitled: **"A RESOLUTION EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF LEYTE AND THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF LEYTE TO INTERVENE IN THE COLLAPSE OF FARM GATE PRICES OF LIVE HOGS AND TO SAFEGUARD THE LOCAL SWINE INDUSTRY."**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Floor Leader.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Yes, this is similar to a situation in Baybay City. Just a little story – Last night I was having dinner with my mom, and then it was vegetables and fish. So, I was telling her, "Ma, nganong pinobre naman imong pagkaon karon?" Kay isda man, of course, she's on advanced age na ano, so medyo pa healthy na. And she said, "Dili ni pinobre kay and isda mas mahal kontra sa karne". Which actually turns out true. So, having said that, there's a situation in Baybay where the sellers in the market of fish are complaining. Kay a good friend of Board Member Mike Cari, Raffy is selling fish. Naghimo sya ug kaugalingong bagsakan, and it's cheaper than market price so people are buying there, which is a situation here as well. So, the Councilors of Baybay do not want to act on it because it's good for the buyers, for the consuming public, nga mas barato an paraliton. Perhaps, it's the same thing here. Of course, they are talking about Farm Gate Prices. An pagpalit hit baboy ha mag uuma, which is different.

I move that we pass a Resolution referring this to the Committee on Trade, Investments and Economic Affairs kay presyo man. Pagpadako hit baboy -agriculture, kon pag presyo – trade.

Mr. Chair, my motion did not have a second so it rise on the floor.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Any second or comments from the Floor?

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Que, please go ahead.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, Mr. Floor, just for consideration. Our Department of Agriculture has actually imposed a 60-day ban on the import of pork. Because I think this year alone there was a 42% or about 500,000 metric tons of imported pork. So, a 42 increase in importation of pork products is actually not good for local hog raisers. So, there's already a step made by the Department of Agriculture themselves, so I think it will help, stabilized now.

I second the motion that this matter be referred to the Committee of Trade, Investments and Economic Affairs as well as to the Committee of Agriculture jointly. Thank you.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, Item 07 is referred to the Committee on Trade, Investments and Economic Affairs and to the Committee on Agriculture.

Any more questions?

There's none, so the motion is carried.

Carried unanimously. **Res. No. 2026-1206**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the next Item. Item No. 07, Madame Secretary please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 08

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 12, 2026 addressed to Honorable Members, Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte thru Hon. Leonardo M. Javier, Jr., Vice Governor from **Honorable Carlos Jericho L. Petilla,** Provincial Governor respectfully submitting for approval of the **Supplemental Investment Program (SIP) No. 3 for Calendar Year 2026 of the Province of Leyte.**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Yes, Honorable Loreto.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I move that we approve the same.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there's a motion by the Honorable Loreto, approving Item No. 08, duly seconded.

No corrections?

There's none, so the motion is carried and approved.

Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2026-1207**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

We now proceed to the next Item. Item No. 09, Madame Secretary please.

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 09

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 3, 2026 from **Mr. Robinson P. Descanzo**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP), acknowledging receipt of Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 2026-1011 and assuring that the matters raised therein shall be addressed with urgency, transparency and due diligence.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I move that we take note of the same, Mr. Chair.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, Item No. 09, noted.

Approved unanimously. **Res. No. 2026-1208**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair, we now proceed to Item No. 10, Madam Secretary, please?

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 10

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Cebu I Electric Cooperative, Inc., with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 11

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Iloilo 1 Electric Cooperative, Inc., with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 12

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Guimaras Electric Cooperative, with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 13

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Cebu II Electric Cooperative, Inc., with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 14

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Capiz Electric Cooperative, Inc., with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 15

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Iloilo 11 Electric Cooperative, Inc., with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 16

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Iloilo 111 Electric Cooperative, Inc., with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 17

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Negros Occidental Electric Cooperative and Energy Development Corporation, with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 18

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Negros Oriental 1 Electric Cooperative, Inc. and Energy Development Corporation, with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

ITEM NO. 19

Presented for consideration is a letter dated November 9, 2026 furnishing copy of a **JOINT APPLICATION** for approval by the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) of the power supply agreement between Energy Development Corporation and Negros Oriental 11 Electric Cooperative, with prayer for provisional authority or interim relief and motion for confidential treatment of information, with a request for issuance of a certification attesting the receipt of said documents by the Office of the Vice Governor.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, there are similar matters pending application to the ERC. These are Item Nos. 10-19, I move that we take note of the same and refer these to the Vice-Governor's Office as requested and to the Committee on Energy. I so move.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Second.

HON. FLAVIANO C. CENTINO, JR.: 4TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there's a move by Honorable Carlo, to take note and referring these to the Vice-Governor's Office and to the Committee on Energy for Item N0s. 10, 11, 12, 13 ,14 ,15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Duly seconded.

Any questions?

I hear none, the motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1208**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair. We now proceed to the next item, Madam Secretary, please?

MRS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO: SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SECRETARY

ITEM NO. 20

Presented for consideration is a **MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION** filed by complainant-Appelles Ley Mart L. Villasante, Reymart D. Nevaliza, Anacita M. Palacio, Alfonso S. Enero and Marites O. Aurillo on **Admin. Case No. BRC-SP-2025-003** against Hon. Basilio D. Calda.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Joy Que, Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Honorable Joy Que, you are recognized.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Mr. Floor.

This is a motion for reconsideration submitted by Appelles Villasante et al, regarding the case of the Barangay Captain, which we decided about a month ago, the Barangay Captain from Cabuloran, Dagami, Leyte, Calda.

What would be the recourse is one we give due course to this motion for reconsideration for further evaluation, without of course, prejudging the merits of the case. We also direct the respondent appellant, Basilio D. Calda to submit his comment on the motion for recon within such period as the governing rules prescribe from receipt of the appropriate order. And then we also direct the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to submit a Certified Report establishing actual filing of the Appellant's brief, date of receipt of the April 15, 2026, order, and the proof of service of the Appellant's brief upon the Complainant's Apelles or their Counsel.

The Blue Ribbon Committee will also examine the legal basis of the SP's appellate jurisdiction, the Pertinent Provisions of the Internal Rules of Procedure, as well as the applicability of Section 6666-B of RA 7160. Upon submission of the foregoing records and

the comment of the respondent-appellant, this motion for reconsideration will be submitted for final resolution by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

I therefore move that these five courses of action be taken up, one, give due course to this MR. Two, direct respondent appellant to file its comment, or submit its comment. Three, direct the office of the Sangguniang Secretary of SP to submit a certified reports establishing the dates, because they're actually questioning, the dates of submission of the Appellant's Brief. And for the Blue Ribbon Committee to examine the legal basis, as well as upon completion of all of these, to submit the proper Committee Report to the Sanguniang Panlalawigan for its proper Resolution or Final Resolution. I so move.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there is a move by Honorable Joy Que.

Duly seconded.

Any questions?

I hear none, the motion is approved.

Approved unanimously. **RES. NO. 2026-1209**

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair, we have no items in our agenda already so we now proceed to Other Matters. Any other matters from the FLoor?

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Honorable Joy Que?

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair and Mr. Floor Leader, as previously discussed, I have with me family friends from the United States, who are actually here. I want to introduce you to them. The first is Dr. Chris Fernandez, he is a doctor of medicine, not a doctor of philosophy, together with his wife, Tita Lou Fernandez.

Since, day one of my being Mayor of Dulag, they have already infused millions of funds to my Municipality, helping a lot of livelihood organisations and cooperatives in Dulag, especially in matters of livelihood and agriculture. So, the many millions which they have already downloaded to my town, of course not just Dulag, I think they also help towns in Quezon City, because they hailed from Paranaque but in the United States they have lived in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Florida. They have a lot of homes there and they are both retired, so their goal now is to give back to our country, they have been patriotic enough, Dr. Chris himself is a member of the Knights of Rizal. So, if we can just suspend the rules and maybe give them the floor to discuss about a project which they hopefully want to share with the Provincial Government of Leyte. So, I hope we can hear it from them. My motion is to suspend and to recognize, Dr. Fernandez, to discuss about this project that he proposes to the Provincial Government of Leyte.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

So, there is a move by Honorable Joy Que.

Duly seconded.

Any questions?

I hear none, the motion is approved.

(RULES SUSPENDED @ 11:48 am)

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

As I mentioned in our chat group, it would it would have been better if Gov. Icot was around but the governor is presiding over the Regional Development Council Meeting. So, let's make do with the acting presiding officer.

Dr. Fernandez, please?

DR. CHRIS FERNANDEZ:

Ladies and gentlemen, I have to beg your indulgence, so I dispense with formalities and go straight to the topic at hand. I am the President of the Federation of Independent Legions of Immigrant Philippine Americans in the North Americas. It's a long name but the acronym is FILIPINAS. So, in some occasions, I get introduced and people stand up thinking the President of the Philippines is there. So, it's a very small New Jersey-registered non-profit and we've been engaging with the Municipality of Dulag for over almost a decade now. And we've had substantial funding brought to Dulag, approaching over a billion pesos already over that period of time, and much of that was spent as tuition as learning because in implementing livelihood projects, developing communities, financial literacy, these are generational work. And the reason I am here today, through the auspices and sponsorship of BM Joy, is to encourage the Province of Leyte to engage with organizations like ours. We live in the sector in Northeast US covered by the Philippine Consulate in New York. That covers 10 states, which includes of course New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania among the 10 states. There are about 3,000 organizations. Alam niyo naman niyo sa abroad 3,000 na Pilipino, 3,000 din 'yung presidente. So, I'm one of those. But livelihood generation is something that is you know, very low in the total pole of priorities of our communities abroad. Nauuna pa yung sosyalan, yung papogian, you know, at payabangan. You know, that's what we're very good at. I'm one of those who have expressed reservations about the largest Philippine Independence Day Parade outside of the Philippines, which is in New York City. But our organization participates even in that because, they're working social advertising and reminding the communities there that we still have a country to look back to. Sadly, I have friends who have said, "I don't care about our homeland anymore," despite the fact that they graduated and got their medical degrees from the Philippines. They're my classmates, after all. So, the draft Memorandum of understanding, which I have provided to the August body, is for your study, you know? And hopefully, under the MOU, the Province of Leyte would commit matching funds for whatever bodies we can raise from the 10 states, from the Northeast. And I will be first to praise your effort because I looked at your 2026 budget, and I don't know if my conversation with the, Provincial Agricultural Agriculturist from one or two years ago had any impact, but I see in your budget that from the 5 billion

that you allocated in 2025, for 2026, it has risen to 30 million. Also, the Icot-Rice Program, as now allocated 12 million. So roughly my head, you have poaching about 1% of your total budget of about 4 billion. So, then I studied your ayuda programs. Your ayuda depending on the degree of calamity that the Province of Leyte encounters, you are spending between 2 to 5% of ayuda. Again, this is my humble opinion. If you can allocate so much for ayuda, yung 1% parang pitas lang. If you if you think about it. And yet, the problems that will be solved by economic development through livelihood is long-term, more sustainable and you will capacitate the individuals who are enrolled in those livelihood programs to be able to provide for some of their own resiliency. Huwag na natin sabihin baka to the point baka bumili na sila ng sariling bangka, in case there is a plan, you know, this is joking aside, right so kasi ito po yung prevailing thinking ng ating government in general rule. It's not a critique, but it's a mere statement of fact. Reaksyonaryo po tayo. We don't do the proactive thing, which is build, our communities, and like I said, at the session, at the Municipality of Dulag, where I have the privilege of spending 10 minutes talking. I implore them also to involve the town with more funds. And I asked 1% of your Annual Budget. So, 4 billion, that's 40 million every year for the next 10 years cumulative, to put that under context, the latest budget from 5 years ago was 3 billion, it is now 4 billion. So, you are now assumed that your Annual Revenue has increased by 30%. And yet you don't see a commensurate increased in livelihood funding. So, if you grow the same 30% revenue in the next five years, what might reasonably expect na yung inyong inalocate ngayon na 40 million, baka naman pwede 50, 60, give it 100 million, and what will that do? If these livelihood projects they become the incubator for startups for MSMEs, yung tunay goal natin, maging MSME po 'yung mga tinutulungan ninyong magkaroon ng livelihood. And when they become formally MSMEs, guess what happens? They now have to start paying taxes, because they are now an on-going enterprise, and when they start paying taxes, they pay it to the province, to the town. So, it's a self-generating activity. Sabi ko nga dun sa Municipal Sangguniang, if in the process, everybody in this August body gets re-elected because you have disbursed so much livelihood funding. That's like, "scratching your back and you scratching my back." Di ba? So, malaki pong matutulungan natin. It serves the economic future of the town, hindi po

yan ayuda, yan po ay capacitating your people to generate income which eventually will circle back to taxes to the province. So, is there willingness? I can see from your 2026 budget, there is willingness. I don't know if I misread it, but from 2025 it was 5 to 13 million. I salute you all. Napakaganda po nung nangyari na yun sa nakita ko doon sa was not your budget, it was like 3 inches thick. I was sitting in BM Joy's the desk and I borrowed the look at it. So, whoever among you voted for that, bow po ako sa inyong action.

So, hopefully, we can collaborate and have you all sign and we will work with the DFA through the consulate in New York, we will try our best to come up with funding and then in turn hopefully magmatch po tayo nung commercial funding and we are willing to work with you sa monitoring, sa tracking, kayo po marami na po kayong mga ganung mechanisms. We just need to strengthen them and bring more money to Leyte. And I would like to see Leyte, become the incubator for the entire Philippines na mag-experiment in this endeavour, na i-encourage natin yung the entire Filipino diaspora of 10.8 million Filipinos abroad. If we can rekindle their patriotism, and we can make Leyte as the, shining light on the hill, na we can look back in history. Seventy na po ako, so, pagbalik ko dito in five years, we will be looking back and say, pat ourselves on the back, ang ganda pala nu'ng ginawa natin na Leyte has now produce so many pigs, so much onions, so much garlic, so much this and that. We no longer rely on Davao to import our pigs.

I was on the ground yesterday literally, and people in the barangay of Roxas, for saying it, are no longer profitable to raise pigs because of these darn pigs that come from Davao. I don't know what action you can take. But I believe that production is your best shield against being inundated by people who are from jurisdictions outside of Leyte, because that activity benefits Davao. So, whoever is in Davao raising all these pigs and making all that money, they're paying taxes in Davao. Why can't you raise all these pigs here? What do they know that you don't know? What political will do they have that you don't have? I don't believe na for one second that this body lacks the political will to either match or exceed the political will in Davao. Bakit kaya nila, dito hindi kaya? I don't know the answer but it relay's among you. I'm sure. So yun lang po, sana magtulongan po tayo and hopefully, we can get the MOU signed and I will do my best to interact with the DFA. BM Joy marami

ring connection sa DFA din. Yun lang po, maraming salamat po, unless you have questions? I'm willing to answer.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Sir, if I may? I was just asking our staff, what the details of the MOUR, anung commitment? But he said he was waiting for your cue.

DR. CHRIS FERNANDEZ:

Yes, anjan napo lahat dyan, more or less I delivered the substance of the MOU.

Siguro, we just have to review it muna and send a copy to the Legal, Governor's Office and to PLO, that' all. Thank you, Doc.

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Thank you very much, Doc.

I move that we lift the suspension of Rules.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

(HOUSE RULES LIFTED @ 12:00 pm)

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Any other matters?

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Chair?

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Bolingling Reposar, Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Honorable Reposar, is recognized.

HON. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

I just would like to inform the Board Members present that, we have the Palo Children's Choir, with us and will be singing two, three songs, for us. Madali la hira kay they have classes. So, the purpose was actually to sing, kan Vice-Gov. because of his support during the Panigamnan Concert and since malakat hira hit 27, ha Ateneo. They'll be performing at Ateneo to perform, it is an International Choir Festival. So, an sunod nira

pagkanta, diretso iton namamasko. But, really support would mean a lot. I think tomorrow, mangadto hira kan Mayor Matin because, I think Mayor Matin naghatag hin Php 100,000.000 as a support, and meada pipira gihapon nga individual who help. An ira gutiay nga problema, actually was didto ha Manila, ky tag Php 28,000.00 it bus takay their 55 children. Although meada na an parents nag aragmot. I think kon makakabulig kita bisan guti la that would mean a lot, para ha ira. They're just 8 months old, peru dako duro na dream.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Thank you, Honorable Reposar. Floor Leader?

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Any other matters?

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Mr. Chair?

HON. CARLO P. LORETO: FLOOR LEADER/5TH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

The Honorable Lumen, Mr. Chair?

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

Honorable Lumen, go ahead, please.

HON. MJ LUINLY D. LUMEN: EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, SK PRESIDENT

Thank you so much Mr. Chair. Thank you so much Mr. Floor Leader.

If there are no other matters I move to adjourn. Thank you.

HON. MILDRED JOY P. QUE: 2ND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. WILSON S. UY: 1ST DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Second.

HON. MICHAEL L. CARI: TEMP. PRESIDING OFFICER/5TH DIST. BOARD MEMBER

The session is adjourned.

(The regular session was adjourned at 12:04 o'clock in the afternoon.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing minutes.

DON SANTIAGO C. ROMERO
Temp. Secretary to the Sanggunian

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