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RIZAL AVENUE

8 babies died due to measles in the region

## DOH: No measles outbreak in EV

JOEY A. GABIETA/ROEL T. AMAZONA

GOVERNMENT CENTER, PALO, Leyte—The Department of Health (DOH) in the region expressed their alarm over the high number of children afflicted with measles.

As of this week, the DOH has reported of about eight deaths due to measles, mostly involving babies from six to nine months.

Measles cases in the region, covering the period of January until Feb. 6, has

already reached 161, John Paul Roca, DOH regional information officer, said, who was quick to say that they are not declaring yet a measles outbreak in the region.

Last year of the same period see DOH /page 19 ...

*NO OUTBREAK. Despite of eighth deaths, the regional office of the Department of Health in the region said that there is no measles outbreak yet in Eastern Visayas. Most of the persons afflicted by measles are brought to the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center based in Tacloban City.*

EASTERN VISAYAS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

## Red tide alert still up in 2 Eastern Samar bays

TACLOBAN CITY -- The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) reiterated its reminder to the public not to consume shellfish from two Eastern Visayas bays as red tide phenomenon remains.

In its laboratory test last week, BFAR still found the red tide algal bloom in Cancabato and Matarinao bays in Eastern Samar. Shellfish ban has been up in Matarinao and Cancabato since October 2018 and early January 2019, respectively.

BFAR Regional Director Juan Albaladejo, in a mobile phone interview, said Wednesday (Feb. 6) this is the longest occurrence of red tide in Cancabato Bay. The bay has a good flushing action due to the strong current in the San Juanico Strait.

This is the third red tide bloom in Cancabato after Super Typhoon Yolanda struck in 2013. The first only lasted three days and the second occurred for three weeks.

"Usually, it is taking so long for Matarinao Bay because the area is enclosed. The longest recorded was in 2010 where it extended for a year. We need strong continuous rains and sustained wave action to flush out the red tide organism," he added.

The presence of red tide in both shellfish meat and water calls for the prohibition of gathering, trading

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## Among them are 2 governors and 4 solons 30 candidates applied for security escorts, citing threat as reason

TACLOBAN CITY—At least two governors and four members of Congress were among the candidates from the region have sought for security details, citing possible threat to their lives as the main reason for seeking such protection.

Based on the records of the Regional Joint Security Control Center (RJSCC) which is composed of regional office of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) as its chair, Philippine National Police (PNP-8), and the Philippine Army in the region as members, about 30 candidates who are running in the May 13, 2019 elections have asked for security details.

Chief Supt. Dionardo Carlos, police regional



Gov. Sharee Ann Tan

director, said that both the PNP and the Army in the region conducted their assessment before they approved on the request of these candidates.

Once approved, they will be entitled to two security personnel who are required to be always in their uniform every time they perform their protective duties, Carlos said.



Rep. Edgar Mary Sarmiento

The police official said that if these candidates would be discovered to have more than two security details, they would be asked to explain. Otherwise, their security detail would be pulled out, he added.

"If they will have more than two security detail, they will be violating the policy and we will ask them to explain,"

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Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla



Rep. Lucy Torres Gomez







Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico ‘Mic’ Petilla delivered his message during a consultative forum on human immunodeficiency virus held at the Provincial Health Office on Jan.31. With him were Elnora Pulma, regional director of the Commission on Population-8;Dr. Edgardo Daya, provincial health officer; Dr. Erlinda Astorga, hospital consultant;Vivian Claros, officer- in- charge of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office; Melchora Cawile, OIC of the Provincial Population Office(PHO) and Benjamin Repuerto, HIV Manager of the PHO. (GINA P. GEREZ)

## Gov’t losses P42 millions of unpaid tax BoC raided warehouse that manufactures fake cigarettes

TACLOBAN CITY – The Bureau of Custom(BoC)based in this city has confiscated more than 1,000 boxes containing fake cigarettes in a raid they conducted in a warehouse in Barangay Bagacay, this city on Wednesday(Feb.6).

Jose Naig, district collector of the Tacloban Port, said that the warehouse where the illicit items were seized is owned by a Chinese national.

He added that they have learned its operation after they received a tip two weeks ago and immediately conducted their surveillance operation and on Wednesday, raided the warehouse.

Inside the warehouse were 1,500 boxes of fake cigarettes valued at P96 million, 12 cigarette-making machines worth P180 million and P62.2 million of worth of fake stamps.

At least 600 master cases of cigarettes per day is produced at the warehouse.

Naig said that the government has lost P42 millions of potential income out of the unpaid excise tax of the operator of the said warehouse.

Personnel from the BOC-Tacloban during the raid caught some workers at the warehouse but they were not arrested.

Naig said that their investigation is still on-going as no one has claim ownership of the warehouse and even the barangay officials are not aware of the cigarette production.

The confiscated items will be brought to their national office.

“As for the identity of the people involved in the operation, we still have to conduct investigation because until now we don’t know who is the owner of the warehouse and who rented the warehouse,” Naig said.

Naig added that they still have to determine the places of distribution of the fake cigarettes.

It was learned that codes were used when the cigarettes were being transported to other areas. (ROEL T. AMAZONA/LIZ-BETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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ing, and consumption of shellfish from identified areas over the possibility of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP).

According to website of the Washington State Department of Health, PSP is a naturally occurring marine biotoxin produced by some species of microscopic algae. Shellfish eat these algae and can retain the toxin. People can become ill from eating shellfish contaminated with PSP and high levels of the

toxin can even cause death.

BFAR conducts weekly monitoring of seawater in bays hit by red tide in the past, but for positive areas, authorities examine water and meat samples three times weekly.

The fisheries bureau advised the public to refrain from eating, harvesting, selling, and buying shellfish products and Acetes sp. (small shrimps) from the affected bays until such time that the shellfish toxicity level has gone down below the regulatory level.

Fish caught in these

areas are safe for human consumption provided that these are fresh, washed and cooked thoroughly, the BFAR advisory said.

(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)



## Comelec-8 bares May 2019 election preps

PASTRANA, Leyte-Lawyer Jose Nick Mendros, regional director of the Commission on Elections (Comelec) Regional Office 8, shared recently to the members of the Association of Government Information Officers in Region 8 (AGIO-8) what his office is doing in preparation for the upcoming midterm elections.

Part of it, he said, is a training that is set to be conducted to some 11,000 teachers regionwide who will act as poll supervisors, aside from the 600 canvassers that will undergo a separate training.

There are about 3,051,649 total voters in the whole region and about 4,000 technicians who will be assigned to voting precincts.

Mendros, however, reminded the government information officers in the region of the implementation of gun ban which started on Jan. 13 and will terminate on June 13.

“Not even a permit to carry firearm entitles anyone to carry his firearm, be it short or long arm,” he said.

“May I remind even those with ‘permits to carry firearms that they cannot handle them outside, unless they secure a written permit from our office,” Mendros added.

Even the uniformed personnel, the police and military, can only carry

their service firearms while they are on duty with proper uniform, otherwise they can violate the gun ban.

Flying voters or double registrants this time will not succeed in their illegal act because of the Automated Fingerprint System which detects the authenticity of the voter’s true identity, it was learned.

Asked if there are election hotspots in Eastern Visayas, the Comelec director said none.

However, he mentioned of four colors which classify areas of concern: Green for areas that are silent except for the radios and other media in the locality which play-up any subject of their forte; Yellow is pointed to an area with election related violence and intense political rivalry; Orange for areas with combined presence of NPA insurgents and intense political rivalry; Red for areas with combined NPAs, private armed-groups (PAGs) and intense political rivalry.

“But there is no Code Red area of concern,” he stressed.

There are areas which are given top priority or focus by the peace officers, he said, but they are localities and not towns.

Mendros spoke to the AGIO members during their meeting recently, which was held at the office of the LMWD Plant site, Tingib, Pastrana, Leyte.

He also shared that he will soon transfer to Region VI on his own volition because his better-half is running for a mayoralty seat in a certain town of Eastern Samar.

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# Thousands avail of PRC mobile services in Catarman

CATARMAN, North-ern Samar- More than 2,000 individuals availed of the mobile outreach services offered by the Profes-sional Regulations Com-mission (PRC) at Ibabao Hall, New Capitol Building here from Jan. 28 to 30.

“The mobile outreach services form part of the provincial government ef-fort to bring services closer to the people,” Northern Samar Public Employment Service Office (NSPESO) Manager Maurice de Guia told the Philippine Infor-mation Agency.

He said the annual ac-tivity is headed by PRC-8 Chief Professional Regula-tion Officer Alma Geno-tiva.

De Guia informed that a total of 2,086 applicants were successfully processed both for Board Licensure Exam for Professional Teachers (BLEPT) and Registered Mechanical En-gineer (RME).

To make the processing easier and faster, applicants with complete documents such as print out of on-line application, proof of payment through GCash, original transcript of re-cords, passport size pic-tures in white background with nametag, documenta-ry stamp, original and pho-tocopy of birth certificate, and marriage certificate (for married women) were allowed on a first come first served basis.

The three-day mobile services enabled the appli-cants to save on expenses as they no longer travelled to Tacloban City for six long hours where the regional office is located.

**(NBQ/TBC/PIA 8, North-ern Samar)**



Handing over of the NMP flag and the symbolic key to the new appointed NMP Executive Director.

## Executive Director Maglunsod Assumes NMP Leadership

TACLOBAN CITY - The National Maritime Polytechnic (NMP), a premier government-owned maritime training and re-search institution, moves into transition of leader-ship as Executive Director Joel B. Maglunsod takes the helm of the Agency’s direc-torship effective February 1, 2019 with the issuance of certification of assumption of duty on the same date.

The turn-over of NMP flag and the symbolic key took place in the morn-ing of Feb.4, right after the flag raising ceremony in-side the NMP Administra-tion Building, Cabalawan, Tacloban City.

The NMP flag symbol-izes the assumption of lead-ership while the symbolic key stands for the author-ity and accountability that comes with the holding of office as executive director of the NMP.

During the ceremony, Deputy Executive Director III, Mayla N. Macadawan who assumed the functions and responsibilities as the NMP Officer-In-Charge by virtue of DOLE Admin-istrative Order No. 35, s. 2019 dated Feb.4, expressed her confidence that the new NMP ED would be able to steer the Agency in pursuit to the delivery of its man-date and functions.

“During my very short stint as NMP officer-in-charge, I am very happy to help and assist NMP in the way that I can. Though I had very limited pow-ers during those times but somehow we were able to surpass whatever challenges that we have encountered” said DED Macadawan.

She also expressed her gratitude to former NMP ED, Dr. Romulo Bernardes, who resigned on November 23,2018, for mentoring her and for all his contributions to the Agency.

In his acceptance speech, Executive Director Maglun-sod said, “Ako sa totoo lang hindi naman ako umaayaw sa trabaho. Kasi sa kanta pa ni Rico J. Puno, “Ang umaayaw, hindi nagwawa-gi, ang nagwawagi ay yung hindi umaayaw. Ang impor-tante na makatulong pa rin tayo sa mahal na Pangulo at sa mga manggagawa.”

“Taos-puso kong tina-tanggap ang trabaho natin at magtatagumpay tayo sa col-lective efforts natin. Kailan-gan kung ano man ang mga nakikita nating problema ip-aabot agad sa senior officials ninyo at kung hindi kayo inintindi ideretso sa DOLE Hotline 1349, pag hindi sin-agot dun sa Hotline 8888,” ED Maglunsod disclosed.

He also shared some is-sues and challenges con-fronting NMP as well as the maritime industry in gener-al, including among others: Development and packaging

of new courses (Training for Harbour Pilots and Crane / Winch Operators); Acqui-sition of training ship and towing tank; Attraction of massive trainees; and Maxi-mizing the Use of NMP re-sources.

ED Maglunsod also em-phasized the need to sustain cooperation and collabora-tion between and among maritime stakeholders to be able to respond to the ever growing needs of the Fili-pino seafarers.

Attended by the NMP employees, the activity was also graced by the members of the DOLE Regional Coor-dinating Council (RCC) RO 8 namely, Atty. Cecilio I. Bale-ña, OIC Assistant Regional Director of DOLE RO8, Pamela Babalcon of National Conciliation and Mediation Board (NCMB) , Mary Cath-erine O. Pastor of Overseas Workers Welfare Adminis-tration (OWWA), Meriam R. Balmocena of Philippine Overseas Employment Ad-ministration (POEA), Cath-erine O. Doblon of National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO),Michelle C. Basal of Employees Compen-sation Commission (ECC), Engr. Ma. Elena Limen-Diez of Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC).

Also present were former NMP ED, Dr. Romulo V. Ber-nardes and Arlene Maglun-sod, wife of ED Maglunsod.

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**THANK YOU, TACLOBAN.** Tingog party-list officials express their gratitude to Tacloban City Mayor Cristina Gonzales-Romualdez (center) for her all-out sup-port to Tingog’s projects and programs in the city during a courtesy call on Febru-ary 1 . Also in the photo are Tingog president Glenn Capucion (left), Tingog sec-ond nominee Jude Acidre (second from left), Lakas-CMD Executive Director-Atty. Butch Corpin (right) and City Information Officer Malou Tabao (2nd from right).

**(Contributed photo)**

## PDEA arrests 5 men in separate buy-bust operations in possession of shabu valued at P31,600

GOVERNMENT CENTER, PALO, Leyte-About four grams of suspected shabu with a street value of P31,608 were confiscated by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in separate raids.

Arrested were Al-den Cargando,39 of Barangay Punta, Bo-rongan City who was caught in possession of 1.5 grams of shabu worth P10,200; Boniver Alisa,36 of District 5, poblacion of Burauen, Leyte who was in pos-session of 2.0 grams of the illicit drug val-ued at P13,600;Rodrigo Katangakang, Jr,36 of Brgy.36,Tacloban City who was caught with shabu weighing 0.29 grams valued at P2,000; Joseph Salvador,32 of Brgy. Mantahan, Maasin City who was in pos-session of 0.29 grams of shabu valued at P3,808; and Sergio Baco,47 of

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Carlos said.

However, they will only be entitled to have more than the required security detail if they will be attending a big and public gathering, the police regional di-rector said.

But this additional security will be pulled out immediately after the event.

In the region, among the governors who sought for security de-tail were Leopoldo Dominico Petilla of Leyte and Sharee Ann Tan of Samar.

Petilla is seeking for a possible third term while Tan is seeking for a congressional seat of Samar’s second congres-sional district.

The members of Con-gress from the region who asked the same se-curity protection were Milagrosa Tan and Ed-gar Mary Sarmiento, of Samar’s 1st and 2nd congressional districts; Lucy Torres Gomez and Jose Carlos Cari, repre-senting Leyte’s fourth and fifth congressional districts, respectively.

Rep. Tan, serving on her last term, is running for governor of Samar while both Sarmiento and Torres Gomez are seeking for reelection.

Torres Gomez hus-band, Ormoc City May-or Richard Gomez, who is seeking for a possible second term, also asked for security escorts.

Rep. Cari is running for mayor of Baybay City. His son, Carl Nico-las, who is seeking to replace him, also sought for his own security guards.

All three congres-sional candidates for the lone district of Eastern Samar have also applied for securi-ty detail, namely, May-ors Maria Fe Abunda of Borongan City; Christopher Sheen Gonzales of Guiuan town; and Vice Mayor Conrado Nicart III of San Policarpo.

A congressional candidate for Leyte’s second district, Karen Lolita Javier, also ap-plied for a security de-tail.

Calbayog City May-or Ronaldo Aquino, who is seeking for ree-lection, also asked for security detail.

Others who sought for security details were candidates for vice governor (1), mayor (10), vice mayor (4), and board member (1).

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## Senator Ping Lacson – taxpayers hero

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all it passion, exasperation, (and) even desperation I'll do whatever it takes to ensure that the Filipino taxpayers hard-earned money will not flow into the deep pockets of the corrupt few” says Senator

Panfilo “Ping”Lacson.

Of course all Filipino taxpayers know that there are so many corrupt government officials and employees in government now to include past administrations.

Senator Ping, however, makes a real difference. He has been a consistent advocate in good governance. He hated corruption even in the early years of his stint of being a senator.

He never availed of pork barrel like what his colleagues did.

In the recent 2019 General Appropriation Act deliberations, he exposed pork barrel insertions initiaed by corrupt legislators. He even noted that some senators did the same. He is alone in the advocacy. He believes that inspite of his exposes of the pork barrel, the national budget which will soon be submitted to Malacañang for the President's approval still contain this ugly unconstitutional move of corrupt legislators. With this he urges the President to exhaust his political will to veto the provisions that contain the pork barrel. He gets the support of Senate President Tito Sotto.



Observer

ALVIN GZ. ARPON

### Lawmakers; Lawbreakers?

People of the Philippines, taxpayers, professionals, religious leaders, and responsible media practitioners could be nurturing distrust toward their representatives in Congress.

Recent unfolding of negative image of the congressmen on their “incorrigibly insatiable”... “beyod redemption”; says

Senator Panfilo “Ping” Lacson, relative to their thick faced insistence of inserting pork barrel funds in the 2019 national budget in spite of their knowledge that the Supreme Court has already came up with a ruling that PDAF or pork barrel is unconstitutional, simply sadly unlawful.

Lawmakers? – Law-

breakers!

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Then we are now watching at what transparency in the present public officials would mean to legislators on the issue of sharing information to the public of their Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Networth (SALN). SALN ones submitted to respective offices in government on public documents can be looked into by interested parties.

SALNs reveal the financial worth of government officials and employees.

Speaker Gloria Arroyo has sponsored a bill a message it seems that their SALN in the House of Representatives is “holy”; that it can not be shown to anyone unless they write a formal request to look into the

SALN of members of Congress; pay P300 and for mediamen he should identify the media outlet he belongs, show ID cards, accreditation, a problem to freelance journalists.

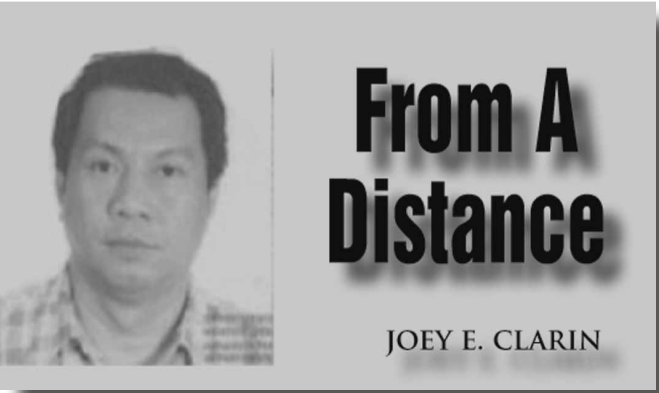
What is happening to Gloria's line of thinking? How does she understand transparency in government officials identity and moves.

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We taxpayers propose that congressmen should conduct regular interactions with her constituents primarily to inform us what is he/she is actually doing in Congress; relate to us her achievements and the most important purpose is to allow us to inquire about burning issues that happen in the legislature.

This is her/his moral duty. Paging Yedda!!





The 2019 National Budget

Senator Panfilo Lacson urged President Rodrigo Duterte to veto the “pork” in the 2019 P3.75 Billion national budget. Lacson said President Duterte who had shown strong political will in a number of controversial issues in the past can remove the pork barrel from the budget using his line-item veto power.

The 2019 national budget is not yet approved as the “pork” were inserted

by lawmakers who are inconspicuously insatiable. Lacson earlier bared the presence of billions of “pork” including P160 million for each House Member.

Under the 1987 Constitution, the President “shall have the power to veto any particular item or items in an appropriation, revenue or tariff bill but the veto shall not affect the item or items to which he does not object.”



Inspire love, not fear

In our task of apostolate, we should see to it that our dealings with others should be such that we inspire love rather than fear in them. We should avoid bullying others in whatever form it comes—physical, verbal, emotional, psychological, etc.—so that they may go to God.

To be sure, God does not want that anyone goes to him more because of fear rather than of love. In fact, even in the dealings among ourselves, we want that we be loved rather than feared by others. We should therefore be careful that in our effort to help others in their relation with God, love should be the driving force, not fear and violence.

We have to practice extreme delicacy and tenderness in our apostolic dealings, which does not mean that there is no forcefulness involved either. Let’s remember that in one of the parables of Christ, there is mention of the

“compelle intrare” (compel them to come in). (cfr Lk 14,17-24)

This is in the parable of a master asking his servants to call the invited guests to his feast. Since the invited guests offered all sorts of excuses not to come, he ordered his servants to go to the highways and hedges, and “compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.” (Lk 14,23)

Just the same, this forcefulness does not mean that we can do away with delicacy, gentleness and compassion in our dealings with others, especially those who are not quite ready yet to receive Christ, or who may even be hostile to our apostolic action.

This is simply because we have to respect the freedom of everyone, even if that freedom is not exercised properly. In that case, we have to go to the process of explaining things slowly and delicately, preceding, during, and concluding it with prayers and sacrifices.

The national budget belongs to the people because it comes from taxpayer’s money. It is bad if the money is not used properly and much worse if the money is abused by those in government in the form of pork. The national budget is the lifeblood of our country and the taxpayers will suffer if we allow pork in the budget.

Lawmakers still have a say in this utilization of even larger amounts of public funds. For the first time in about a decade, the government is operating on a reenacted budget partly because Congressmen, Senators and the DBM are engaged in a brawl over pork-barrel type funds “inserted” into the 2019 national budget.

Congress has the power of the purse and the process of crafting the annual budget gives lawmakers a voice in deciding projects for funding. But this power must be in line with the objectives and priorities set by the executive department.

President Duterte must show his political will in getting things done in our country. Under his term perhaps pork-barrel congressional allocations can be drastically reduced if not eradicated.

We have no right to impose ourselves on others, and to trample on their freedom. Even if we manage to force others to comply with our commands to be with God, if they do it not freely, nothing is actually achieved. In fact, a worse scenario may even be created.

We have to be wary of our tendency to control people’s lives and freedom. That is not the way Christ dealt with everyone. Yes, he proclaimed the truth in different ways, some in a soft way and others in a rather strong way, but in the end he did not force anyone to follow him.

He practically begged to be believed and followed, and this he did all the way to offering his very own life. As Christ put it, “I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” (Jn 12,32)

This is because we are not the owners of anyone’s conscience. God is the only owner. We are at best stewards, tasked to help others in the name of God. And given the complexity of this

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Arts Month to me

In celebration of February as the Arts Month, KBOX once again had sponsored, together with some others, a painting exhibit comprising the works of selected Leyte-based artists at Robinsons Marasbaras from the 14th to the 28th of this month. I happen to be one of them, and just last week, KBOX had interviewed the participating artists regarding the event, and below is my share of that interview:

WHO YOU ARE. I am Doms Pagliawan, born in Catbalogan but has had residences in various places. As of now, I am residing in Tacloban, at Brgy. San Jose.

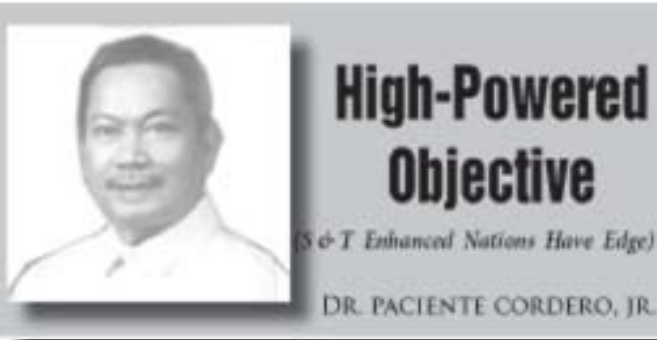
BACKGROUND AS AN ARTIST. My being a visual artist has been so long coz even when I was still in fab-

ric diapers, I was accordingly drawing caricatures already using wooden charcoal.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF AN ARTIST IN SOCIETY: An artist’s role is one of providing beauty from imagination, expressed through art works, thus creating “new worlds” in which viewers can dwell on.

WHAT SUSTAINS YOUR ART? My art is so deep, drawn from my heart, from my life. I think, if I will not continue as an artist, I will also cease to exist, because art is very much part of my life.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DRAW (hugot) WITH YOUR ART? I want to draw the people’s hearts and minds, their attention as well, using my art. I want



Government proposed Kaliwa Dam, Anti-Biodiversity

I have opted to talk about the would-be effect to the Biodiversity of the Sierra Madre of the proposed government project to build the Kaliwa Dam. We, members of the PHILTER (Philippine Long term Ecological Research) National Committee, met last January 18th at UP Diliman to tackle the issue on the state of Biodiversity of the country. We talked about the Sierra Madre – **one of the most biodiverse areas and the largest remaining tract of rainforest in the country.**

The proposed Kaliwa Dam sits on the Sierra Madre mountains, whose forests and coastline are covered by Presidential

Proclamation No. 1636, series of 1977. Sierra Madre is home to 15 rare species of amphibians, 334 bird species, 1,476 fish species, 963 invertebrates species,

to draw their attention and have it directed to things that are important.

HOW DO YOU COMPARE ART WITH YOUR LIFE? My life could be compared to art in the sense that artistic elements themselves dwell in my life. Just like literature, like fiction, there’s the problem, the conflict, the characterization, the theme—complete, my life is complete with artistic elements.

I am then inviting everyone—friends, loved one—to visit and watch the HUGOT Art Exhibit at Robinsons, Marasbaras, Tacloban City coz, for sure, something in you will be drawn. Thank you.

There it is, my interview with KBOX as a visual artist. Last Thursday afternoon, I was also interviewed by Bombo Matt Froilan Manaog Jr. of Bombo Radyo Tacloban to inquire, not just about my visual art, but also about my other artistic inclinations, to include: songwriting in which I am multi-awarded, and creative writing which had likewise earned me prestigious awards in the area of poetry, short story,

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81 mammal species, 50 plant and 60 reptile species. Accordingly, the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) has reported that from within the PP 1636 protected area, a significant number of species of which are considered as globally threatened. The number will increase should anthropogenic interventions take place (e.g. dams).

We, at the PHILITER have expressed deep concern to the fate of the biodiversity of Sierra Madre as documentation (taxonomic/identi-

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**Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in Public Office**

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)





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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 79TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 AT THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN SESSION HALL.

**PRESENT:** Vice Mayor ROGELIO T. LONGCOP - Presiding Officer  
Coun. NORA B. BANDILLA - Senior SB Member  
Coun. JESUSITA C. BERNADAS - SB Member  
Coun. ARIEL E. BORJA - SB Member  
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Coun. MARCIAL G. BARNOBAL - SB Member  
ABC Pres. ELIAS B. DULAY - Ex-Officio Member  
SKMF Pres. JHUN JERALD A. PARTOS- Ex-Officio Member  
**ABSENT:** Coun. EUSEBIO C. ADA - SB Member

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Section 16, Chapter 1, Title One, Book 1 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides, in summary, that every local government unit shall exercise certain powers/authority which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare of its constituents. Mentioned as equally important are the promotion of safety, enhancement of social justice, maintenance of peace and order and preservation of the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, it is an accepted and proven fact that installation and operation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras, as a growing advance surveillance and security technology worldwide, provide business establishments, schools, government offices and homes, among others, the benefits of:

- A. Deterring disorder and violent crimes of potential offenders;
- B. Combating theft, burglary and other property crimes;
- C. Providing a safer environment thereby giving “peace of mind” and “reduced fear of crime” feelings to business owners, employees, workers, students and the public;

D. Increasing the collective efficacy of residents. If residents see CCTV cameras being installed in their neighborhood, this will signal to them a degree of investment in and efforts to improve their local area. They argue that this might lead to greater civic pride and optimism;

E. Helping or aiding law enforcement agencies and courts with their suspect apprehensions, crim investigations and lawsuit prosecutions thru the use of CCTV digital records of incidents as evidences;

**WHEREAS**, verified data obtained from the Mapanas Police Station that there are thefts and robberies reported incidents ranging from property theft, and injuries. The unprecedented and unexpected occurrence of these crimes found its way in this humble of Mapanas endangering the lives and safety of its community, particularly the most vulnerable young children who are away from their homes;

**WHEREAS**, before the advent of modern surveillance equipment, identifies of criminals can, only be unmasked through witnesses. Since criminals are becoming sophisticated, law enforcers and peace-loving people should also fight criminals using sophisticated equipment. One way of fighting crimes is the installation of Close Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras;

**WHEREAS**, since business establishments like banks, pawnshops, money remittances, stores and lending firms are susceptible to robbery and even schools can be targeted as well, there is a need for the owners/operators to install CCTV cameras and other video monitoring devices inside and around the vicinity of their establishments;

**WHEREAS**, on the part of the owners, operators and managers CCTV cameras are also effective tools of management in monitoring the flow of their clients and customers and the movements of their employees inside their establishments.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 020**  
**Series of 2018**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS WHETHER PRIVATE OR PUBLIC OPERATING IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAPANAS, TO INSTALL CLOSE CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERAS, VIDEO MONITORING DEVICES, AND SIMILAR EQUIPMENT WITHIN THEIR PREMISES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

Introduced by Councilor MARCIAL G. BARNOBAL  
& Councilor ARIEL E. BORJA  
Co-Sponsored by the Committee on Peace & Order  
Chaired By Councilor MELCHOR T. CAPOQUIAN

BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT;

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall also be known as the “**CCTV Ordinance of the Municipality of Mapanas.**”

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared that it is the policy of the Municipal Government of Mapanas:

- 1. To preserve and promote peace, security and stability within the territorial bounds of this municipality;
- 2. To ensure the safety, health and well being of all Kalibonhons at all times, inside and out of their own dwelling by providing them a safer environment;
- 3. To provide fast and reliable police assistance to anyone needing help at all times;
- 4. To actively seek and make use of modern technology in providing basic peace and order services to its constituents; and
- 5. To enforce and build capacity of the Mapanas Police and other local enforcement authorities in curtailing, if not totally eradicating crimes against lives and/or properties in the municipality of Mapanas.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

\* **Banks and other Financial Institutions** - include non-bank financial intermediaries, lending investors, finance and investment companies, pawnshops, money shops, insurance companies, stock markets, stock brokers, and dealers in securities and foreign exchange, as defined under applicable laws, or rules and regulations hereunder;

\* **Business/Commercial Establishment** - those engaged in trade or commercial activity;

\* **Educational Institution** - all learning institutions both public/private institutions engaged in schooling, study, training, direction, information, guidance, apprenticeship, teaching, learning, discipline, etc in all school levels that will import knowledge and wisdom to pupils/students;

\* **Feeds/Video Recordings** - refer to the visual information transmitted by the CCTV Cameras;

\* **Industrial Establishment** - those establishments engaged in manufacturing thru merchandized, automated, factory made, machine made products with a view to profit;

\* **Video Surveillance System** - means a digital surveillance system including cameras, cabling, monitors, and digital video recorders (DVRs) that reads in color with cameras and lens of a type, minimum resolution, number and locations approved by the CCTV Camera Council of Mapanas. The system must be capable of producing retrievable and identifiable images and video recordings on an approved media that can be enlarge through projection and other means, and can be made a permanent record for use in a criminal investigation. It shall also include without limitation any closed circuit video cameras (CCTV) and other digital records/cameras.

**SECTION 4. COVERAGE.** Private establishments catering to the general public, and with capitalization of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos as hereto enumerated and public offices serving the general public are hereby mandated to install CCTVs and other video monitoring devices in their establishments as follows, to wit:

1. banks

2. bus terminals
3. entertainment places
4. gasoline stations
5. groceries, especially those operating 24 hours
6. hospitals
7. hotels and inns (*to be installed in the entrances*)
8. Internet Cafes
9. lending firms
10. pawnshops and/or money remittances/money changer
11. restaurants
12. schools
13. seaports, ports and passenger terminals
14. sports centers

**SECTION 5. GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLATION OF CCTV's.** All covered establishments and institution are mandated by this Ordinance to install the required CCTV Systems on their premises/facilities in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. Covered establishments must install its CCTV camera to capture  
1.1 POINT OF CUSTOMER TRANSACTION - “Head and Shoulders” Identification view) for analog camera and “whole body view” for IP/Network camera OR
- 1.2 Activities transpiring at premises and any point of entrance/exit (Monitoring view);
- 1.3 Establishments that have their own carpark may install at least one camera to view and capture the activities thereat;
- 1.4 There shall be sufficient lighting in all locations covered by the camera;
- 1.5 Cameras shall not be installed in private areas such as, but not limited to:
  1. Toilet/CR
  2. Hotel Rooms

**SECTION 6. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT.** The Municipal Government of Mapanas shall compose a Monitoring Team from regular and job order personnel to be properly trained by the local government in the efficient and effective operation of the CCTV System operated by the LGU Mapanas and designate the same Team to monitor and issue policies and procedures for the set up of CCTV cameras and monitors CCTV installations by private/public establishments and make quarterly inspections and reports.

**SECTION 7. FEATURES OF DESIRED CCTV SYSTEM.** The CCTV Cameras installed shall produce a recognizable, retrievable, enlargeable, and reproductive photographic images of persons and that they be of sufficient clarity for identification purposes; remain fixed and not pan in the designated area.

**SECTION 8. COOPERATION AND COORDINATION.** The Local Government of Mapanas, by virtue of its Police Power, can require any establishment to submit a copy of recorded incident(s) in a multimedia storage like a compact disc (CD) that can be used to solve any crim against lives and properties. The identity of the said establishment shall not be divulged to anyone for security reasons;

**SECTION 9. PREPARATORY PERIOD.** Covered Establishments and Institutions under this Ordinance are mandated to comply to set up their CCTV cameras ONE (1) year from its effective date. A CCTV Compliance Certificate shall be issued by the CCTV Camera Council upon compliance for the requirements;

**SECTION 10. PROTECTION OF THE CCTV.** The owners of establishment having CCTV Cameras shall ensure that the cameras are working properly. They shall also protect the recorder in some kind of vandal-proof enclosure.

**SECTION 11. PRESERVATION OF THE RECORDINGS.** Business owners are required to keep, store and preserve the daily video recordings from the CCTVs for a minimum period of at least 30 days for review purposes and reference. Owners shall ensure the accuracy of the time-keeping in conjunction with what has been recorded. After that period, the recordings may be deleted or overwritten, unless its preservation is required by a court order. After the 30 days preservation period, the owner shall not be held liable, upon deletion or overwritten of the records.

**SECTION 12. ACCESS TO THE CCTV.** It shall be unlawful for any person to allow the unauthorized or unofficial public use or public viewing of any saved video-recording from a CCTV. However, owners of business establishments shall give the duly authorized local authorities or police access to the CCTV recordings or video tapes/footages if the occasion warrants, *Provided*, the assigned officer or person in authority must show the written authority issued to him for that matter.

**SECTION 13. PENAL PROVISION.** Business, commercial, industrial and educational establishments and institutions found violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- 1st Offense - a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) and a Notice of violation shall be issued by the CCTV Monitor Team;
- 2nd Offense - a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00) shall be imposed upon failure to correct the notice of violation within 30 days from receipt thereof;
- 3rd Offense shall be penalized with a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) and/or revocation of Business/ Mayor's Permit for business establishments. Upon failure to pay the penalties thereof.

For succeeding offenses the offending establishment/institution may opt to enter into a Compromise Penalty and pay the amount of Php2,500.00 to the Municipal Treasurer for every month of failure to install the required cameras.

Upon payment of fines/penalty imposed establishment shall be given ninety (90) days period to comply with the installation requirement otherwise a penalty of not less than 15 days and not more than 30 days imprisonment at the discretion of the Court shall be meted if found non compliant after the ninety (90) days grace period.

**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any and all previous ordinance/s, administrative orders, rules and regulations or part thereof that are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

**SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any or provisions of this shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts of provision hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect after posting for fifteen (15) days in at least 2 conspicuous places in the Municipality of Mapanas, and after approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

ENACTED: This 17th day of September, 2018, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mapanas, Northern Samar.


CERTIFIED:

  
**RICKY A. BALDOZA**  
SB Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
Vice Mayor **ROGELIO T. LONGCOP**  
Presiding Officer

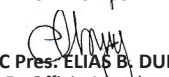
AFFIRMATIVE:

  
Coun. **NORA B. BANDILLA**  
Senior SB Member


  
Coun. **ARIEL E. BORJA**  
SB Member

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Coun. **EUSEBIO C. ADA**  
SB Member

  
Coun. **RENIO E. TEJANO**  
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ABC Pres. **ELIAS B. DULAY**  
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APPROVED:

  
**ATTY. FRANCIS JOHN L. TEJANO**  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: SEP 21 2018  
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 88TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2018 AT THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN SESSION HALL.

**PRESENT:** Vice Mayor ROGELIO T. LONGCOP - Presiding Officer  
Coun. NORA B. BANDILLA - Senior SB Member  
Coun. JESUSITA C. BERNADAS - SB Member  
Coun. ARIEL E. BORJA - SB Member  
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ABC Pres. ELIAS B. DULAY - Ex-Officio Member  
SKMF Pres. JHUN JERALD A. PARTOS- Ex-Officio Member  
**ABSENT:** NONE

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 in relation to Section 13 and Section 16, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution has enjoined the State to include the commitment to creating economic opportunities based on freedom of initiative and self-reliance towards promoting social justice and, thus, called upon the establishment of a special agency for disabled persons for their rehabilitation, self-development and self-reliance, and their integration into the mainstream of society, eventually allowing them to effectively and reasonably participate at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making;

**WHEREAS**, to realize the observance and practice of this constitutional dictum into the bureaucratic processes, Philippine Congress subsequently enacted Republic Act Numbered Seventy-Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven (RA 7277), otherwise known as The Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, Republic Act Numbered Ninety Four Forty Two (RA 9442) and Republic Act Numbered Ten Thousand and Seventy (RA 10070), which caused the provision of rights and privileges to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and, thereby, called for the mandatory establishment of institutional mechanisms to ensure full implementation of programs and services for PWDs in every province, city, and municipality;

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of Republic Act No. 9442 to provide persons with disability, the opportunity to participate fully into the mainstream of society by granting them at least twenty percent (20%) discount in all basic services. It is a declared policy of RA 7277 that persons with disability are part of Philippine society, and thus the State shall give full support to the improvement of their total well being and their integration into the mainstream of society. They have the same rights as other people to take their proper place in society. They should be able to live freely and as independently as possible. This must be the concern of everyone the family, community and all government and non-government organizations. Rights of persons with disability must never be perceived as welfare services. Prohibitions on verbal, non-verbal ridicule and vilification against persons with disability shall always be observed at all times.”

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of RA No. 10070 mandates the creation of a Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) in every province, city and municipality and appointment/designation of a Focal Person in the 4th, 5th and 6th class municipalities who shall perform the functions of the PDAO;

**WHEREAS**, Section 76, Title Three, Book I of Republic Act Numbered Seventy-One Hundred and Sixty (RA 7160), otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 vis-a-vis Article 164 Rule XXII of its implementing Rules and Regulations has empowered LGUs to relatively design and implement its own organizational structure and staffing pattern taking into account its priority needs, service requirements, and financial capabilities consistent with the principles of simplicity, efficiency, economy, effectiveness, dynamism, and public accountability, subject to the minimum standards and guidelines prescribed there for by the Civil Service Commission;

**WHEREAS**, such sovereign authority to design the LGU’s organizational structure and staffing pattern, however, has been exclusively lodged with the Sangguniang Bayan to exercise, along with the authority to determine, inter alia, and subject to the provisions of the aforementioned Code and pertinent laws, the powers and duties of officials and employees of the Local Government Unit, in pursuance of the pertinent provisions of Sub-paragraph (vii), Paragraph (1), Section 447 (a), Book III, Title Three of the aforementioned Code vis-a-vis Sub Paragraph (vii), Paragraph (1), Article 100 (a) of its Implementing Rules and Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, this 15th Sangguniang is acquiescent to the urgency of creating a competent and permanent service institution to augment the subsisting roster of personnel and organization within the municipality’s Local Government Unit, not only for the purpose complying with the mandates of the aforementioned RA 7277, RA 9244 and RA 10070, as amended, but to cause certain efficient and effective policy which is exclusively meant to reinforce, within the context of local governance and circumstances in the municipality, the national government’s campaign to uplift the integrity of PWDs and make them become active and equal partners of mainstream society towards full development.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 022**  
**Series of 2018**

**AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE, INTEGRITY, AND CAPABILITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AS EQUAL PARTNERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR TOWARDS PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT. FORTHWITH ESTABLISHING THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO) AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SUBSISTING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS, AND SERVICES THEREOF, SETTING FORTH THE FRAMEWORK AND GUIDELINES NECESSARY FOR ITS EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Councilor NORA BANDILLA  
& Councilor ARIEL E. BORJA  
Co-Sponsored by all the Sangguniang Bayan Members

BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT;

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** - This Ordinance shall be known for short as “**The Mapanas Persons with Disabilities Empowerment and Integration Ordinance of 2018.**”

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** - This Ordinance and all terms or processes that may be caused by the Municipal’s Local Government Unit or carried out by its local agencies as a result hereof shall be guided by the following policy frameworks:

1. The municipality commits itself to making all PWDs become an active and equal partners of its Local Government Unit towards promoting good governance and, thereupon, shall seek to provide all possible opportunities founded within the framework and authority of the LGU in making this sector become representative as an integral structure of the local bureaucracy, thus, enabling it to strive and, henceforth, contribute as productive partners of mainstream society towards full development: Subject, however, to the pertinent provisions hereof, the provisions of RA 7277, as amended by Republic Act No. 9442 and the provisions of Republic Act No. 10070, as amended, the



pertinent provisions of Civil Service laws and rules, and the provisions of such other related laws and rules;

2. Consistent with the foregoing declaration, it shall, therefore, become the primary concern of the Municipality’s Local Government Unit to facilitate the removal of all barriers that are detrimental to making PWDs attain or exert their full potentials as active and equal partners thereof and, along the process of realizing this end, cause to involve the barangays within the municipality in pursuing information and dissemination campaigns or education advocacies meant therefore;

3. The Local Government Unit shall also work to enjoin the private sector, more particularly, those enterprises doing business within its territorial boundaries, to unconditionally welcome the integration of PWDs into the private sector workforce and, therefore, exert all effort to let their full potentials become especially useful to private sector development; and

4. The Local Government Unit further commits to at all times promote and protect the rights and privileges of PWDs against all forms of abuse or discrimination and, in pursuit thereof, shall position itself to be at the forefront of all campaign programs, projects, or activities therefore intended.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF PWDs.** As used in this ordinance are hereby defined:

*a. Auxiliary Social Services* - are the supportive activities in the delivery of social services to the marginalized sectors of society;

*b. Disability* - shall mean (1) a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more psychological, physiological or anatomical function of an individual or activities of such individual; (2) a record of such an impairment; or (3) being regarded as having such an impairment;

*c. Focal Person* - refers to an official/staff of in the fourth (4th), fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) class municipalities designated or appointed by the municipal mayor to perform the functions of PDAO;

*d. Handicap* - refers to a disadvantage for the given individual resulting from impairment or a disability that limit or prevent the function or activity that is considered normal given the age and sex of the individual;

*e. Impairment* - is any loss diminution or aberration of any psychological, physiological or anatomical structure or function of a PWD;

*f. Marginalized Disabled Persons* - refer to disabled persons who lack access to rehabilitative services and opportunities to be able to participate fully in socio-economic activities and who have no means of livelihood or whose incomes fall below the poverty threshold.

*g. Persons with Disabilities* - are those suffering from restriction of different abilities from the result of mental, physical or sensory impairment to perform an ability in the manner or written the range consider normal for the human being;

*h. Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office* - refers to an office created pursuant to Republic Act No. 10070 to ensure the implementation of programs and services for persons with disabilities in every province, city and municipality;

*i. Public Ridicule* - shall be defined as an act of making fun or contemptuous imitating or making mockery of a person with disability whether in writing, or in words, or in action to their impairment/s;

*j. Social Barriers* - refers to the characteristics of the institutions whether ethnic, educational, legal, economic, professional, cultural, recreational, or other any human group, community or society which limit the fullest possible participation of disabled persons in life of the group. Barriers include the negative attitudes which tend to single out and exclude disabled persons and which district roles and interpersonal relationship;

*k. Rehabilitation* - is an integral approach to physical, cultural, social, spiritual, educational, and vocational measures that create conditions for an individual to attain the highest possible level of functional ability; and

*l. Vilification* - the utterance of slanderous and abusive statements against a person with disability.

**SECTION 4. RIGHTS OF THE PERSON WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs).**

**4.1 Employment.** PWD shall not be deprived of access to opportunities for suitable employment. A qualified PWD employee shall be subject to the terms and condition of employment and the same compensation, privileges, benefits, fringe benefits, incentives and allowance as a qualified bodied person.

Five percent (5%) of all casual, emergency and contractual positions in the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), health education, cultural and sports, and other government agencies officers or corporations engaged in social development shall be reserved for person with disability.

**4.2. Education.** The PWD shall provide an adequate access to quality education and ample opportunities to develop their skills. NO PWD shall be denied in the admission to any Course it offers by reason of his/her handicap or disability.

**4.3. Health.** Access to quality and affordable health care services and geriatrics care shall be opened to PWDs and no deposits shall be required by any hospital, RHU or Infirmary involving emergency cases.

**4.4. Auxiliary Social Services.** The Municipality shall recognize that marginalized persons are provided with the necessary auxiliary services that will resolved their social function and participation in the community affairs.

**4.5 Right to Assembly.** The Municipal Government in consistent with the Philippine Constitution which recognizes the right of PWD’s to participate in processions, rallies, parades, demonstrations, public meetings and assemblies or other forms of mass or concerted action held in public.

**4.6. Mobility.** Every building and facility constructed in the municipality, shall ensure the attainment of a barriers for free environment that will enable PWD’s to have access in public and private buildings, establishment and other places mentioned.

**4.7. Right to Organize.** The Municipal Government recognizes the rights of PWD’s to form organization or association that promotes their welfare and advance their organization or association that shall be encouraged to participate in planning, identification, implementation and assessment of the municipal government programs on PWD’s.

**SECTION 5. ASSISTANCE TO PERSON WITH DISABILITY.**

**5.1 Educational.** To pursue primary, secondary, tertiary, post tertiary as well as vocational or technical education in private educational institutions through the provisions of scholarship grants, financial aids, subsidies and other incentives to qualified PWD’s including support for books, learning materials and uniform allowances provided, they meet the minimum admission requirements.

**5.2. Health Care.** The benefits and privileges of the PWD Card to be provided by the Office of the Municipal Mayor shall be extended to all PWD’s.

**5.3. Health Service.** The RHU shall provide an integral health services for PWD’s which shall include but not limited to prevention of disability through immunization, nutrition, sanitation and genetic and timely intervention to arrest disabling conditions.

**SECTION 6. AUXILIARY SOCIAL SERVICES.** The DSWD shall ensure that marginalized PWD’s are provided with the necessary services that will restore their social functioning and participation in the community development, the components of which are as follows, to wit:

1. Assistance in the acquisition of prosthetic and medical intervention of specialty services;

2. Provision of auxiliary aids and services;

3. Provision on specialize training activities designed to improve functional limitations of PWD’s related to communication skills;

4. Develop among PWD’s the appositive self-image through the provision of counseling, orientation and mobility and strengthening daily living capacity;

5. Provision on family care services geared towards developing the capability of families to respond to the needs of PWD’s.

6. Provision on substitute family care and services and the facilities therefore for the abandoned, neglected and unattached PWD’s who needs custodial care.

7. Provisions on after care and follow-up services for the continued rehabilitation in a community based setting of rehabilitation center;

8. Provision of Day Care Services for disabled children of pre-school age.

**SECTION 7. PRIVILEGES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITY.** Persons with disability shall be entitled to the following privileges:

a. At least twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishment relative to the utilization of all services in hotels and similar lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers for the exclusive use or enjoyment of person with disability.

b. A minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses, concert halls, circuses, carnivals and other similar places of culture, leisure and amusement for the exclusive use of enjoyment of person with disability.

c. At least twenty percent (20%) discount for the purchase of medicines in all drugstores, for the exclusive use of employment of persons with disability.

d. At least twenty percent (20%) discount on medical and dental services including diagnostic and laboratory fees such as, but not limited to x-rays, computerized tomography scans and blood tests, in all government facilities, subject to guidelines to be issued by the Department of Health (DOH), in coordination with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHILHEALTH).

e. At least twenty percent (20%) discount on medical and dental services including diagnostic and laboratory fees and professional fees of attending doctors in all private hospitals and medical facilities, in accordance with the rules and regulation to be issued by the DOH, on coordination with the PHILHEALTH.

f. At least twenty percent (20%) discount on fare for domestic and sea travel for the exclusive use and enjoyment of person with disability.

g. At least twenty percent (20%) discount in public railways, skyways and bus fare for the exclusive use or enjoyment of person with disability.

h. Educational assistance to person with disability for them to pursue primary, secondary, tertiary, as well as vocational or technical education in both public and private schools, through the provision of scholarship, grants, financial aids, subsidies and other incentives to qualified PWD, including support for books, learning materials, and uniform allowance to the extent feasible. Provided that person with disability shall meet minimum admission requirements.

i. To the extent practicable and feasible, the continuance of the same benefits and privileges given by the government Services Insurance System (GSIS), Social Security System (SSS), and PAG-IBIG, as the case may be as are enjoyed by those in actual service.

j. To the extent possible, the government may grant special discounts in special programs for PWD on purchase of basic commodities, subject to the guidelines to be issued for the purpose by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Department of Agriculture (DA);

k. Provision of express lanes for the PWDs in all commercial and government establishments, in the absence thereof, priority shall be given to them;

l. The above mentioned privileges are available only to person with disability who is a Filipino citizen upon submission of any of the following as proof of his/her entitled thereto:

i. An identification Card issued by the Municipal Mayor or the Punong Barangay of the place where the PWD resides;

ii. The passport of the person with disability concerned; or

iii. Transportation discount fare Identification Card (ID) issued by the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Person (NCWDP)

m. Individuals or non governmental institutions establishing homes, residential communities or retirement villages solely to suit the needs and requirements of person with disability shall be accorded the following:

i. Realty tax holiday for the first years of operation; and

ii. Priority in the building and/or maintenance of provincial or municipal roads leading to the aforesaid home, residential community or retirement village. The local government unit shall issue the implementing guidelines for the availment of this incentives;

n. The establishment may claim the discounts granted in sub-sections (a), (b), (e), (f) and (g) as tax deductions based on the net cost of the goods sold or services rendered.

Provided, further, that the total amount of the claimed tax deduction is the net of value - added tax if applicable, shall be included in their gross sales receipt for tax purposes and shall be subject to proper documentation and to the provisions of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended.”

The requirements for the enjoyment of privileges, benefits and assistance are the following, to wit:

1. Filipino Citizen;

2. A Bonafide Resident for at least one (1) year;

3. Registered as PWD with the DSWD.

**SECTION 8. DELIVERANCE FROM PUBLIC RIDICULE.** For purposes of this Section, Public Ridicule shall be defined as an act of making fun or contemptuous imitating or making mockery of a person with disability whether in writing, or in words, or in action to their impairment/s.

No individual, group or community shall execute any of these acts of ridicule against a person with disability in any time and place which could intimidate or result in loss of self-esteem of the latter.

**SECTION 9. DELIVERANCE FROM VILIFICATION.** For purpose of this Section Vilification shall be defined as:

a. The utterance of slanderous and abusive statements against a person with disability; and/or

b. An activity in public which incites hatred towards, serious contempt for/ or severe ridicule of a PWD.

*Any individual, group or community is hereby prohibited from vilifying any PWD which could result into loss of self-esteem of the latter.*

**SECTION 10. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AFFAIRS OFFICE (PDAO).** The Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office shall be established in the Municipality of Mapanas, Northern Samar. Considering, that the Municipality of Mapanas is a fifth (5th) class municipality, the municipal mayor shall designate or appoint a Focal Person to perform the functions of PDAO.

The Municipal Mayor shall exercise supervision and control over PDAO. He is hereby empowered to design the PDAO organizationa/functional structure subject to the approval by the Sangguniang Bayan through enactment of an appropriate ordinance and he may appoint/designate such number of PDAO personnel as are necessary to carry out the functions of economy and expediency, interim appointments/designations may be resorted to, and may be drawn from any department or office now existing within Municipal Local Government Unit.

**SECTION 11. APPOINTMENT/DESIGNATION OF THE FOCAL PERSON.** Priority shall be given to qualified person with disabilities in the appointment/designation of Focal Person.

Enforcement of Section 325(a) of RA 7160 shall be waived to enable the local government unit to fund the initial year requirements for newly created mandatory position, as confirmed by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) based on the general provision of the annual GAA on the enforcement of the Personnel Services limitations, for the initial year of creation of mandatory office as provided for in RA 10070.

Should there be available personal services funds for the created positions in the succeeding year/s, the Disability Affairs Officer II - SG 15 shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor and whose appointment shall be in accordance with the civil service laws and rules, procedures and necessary processes provided for under the pertinent provisions of the IRR implementing RA 10070 in relation to Memorandum Circular 2017-119 issued for by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and that the appointee shall have met the following qualifications:

**Disability Affairs Officer II - SG-15**

<b>Education</b>	: Bachelor’s Degree
<b>Experience</b>	: 1 year of relevant experience on disability affairs
<b>Training</b>	: 4 hours of relevant training on disability affairs
<b>Eligibility</b>	: Career Service Professional/Second Level Eligibility

Aside from the minimu basic qualifications set forth under Sections 14 and 15, Rule VI of the IRR implementing RA 10070 in relation to the pertinent provisions of Civil Service laws and rules, no person shall be appointed as FOCAL PERSON, unless:

1. such person is a natural born citizen of the Republic of the Philippines;

2. graduate of a relevant Bachelor’s Degree from a reputable educational institution, preferably in Education or its comparative equivalent;

3. a registered voter of the Municipality of Mapanas, Northern Samar; and

4. thenceforth, has continuously dwelled within the municipality in last three (3) years.

**SECTION 12. SCOPE OF WORK OF THE PDAO.** Taking into consideration the general provisions of Section 9 of the IRR implementing RA 10070 vis-a-vis Section 2 hereof, the PDAO shall, therefore, cover and execute the following duties and responsibilities, to wit:

1. Formulate, develop, and implement LGU approved or sanctioned programs, projects, or activities (PPAs) for PWDs;

2. From time to time efficiently and effectively monitor the implementation of all PWD related laws, rules, local ordinances including PPAs intended there for all throughout the municipality and, thus, coordinate with the Office of the Municipal Building Official and all other government agencies concerned for the conduct of regular inspection or monitoring of establishments around the municipality;

3. Represent, communicate or speak on behalf of the municipality’s PWDs at meetings, conferences, forums, trainings, seminars or workshops called for by the National Government or any of its agencies; at any of this LGU’s local or special bodies, councils or committees or agencies; at non-government organizations (NGOs); at peoples organizations (POs); at educational institutions or other groups or establishments;

4. Establish, maintain, and update a databank of vital information and statistics on PWDs who are residents of the municipality to include therein their blood type, family orientation, educational background, current occupation, workplaces, and such other relevant data, and to regularly submit summary reports thereof to the Sangguniang Bayan;

5. Regularly conduct job fairs, workshops, conferences, trainings, sports fests or any other relevant activities that seek to showcase, promote or protect the rights and privileges of showcase, promote or protect the rights and privileges of PWDs or otherwise enable them to take parts as active and equal partners of this LGU towards good governance and development;

6. Coordinate and facilitate, insofar as practicable, the integration of qualified PWDs into the relevant workforce of various private and public business enterprises located within the municipality in close partnership with the office of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) or the Civil Service Commission;

7. Establish and maintain a sustainably strong network or reinforce on-going partnerships forged by the municipality’s LGU with the barangays, private foreign or local funding organizations or agencies or the National Government which are aimed at further promoting or protecting the well-being of PWDs;

8. Regularly coordinate with SPED schools where children with autism are enrolled at or similar institutions of higher education wherein PWDs are studying, which are located within the municipality, for the purpose of integrating or aligning their relevant programs into PDAO programs, projects, and activities (PPAs);

9. Establish and maintain a 24/7 hotline and public service assistance and communications desk for PWDs that will eventually cause to promote a service infrastructure that shall keep a 24/7 online link with every barangay in the municipality; and

10. From time to time conduct or arrange such other relevant, appropriate or necessary activities pursuant to Section 9 of the IRR implementing RA 10070 or those which may be deemed helpful to promoting or protecting the welfare of PWDs.

**SECTION 13. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOCAL PERSON.** Taking into consideration the provisions of Section 13 hereof in relation to the general provisions of Section 8 of the IRRs implementing RA 10070, the duties and responsibilities of the Focal Person are hereby set forth as follows:

1. Carry out the provisions of Section 13 hereof and ascertain that such are being transformed into meaningful work outputs from time to time and, thus;

i. Make sure that plans, programs, projects, reports or such other relevant official processes or activities are duly aligned therewith; and

ii. Ensure that aligned PPAs undergo prior consultation with stakeholders before these are to be submitted for approval by the Office of the Municipal Mayor or the Sangguniang Bayan.

2. Supervise the operations of the PDAO to include staff performance and, thus;

i. Define, distribute, and oversee the performance of corresponding duties and responsibilities assigned to subordinate staff;

ii. Ensure efficient and effective observance of Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) and such other reasonable or applicable performance management rules or regulations seeking to promote efficient and effective office processes or practices; and

iii. Ensure the efficient and effective utilization of official resources.

3. From time to time personally confer with or report directly to the Municipal Mayor any matter that may affect efficient or effective performance or delivery of services for immediate remarks or resolution; and

4. From time to time perform such other relevant, appropriate, or necessary tasks pursuant to Section 8 of the IRR implementing RA 10070 or those which may be deemed helpful to promoting or protecting the welfare of PWDs.

**SECTION 14. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTATION OF ALL PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES RELEVANT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PDAO UNDER FOCAL PERSON.** - The Office of the Human Resource Management and Development (HRMDO) shall be chiefly responsible for the efficient and effective documentation of all human resource related processes and procedures relevant to the subsequent constitution of the PDAO or its personnel and, thereupon, shall:

a. Integrate the pertinent provisions of this Ordinance into the position description records, personnel schedules or any other significant or incidental human resource records, profiles or processes pertaining to the organization and structure of the Office of the Municipal Mayor of the Local Government Unit of Mapanas, and, as well, into all corresponding schedules, forms or records to be submitted to the Civil Service Commission forthwith pursuant to Section 1 and 2 of Rule VII (Omnibus Rules of Appointment and Other Personnel Actions) of the Omnibus Rules Implementing Book V of Executive Order 292, otherwise known as the Civil Service Laws and Rules;

b. Coordinate with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and other concerned agencies of the government insofar as the conduct of procedures or processes prerequisite to the nomination of PDAO Chief or Focal Person as provided for under Section 11, Section 12, and Section 13 of the IRR implementing RA 10070 vis-a-vis pertinent provisions of DILG Memo Circular No. 2017-119 are concerned;

c. Immediately furnish the Regional and Field offices of the Civil Service Commission and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) a certification of the conduct of such prerequisite nomination activity including results thereof; and

d. Thereafter cause all other bureaucratic procedures related to personnel matters to proceed in accordance with the pertinent provisions hereof including all other subsequent routine documentation or official processes by which the said municipal HRMDO has been duly charged with by law to conduct from time to time.

**SECTION 15. PENAL PROVISIONS.** Any person who violates any provisions of Republic Act No. 7277 as amended by RA 9442, otherwise known as the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons” granting Additional Privileges and Incentives and Prohibition on Verbal, Non-Verbal Ridicule and Vilification against Person with Disability and Republic Act No. 10070 as amended, shall suffer the following penalties:

1. First Offense	- P1,000.00
2. 2nd Offense	- P2,000.00
3. Third and succeeding offense	- P2,500.00 or 6 months imprisonment, or both at the discretion of the Court.

**SECTION 16. FUNDING** - (a.) Immediately after this Ordinance shall have become effective, the Office of the Municipal Budget Officer (MBO), taking into account the pertinent provisions of Section 7 of the IRR implementing RA 10070, shall include and earmark in the immediately following supplemental



or annual budget of the Local Government Unit of Mapanas a budget allocation necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of this Ordinance, to also include therein appropriate funds to augment for the conduct of certain nomination and other related activities prerequisite to the appointment of the Focal Person.

(b.) Pursuant to applicable budget operations rules and regulations issued for by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), the municipality's Local Government Unit shall, thereupon, also establish and maintain a Special PWD Trust Fund to be utilized solely for the purposes of PPAs that seek to support more advanced intervention, rehabilitation or scholarship programs, projects or activities for the benefit of qualified PWDs, the annual appropriations for which shall constitute One-Half Percent (0.5%) of the total annual proceeds collected from Real Property Taxes, such fund to be specifically spent for the following concerns, to wit:

i. As reserve funds to be utilized for further enhancement of or support to the endeavors of children with autism who have been found or certified by educational or therapeutic institutions in the city or that of the National Government to have developed savant or exceptional skills, knowledge, discoveries or inventions in the fields of science or mathematics or the arts; Provided, that such exceptional endeavour to be funded hereinafter shall be duly supported by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be entered into between the city's Local Government Unit and the institution or organization concerned;

ii. As reserve funds to augment, in cases of exigency, such subsisting appropriations for any matter relevant to PPAs which in any way are related to the provisions of Section 12 hereof, implementation of which have been suspended due to shortage of funds and that non-implementation thereof could likely cause to prejudice, to a great extent, the PWDs in the municipality: Such augmentation procedure, however, to be made subject to prior approval by the Local Chief Executive, subject further to applicable government budget operations procedures, and subject furthermore to proper government accounting and auditing rules and regulations; and

iii. As reserve funds from which the corresponding equity of the municipality's Local Government Unit shall be made chargeable in cases where the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or any Special Contract stipulating the terms and conditions of implementing partnership grants, projects, programs or activities for the promotion or protection of the interests of PWDs with foreign institutions, the National Government, NGOs or POs would require.

(c) All fines and other surcharges to be collected for by the municipality's Local Government Unit or any of its local agencies from any act or omission committed by person(s) or establishment(s) in violation of subsisting PWD laws, rules, and regulations or local ordinances, shall, thereupon, be made to also accrue to such Special PWD Trust Fund hereinafter established.

**SECTION 7. SUPPLETORY CLAUSE.** The provisions of RA 7277, as amended, RA 9442 and RA 10070, as amended, insofar as applicable, shall be considered suppletory to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 18. AMENDATORY CLAUSE.** The provisions of previous local enactments, resolutions, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

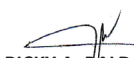
**SECTION 19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** In the event that a provision or some provisions of this Ordinance are found or decreed to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected by such pronouncement or decree shall remain to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 20. PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.** In fulfillment of the publication requirements generally set forth by the Civil Code of the Philippines insofar as newly enacted laws are concerned, this Ordinance shall, immediately upon its approval, be published completely in any local newspaper of general circulation within the Municipality of Mapanas.

**SECTION 21. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Local Chief Executive.

**ENACTED: *This 14th day of December, 2018, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mapanas, Northern Samar.***


CERTIFIED:

  
**RICKY A. BALDOZA**  
SB Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
**Vice Mayor ROGELIO T. LONGCOP**  
Presiding Officer

AFFIRMATIVE:

  
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APPROVED:

  
**ATTY. FRANCIS JOHN L. TEJANO**  
Municipal Mayor

Date: DEC 17 2018

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 68th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR HELD ON JUNE 04, 2018 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Vice Mayor ROGELIO T. LONGCOP	- Presiding Officer
	Coun. NORA B. BANDILLA	- Senior SB Member
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	ABC Pres. ELIAS B. DULAY	- Ex-Officio Member
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Coun. EUSEBIO C. ADA	- SB Member

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that the State shall protect and advance the right

of people to a balance and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

**WHEREAS**, Section 3(i) of RA 7160 otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991” provides that the Local Government Units shall share with the National Government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdiction;

**WHEREAS**, Section 447(vi) of the same Code also empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment including such activities which results in pollution of rivers, lakes and seas which causes ecological balance;

**WHEREAS**, plastic cellophane and sando bags and expandable polystyrene (EPS) Foams are widely used for packaging of foods and beverages, however, the use of plastics and polystyrene in food storage can carry health risks, especially when hormone disrupting chemicals from some of these packaging materials leach into food and beverages;

**WHEREAS**, plastic and polystyrene manufacturing and incineration creates air and water pollution and exposes workers to toxic chemicals;

**WHEREAS**, plastic cellophane, sando bags and polystyrene are rampantly used as packaging materials in the Municipality of Mapanas and elsewhere;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Mapanas, in its desire to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of plastic cellophane, sando bags and Styrofoam as packaging materials to prevent potential serious ecological imbalance, encourages the utilization of alternative packaging materials such as woven bags (bayong), native baskets, cloth bags (katsa or similar), reusable plastic or tin containers, paper bags and other similar materials such as banana leaves, etc;

**WHEREAS**, the present Administration of Mayor Francis John L. Tejano is committed to the protection, preservation and conservation of the ecosystem and ensure the protection of public health and environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 008**

**Series of 2018**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING, REGULATING AND PRESCRIBING CERTAIN USES OF PLASTICS FOR GOODS AND COMMODITIES THAT END UP AS RESIDUAL WASTES AND PROMOTING THE USE OF ECO BAGS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY PRACTICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Introduced by: Councilors ARIEL E. BORJA & NORA B. BANDILLA**

***Sponsored by the Committee on Health & Public Sanitation***

BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT;

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the **“Plastic and Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Regulation Ordinance of the Municipality of Mapanas”**.

**SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES.** This Ordinance is enacted for the following objectives and purposes:

A. To effectively regulate the use and disposal of plastic bags, cellophane, plastic bottles, styrofoam and styrophor and other plastic receptacles in commercial establishments, stalls and wet markets, offices and in households within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Mapanas, to prevent or maximize the following:

a. Dumping and/or littering of plastic wastes into the rivers, creeks, streams, beaches, other waterways and seas that pollute and contaminate the water, soil, marine life and also the very air we breathe;

b. death of land and marine animals that accidentally ingest plastics or become entangled in plastic bags;

c. burning or plastic that results toxic fumes and releases a host of poisonous chemicals into the air, including dioxin, the most toxic substance known to science.

B. To reduce the proliferation of plastic bags and other receptacles made of plastic littering the environment.

C. To promote the use of alternative and eco-friendly packaging.

D. To supplement all existing reasonable and practicable measures undertaken for the protection of the environment.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinances, the following terms are defined:

a. **Alternative packaging materials** - refers to recyclable, reusable and/or biodegradable packaging materials that are used in containing , carrying, holding and/or transporting goods or products, as an alternative to plastic bag;

b. **Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) Program** - refers to the program adopted by supermarkets, convenient stores, department stores and other business establishments, whereby customers are enjoined to bring a reusable bag, paper bag, cloth bag or any other alternative packaging material for purposes of containing, carrying, holding and transporting goods or products bought;

c. **Cloth bag (a.k.a. Katsa)** - refers to reusable packaging material made of cloth (biodegradable) used in packaging of flour, wheat and other similar goods.

d. **Container** - shall refer to the material which contains and is in direct contact with the product especially in the cases of liquid products, wet goods, food and beverages, e.g. bottles, trays, plastic jars or Tupperware or paper wraps, laminated cartons etc.; dry and solid goods do not usually require containers;

e. Dry goods - refer to any product that do not require refrigeration freezing to maintain freshness such as textiles and clothing;

f. **Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) or Styrofoam** - is thermoplastic petrochemical material which utilizes a styrene monomer and is processed by fusion of polymer spheres. It is a type of polystyrene product commonly used as containers for food and beverages, disposable cup, plate, etc;

g. **Packaging** - shall refer to the packaging, packing and wrapping of products for purpose of carrying the same in a convenient manner;

h. **Plastic bag** - also known as sando bag, pouch, plastic shopping bag and plastic film bag. It is a type of flexible packaging material which is made from polyethylene, plastic film that, is used for containing and transporting good and other products (commercial or industrial). It also refers to thin-gauge packaging medium that is used as bags or wraps.

i. **Plastic cellophane** - is transparent, thin film plastic sheet made of regenerated cellulose having low permeability to air, oil, greases, bacteria and water makes it useful for food packaging;

j. **Plastic waste** - refers to any plastic packaging material thrown as waste.

k. **Primary packaging materials** - refer to those types of packaging for containing wet produce, snack foods, frozen foods, hardware, etc.

l. **Secondary packaging materials** - refer to those types of packaging materials for wet goods to provide support to any primary packaging and intended for convenience of the handler, as well.

m. **Recyclable material** - a material that can be sorted, cleaned and reconstituted for the purpose of using the altered form in the manufacture of a new product. Recycling does not include burning, incinerating or converting, otherwise, they are really destroying solid waste.

n. **Residual Wastes** - shall refer to waste materials that are collected, transferred and transported for final disposal as garbage.

o. **Eco Bags or Reusable Bag** - a carry-out bag that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse bags in either (1) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric and/or (2) made of durable plastic and/or (3) made of indigenous material like buri, rattan, water lily, etc.

p. **Woven bags (a.k.a. Bayong)** - refer to biodegradable packaging materials made of wooden pandan, buri leaves, water lily and other similar materials.

q. **Wet foods** - refer to any product that requires refrigeration or freezing to maintain freshness. These include the wet section in public markets, supermarkets, mini marts, restaurants and canderia/eateries.

**SECTION 4. PROHIBITED USES OF PLASTIC BAGS, CELLOPHANE AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOR GOODS AND COMMODITIES.**

Listed below are the prohibited uses of plastic bags:

1. To utilize as packaging material nor as container for dry and wet goods;

2. To use as non-reusable plastic wares for food as containers and packaging material such as Styrofoam for food and drinks including plastic utensils such as spoon, fork and knife for dine-in and especially for take-out customers;

3. Use of plastic pouch (commonly used for ice making) and drinking straw for beverages such as softdrinks, juices and other cold drinks like “palamig” and “gulaman”;

4. Use of plastic bag as garbage bag; and Re-use of plastics as flaglets and “bandaritas” during fiestas”.

**SECTION 5. PROHIBITION ON THE USE/SELL OF PLASTIC BAGS, CELLOPHANE AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM) IN ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.** Listed below are the prohibited sell/uses of plastic in any business establishments in this municipality:

a. No business establishment shall utilize plastic bags as packaging materials on dry goods;

b. No business establishment dealing on wet goods shall use plastic bags as primary packaging materials;

c. No business establishment shall use Styrofoam/styrophor and other similar container for food, produce and other products; and

d. No business establishment shall offer or sell plastic to be used as secondary packaging material or as primary packaging material on dry goods.

e. Selling and providing plastic bags to consumers as secondary packaging material on wet and dry goods;

f. Selling and providing Styrofoam/styrophor as container; and

g. Disposing plastic waste on streets, canals, body of waters and public places.

**SECTION 6. REGULATED USES OF PLASTIC BAGS, CELLOPHANE AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM) FOR GOODS AND COMMODITIES.** The use of plastics on the following are hereby regulated:

a) Wet goods that are already pre-contained in plastic wraps, pouches, bag and the like as part of the product's packaging materials such as frozen products, shall not be contained further in plastic bags;

b) Other wet goods that are not pre-contained in plastic pouches, wraps or bags are preferably to be contained in customer supplied “reusable” pre-cleaned and sanitized hard plastic containers;

c) Plastic products for as long as they will end up as recyclable waste may be allowed such as plastic cups (commonly regarded as HI or High Impact), ice cream cups, egg trays, spoon & fork;

d) Oil plastic bottles shall be re-used at all times since they don't usually end up as recyclable waste; other plastic bottles that are not accepted at “buy back centers” like barangay MRFs, municipal MRF or junkshops shall be re-used and should not end up as residual waste; and

e) Sacks and other similar bags shall be re-used as garbage bags; garbage collectors shall return the sacks for further re-use as garbage bags.

f) Stores and other retail establishments are mandated to use any alternative legally compliant packaging material for customers, such as but not limited to the materials mentioned in Section 3 hereof, in lieu of single-use plastic cellophanes and sando bags.

**SECTION 7. EXEMPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE/SELL OF PLASTICS.** Only products like ice, ice candy, ice water, sugar, salt, coffee, powdered milk, cooking oil, soy sauce, vinegar, ketchup, butter and such other perishable products may be packed with plastic bag/wrapper, cellophane or bottle for the preservation thereof.

**SECTION 8. USE OF ECO BAGS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY PRACTICES AS AN ALTERNATIVE.** All sectors are strictly enjoined to use eco bags and observe the following environment friendly practices:

1. Posting of Information and Education Campaign (IEC) materials shall be mandatory on all commercial establishments such as sari-sari stores, convenient stores, grocery stores, market stalls, food establishments like eateries, fast-food chains, restaurants, bar and grills, general merchandisers like school supplies, hardware stores or any trading business establishment that will require containers and packaging materials for the product they trade.

2. Proprietors, managers and operations officer of business establishments shall brief or train their respective personnel that will be in the frontline to implement this Ordinance.

3. All business establishments are encouraged to adopt the “Bring Your Own Bag” Program. (all sectors are enjoined to use eco bags in all aspects of its business transactions whenever applicable and the general public shall bring appropriate containers whenever they are going to the market).

4. Business establishments are encouraged to give discounts and freebies to users of Eco Bags;

5. Business establishments and non-governmental organizations are enjoined to promote the use of Eco Bags by developing their own IEC materials such as posters, pins, tarpaulins, streamers etc.

6. Recovery of tetra packs or dry packs or juice drinks shall be made during occasions and wake.

7. Tarpaulins and streamers shall be recovered after their intended use; the Municipal Engineering Office shall recover tarpaulins and streamers posted within the municipality after expiration of their permits; the Municipal Recovery Facilities shall recover all the tarpaulins and streamers used by the Municipality.

8. Barangay Officials shall take the lead in their respective barangays to ensure recovery of recyclable materials that may be used for making Eco Bags.

9. Recyclable materials that may be used for making Eco Bags shall be brought to the MRF.

10. Use of Eco Bags shall be mandatory for the Municipality of Mapanas; use of Eco Bag made from NFA rice sacks shall be made a requirement for the availment of NFA rice at NFA “Tindahan Natin” and any Eco Bag for the availment of any commodity; similar mechanics shall apply to other programs that may require use of Eco Bags.

11. Recycled and recyclable bags are recommended as second best thing to Eco Bags.

12. Business establishments shall provide their own re-usable container for wet goods and/or require its customers to bring their own re-usable container for the same.

13. Business establishments shall use cardboard boxes to pack groceries and other dry goods.

14. All secondary schools are required to include this in their Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) subjects by teaching their students to make bags out of recyclable materials or environment friendly materials.

**SECTION 9. LGU ASSISTANCE.** The Local Government Unit of Mapanas to ensure the enforcement of this Ordinance shall endeavor to extend assistance and subsidies, to wit:

1. On the implementation of this Ordinance, the municipality shall provide woven bags (bayong) or eco bags made from recyclable materials such as tetra packs, plastic and others to its constituents upon the availability of funds.

2. The LGU may opt to establish center for the local production of woven bags and Eco Bags to meet the supply and demand of end users and to create local employment for their constituents. It will be the sole discretion of the LGU on how such production center will be established and to formulate the guidelines for its operation and compensation of workers. The establishment of such public production center shall not be a hindrance to the opening of privately-owned production centers as long as the latter operates with legal personality. Healthy competition for the production of alternative and eco-friendly packaging materials shall be promoted.

3. Conduct/sponsor free seminars and trainings for the production of woven bags and Eco Bags as an alternative to the use of plastics.

4. Give certificate of appreciation and commendation to individuals, association and business establishments who promoted the observance of this Ordinance.

5. Give incentive to those persons/association/organization who reported the violation of this Ordinance to the apprehending officer.

**SECTION 10. INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN.** Upon approval of this Ordinance, the Office of the Mayor shall create for this purpose a task force who shall conduct massive information, educa-



tion, and communication campaigns using all possible media such as print, radio, television and internet.

**SECTION 11. CREATION OF ANTI-PLASTIC TASK FORCE.** There shall be created a task force to ensure proper implementation and monitoring of the Ordinance which is composed of the following:

Chairman	-	Municipal Mayor
Co-Chair	-	Municipal Vice Mayor
Vice Chair	-	Municipal Health Officer
Members	-	SB Chairs of Committee on Environment, Health and Appropriations
	:	ALL Punong Barangays
	:	MENRO
	:	Youth Organization
	:	Tourism Officer-Designate
	:	MAO
	:	MPDC
	:	MSWDO
	:	Market Administrator
	:	MDRRMO
	:	NGO/CSO Representatives

The Anti-Plastic Task Force shall be responsible to perform the following functions that include but not limited to:

1. Formulate or devise any scheme or policy for the implementation of the ordinance including but not limited to policy on the issuance of citation ticket.
2. Formulate or devise any program for information dissemination.
3. Formulate programs whereby livelihood projects be implemented for the manufacture of products made of recycled plastic products or refuse.
4. Create a team for the apprehension of violators.
5. Establish its regular meeting for this purpose.
6. Monitor and render a periodic report in the implementation of the Ordinance.

**SECTION 12. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT.** The Office of the Local Chief Executive through its duly created Task Force shall monitor the effective implementation of this Ordinance. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office shall include enforcement of the Ordinance through a Task Force duly created for this purpose. The Office of the Local Chief Executive and/or the Task Force in its conduct of annual compliance monitoring inspection shall include business establishments covered by the Ordinance. This shall include business establishments such as sari-sari or convenient stores in coordination with barangay officials, market stalls in coordination with Market Administrator, food establishments, groceries and supermarkets, resorts/beachers among others. Non-compliance as provided for in Solid Waste Management Ordinance shall be considered a ground from revocation or non-renewal of business permits.

**SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR).** Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the necessary rules and regulations shall be issued by the Office of the Municipal Mayor for the proper and effective implementation of this Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**SECTION 14. PENALTIES.** Acts violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized in the following manner, to wit:

Any person violation any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be meted out with a fine of:

First Offense	-	P 500.00
Second Offense	-	P1,000.00
Third Offense	-	P1,500.00 or imprisonment not exceeding two (2) months or both fine & imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

For violators engaged in business, there shall be added in the penalty a reprimand/warning for the first offense; suspension of business permit for a period of one (1) month for the second offense and revocation of business permit for the third offense. If the violation is committed in the name of a corporation, the responsible officers shall suffer the penalty as aforestated.

Minor offenders shall be subjected only to mandatory guidance counseling with the MSWDO or any of his/her designated personnel in the presence of either or both of the parents of the minor.

Any public officer or employee who shall violate the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of P1,500.00. He/she shall likewise be subjected to administrative disciplinary action should he/she be found violating the Ordinance two (2) times or more.

In lieu of arrest, a person found violating this Ordinance shall be issued a citation ticket in such a form as the Municipal Mayor may devise, commanding him/her to appear in the Mayor's Office within seventy-two (72) hours from issuance thereof to show cause why he/she should not be prosecuted for violation of this Ordinance. Within the said period of seventy-two (72) hours, the respondent may elect in lieu of the prosecution to voluntary pay the fine.

**SECTION 15. FUNDING.** The Municipal Government shall allocate funds for effective implementation of this Ordinance which shall cover all expenses to be incurred in the information dissemination.


**SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for whatever reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional, other section/s and/or provision hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, memoranda or executive orders not consistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.


**SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local or general circulation or posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places within the municipality.

**ENACTED: *This 4th day of June, 2018, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mapanas, Northern Samar.***


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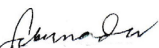
  
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SB Secretary


ATTESTED:


  
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Presiding Officer

AFFIRMATIVE:

  
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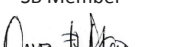
  
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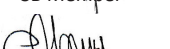
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ABC President/Ex-Officio Member

APPROVED:

  
ATTY. FRANCIS JOHN L. TEJANO  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: JULY 18 2018

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Northern Samar  
**MUNICIPALITY OF MAPANAS**  
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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 68TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR HELD ON JUNE 04, 2018 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Vice Mayor ROGELIO T. LONGCOP	- Presiding Officer
	Coun. NORA B. BANDILLA	- Senior SB Member
	Coun. JESUSITA C. BERNADAS	- SB Member
	Coun. ARIEL E. BORJA	- SB Member/Floor Leader
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	Coun. RENIO E. TEJANO	- SB Member
	Coun. MARCIAL G. BARNOBAL	- SB Member
	ABC Pres. ELIAS B. DULAY	- Ex-Officio Member
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Coun. EUSEBIO C. ADA	- SB Member

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines, under the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to which she is a party, determined to give priority to the right to protect public health and to promote measures of tobacco control based on current and relevant scientific, technical and economic considerations, and agree to implement the measures provided in the treaty;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7160) accords every local government unit power and authority to promote the general welfare within its territorial jurisdiction, including the promotion of health and safety of its constituents;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999 (RA 8749) declares the right of every citizen to breath clean air, prohibits smoking inside enclosed public places including public vehicles and other means of transport, and directs local government units to implement this provision;

**WHEREAS**, the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003 (RA 9211) prohibits smoking in certain public places whether enclosed or outdoors in certain places; prohibits the purchase and sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products to an by minors and in certain places frequented by minors; imposes bans and restrictions on advertising, promotion and sponsorship activities of tobacco companies; and directs local government units to implement these provisions;

**WHEREAS**, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 17, Series of 2009 prohibits smoking in premises, buildings, and grounds of government agencies providing health, education or social welfare and development services such as hospitals, health centers, schools and universities and colleges; provides for specific requirements for designated smoking areas;

**WHEREAS**, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Memorandum Circular 2009-036 provides that drivers and operators of public utility vehicles are responsible for preventing smoking in public conveyances and posting specified “No Smoking” signs in their vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Mapanas recognizes that local government must act with urgency to denormalize the culture of smoking and tobacco consumption through comprehensive and proven effective tobacco control measures;

**WHEREAS**, the CSC-Department of Health Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01 prohibits government officials and personnel from interacting with the tobacco industry and those representing their interests unless strictly necessary to effectively regulate, control, or supervise them, and its guidelines shall be adhered to strictly;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Mapanas recognizes the fundamental and irreconcilable conflict between the tobacco industry’s interests and public health policy, and realizes the need to be alert, be informed and neutralize any efforts by the tobacco industry to undermine, challenge or subvert tobacco control efforts through bribery, intimidation and interference in local policy implementation;

**WHEREAS**, scientific evidence has unequivocally established that tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke cause death, disease and disability; lead to devastating health, social economic and environmental consequences; and places burdens on families, on the poor, and on the national and local health systems;

**WHEREAS**, the employment of the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental right of every human being, and that public health takes precedence over any commercial or business interest;

**WHEREAS**, an increasing number of Filipinos become afflicted with and die each year of tobacco-related diseases such as stroke, heart disease, emphysema, various cancers, and nicotine addiction, among others, and both the public and workers, in facilities where smoking is allowed are most at risk from these and other tobacco-related diseases;

**WHEREAS**, scientific evidence has shown that there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke; that effective measures to protect from exposure to it, under Article 8 of the FCTC, requires the total elimination of smoking and tobacco smoke; and that approaches other than 100% smoke-free environments, including ventilation, air filtration and the use of designated smoking areas (whether or not with separate ventilation systems) have repeatedly been shown to be ineffective;

**WHEREAS**, the WHO has stated that evidence suggests that exhaled e-cigarette aerosol increases the background air level of some toxicants, nicotine and particles. Its other potential risks, in addition to addiction to nicotine, has not been fully determined and may pose further threat to public health;

**WHEREAS**, it is well documented that tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship (TAPS) increase tobacco use, and that comprehensive bans on TAPS decrease tobacco use. Studies show that minors exposed to TAPS are also likely to initiate tobacco use. While it is the main thrust of RA 9211 to regulate and subsequently ban all tobacco advertisements and sponsorships, the provisions only provided a transition by way of partial bans and restrictions, and still continue to expose minors to tobacco advertising and marketing. An effective ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship should, as recognized by Parties to the FCTC in Articles 13.1 and 13.2, be comprehensive and applicable to all tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship;

**WHEREAS**, in order to minimize ease of access and affordability to tobacco products, particularly to minors, and in order to provide a more supportive environment for those who are attempting to quit tobacco use, there is a need to strengthen existing measure on access restriction, including the regulation of sales, distribution and availability, and those prescribed under Article 16 of the FCTC.

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 006**  
**Series of 2018**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE, SALE, DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISE-MENT OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETES IN CERTAIN PLACES, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THERE-OF AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Sponsored by the Committee on Health & Public Sanitation Namely:**  
**Councilors NORA B. BANDILLA, EUSEBIO C. ADA, ARIEL E. BORJA**  
**& Vice Mayor ROGELIO T. LONGCOP**

BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAPA-

NAS, NORTHERN SAMAR, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT;

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Comprehensive Smoke-Free Ordinance of the Municipality of Mapanas**”.

**SECTION 2. RATIONALE.** It is the purpose of this Ordinance to safeguard public health and ensure the well-being of all the constituents by protecting them from the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco consumption, reduce potential exposure to tobacco marketing and advertising, restrict its accessibility, and provide support and a conducive environment for tobacco users to quit.

**SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall apply to all persons, whether natural or juridical, whether resident or not, and in all places, found within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Mapanas.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the terms below shall have the meanings attributed to them in this section. Any words or terms not defined shall be given their plain and customary meanings, unless the context requires otherwise, and shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the purpose and spirit of this Ordinance.

a. **Administrative Fine** - is a financial penalty imposed on individuals who violates this Ordinance without need of litigation.

b. **Advertising and promotion** - means any form of commercial communication, recommendation or action with the aim, effect or likely effect of promoting a tobacco product or tobacco use either directly or indirectly. For purposes of this ordinance, it shall likewise apply to Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS).

c. **Citation Ticket** - is a summon issued by the smoke-free taskforce or its agents to a person violating the smoke-free Ordinance. It is a piece of paper that describes one or more violations that the person may have committed.

d. **Civil Society Organization (CSO)** - refers to a legally constituted voluntary civic and social organization or institution created with no participation of government, including but not limited to, charities, development non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community groups, women’s organizations, faith-based organizations, professional associations, coalitions and advocacy groups duly recognized by the Office of the Mayor. As used in this Ordinance, CSO does not include organizations or associations related to or connected with, the tobacco industry.

e. **Designated Smoking/Vaping Area** - refers to an outdoor space, duly approved by the Municipal Mayor, or his duly designated representative, where smoking and/or vaping may be allowed without violating this ordinance, that meets the following requirements:

- 1) it shall be located in an open-space outside the building with no permanent or temporary roof or walls in an outdoor area.
- 2) It is not located in or within ten (10) meters from entrances, exits, or any place where people pass or congregate, or air intake ducts.
- 3) It shall not have an area larger than 10 square meters.
- 4) Food or drinks are not served in the designated smoking/vaping area.
- 5) No building shall have more than one designated smoking/vaping area.
- 6) Minors or persons below the age of 18 shall not be allowed within the designated area.
- 7) The designated smoking/vaping area has the following signage highly visible and prominently displayed:
  - a) “Smoking Area” signage with message showing “Minors not allowed within these premises”
  - b) Graphic health warnings on the effects/harms of tobacco/ENDS use or exposure.
  - c) Information on cessation hotline and/or cessation clinic/services.
- 8) It shall not be located in places where absolute smoking bans are in effect, such as, but not limited to: centers of youth activity such as playschools, preparatory schools, elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities, youth hostels and recreational facilities for persons under eighteen (18) years old; elevators and stairwells; locations in which fire hazards are present, including gas stations and storage areas for flammable liquids, gas, explosives, or combustible materials; within the buildings and premises of public and private hospitals, medical, dental, and optical clinics, health centers, nursing homes, dispensaries and laboratories; public conveyances; food preparation areas; public conveyances and in enclosed, partially enclosed and outdoor areas of transport terminals that are near entrances and exits or where people congregate; within the buildings of all government facilities and premises of all offices of the Department of Health, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Civil Service Commission, and shall likewise include parks, plazas, playgrounds, sports and recreational facilities, and other facilities where an absolute smoking ban is imposed under special laws, ordinance, administrative and executive orders, memorandum circulars and related policies.

f. **Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)** - means any device such as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), electronic shisha (e-shisha), vapes, vape pen heat-Not-Burn products and other similar devices, whether or not it is used to deliver nicotine and/or other components to the user, which may be through the act of vaping or that which resembles smoking, and may have the outward appearance of smoking products.

g. **Enclosed or partially enclosed** - means being covered by a roof or enclosed by one or more walls or sides, regardless of the type of material used for the roof, wall or sides, and regardless of whether the structure is permanent or temporary.

h. **Minor** - refers to any person below eighteen (18) years old.

i. **Outdoor advertisement** - refers to any sign, model, placard, board, billboard, banner, bunting, poster, streamer, paint-on, light display, device, structure or representation employed outdoors or visible from outside, wholly or partially to advertise or promote a tobacco product or ENDs to the public.

j. **Person-in-charge** - refers to: in case of public places, public outdoor spaces and workplaces and point-of-sale, the president/manager in case of a company, corporation, partnership or association, the owner/proprietor/operator in case of a single proprietorship, or the administrator in case of government property, facility, office or building; in case of public conveyances, the owner, driver, operator, conductor, or the captain of the public conveyance; in case of schools, the municipal schools superintendent, school president, dean or the principal.

k. **Point-of-sale** - refers to any location at which an individual can purchase or otherwise obtain tobacco products and/or ENDs.

l. **Public conveyances** - refers to modes of transportation servicing the general population, such as, but not limited to, elevators, airplanes, ships, jeepneys, buses, taxicabs, rideshare service vehicles/Transport Network Vehicle Service, trains, light rail transits, tricycles and other similar vehicles.

m. **Public places** - means all places, fixed or mobile, that are accessible or open to the public or places for collective use, regardless of ownership or right to access, including but not limited to, schools, workplaces, government facilities, establishments that provide food and drinks, accommodation, merchandise, professional services, entertainment or other services. It also includes outdoor spaces where facilities are available for the public or where a crowd of people would gather, such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, sports grounds grounds or centers, church grounds, health/hospital compounds, transportation terminals, markets, parks, resorts, walkways/sidewalks, entrance ways, waiting areas, and the like.

n. **Second-hand smoke** - means the smoke emitted from the burning end of a cigarette or from other tobacco products usually in combination with the smoke exhaled by the smoker.

o. **Smoke free air** - (for purposes of this ordinance) is air that is 100% free from tobacco smoke. This definition includes, but is not limited to, air in which tobacco smoke cannot be seen, smelled, sensed or measured.

p. **Smoking** - means being in possession or control of a lit tobacco product regardless of whether the smoke is being actively inhaled or exhaled.

q. **Sponsorship** - means any form of contribution to any event, activity or individual with the aim, effect or likely effect of promoting a tobacco product or tobacco use either directly or indirectly.



r. **Tobacco Products** - mean products entirely or partly made of the leaf tobacco as a raw material which are manufactured to be used for smoking, sucking, chewing or snuffing, such as but not limited to cigarette, cigar, pipe, shisha/hookah and chew tobacco.

s. **Tobacco Industry** - refers to organizations, entities, associations, and individuals that work for on in behalf of the tobacco industry, such as, but not limited to, tobacco manufacturers, wholesale distributors, importers of tobacco products, tobacco retailers, front groups and any other individuals or organizations, including, but not limited to lawyers, scientists and lobbyists that work to further the interests of the tobacco industry that compete with those of tobacco control.

t. **Tobacco Industry Interference** - refers to a broad array of tactics and strategies used by the tobacco industry to interfere with the setting and implementation of tobacco control measures.

u. **Vaping** - refers to the act of inhaling and exhaling aerosols or vapor produced by any Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (ENDS)/Electronic Non-Nicotine Delivery System (ENNDS) or other electronic device whether or not it is used to deliver nicotine to the user, and mimics the act of smoking.

v. **Workplace** - means any place used by people during their employment or work, whether done for compensation or voluntarily, including all attached or associated places commonly used by the workers in the course of their work (for example, corridors, elevators, stairwells, toilets, lobbies, lounges). Vehicles used in the course of work are considered workplaces.

**SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS.** The following acts are declared unlawful and prohibited by this Ordinance:

1. Smoking or vaping in enclosed or partially enclosed public places, workplaces, public conveyances (whether mobile or stationary), or other public places, such as those enumerated under Section 4 (m), except in Designated Smoking/Vaping Areas duly approved and fully complaint with the requirements under Section 4 (e);

2. For persons-in-charge to allow, abet or tolerate smoking or vaping in places enumerated in the preceding paragraph, outside of approved Designated Smoking/Vaping Area under Section 4 (e);

3. Selling or distributing tobacco products and/or ENDS to minors;

4. Purchasing tobacco products and/or ENDS from minors;

5. Ordering, instructing or compelling a minor to use, light up, buy, sell, distribute, deliver, advertise or promote tobacco products and/or ENDS;

6. Selling or distributing tobacco products and/or ENDS in a school, public playground or other facility frequented by minors, offices of the Department of Health (DOH) and attached agencies, hospitals and health facilities, or within 100 meters from any point in the perimeter of these places;

Establishments/stores in possession of tobacco products or ENDS within 100 meters from any point in the perimeter of the premises above-mentioned shall be prima facie evidence that an offense or a violation of this provision is committed.

7. Selling of tobacco products and/or ENDS within premises of a government facility and establishments that serve food and drinks or provide accommodation and entertainment;

8. Selling tobacco products and/or ENDS without a municipal permit to sell tobacco products or ENDS;

9. Selling of tobacco products and/or ENDS as individual pieces or per stick, or in tobacco product packs containing less than 20 sticks/pieces;

10. Selling tobacco products and/or ENDS removed from its original products packaging or without the proper government-regulated and approved health warning;

11. Selling tobacco products and/or ENDS by ambulant or street vendors, including other mobile or temporary stalls, kiosks, stations or units;

12. Selling or distributing of sweets, snacks, toys or any other objects in the form of tobacco products and/or ENDS which may appeal to minors or bearing resemblance to their logo/indicia/packaging;

13. Placing cinema or outdoor advertisements of tobacco products and/or ENDS;

14. Placing, posting, displaying or distributing advertisement and promotional materials of tobacco products or ENDS, such as but not limited to leaflets, posters, display structures and other materials within an establishment when such establishment or its location is prohibited from selling tobacco products and/or ENDS, as in Section 5 (6) and (7) above;

15. Placing, posting, displaying or distributing advertisement and promotional materials of tobacco products or ENDS, such as but not limited to leaflets, posters, display structures and other materials that show a tobacco/ ENDS brand's name (including company name), logo or indicia, such as in a point-of-sale establishment, where minors are allowed entry; p. Conducting promotional activities, campaigns, events, product sampling and the like, where the establishment or its location is prohibited from selling or unauthorized to sell tobacco products and/or ENDS and/or where minors are allowed entry;

16. Displaying and placing tobacco products and/or ENDS in open store shelves/racks, except in enclosed, opaque and single-colored storages/containers;

17. Conducting promotional activities, campaigns, events, product sampling, and the like, where the stablishment or its location is prohibited from selling or unauthorized to sell tobacco and/or ENDS, and/or where minors are allowed entry;

18. Facilitation, participation or partnership engaged by any government officials or personnel, regardless of employment status (permanent, casual, contractual, job order, consultant or special appointment) in any form of contribution, sponsorship or corporate social responsibility (CSR) activity, event, program or project by a tobacco/ENDS company, tobacco/ENDS industry from groups, or any representation working to protect tobacco/ENDS industry interests, executed for or within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Mapanas, Northern Samar, with the aim, effect or likely effect of promoting a tobacco product and/or ENDS, its use either directly or indirectly.

**SECTION 6. DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF PERSONS-IN-CHARGE.**

Persons-in-charge shall:

a. Prominently post and display the “No Smoking” signages, which may include a “No Vaping” symbol illustrated separately or combined, in the locations most visible to the public in the areas where smoking and vaping is prohibited. At the very least, the “No Smoking” and “No Vaping” signage must be posted at the entrance to the area, which shall be at least 8 x 11 inches in size and the international “No Smoking” symbol, shall occupy no less than 60% of the signage.

The remaining lower 40% of the signage shall show the following information:

ex:



**STRICTLY NO SMOLING/VAPING**  
**As per ORDINANCE No. 006, s. 2018**  
Violators can be fined up to \_\_\_\_\_

Report violations to (Hotline number optional)

As of for the Designated Smoking/Vaping Area, after complying with the specifications in Section 4 (e), prominently display the following elements in the signage:

**“DESIGNATED SMOKING/VAPING AREA” or SMOKING/VAPING AREA:**  
**“Minors not allowed within these premises”**



(If available, place number of Smoking Cessation Hotline)

b. Prominently post and display “No Smoking” and “No Vaping” signage in the most conspicuous location within the public conveyance. At the very least, a three and a half (3.5) square inch “No Smoking” and “No Vaping” signage shall be placed in the windshield and a ten (10) square inch “No Smoking” and “No Vaping” sign at the driver's back seat;

c. Ashtrays and any other receptacles for disposing of cigarette or other tobacco product refuse must be provided in the approved Designated Smoking/Vaping Areas, and shall be removed from all places where smoking/vaping is prohibited;

d. For persons-in-charge of government premises intending to establish a Designated Smoking/Vaping Area (DSAs/DVAs): secure a certification/permit from the duly authorized officer or representative of the Civil Service Commission; while for persons-in-charge of commercial establishments/buildings or other non-government facilities intending to establish a DSA/DVA: to secure a certification/permit from the Building/Engineering and Health Officers, after complying with the requirements for a DSA/DVA, as stated in Section 4 (e);

e. For persons-in-charge of schools, public playgrounds or other facilities frequented by minors, offices of the DOH and attached agencies, hospitals and health facilities, post the folling statement in a clear and conspicuous manner:

**SELLING, ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING OF CIGARETTE OR  
OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS INCLUDING E-CIGARETTES  
NOT ALLOWED WITHIN 100 METERS FROM ANY  
POINT IN THE PERIMETER OF  
[name of SCHOOL/PLAYGROUND/HEALTH FACILITY/ETC.]**

f. For persons-in-charge of schools, public playgrounds or other facilities frequented by minors, offices of the DOH and attached agencies, hospitals and health facilities, report to the Smoke Free Task Force tobacco product/ENDS selling, advertising and/or promotion located within 100 meters from its perimeter;

g. For persons-in-charge of establishments intending to sell tobacco products and/or ENDS, secure a permit to retail/wholesale from the Business Permits and Licensing Office;

h. For persons-in-charge of approved point-of-sale establishments: post the following notice, together with a graphic/picture-based health warning on the health consequences of tobacco use, as prescribed by the Municipal Health Office, in a clear and conspicuous manner:

**SALE/DISTRIBUTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND E-CIGARETTES  
TO MINORS IS UNLAWFUL**

j. For persons-in-charge of point-of-sale establishments, remove all forms of tobacco or ENDS advertisement/promotions paraphernalia deemed prohibited by this Ordinance;

j. For persons-in-charge of point-of-sale establishments, secure approval from the Municipal Health Office for storages or containments of tobacco products and/or ENDS. Only a listing of available tobacco and/or ENDS brands/variants sold at the point-of-sale establishment are allowed to appear outside of the storage or containment, where such listing shall only be written/printed in any plain font, and devoid of any recognizable product or brand typefaces, logo, indicia or markings. Such list shall not occupy more than (25%) of the exposed side of the storage or containment;

k. For persons-in-charge of point-of-sale establishments, ensure that storages or containments of tobacco products and/or ENDS are only opened by a store personnel/manager at the counter during actual purchase by an adult customer, or when being replenished, cleaned or inspected;

l. Establish internal procedure and measures through which this Ordinance shall be implemented and enforced within the area of which he or she is in charge. This includes compliance to the sales, distribution, advertising and promotions restrictions, i.e. warning smoking/vaping violators in banned areas and requesting them to stop smoking/vaping, and if they refuse to comply; reporting the incident to the Municipal Health Office, the nearest peace officer, or to any member of the Smoke Free Task Force through its hotline or by other means;

m. Ensure that all the employees in the establishment are aware of this Ordinance and the procedures and measures for implementing and enforcing it.

n. Allow inspectors acting under Section 14 and 15 hereof, which may include other members of the Task Force and the designated civil society organization under Section 16, entry into the establishment or public conveyance during regular business hours for the purpose of inspecting its compliance with this Ordinance.

o. For all signage required to be posted under (a), (b), (e), and (h) above, provide for versions of them in the local dialect or in English.

**SECTION 7. PERONS LIABLE.** The following persons shall be liable under this Ordinance:

a. Any person or entity who commits any of the prohibited acts stated in Section 5 hereof;

b. Persons-in-charge who knowingly allow, abet, or tolerate the prohibited acts enumerated in Section 5, or who otherwise fails to fulfill the duties and obligations enumerated in Section 6 hereof;

c. If the violator is a minor, the enforcer of this Ordinance shall report the incident to the school principal/head exercising jurisdiction over the minor-offender where he shall be required to comply with disciplinary measures under the school where he/she is enrolled, and/or Municipal Social Worker and Development Office for the appropriate action or intervention, pursuant to Republic Act 9344. Should the school have no policy for offenses committed by their pupils outside school premises or if the minor is an out-of-school youth, the enforcer shall ensure that the minor is referred to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office, which may likewise involve the parents or guardians and/or Barangay Official where the minor is a resident.

**SECTION 8. APPLICABLE FINES AND PENALTIES.** Unless otherwise provided in any chapter or section in this Ordinance, any person who fails to comply with any of the rules and regulations promulgated under this Ordinance shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction shall pay a fine of not less than P1,000.00 but not more than P2,500.00 or an imprisonment of not less than ten (10) days but not more than thirty (30) days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Provided, that the Municipal Mayor or, in his/her absence, the Municipal Health Officer, upon the recommendation of the Municipal Smoke free Taskforce, shall issue a cease and desist order on any establishment or person whose violation has become a public nuisance or serious threat to public health that necessitates abatement.

A. **Administrative Fines.** Upon apprehension of the violator of this Ordinance, an administrative regulatory fine shall be imposed as follows:

a. **Violations of Section 5 (a), (b) Smoking or Vaping and Section 6:**

i. First Offense - PHP 500.00

ii. Second Offense - PHP 1,000.00

iii. Third Offense and Succeeding Offense - PHP 2,500.00

b. **Violations of Section 5 (3) to (17); Sales/Access Restriction and Advertising and Promotions Ban:**

i. First Offense - PHP1,000.00

ii. Second Offense - PHP1,500.00

iii. Third and Succeeding Offense - PHP2,500.00

c. **Violation of Section 5 (18). Sponsorship/Contribution/Partnership** with the Tobacco Industry Involving Government Officials/Personnel Apply Rules and Sanctions as prescribed by RA 3019, RA 6713, Revised Penal Code (1932), and/or the CSC-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular 2010-01.

d. **Revocation or Suspension of License/Permit.** The license/permit to sell (tobacco products/ENDS) or to operate of any establishment or of any public conveyance covered by this Ordinance shall also be suspended for at least one (1) week but not more than one (1) month, or revoked should the same fail to perform the necessary action within fifteen (15) days upon receipt of violation notice or fail to pay within seven (7) working days the corresponding penalty as stated in the Citation Ticket for the violation committed.

Should the license/permit found to be in violation of this ordinance, fall outside of the jurisdiction of the respective local government unit (LGU), the recommendation for revocation or suspension of license/permit shall be forwarded to the appropriate LGU, agency or governing body. The suspension or revocation of the license/permit of the erring establishment or public convey-

ance shall only be lifted once all the requirements set forth upon re-inspection and evaluation of the Municipal Health Office, Building/Engineering Office, Business Permits and Licensing Office and/or the appropriate agency or governing body has been fully complied with.

Any Task Force member may recommend the revocation or suspension of license or permit of an erring establishment to the appropriate office.

e. **Community Service.** If a violator is unable to pay the fines imposed, he or she may choose to render community service within the municipality. For every hour of community service rendered, his/her outstanding fine shall be reduced by two hundred pesos (P200.00).

f. **Confiscation or Removal.** Tobacco products, ENDS and their advertising/promotions paraphernalia associated with any violation of the prohibited acts in this ordinance shall be subject to confiscation and/or removal.

g. **No Contest Provision.** Persons liable who have been apprehended or cited for violation of any of the prohibited acts of this Ordinance, except for Section 5 (18), and who do not wish to contest the violation, and is willing to pay voluntarily the administrative penalty imposed upon him/her for the first and second offenses enumerated in Section 8 a. and b. prior to the filing of formal charges with the proper court shall be allowed to pay the penalty with the Municipal Treasurer's Office, within five (5) regular business days from apprehension, to avoid being criminally prosecuted. Otherwise, the case shall be prosecuted in court. The “No Contest Provision” can no longer be availed for third and subsequent offense. The proceeds from payment of the herein penalties imposed shall be subject to the provision on Funding in Section 20 of this Ordinance.

h. **Subsidiary Imprisonment Provision.** Subsidiary imprisonment may be imposed by the court in the event that the offender, who is found guilty of violating the provisions of this Ordinance, is unable to pay the fine which he is sentenced to pay.

**SECTION 9. CITATION TICKET SYSTEM.** Violators of this Ordinance shall be infomed of their violation and the penalty associated with it by means of Citation Ticket System with the following guidelines:

1. Official booklets of Citation Tickets shall be issued by the Municipal Treasurer to duly authorized enforcers within ninety (90) calendar days of the effectivity of this Ordinance.

2. A Citation Ticket shall be issued to the person/s liable for any violation of this Ordinance upon finding of the violation by duly authorized enforcers.

3. A Citation Ticket shall contain the following information:

a) checklist of the violations under this Ordinance;

b) the fines associated with each violation;

c) option to render community service in case violator is unable to pay fine;

d) due date for compliance with the obligations imposed by the ticket;

4. When a Citation Ticket is issued to a violator, the violator shall report to the Municipal Treasurer's Office or its duly authorized collecting agent, within five (5) regular business days after such issuance, where he or she shall either pay the fine imposed or render community service under Section 8 (e) hereof.

5. The Municipal Treasurer's Office shall keep a duplicate of all Citation Tickets issued for violators as well as all other records of violations of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 10. SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM.** The Municipal Health Officer, with the assistance of the Health Education and Promotion Officer, or other members of the Smoke Free Task Force, which includes the CSO representative designated under Section 16 hereof, shall develop, promote and implement a Smoking Cessation Program and encourage the participation therein of public and private facilities which may be able to provide for its requirements. Smokers who are willing to quit including those who may be dual users of tobacco or ENDS products, or ENDS product users who may have developed dependence, and those found violating this Ordinance may be referred to the Smoking Cessation Program and its facilities.

Persons involved in selling prior to the effectivity of this Ordinance, such as ambulat vendors whose economic activity shall be affected or displaced by the prohibitions on sales, shall be referred for enrollment and given assistance in the livelihood programs of the municipality or other appropriate agency.

**SECTION 11. SMOKE-FREE TASK FORCE.** A Task Force shall be created to aid in the implementation, enforcement and monitoring of this Ordinance, and to protect the same from tobacco/ENDS industry interference at all times, as well as to conduct educational awareness campaigns, information dissemination programs, and capacity building programs, that will inform the constituents and train enforcement officers.

The Task Force chaired by the Municipal Mayor shall have the following as members and may designated a Vice Chair to serve as overall coordinator:

a. Municipal Health Officer;

b. Municipal Health Education and Promotion Officer/or equivalent designate;

c. Municipal Building/Engineering Officer;

d. Municipal Information Officer;

e. Business Permits and Licensing Officer;

f. Representative/s of one or more civil society organizations (CSO) designated by the Health Officer, under Section 16 hereof;

g. Chief of Police, PNP Municipal Police Office;

h. Municipal Treasurer;

i. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) from the LGU or from DENR;

j. Representative/s from DepEd, CHED and/or academic institution;

k. Local President of the Liga ng mga Barangay ng Pilipinas;

l. Public Order and Safety Officer;

m. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer;

n. Human Resources Management Officer;

o. Municipal Administrator;

p. Coordinator of the Task Force Unit or Office (if other than the above officers);

q. Other member/s identified by the Chair or Vice-Chair (whose specific function in the LGU and role may serve to effectively implement this Ordinance.)

The Task Force shall not include as its member any person or entity upholding or accommodating tobacco/ENDS industry interests or is connected in any way to the tobacco/ENDS industry, in order to protect the primary health objectives of this Ordinance from any and all interests prejudicial to tobacco control policies and to preserve its integrity. No member of the Task Force shall also receive for himself or for other individuals, beneficiaries or groups, any contribution or compensation, directly or indirectly, whether financial or otherwise, from the tobacco/ENDS industry. Non-compliance of this provision, governing the Task Force, shall serve as grounds for the removal of the erring Task Force member/s. If the erring Task Force member is likewise a public official or government personnel, he/she shall also be subject to sanctions prescribed under the CSC-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular 2010-001.

**SECTION 12. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TASK FORCE.** Other than one (1) receiving, reviewing and processing reports and complaints, serving of citations and notices, and filing of appropriate charges for violations under this Ordinance, (2) attending regular Task Force meetings, and (3) deputizing enforcers under Section 13 to 16 hereof, and enforcing the pther provisions of this Ordinance, the Task Force, headed by the Municipal Mayor, shall have the following respective duties and responsibilities:

a. **The Municipal Health Officer shall:**

1) Make tobacco control, including the implementation of this Ordinance, a part of the health program and propose funding under the general budget of the LGU;

2) Establish baseline (preferably) annual data on tobacco use prevalence and other related studies, and recommended further action on the findings of such data;

3) Monitor, together with the Sanitary Inspector, Enforcers and/or Task Force members, the compliance of this Ordinance in public places, establishments, conveyances, point-of-sale, and including the approval/disapproval of permits in Designated Smoking Areas/Vaping (DSAs/DVAs) as well as permits/



licenses for tobacco/ENDS point-of-sale;

4) Facilitate, together with the Sanitary Inspector, Enforcers and/or Task Force members, the serving of notices, imposition of fines, suspension, or revocation of permits/licenses for violations;

5) Assign a hotline or any other number and email address to which violations of this Ordinance may be reported by email, phone calls or SMS, or other means, and a person to operate the line and record reports, while another hotline may be assigned for accepting calls or messages for smoking Cessation counseling;

6) Develop, promote and implement a smoking Cessation Program, stated in Section 10;

7) Assist hospitals and other health facilities including any office of the DOH within the LGU, together with the Sanitary Inspector, Enforcers and/or Task Force members, in the monitoring of tobacco/ENDS products' sales, advertisements and promotions within 100 meters from the perimeter of schools, public playgrounds, facilities frequented by minors and health facilities.

**b. The Health Education and Promotion Officer shall:**

1) Develop and produce information, education and communication materials and conduct activities on Tobacco Control, such as the harms of smoking and second-hand smoke, as well as on the provisions of this Ordinance;

2) Encourage constituents to monitor and report violations of this Ordinance;

3) Assist the Health Officer in developing, promoting and implementing a Smoking Cessation Program.

**c. The Municipal Building/Engineering Officer shall:**

1) Conduct, together with the Health Office or on its own, inspection activities as provided in this Ordinance;

2) Determine whether or not enclosed/partially enclosed public places, workplaces, other public places, and point-of-sale establishments, comply with this Ordinance;

3) Recommend the approval, suspension or revocation of licenses/permits for establishments/facilities in compliance with this Ordinance.

**d. The Information Officer shall:**

1) Assist in disseminating information pertaining to all aspects of this Ordinance including the printing and distribution of copies of this Ordinance to the public;

2) Make a primer summarizing the provisions of this Ordinance, and facilitate the development of related information materials and required signage;

3) Publicize activities and reports related to implementation and enforcement.

**e. The Business Permits and Licenses Officer shall:**

1) Order the suspension or revocation of licenses/permits of establishments found to have violated this Ordinance, subject to the provisions of Section 8 hereof;

2) Deny renewal of licenses/permits of repeat violators of this Ordinance;

3) Establish procedure for identifying, informing and marking establishments covered by the 100-meter ban on sale, distribution and advertising of tobacco products and ENDS.

**f. The CSO Representative/s shall:**

1) Assist in inspections and in monitoring violations of this Ordinance;

2) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance and in encouraging public support and participation for its implementation and enforcement;

3) Assist in promoting and, if capable, implementing a Smoking Cessation Program;

4) Assist in developing and conducting orientation and training seminars for enforcers;

5) Assist in evaluating the performance of the Task Force and the effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

**g. The Chief of Police, PNP Municipal Police Office shall:**

1) Direct the Local PNP in the orderly enforcement of this Ordinance;

2) Ensure apprehension of violators in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and other rules and procedures of engagement;

3) Assist Task Force members, LGU officials and deputized civilians in apprehending violators and in filing the appropriate complaints when necessary;

4) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance and in encouraging public support and participation in its implementing and enforcement;

5) Employ the assistance of other members of the Task Force and other police enforcers, such as those from other LGUs, during enforcement when coordination is necessary;

6) Refer minors caught in violation of this Ordinance to the Social Services and Development Office and/or to the school authorities where the minor is enrolled;

7) Use the Citation Tickets during apprehensions and maintain a record or log of violations/apprehensions made within particular periods, for purposes of reporting.

**h. The Municipal Treasurer shall:**

1) Facilitate the printing and reprinting of Citation Tickets;

2) Issue booklets of the Citation Tickets to the LGU enforcers and other deputized enforcers, as appropriate;

3) Collect/receive fines paid by violators and submit reports on its collection;

4) Designate collection agents and guidelines for collections as necessary to assist in efficient collection of fines from the municipality;

5) Facilitate the release and allocation of funds, and the remuneration of enforcers share in accordance with the provision for the sharing of proceeds, derived from the collection of fines, penalties, generated resources and appropriated budget.

**i. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer shall:**

1) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance as a component in the protection and conservation of the environment and in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement;

2) Assist in inspection and monitoring violations of the Ordinance on its own or with any other member of the Task Force;

3) Conduct timely monitoring of air, water, soil quality and other studies pertinent to determining levels or exposure to tobacco smoke, ENDS vapor, residues, by-products and litter, among others;

4) Provide expertise in the application and management of appropriate technologies to avert environmental/health risks, accidents and damage posed by tobacco smoke, ENDS vapor, residues, by-products, disposal and litter, among others.

**j. The Representative from DepEd, CHED and/or Academic Institution shall:**

1) Implement the Department/Commission Orders on the integration of tobacco control education into the school curricula;

2) Ensure strict compliance of the Memos and Orders on the protection of the bureaucracy from Tobacco Industry interference as per FCTC Article 5.3;

3) Ensure strict compliance of schools in enforcing 100% smoke free campuses and school facilities including the schools' vehicles;

4) Assist in the monitoring of tobacco/ENDS products' sales, advertisements and promotions within 100 meters from the perimeter of schools, public playgrounds and facilities frequented by minors;

5) Ensure the posting in clear and conspicuous manner "No Smoking"

signs, and notices for the sales ban of Tobacco Products within 100 meters from the perimeter of schools, public playgrounds, facilities frequented by minors and health facilities.

**k. The Local President of the Liga ng mga Barangay ng Pilipinas shall:**

1) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement;

2) Coordinate with all Punong Barangays and the PNP, or other members of the Task Force, in monitoring violations of the Ordinance within their jurisdictions;

3) Provide the necessary coordination among the Barangay Health Workers, Kagawads and Tanods and other enforcers (i.e. Coast Guards) for the implementation of activities pertinent to the Ordinance;

4) Assist in the facilitation of and referrals to the Smoking Cessation Program at the Barangay Level, if applicable.

**l. The Public Order and Safety Officer shall:**

1) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement;

2) Monitor compliance in public places, establishments, conveyances, point-of-sale, Designated Smoking/Vaping Areas (DSAs/DVAs), together with other members of the Task Force;

3) Coordinate with enforcers and/or Task Force members regarding the imposition of fines, suspension or revocation of licenses/permits for violations.

**m. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer:**

1) Assist in the enforcement of this Ordinance when minors are involved;

2) Provide the necessary interventions for minors implicated in violations.

**n. The Human Resources and Management Officer or equivalent officer/LGU point-person for the Civil Service Commission:**

1) Oversee the strict implementation of smoke-free government facilities;

2) Evaluate for approval the proper establishment of Designated Smoking/Vaping Areas in government facilities where it may apply;

3) Oversee the strict implementation of policy preventing Tobacco Industry Interference, pursuant to the CSC-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular 2010-01;

4) Monitor, supervise and report on all concerns pertaining to Tobacco Industry activities, communications, and other related concerns;

5) Assist in matters related to tobacco control policies as it applies to the performance of functions and duties affecting government officials/personnel.

**o. The Municipal Administrator:**

1) Assist the Mayor in overseeing the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance, in close coordination with other members of the Task Force;

2) Provide regular updates to the Mayor as to the status of implementation and enforcement of the Ordinance.

**p. The Coordinator, in case of a separate Coordinating Unit or Office of the Task Force, under the authority of the Mayor:**

1) Perform any of the functions assigned to it by the Mayor pertaining to the implementation, enforcement and promotion of this Ordinance;

2) Coordinate with any/all members of the Municipal Task Force as necessary, facilitate trainings, assist in enforcement, promotion, monitoring, research and attend to any related function as required/instructed by the Mayor;

3) Provide regular updates to the Mayor as to the status of implementation of Tobacco Control in the LGU and of the Ordinance.

**q. Other member/s identified by the Chair or Vice-Chair may be assigned the following:**

1) Assist in the training of enforcers, communication development workshop and other capacity building activities;

2) Assist in the enforcement, implementation, dissemination and promotional activities related to this Ordinance by providing manpower, technical or other support;

3) Assist in the monitoring and evaluation of activities related to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 13. ENFORCEMENT ON INDIVIDUALS.** Members of the PNP and/or persons duly deputized by the Mayor/Task Force shall apprehend and issue Citation Tickets against persons found in violation or have failed to comply with any provision enumerated under Sections 5 and 6 hereof. They shall forward copies of the tickets they issue violators to the Municipal Treasurer's Office regularly or at least once a week. If the violator is a minor (person below 18), he or she must be brought to the nearest Social Welfare and Development Office for dispensation of appropriate action subject to RA 9344 (Juvenile Justice and Welfare Law) and/or to the school authorities at the school where the minor is enrolled, and where the parents or guardians may be called. In case any valid or sufficeint form of identification is not presented, he/she shall be brought to the nearest police station for proper identification, then to the Smoke-Free Task Force for the payment of penalty or rendition of community service.

**SECTION 14. ENFORCEMENT ON PUBLIC CONVEYANCES. Members of the PNP and/or persons duly deputized by the Task Force shall** inspect public conveyances during their regular hours of operation and shall issue Citation Tickets upon discovery of any violation of this Ordinance. They shall forward copies of the tickets they issue to violators to the Municipal Treasurer's Office regularly or at least once a week.

**SECTION 15. ENFORCEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENTS.** Ninety (90) calendar days after the effectivity of this Ordinance, an inspection team composed of representatives from the Municipal Health Office, Engineer's Office, Permits and Licensing Office and other members of the Task Force, shall conduct inspections of establishments and buildings to determine their compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

Regular inspection shall thereafter be conducted at least once every month or simultaneously with other regular inspections done by the appropriate Municipal office or department, whichever is more frequent, during normal hours of operation of the establishment.

The inspection team shall issue a Citation Ticket against the establishment upon finding of non-compliance with or of any violation of this Ordinance. A Citation Ticket may be issued for each day that the establishment is found to be non-compliant.

Re-inspection of the establishment shall be done on any day after the issuance of the Citation Ticket, but in no case more than ten (10) calendar days after such issuance. If the establishment fails to comply with the obligations stated in the Citation Ticket upon re-inspection, the inspection team shall recommend the suspension of its license/permit, consistent with Section 8(e) hereof.

In the course of inspection, the inspection team may apprehend individual violators and request the assistance of the PNP in doing so.

**SECTION 16. CIVILIAN PARTICIPATION IN ENFORCEMENT.** Within thirty (30) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Municipal Health Office/Task Force shall designate, with the approval of the Office of the Mayor, one or more civil society organizations (CSO) not connected/represents interests of the Tobacco/ENDS Industry, to discharge the duties and responsibilities enumerated in Section 12 (f) hereof.

The Mayor may deputize qualified civilians to serve as enforcers of this Ordinance. Any person can file with the Task Force a report or complaint, or present evidence for any violation of this Ordinance, or be assigned other duties pursuant to the attainment of its effective implementation.

**SECTION 17. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.** Within sixty (60) calendar days of the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Task Force shall:

A. In coordination with the Office of the Mayor:

1) Provide at least two (2) copies of this Ordinance to every PNP station or precinct in the jurisdiction of the respective LGUs'

2) Provide a primer on this Ordinance for every officer of the PNP/deputized enforcers; and

3) Conduct lectures to brief officers of the PNP and other enforcers the provisions of this Ordinance and of their responsibilities with respect to its en-

forcement.

B. In coordination with the Permits and Licenses Office, provide a copy of this Ordinance and its primer to all existing establishments that are licensed to operate, as well as to those applying for new licenses or permits to operate, and/or permits to sell tobacco/ENDS products;

C. In coordination with the Information Office, provide a copy of this Ordinance and its primer to all public utility vehicle operators plying within and through the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Mapanas.

**SECTION 18. PUBLIC BILLBOARDS, NOTICES IN BARANGAYS.** Upon effectivity of this Ordinance, the Municipal Engineer's Office shall put up billboards in conspicuous places within the LGU to notify the public of the restrictions and sanctions imposed by the ordinance. The Information Office shall also immediately issue for dissemination at the Barangay level notices on obligations of persons under the ordinance.

**SECTION 19. CONDUCT OF ORIENTATION SEMINARS AND TRAININGS.** Within sixty (60) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance and periodically thereafter, the Municipal Health Officer, with the assistance of the Health Education and Promotion Officer, and the CSO representative designated under Section 16 hereof, with other members of the Task Force, shall develop and conduct a series of orientation seminars and trainings for the enforcers of this Ordinance, at least one for each group, including but not limited to, deputized enforcers like barangay health workers, barangay tanods, and the local PNP.

**SECTION 20. FUNDING.** An initial funding to defray the expenses necessary for or incidental to the implementation of this Ordinance and Tobacco Control Program of the LGU in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000.00) shall be sourced from the fund of the Municipal Government, and is hereby allocated. Every year thereafter, the amount of at least P300,000.00 shall automatically be included in the Annual Budget for the Municipality and incorporated in the Peace and Order Programs of the municipality for the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance and the municipality's Tobacco Control Program.

The initial funding, annual budget appropriated for this purpose and funds generated from other sources, such as, but not limited to, the proceeds from administrative penalties, shall be placed in a Trust Fund, specifically intended to defray expenses and operationalize activities of this Ordinance and the municipality's Tobacco Control Program.

The Task Force shall be empowered to determine how the Trust Fund is to be utilized in furtherance of this Ordinance, subject however to the usual government accounting and auditing procedures.

The above expenses include, but are not limited to:

1. Cost of printing copies of this Ordinance, the Citation Tickets, and information, education and communication materials pertaining to tobacco control;

2. Cost of regular or periodic meetings of the Smoke-Free Task Force;

3. Cost of inspection and enforcement by the Smoke-Free Task Force, including allowances for meals and transportation, the amounts of which shall be set by the Office of the Mayor;

4. Remuneration for the apprehending enforcer's share of the proceeds from penalties paid;

5. Incentive or reward for private citizens who report violations of this Ordinance;

6. Institutional and operating expenses of the smoking cessation program and facility;

7. Hiring of coordinators/staff/agents who will be involved in day to day operations.

8. Other expenses associated with the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

**Sharing of Proceeds from the Administrative Penalties.** The amount of the corresponding penalty paid by a violator to the Municipal Treasurer shall be apportioned where the equivalent of ten percent (10%) shall accrue to the apprehending officer or deputized enforcer as an incentive.

The remainder of the proceeds from penalties collected as payment by violators, after deducting the amounts that shall accrue to the apprehending officers or deputized enforcers, shall form part of the abovementioned Trust Fund.

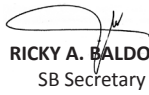
**SECTION 21. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for whatever reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional, other section/s and/or provision hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 22. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, memoranda or executive orders not consistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.


**SECTION 23. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local or general circulation or posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places within the municipality.

**ENACTED: *This 4th day of June, 2018, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mapanas, Northern Samar.***


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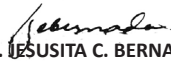
  
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Presiding Officer


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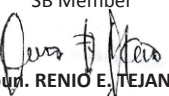
  
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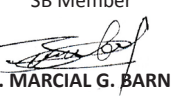
  
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APPROVED:

  
ATTY. FRANCIS JOHN L. TEJANO  
Municipal Mayor

Date: JULY 18 2018





**MEDICAL MISSION.** More than 800 patients from poor communities of Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City availed free dental, medicines, flouride application, internal medicines, pedia, reading glasses, wellness medicines, check up and a pail with groceries during the medical mission sponsored by Tingog party-list 1st nominee and Leyte's 1st district Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez. Volunteer doctors and nurses from Project Outreach Philippines led by Dr. Ma. Salud Enrissa Talad, doctors from the Department of Health and Veteran Memorial Medical Center supervised the medical mission. **photo by Ver Noveno**



## Reminiscing my experiences during Grade School years

BY: VOLTER L. GAVIOLA

Thirty-two (32) long years have passed and the experience of being humiliated before my classmates for failing to add dissimilar fractions in our Math class has aggravated me even up to college years.

I suppose, among the essential roles of teachers is really to provide instruction that is appropriately tailored to the needs, preferences and interest of the learners.

But, my teacher in Grade VI in one of the Central schools in the place where I grew up (with the name of the school withheld), never had the faintest idea on this principle because instead of mentoring (for us to learn) she would compel us to squat with piles of books on both hands or at times, would make us kneel on a rough floor with our arms suspended for unbearable minutes and the worst thing is, she would say unpleasant things, like "bubo kayo" which was being said in the vernacular.

This traumatic experience has made me hate Math where in the process, I developed anxiety for the said subject through college years.

Honestly, I have learned to add and subtract dissimilar fractions when I was already teaching Math with the

Grade V pupils at Luneta ES, La Paz District way back in 2008!

See how my anxiety for Math has deeply affected me. This revelation may seem ridiculously unbelievable, but this is true.

I am grateful to my erstwhile principal, Ma'am Maricar Alquitas Cabodil, now the District-in-Charge of Mahaplag District, Leyte Division for giving me the opportunity to teach the said subject (laughs).

Allow me to indulge in telling the readers that Ma'am Carmen has been a great mentor and a big sister to me even up to now.

One fondest thing I would never forget was when she encouraged me to take the National Qualifying Exam for Principals (NQEP) in 2009.

I was a Special Subject Teacher (SST) then, teaching Makabayan subjects (save MSEP) and Math subjects.

When I passed the said test on the same year, I thanked her for the encouragement. She said to me: "Just do your best when you get promoted.

Be humble always". Going back dearly to my unforgettable experience, I used to bear a grudge against my teacher (or simply hate her).

We cannot do away with this being a human

being. What a coincidence! I met her in one Saturday in downtown (Tacloban City), but she could no longer recognize me by my face, much less the experience she inflicted on me.

I never confronted nor reminded her over what she did to me.

Every time such experience flashes on my mind on unearthly hours, I would just console myself that what she did to me and to my other classmates was simply her only way of making us learn!

The irony is that my other classmates quit schooling compromising and ruining their own future.

But time has changed with the introduction of the new trends in teaching, but there are still teachers who continue to apply the traditional mode of teaching.

I am ever happy with teachers who are deeply committed to their profession as reflected in the endless hours they would spend in preparing and designing the lessons. I am, likewise, happy with teachers who would use relevant technology, innovative practices and appropriate strategies with deep sense of respect for children's rights.

**The author is now the principal of Buracan cluster of schools, La Paz I District, Leyte Division**

## LGUs told to make use of geohazard map to help protect lives during disaster

**TACLOBAN CITY-** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) here in the region has urged local government units to make use of the geohazard maps that they have provided to them.

These geohazard maps are useful in identifying areas that are prone to landslide or flooding, thus, could help save lives whenever a disaster hit a particular area, DENR Executive Regional Director Rizaldy Barcelo.

The geohazard maps were distributed by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), an attached agency of the DENR.

Barcelo said that they

furnished all local government units in the region of the geohazard maps beginning in 2016, three years after the region was devastated by super typhoon 'Yolanda'.

Eastern Visayas is one of the country's most prone to natural disasters, notably typhoons which more often than not, triggers flooding of landslide.

Early this year, Northern Samar was hit by massive flooding and landslide spawned by tropical depression 'Usman' which resulted to the death of eight people and affected tens of thousands of families.

According to Barcelo, this was a clear reminder that climate change is real

and a constant threat to communities.

Barcelo said that it is incumbent upon LGUs and their corresponding Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils to make use of the geohazard maps provided to them to come up with disaster management and risk reduction plans.

"I strongly urge our LGUs to promptly come up with a positive response and adoption of the information provided by MGB in the unidentified geohazards area. We believe that it can substantially help minimize the loss of lives and properties when disaster strikes," said Barcelo. **(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)**

## Borongan taekwondo team hauls 17 gold medals in Calbayog City

**BORONGAN CITY-** The Borongan Taekwondo Team hauled 17 gold medals, 7 silver medals, and 3 bronze medals at the recently concluded Mayor Aquino's Cup in Calbayog City.

Some 250 participants from Samar Island participated in the Mayor Aquino's Cup. Borongan joined with 21 students, 11 from elementary schools and 10 from high schools.

Other participants were from Catarman, Catubig, Mondragon, all in Northern Samar; Calbayog City, Catbalogan City, Taft and Oras, both in Eastern Samar.

Joseph Sherwin A. Ambida, certified national referee and instructor of taekwondo, said taekwondo is a Korean martial arts characterized by head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and fast kicking techniques.

"It requires immense discipline and proper knowledge of the correct technique," Ambida said.

Ambida added that taekwondo is a better alternative than being passive with gadgets.

"The kids nowadays prefer to play with their gadgets. Very few give the value of sports and physical fitness," he said.

"It is hard for us to convince the children and even their parents," Ambida added.

The taekwondo instructor said if the children like sports of taekwondo, it helps the athletes so much. It teaches self-discipline, confidence, modesty, courage, hard work, patience and sportsmanship.

As an award-winning instructor, Ambida shared his teaching style.

"I strongly instill discipline, that is why we were able to produce good players to Manila see Borongan /page 13 ...



# DA Eastern Visayas rolls out post-disaster loan program

TACLOBAN CITY - The Department of Agriculture in Eastern Visayas has rolled out its loan program for farmers affected by recent calamities to help them recover from their losses.

In Jipapad, Eastern Samar alone, the farm department has already released P2.48-million loan to 496 farmers from six villages ravaged by massive flooding when Tropical Depression Samuel crossed the province last November, said DA Regional Executive Director Milo Delos Reyes in an interview Wednesday (Feb.6).

Funds have been sourced out from DA's attached agency, the Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) under the Survival and Recovery (SURE) program. The initiative, which releases loan starting Jan. 30, has validated 1,500 farmers in Jipapad town.

Each farmer received P5,000 loan payable within three years, without interest, through the Metro Ormoc Community Multi-Purpose Cooperative, ACPC's accredited local lending conduit.

"This is in fulfillment to the promise of Agriculture Secretary Emmanuel Piñol during his visit to Jipapad town last year to provide immediate relief to small farmers and fisherfolk in calamity-affected areas through loan and emergency assistance package," delos Reyes told the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

Also up for release are financial assistance to farmers in San Roque, Lope de Vega, Mapanas, Gamay, and Lapinig towns in Northern Samar affected by flooding in late December.

Earlier, the agriculture department delivered PHP30 million worth of assistance for the fast recovery of the flood-stricken town of Jipapad, Eastern Samar.

Aside from the loan program, also released was the PHP10-million loan fund under the Production Loan Easy Access Program of the DA Agricultural Credit Policy Council. The women's groups got rice seeds good for 641 hectares and vegetable seeds.

A group received a P1.5-million capitalization and PHP1.5 million for the purchase of a hauling truck for coconut farmers so they could buy copra and deliver this direct to the oil mills.

The DA also donated two tractors with plow and rotavators for the rice farms. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources also turned over three 30-footer fiberglass fishing boats.

**(SARWELL Q. MENIANO/PNA)**



Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Director Ramir Uytico (second from left) speaks during the 2nd Sports Board Meeting in Ormoc City in preparation for this year's Eastern Visayas Regional Athletic Association (EVRAA) Meet. Present during the meeting were Ormoc Mayor Richard Gomez and his wife-Leyte Fourth District Representative Lucy Gomez, DepEd Assistant Regional Director Fiel Almendra (left), and Ormoc Division Superintendent Manuel Albaño (right). (Photo courtesy of LGU-Ormoc)

## Ormoc City as its host EVRAA Meet reset to April 7-12

TACLOBAN CITY- The Eastern Visayas Regional Athletic Association (EVRAA) Meet was reset from its original schedule of March 3-8 to April 7-12 which is to be held in Ormoc City.

Ormoc Mayor Richard Gomez said that the postponement will pave the way for the completion of the repairs and renovations of various sports facilities in the city.

The city legislative council passed a resolution approving the re-scheduling of the regional sporting event, citing that "the delays of the facilities were brought about by frequent days of continuous heavy rains during rainy season."

As this year's host city, Ormoc has undertaken repairs and renovations on existing facilities such as grandstand construction and elevated basketball court construction, track and field oval renovation, and improvement of billeting quarter facilities and water supply system to ensure quality accommodation for all athletes and coaches from 13 school divisions in the region.

"We have to respect the request of the Ormoc City

government as the host," Department of Education (DepEd) Regional Director Ramir Uytico said.

In February 2018 games in Calbayog City, Ormoc division defeated Leyte which ruled EVRAA Meet for the past 10 years.

EVRAA delegations comprised the school divisions of Maasin City, Southern Leyte, Baybay City, Ormoc City, Leyte, Samar, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Biliran, Borongan City, Catbalogan City, Calbayog City, and Tacloban City.

**(RONALD O. REYES)**

### Borongan... ...from Page 12

for their college education wherein they are now varsity players in a prime university," Ambida said.

He was referring to Darell Lorico, a taekwondo athlete who was a scholar and a graduate, he was a varsity player all through college at the Far Eastern University (FEU), he graduated Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant

Management (BSHRM). Lovely Cindy Balmes and Paul Ivan Norombaba are still at the FEU pursuing their collegiate studies and are both varsity players owing to their knowledge of Taekwondo.

Ambida further said that the good performance of the team whenever they join competitions is a reflection of their dedication and passion for the sport.

"We train consistently through the whole year round training program,"

said Ambida.

Taekwondo is the art of self-defense that originated in Korea.

Taekwondo is an action philosophy, the Korean art of self-defense. It is designed as a non-violent art and system of entire body practice and a way of life. It includes physical and mental discipline with deep philosophy. It is recognized as one of the oldest forms of martial arts in the world. **(NBQ/SDC/PIA-E. Samar)**

## Valentine's Day ng Bayan

Jennifer R. Morola  
Manunulat

**Ang Valentine's day selebrasyon ng bayan**  
**Puno ng saya at labis na pagmamahalan**  
**Karamihan pula ang kasuotan sa opisina at paaralan**  
**Upang damhin ang tuwa at kahalagahan.**

**Sa gabi'y nagsasayawan mga dalaga't binata**  
**Masquerade ball ang kanilang sadya**  
**Kasama ang sweethearts sa buhay nila.**  
**Mga puso'y nag aawitan lahat ay masigla.**

**Mga bata bitbit ang kanilang regalo**  
**Para sa magulang at kanilang guro**  
**Regalong yari sa art paper nahugis-puso**  
**Simbolo ng pagmamahal sa kapwa tao.**

**Sa tahanan naman nag babonding ang pamilya**  
**Magulang naghahanda pagkain para sa mga bata**  
**Ang tatay at nanay nililibang bawat isa**  
**Para ang pagmamahalan sa mga anak ipinapakita.**

**Minsan may paligsahan sa gabi**  
**Mr. & Miss Valentine kanilang pinili**  
**Magandang dalaga at paging binata**  
**Ang binibigyang pansin ng mga hurado nila.**

**Ganoon kasaya ang Valentine's day ng bayan**  
**Ito'y taon-taon na kanilang pinaghahandaan**  
**Para manatili sa puso ang pagmamahalan**  
**Na siyang minimithi sa puso ng taong-bayan.**

**Kaya dapat ipagpatuloy and selebrasyong ito**  
**Sa ikauunlad ng kaugalian sa buong mundo**  
**Valentine's day di dapat hayaang maglaho**  
**Pusong nagmamahal kailangan ng tao.**

### DAILY PROGRAM:

"IGSUMAT KAN KA OYO"

HIMANGRAWON - 104.7 FM

MON. - SAT 8:00 PM

DYVL AM

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

DYAB-FM





**EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Jose Noveda extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 2071, situated in Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte, with an area of 250 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Aileen Paderna, married to Ricky Paderna, a portion of 83 square meters; another sale in favor of Benjamin J. Noveda married to Nelita S. Noveda a portion of 56 square meters; and another sale in favor of Rosario N. Cardon a one-third (1/3) portion from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 207, Page No. 42, Book No. XIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Gary Camitan Aure. *LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Cirila Jamili extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, together with all the improvements found thereon, situated at Brgy. Castilla, Palo, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 6131, with an area of 5,366 square meters with Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0020-00586 and PIN No. 044-30-0020-012-17; A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 4,682 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Milagros A. Hermosilla as vendee; per Doc. No. 186, Page No. 38, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2015 of Atty. Ronnan Reposar. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Gregorio B. Gabest and Elena Garcia-Gabest extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land Lot No. 337, Cad Lot 1082-D, Case I, located at Brgy. 4, Poblacion 4, Paranas, Samar, covered and embraced by O.C.T.-Residential Freet Patent No. 08-6022-1150, containing an area of 101 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MARRES G. BACO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 401, Page No. 082, Book No. 332, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Medino Acuba. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that Cresencio P. Tantuan sole heir of Sps. Rosita Painagan-Vilvar and Joveniano Vilbar executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication of a parcel of land both situated at Brgy. Bagumbayan, Hilongos, Leyte, more described as: **1)** Agricultural land, Lot No. 7804, under Tax Dec. No. 02-14007-00077 R13, containing an area of 4,142.55 square meters, more or less, assessed value of P2,660.00 and market value of P6,640.00; **2)** Agricultural land, Lot No. 7687, under Tax Dec. No. 14007 00079-R13, covered by OCT No. P-76180, total area of 19,664.16 square meters, more or less; assessed value of P15,390.00 and with market value of P38,480.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ROXAN B. NOVAL as vendee for the 1st parcel of land only as described above; per Doc. No. 215-A, Page No. 44, Book No. XII, Series of 2008 of Notary Public Atty. Lemuel Jan M. Nerves. *LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Paquito B. Pelipel Sr. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over two bank accounts described as: **1)** Metrobank - Tacloban, Zamora St., Tacloban City, Account No.: 122-3-12236276-1, Current Balance of P904,000.70; **2)** Metrobank - Tacloban, Zamora St., Tacloban City, Account No. 122-112204064-8, current balance of P1,958,329.68; per Doc. No. 102, Page No. 22, Book No. III, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Jerome Cordero Avila. *LSDE: Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that CLEMENCIA O. BALINO heir of the late Eleuterio Ocaña executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land, designated as Lot 3828, situated in Brgy. Limbuan Guti, Tanauan, Leyte, evidenced by Tax Dec. No. 38035 00137 R-13, containing an area of 743 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ALFREDO V. GONZALES, Jr. as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 341, Page No. 70, Book No. IV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Yako Carolyn C. Watanabe. *LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF EPIFANIA SILLEZA-SANZ**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the first and second marriage of the late Epifania Silleza-Sanz (inherited this parcel of this land from her parents) extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land Plan Psu-223030, LR Case N-200, LRC No. N-44393, with all the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Loyonsawang, Abuyog, Leyte, covered by O.C.T. No. N-2256, containing an area of 1,524 square meters; per Doc. No. 335, Page No. 67, Book No. 26, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Joseph N. Escalona; DOc. No. 23375, Page No. 76, Book No. 707, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Cesar P. Santos and Doc. No. 02, Page No. 551, Book No. VI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Cliff Richard E. Genesela. *LSDE: Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF LEYTE  
City of Tacloban

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER

NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF THE 1% BASIC REAL PROPERTY TAX  
AND THE ADDITIONAL 1% SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND TAX  
IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE FOR THE YEAR 2019

Notice is hereby given to all real property owners that pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code (R.A. 7160) and Section 12 & Sec. 13, Chapter III of the Provincial Tax Ordinance No. 2, s. 1993 of Leyte, the payment of the Basic Tax on real property which is 1% of the assessed value of the real property and the additional 1% levied for the Special Education Fund for **CY 2019**, is due and payable on the **1st day of January 2019**. The same may however be paid in four (4) equal installments without interest or penalty, at the option of the taxpayer, as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> installment

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on or before March 31, 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> installment

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on or before June 30, 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> installment

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on or before September 30, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> installment

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on or before December 31, 2019

Both the Basic Tax and the additional 1% SEF tax shall be collected simultaneously.

**Prompt payment shall be given a discount of ten percent (10%) while advance payment shall be entitled to twenty percent (20%) discount of the tax due** in accordance with the schedule of payment prescribed above.

Failure to pay the basic real property tax and the additional SEF tax on or before the dates indicated above shall subject the taxpayer to the payment of interest at the rate of two percent (2%) per month on the unpaid amount or fraction thereof, until the delinquent tax shall have been fully paid. Provided, however, that in no case shall the total interest on the unpaid tax or portion thereof exceed thirty-six (36) months or seventy two percent (72%).

Payment shall be made at the Office of the Municipal Treasurer where the property is located.

The Province may avail the remedies for the collection of real property tax by administrative action through levy on real property and sale of real property by public auction or by judicial action as provided in the Code.

Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines, January 3, 2019.

GERARDO A. AVORQUE  
Provincial Treasurer

Copy furnished:  
The Honorable Secretary of Finance, Manila  
The Executive Director, Manila  
The Regional Director, BLGF, Region VIII, Tacloban City  
The Honorable Provincial Governor of Leyte, City of Tacloban  
The Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, City of Tacloban  
All City and Municipal Treasurer's of Leyte  
All Provincial/City and Municipal Treasurers of the Philippines  
File

LSDE: Feb. 2 & 9, 2019

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Jacinto Rosales Bohol and Estefa Daza Bohol and heirs of the late Liberty D. Bohol extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land to **Rizal, Plaridel and Daniel** all surnamed **Bohol**, one-third (1/3) undivided share of the described properties: 1) Catbalogan - Lot No. 357, OCT 400, area of 951 square meters; 2) Catbalogan - Lot No. 1872, OCT 742, area of 41 square meters; 3) Catbalogan - Lot No. 157, portion between Lot Nos. 357 and 1872 and Lot Nos. 356 and 1873; 4) Parcel of land, Lot No. 3094, situated in Catbalogan, Samar containing an area of 430 square meters and assessed by P2,260 per Tax Dec. No. 25927 and OCT No. 2586; 5) Lot No. 3094, situated in Catbalogan Samar, containing an area of 21 square meters, assessed at P900.00, under OCT No. 2596, Tax Dec. No. 21887; 6) Lot No. 388, situated in Catbalogan Samar, with an area of 45 square meters, assessed at P340.00, Tax Dec. No. 24525; 7) Land situated at Bo. Samoyao, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 70,000 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 25227; 8) Land, situated at Sitio Tag-anuran, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 66,975 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 20224; 9) Land, situated at Sitio Napawod, Brgy. Jazminez, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 104,500 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 24956, superceded by Tax Dec. No. 29030, assessed at P1,360.00; 10) Land, situated at Sitio Napawod, Bo. Jazminez, Gandara Samar, containing an area of 49,000 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 29030; 11) Land, situated at Sitio Panlawigan, Bo. Jazminez, Gandara, Samar, containing an area of 248,063 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 20223 to be superceded by Tax Dec. No. 29031; **To Erna D. Bohol-Monakil, Felicidad D. Bohol-Santos and Christy D. Bohol-Plamenco**, one-third (1/3) undivided share each of the following real properties; 1) Concepcion, Wright, Lot No. 1635, OCT 11579, area of 55,141 square meters; 2) The house and lot situated at Scouter Ojeda, Quezon City, Metro Manila, particularly the first door or Apt. No. 3; 3) Lot No. 248-A, situated in Catbalogan, Samar, assessed at P1,630.00 with an area of 272.70 square meters under Tax Dec. No. 24937 or 22005 and TCT No. T-837; 4) Lot No. 1634, situated at Concepcion, Wright, Samar, under OCT No. 8417, with an area of 37,964 square meters, under OCT No. 8417, Tax Dec. No. 19637; 5) Lot No. 1644, under OCT No. 10324-part, situated at Concepcion Wright, Samar, with an area of 10-02068 square meters, Tax Dec No. 20243; 6) Land, situated at Bo. Concepcion, Wright, Samar, area of 55,141 square meters and assessed at P1,380.00, under Tax Dec. No. 21049; 7) Lot 2706, situated at Bo. Concepcion, Wright, Samar, under OCT No. 8415, area of 18,723 square meters, assessed at P110.00 per Tax Dec. No. 19636; 8) Lot No. 1635, situated at Bo. Concepcion, Wright, Samar, under OCT No. 11579, area of 55,141 square meters, Tax Dec. No. 21049; 9) Land, situated at Bo. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon, Leyte, containing an area of 156,565 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 1098; 10) Residential, situated at Bo. Pagsulhogon, Babatngon, Leyte, containing an area of 1,051 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 1099; **To: Jacinto D. Boho, Jr., Leonidas D. Bohol and Romeo D. Bohol**, one-third (1/3) undivided shares each of the following described properties: 1) Catbalogan - Lot No. 19, TCT-1135, area of 201 square meters; 2) Catbalogan - Lot No. 658; 3) Catbalogan - Lot No. 2897, OCT 531, area of 41 square and also part of Lot 19 with an area of 801 square meters; 4) Catbalogan - Lot No. 299, OCT 2622, area of 437 square meters; 5) Catbalogan - Lot No. 344, OCT No. 640, area of 118 square meters; 6) Catbalogan - Lot No. 2873, OCT No. 705, area of 33 square meters; 7) Barrio Nabura, Sta. Margarita - Lot No. 1154, OCT No. 11580, area of 18,506 square meters; 8) Residential, situated at Poblacion Sta. Margarita, Samar, area of 420 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 10519, now Tax Dec. 15353; 9) Land - situated at Mombon, Poblacion Sta. Margarita Samar, under Tax Dec. No. 15149 with an area of 230.25 square meters; 10) Lot No. 1154, situated at Bo. Nabora, Sta. Margarita Samar, under OCT No.11580, area of 18,506 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 17650; per Doc. No. 1109, Page No. 67, Book No. 92, Series of 1999 of Notary Public Atty. Benjamin B. Gagni. *LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Fausta Malazarte extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Matag-ob, Leyte, containing a area of 19,4320 square meters, more or less, covered under T.C.T. No. P-14466. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of APOLINARIO B. GARCIANO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 148, Page No. 28, Book No. XXXI, Series of 1999 of Notary Public Atty. Ari G. Larrazabal. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that Rosalia P. Bibar, heir of late Florencio Lumbre and Con-sorcia Lumbre executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of residential land, located at Quezon, Tabon-tabon, Leyte, designated as Cad. Lot No. 044-P-A, containing an area of 139 square meters, more or less and covered by Tax Dec. No. 02-37003-00243; per Doc. No. 389, Page No. 78, Book No. II, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Samuel C. Lagunzad. *LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that Zosimo Sagala heir of the late Trinidad Magan Sagala executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of coconut land located at Brgy. Danao I, Calbayog City, under ARP No. 99-03-007-781, having an area of 0-86-46.33 hectare. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of RICARDO PANDONG as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 1758, Page No. 6, Book No. VI, Series of 2001 of Notary Public Atty. Melinda Martinez. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Agapito Mendoza and Emperatriz Mendoza extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 2 parcels of land, both situated in Brgy. Olot, Tolosa, Leyte, described as; 1) Agricultural land, Cad. Lot No. 379, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00100, containing an area of 1.1867.96 hectares, more or less; 2) Agricultural land, Cad. Lot No. 1217, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00121, containing an area of 0.4208 hectares, more or less and heirs do hereby WAIVE, RENOUNCE and QUITCLAIM all their shares, interest and participation over the 2 parcels of land described above in favor of their brother/co-heir ROLANDO S. MENDOZA, JR.; per Doc. No. 497, Page No. 100, Book No. I, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Isagani S. Espada. *LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Gonzalo P. Petilos namely: Fedelina C. Petilos, Ronald Petilos and Regina P. Souza executed an affidavit of claim with waiver of rights, over Savings Account with the Philippine Veterans Bank - Tacloban City, Leyte Branch, under Savings Account No. 02502-006569-0 / 0024-337754-100, with a balance of P538,574.21 and request the Philippine Veterans Bank - Tacloban Leyte Branch, to release the balance of the said deposit account in favor of their mother FEDELINA C. PETILOS and/or transfer the balance of said deposit in her name, having waived their rights in her favor; per Doc. No. 883, Page No. 032, Book No. XLIV, Series of 2018 of Consul Roberto T. Bernardo of Philippine Consulate General, City and County of Honolulu State of Hawaii, USA. *LSDE: Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Eduardo S. Iran extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a Motorcab for Hire (MCH) described as: Make: Yamaha; Type of Body: MC (MCH) Plate No.: HY5678; Engine No.: 2JC1001804; Chassis No.: 2JC1001640; MV File No.: 0802-36948; CR No.: 170769454; Police No.: MCH-2018-0533 and heirs do hereby WAIVE, QUITCLAIM, TRANSFER and FOREVER CONVEY rights and ownership over the above-described Motorcab for Hire (MCH) in favor of co-heir ELMER F. IRAN; per Doc. No. 95, Page No. 20, Book No. III, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Jerome Cordero Avila. *LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ASSIGNMENT**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rachel G. Ramos extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a DEATH CLAIM with Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) as government employee with estimated amount of P113,000.00, more or less and hereby assign all their shares on the subject Death Claim with the GSIS in favor of JULIANA G. RAMOS as assignee; per Doc. No. 450, Page No. 90, Book No. 01, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Samuel Lagunzad. *LSDE: Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Felipa Villaluna Aboy extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land located at Brgy. Baras, Palo, Leyte designated as Lot A-6, Psd-083739-006961-D, containing an area of 600 square meters, covered by T.C.T. No. TP-11843, Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0009-00009. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Vicente E. Alvarina, Jr. as vendee for a portion of 457 square meters, more or less, from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 377, Page No. 77, Book No. IV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Yoko Carolyn C. Watanabe. *LSDE: Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that Carmelita C. Yu and Samuel B. Yu represented by Josefina Yu Ong executed a Deed of Absolute Sale over a parcel of land designated as Lot 4, Pcs-08-000175, situated at Block 13, Lot 4, V&G Subdivision, Brgy. Calanipawan, City of Tacloban, Leyte covered by T.C.T. No. 122-2018000805 and Tax Dec. No. 2012-01-0006-09044 (Land) and Tax Dec. No. 2012-01-0006-09045 (Building) containing an area of 161 square meters together with existing housing unit and all the improvements that maybe found thereon in favor of MA. BELLA MILITANTE CRUZ as vendee for the above-described property (house and lot); per Doc. No. 81, Page No. 18, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Bella Mercedes G. Mendiola. *LSDE: Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Simforosa D. Bangcore and Hono-rata Impuesto Bangcore extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot 2880, Case 3, Pls-645, situated at Brgy. Manilisisid, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, covered by O.C.T. No. P-23508 / Tax Dec. No. 08-19-0019 00033, containing an area of 22,857 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favo of SPS. ROMEO C. MALINAO and PRIMA B. MALINAO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 78, Page No. 17, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Joy Estolano-Cerro, CPA and Doc. No. 130, Page No. 27, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Joy Estolano-Cerro, CPA. *LSDE: Feb. 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

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City of Tacloban

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER

NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY IN THE PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX  
IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE

**Notice** is hereby served that pursuant to the provisions of Section 254, of Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) the Real Property Tax due and payable for Calendar Year 2019 and previous years had become delinquent.

**INTERESTS FOR DELINQUENCY:** Failure to pay the real property tax during the period for payment without interest of the quarterly installment thereof shall subject the taxpayer to the payment of interest of two percent (2%) on the amount of the delinquent tax for each month of delinquency or fraction thereof until the delinquent tax shall be fully paid but in no case shall the total interest exceed 36 month or 72%.

Under Section 256 of the above-stated Code, the undersigned is empowered to resort to any of the following civil remedies to enforce collection to wit:

1. By administrative action through levy on real property (Section 258), advertisement and sale thereof public auction (Section 260), and

2. By judicial action in any court of competent jurisdiction (Section 257 & 266).

**FORMAL DEMAND** for the payment of the delinquent taxes and penalties due **NEED NOT BE MADE** before any of such remedies may be resorted to, this **NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY** shall be sufficient for the purpose.

However, if at any time before any of the above stated remedies are instituted, payment of the delinquent tax or installment thereof and the corresponding interest hereunder provided, it shall free the taxpayer or his property from liability to such action.

**DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS** are therefore requested to pay their delinquent taxes and penalties due as soon as possible in order to forestall the application of the above stated remedies against them.

This notice is given for the purpose of the sale of public auction of delinquent properties and/ or filing of civil action to enforce collection of delinquent taxes in various municipalities of the Province of Leyte.

GERARDO A. AVORQUE  
Provincial Treasurer

Copy furnished:  
The Honorable Secretary of Finance, Manila  
The Executive Director, Manila  
The Regional Director, BLGF, Region VIII, Tacloban City  
The Honorable Provincial Governor of Leyte, City of Tacloban  
The Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, City of Tacloban  
All City and Municipal Treasurer's of Leyte  
All Provincial/City and Municipal Treasurers of the Philippines  
File

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# DPWH, Pamana breaks ground for a road construction in Northern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY – Residents in the interior villages of Las Navas, Northern Samar will soon enjoy a better road network.

Thanks to a road project by the Department of Public Works and Highways-Northern Samar 2nd District Engineering Office and the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (Pamana).

The project cost P180.419 million and is targeted to be finished by June 2020.

Pamana Samar area manager Imelda Bonifacio said that they had a groundbreaking for the Bugay-Guiguinta-Bugtusan-Mabini-Taylor-Victory-El Empon-Poponton-Coenco Road, a 16.5 kilometer project that will connect Las Navas town to Matuguinao, a town in Samar province.

“It will certainly boost the economic activity for both towns. Specifically, it will facilitate accessibility to the target market for basic commodities and reduce the production cost of farm products,” Bonifacio said.

These villages mostly produces palay, livestock, poultry, rattan and timber.

Also, the 3 hours travel time from Las Navas to Tacloban City, the regional capital, will be reduced once the road to Matuguinao is connected as its residents and those coming from its neighboring municipalities of Catubig and Laoang will no longer use the Catarman-Calbayog road in travelling to Tacloban City, Bonifacio added.

Travel from Las Navas to Catarman, the capital of Northern Samar, takes two hours while it takes one-

and-a-half hour travel from Catarman to Calbayog City.

“This project under the Duterte administration aims to help residents living in far-flung and hard to access areas be connected with the main road to assist them achieve development and address poverty,” Bonifacio said.

The project planning started in 2014 with an initial fund release of P357 million for phase 1 and an additional fund of P200 million.

“We encourage DPWH to hasten the implementation of the project because delays will result for some residents in hinterland to become frustrated and easily encourage to join rebel groups,” Bonifacio said.

“This is not only to showcase that the government is doing to address the problem but to fulfill its commitment in helping the people achieve progress. We also encourage villagers to support and help the project because this is for them, they are the direct beneficiaries. If there are complaint and issues on the project, let us know so we can address it,” she added.

Officials who attended the groundbreaking included Northern Samar Vice Governor Gray Lavin, Las Navas Mayor Minda Tan, 803rd Brigade Commander Brigadier General

Ramil Bitong, and DPWH-8 Chief Construction Division Engr. Sandy Pau.

Pamana is the national government’s convergence program that extends development interventions to isolated, hard-to-reach and conflict-affected communities, ensuring that they are not left behind.

In 2018, the Regional Development Council VIII – Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RDC VIII-RPMC) during its 4th Quarter 2018 Meeting recommended to include this project to be transfer its implementation to the Department of National Defense (DND), specifically the Engineering Brigade of the Philippine Army.

Along with this project in Las Navas, four other projects were recommended by the committee for transfer of implementation to the DND, these are the construction of Lope de Vega-Silvino Lobos Road, Phase 4, Northern Samar (P98.5 million); construction of Siljahon-Naparasan-Quezon-Magsaysay farm-to-market road (FMR), Mapanas, Northern Samar (P63.6 million); construction of RCDG Bridge (double lane) at Brgy. Santa Potenciana, Mapanas, Northern Samar (P36.4 million); and the rehabilitation of Villaconzoilo Road, Jaro, Leyte (P9.6 million). **(ROEL T. AMAZONA)**

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business of apostolate which is something eminently spiritual and supernatural, we need to practice a lot of restraint and moderation, thoughtfulness and patience, since we will be involved in some mysteries which we cannot fully fathom.

Thus, we have to avoid appearing as if we know everything, even if we are aware that we know a lot of things. We cannot be too sure if we are hitting the mark when make our apostolic moves. The best that we can do is to be delicate and gentle in our dealings, never acting like a bully or being too pushy.

More importantly, we need to pray a lot and offer a lot of sacrifices, always appealing to God’s mercy and wisdom. God is the only one who can make the impossible possible. We have to allow others to grow and mature spiritually in a way that is done in freedom and love.



Tingog party-list 1st nominee and Leyte (1st Dist) Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez (3rd left) warmly welcome to her office Mayor Alan Ecleo (center) of the Municipality of Basilisa Dinagat Island, Surigao Del Norte during a courtesy call at the House of Representatives. Ecleo vows to support Tingog party-list in his town and province. Looking on are (from left) Tingog President Glen Capucion, Tingog 2nd Nominee Jude Acidre, Angelo Ambil, Allan Ambil and Lakas-CMD Executive Director Atty. Butch Corpin. photo by Ver Noveno

## In Eastern Samar Ex-village chair arrested for illegal possession of firearms, ammos

CAMP RUPERTO KANGLEON, PALO, Leyte-A former village official in a town in Eastern Samar was arrested for illegal possession of various firearms and ammunitions on Thursday (Feb 7) at about 8:10 am.

Reports reaching the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) based here, disclosed that Edwin Pomasin was arrested inside his house in Barangay Carolina, Can-avid town in Eastern Samar, where he once served as its village chairman.

The arrest of the 52-year old suspect was carried out by the elements of the Can-avid Municipal Police Station led by its town police chief, Chief Inspector Alex Robin, and members of the Regional Special Operations Group (RSOG), and by virtue of a search warrant issued by Judge Nathaniel Baldono, executive judge of the Regional Trial Court-Branch 2 based in Borongan City, also in Eastern Samar.

Confiscated from the suspect’s possession were one fragmentation grenade; one caliber .45 pistol; one magazine for caliber .45; fourteen live ammunitions for caliber .45; 12 pieces live ammo for caliber .38; one ammunition for caliber .380; one live ammunition for caliber .40; 13 pieces live ammunition for caliber

RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

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Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: **Leyte**  
City/Municipality: Carigara

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RIZA SORIMA** has filed with this Office a petition for correction of entry in SEX/GENDER from **MALE** to **“FEMALE**, in the birth certificate of **RIZA PASCUAL SORIMA** at **Guindapunan, Carigara, Leyte** and whose parents are **Rodolfo Sorima** and **Belen Pascual**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than February 21, 2019.

(Sgd.) **MA. LILIBETH D. ESCOBEJA**  
City/Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 9 & 16, 2019

**AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR**

NOTICE is hereby given that Anthony Sevellano Talaña the surviving spouse of Portia Kay Bantilan Talaña who died intestate on October 6, 2018 at Divine Word Hospital, Avenida Veteranos, Tacloban City executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over two conjugal real properties to wit: **A)** A certain parcel of land covered by TCT No. TE-3617 and Deed of Absolute Sale dated 11 May 2015 notarized before Atty. Edson G. Piczon, as Doc. No. 316, Page No. 64, Book No. 1, Series of 2015 and more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land, Lot 22, Bsd-08-000195 (OLT), being a portion of Psu-63588, situated at Barangay Bato, Municipality of Biliran, containing an area of 7,401 square meters; **B)** A certain of land covered by TCT No. T-69390 and Deed of Absolute Sale dated 30 March 2016 notarized before Atty. Jose Joannes S. Bagulaya, as Doc. No. 140, Page No. 28, Book No. 1, Series of 2016, and more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land designated as Lot 1, Block 29 of the consolidation-subdivision of Pcs-08-000527-D, being a portion of Lots 4997, Cad-220, situated in the Barangay of Abucay, City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 55 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 9, Page No. 3, Book No. 1, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Iris Carpina-Maglasang.

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novel, and creative nonfiction writing.

It’s a good thing that a month has been assigned to mark the relevance of Arts in human society. It’s further commendable that various institutions take time and efforts to recognize the seasoned as well as budding artists, these people being the producers of beauty that our hearts can feed on as we journey through life.



**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Aniano Guarde extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Trinidad, Calbayog City, containing an area of 649 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Joselito C. Lumod as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 56, Page No. 12, Book No. XXIX, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Alex R. Gelera.  
*LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL DECLARATION OF HEIRS WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Baltazar Sarmiento extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land described as: 1) Parcel of land, Lot No. 2889, situated in Brgy. Matobato, Calbayog City, Samar, containing an area of 3,271 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec. No. 99-0101-00036; 2) Lot No. 163-B situated in Brgy. Cagbayong, Oquendo District, Calbayog City, Samar, containing an area of 34,423.50 square meters, more or less under Tax Dec. No. 99-02031-00411; 3) Lot No. 670, situated in Brgy. Caybago, Oquendo District, Calbayog City, Samar, containing an area of 70,174 square meters, more or less under Tax Dec. No. 99-02033-00087; 4) Lot 4910, situated in San Policarpo, Calbayog City, Samar, containing an area of 831 square meters, more or less under Tax Dec. No. 99-01017-00270; 5) Residential Bldg. situated in Brgy. Matobato, Calbayog City, Samar, containing an area of 40 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 99-01016-00600. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Christopher Nicholas Chan married to Maria Jessica Concepcion P. Chan as vendor for Parcel No. 1, Lot No. 2889; per Doc. No. 417, Page No. 85, Book No. XL, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Aileen Reyes Maglana and Doc. No. 305, Page No. 61, Book No. 105, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Jose L. Mario, Jr.  
*LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rosita Ocasiones extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, known as Lot No. 2331, with improvements thereon, situated at Brgy. Gaas, Municipality of Baybay, Leyte, containing an area of 936 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT No. T-6541 and heirs hereby waive their rights and interests over their shares of the above-described parcel of land in favor of brother DARIO DY; per Doc. No. 5, Page No. 1, Book No. XLII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eden B. Chavez-Butawan.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF LEYTE**  
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)  
*Mortgagee, -versus- ESPERANZA A. JARDIN, Mortgagor*  
EJF No. 4180  
For: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118  
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**SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), with principal office at Room 3520, 35th Floor, Petron Mega Plaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati, City, Philippines, with branch Office at PAG-IBIG FUND - WT Corporate Tower, Mindanao Ave., Cebu Business Park, Cebu City, against **ESPERANZA A. JARDIN**, of legal age, widow, with postal address at Block 10, Lot 1, Kassel City, Barangay Abucay Tacloban City, Philippines to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 15, 2018 amounts to **SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT PESOS AND 39/100 ONLY (P634,528.39)**, Philippine Currency, excluding penalties, charges, attorney’s fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at **PUBLIC AUCTION on March 7, 2019 at 9:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter to 4:00 o’clock in the afternoon** at the main entrance of the

Regional Trial Court, Philippines, to the highest bidder for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine currency, the following properties with all its improvements, if any to wit:  
**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-53593**  
A parcel of land designated as lot 1 Block 10 of the consolidation-subdivision of Pcs-08-000527-D, being a portion of lots 4997, Cad. 220, Lot 4311-B, Psd-08-001588, lot 4313-I-1, Psd-08-002329 and lots 1 & 2 & 3, Pcs-08-000517-D, situated in the Barangay of Abucay, City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte. Bounded on the:  
West, along line 1-2 by Road Lot-2 (15.00 m. wide); on the  
NW., along line 2-3-4-5-6 by Road Lot 9 (10 m. wide); on the  
NE., along line 6-7 by Lot 2, Block 10; and on the  
SE., along line 7-1 by Drainage easement I all of this subdivision.  
containing an area of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX (156) Square Meters more or less;  
*“Including improvements now erected of hereafter may-be erected upon.”*  
All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 14, 2019, on the same time and place without further notice.  
Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City, Philippines, December 21, 2018.  
FOR THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

**(Sgd.) CALIXTO G. GUTIERREZ**  
Sheriff IV  
RTC, Branch 44, Tacloban City  
Copy Furnished:  
Atty. Paul E. Plaza  
Clerk of Court VI  
RT-OCC, Tacloban City  
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)  
ANTHONY L. MAGLUNSOD  
Department Manager III  
Loans Mgt. & Recovery Dept.  
Esperanza A. Jardin  
Lot 1, Block 10, Kassel City Brgy. Abucay, Tacloban City  
**WARNING:**  
It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of sale, under penalty of law  
\* Rule 39, Sec. 15  
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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHT AND SALE OF PORTION**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Sps. Mariano L. Bormate and Rosario G. Bormate extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. 01, Llorente, Eastern Samar, containing an area of 6,029 square meters, more or less, covered by Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-12573 and heirs hereby waive, renounce and Quitclaim rights, interest and participation in favor of co-heir NIDA BORMATE-CAMORA, a waivee for a portion of 635 square meters identified as Lot 89-B and a Deed of Sale was executed by Nida Bormate-Camora in favor of Sps. Nestor Boco and Rosita Boco as vendee for a portion of 635 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 344, Page No. 70, Book No. 1, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Richell A. Fuentes.  
*LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER AND QUITCLAIM**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Benjamin S. Alar, Jr. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcel of Lot No. 2671, covered by TCT No. T-814, located at Brgy. Campesao, Borongan, Eastern Samar, containing an area of 11,627 square meters, more or less and heirs hereby waive and transfer and assigned the aforesaid real property in favor of their mother, MARILYN S. ALAR; per Doc. No. 322, Page No. 66, Book No. XX, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Daniel J. Alviar.  
*LSDE: February 9, 16 & 23, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Leon Balotabot extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land and house constructed thereon situated at Brgy. 2, Poblacion San Julian, Eastern Samar, covered by OCT No. 2018000063, Lot No. 355, containing an area of 212 square metes, and heirs hereby waive their rights, interest and participation over the above-described property in favor of co-heir ROLANDO BALOTABOT; per Doc. No. 248, Page No. 050, Book No. 003, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Jesus C. Apelado, Jr.  
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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Paul Policarpo E. Cinco extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land and personal properties described as: 1) Personal Property; Cash in Bank, an uncertain amount of money constituting his savings at Landbank of the Philippines with Account Number 0187101808 at AFPSLA I and AFPMBAI; Real Properties; 1) Lot 1, covered by TCT No. T-60421; Lot 5429-B-6, Psd-08-008242-D, situated in Brgy. Utap, City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 431 square meters; 2) covered by TCT No. T-43613, Lot No. 5429-B-5, Psd-08-008242-D,

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**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF OF LEYTE**  
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)  
*Mortgagee, -versus- FLAVIANO VITO E. DE ASIS, Mortgagor*  
EJF No. 4152  
For: EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118  
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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**  
Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), with principal office at Room 3520, 35th Floor, Petron Mega Plaza Building, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, with branch Office at PAG-IBIG FUND - WT Corporate Tower, Mindanao Ave., Cebu Business Park, Cebu City, against **FLAVIANO VITO E. ASIS**, of legal age, married to ANNABELLE DE ASIS, with postal address at 280 Paterno Street, Alangalang, Leyte, Philippines to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 15, 2018, amounts to **TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY TWO PESOS AND 71/100 ONLY (P226,842.71)** Philippine Currency, excluding penalties, charges, attorney’s fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned or his duly authorized deputy will sell at **PUBLIC AUCTION on March 7, 2019 at 9:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter to 4:00 o’clock in the afternoon** at the main entrance of the Regional Trial Court, Building,

Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City, Philippines, to the highest bidder for cash or manager’s check in the Philippine currency, the following properties with all its improvements, if any to wit:  
**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-29541**  
A parcel of land designated as lot 3 Block 2 of the subdivision of Psd-08-008828-D being a portion of lot 1393, Psc-15, situated in the Barangay of Mudboron, Municipality of Alangalang, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte, Philippines. Bounded on the:  
NW., along line 1-2-3 by Lot 2 & 1, Block 2; on the  
NE., along line 3-4 by Road widening; on the  
SE., along line 4-5 by Lot 5, Block 2; and on the  
SW., along line 5-1 by Lot 4, Block 2 all of this subdivision.  
containing an area of TWO HUNDRED (200) Square Meters more or less;  
*“Including improvements now erected of hereafter may-be erected upon”*  
All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on March 14, 2019, on the same time and place without further notice.  
Magsaysay Blvd., Tacloban City, Philippines, December 19, 2018.  
FOR THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

**(Sgd.) CALIXTO G. GUTIERREZ**  
Sheriff IV  
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situated in Brgy. Utap, City of Tacloban, Leyte, containing an area of 432 square meters; per Doc. No. 317, Page No. 65, Book No. VI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Haidee O. Borja.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*  
**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Roman Cebu extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located at Brgy. San Roque, Tanauan, Leyte, Lot No. 1327 Case 1, Cad 505 D, containing an area of 963 square meters and heirs hereby confirmed the said sale in favor of the Vendee; per Doc. No. 368, Page No. 74, Book No. II, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Virginia A. Brazil.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Mercedes P. Aunzo extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, located in San Miguel, Palompon, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31040-00029-R13, designated as Cad. Lot No. 1556, containing an area of 2,397 square meters, more or less; per Doc. No. 964, Page No. 193, Book No. XXVII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Eusebio I. Otadoy, Jr.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

NOTICE is hereby given that Randy P. Tambis heir of the late ROSALIE EBRON TAMBIS executed an affidavit of Deed of Self-Adjudication over a Savings Account at the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (METROBANK), Naval Branch, Naval Biliran with Account No. 493-3-49331956-7; per Doc. No. 345, Page No. 09, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno R. Opeña.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*  
**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Guillerma Ora extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Calumpang, Naval Biliran, under Tax Dec. No. 00948, with an area of 1.4314 has.; Survey Lot No. 1070-P, assessed value of P11,460.00, market value of P81,876.00 and subdivided among heirs known as Lot Nos. 1 to 4; per Doc. No. 5091, Page No. 610, Book No. X, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno R. Opeña.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*  
**ADJUDICATION**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Antonio G. Quesada Jr., heir of the late Antonio L. Quesada, Sr. executed an adjudication over a parcel of land, situated at Barangay 05, Poblacion, Guiuan, Eastern Samar, covered by A.R.P. No. 11-090006-00059, denominated as Lot No. 178, Case-5, Cad 430 also identified as Lot No. 356, Case -5, Cad. 430 under A.S. 08-000060, with an area of 221 square meters and hereby appointed Attorney-in-fact Ma. Thelma C. Quijano, pursuant to SPA dated Sept. 18, 2018; per Doc. No. 266, Page No. 54, Book No. IX, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lemuel R. Montes.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*  
**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late OSWALDO P. DURAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land described as: 1) Parcel of land, located at San Jose, Palo, Leyte, designated as Cad. Lot No. 7285, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0033-00208, PIN 044-30-0033-010-31; 2) Parcel of land located at San Jose, Palo, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 7278 containing an area of 386 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0033-00207, PIN 044-30-0033-010-25; 3) Parcel of land located at San Jose, Palo, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 7295, containing an area of 5,658 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0033-00206, PIN 044-30-0033-010-16 and heir Oswald Duran, hereby waives his right and interest over his share in the above properties in favor of his brother GREGGY OSWALD DURAN; per Doc. No. 482, Page No. 98, Book No. VIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Bella Mercedes G. Mendiola.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*  
**SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Aida D. Mandawe heir of the late Felix E. Demeterio executed a Self-Adjudication over a certain parcel of Agricultural land, situated at Brgy. Lomonon, Palompon, Leyte designated as Cad. Lot No. 2759, containing an area of 4003 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31028-00868-A R13. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Nelson V. Asis and Rufino Joffer V. Asis Jr. as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 249, Page No. 50, Book No. XXI, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lloyd P. Surigao.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

**EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION WITH SALE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Fausta Malazarte extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Matag-ob, Leyte, containing an area of 19,4320 square meters, more or less, covered under T.C.T. No. P-14466. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of APOLINARIO B. GARCIANO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 148, Page No. 28, Book No. XXXI, Series of 1999 of Notary Public Atty. Ari G. Larrazabal.  
*LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

**SWORN DECLARATION OF REAL PROPERTY**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Ruthilde S. London, surviving heir of the late Salvador S. London executed a sworn declaration/Adjudication over a parcel of land, situated in Brgy. Sabang, Palompon, Leyte, Lot 10931, with an area of 0.2880 hectare, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31035-00377 R13; per Doc. No. 249, Page No. 51, Book No. 26, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Dante Luz N. Viacrucis.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*

Publication Notice  
RA 10172  
Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: **Leyte**  
Municipality: Babatngon

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
CCE-0001-2019 R.A. 10172 Date: January 30, 2019

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1 Guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CHERRY B. DIVINO** has filed with this Office a petition for correction of entry in SEX from **“M (Male)”** to **“F (Female)”**, in the certificate of live birth **CHERRY BAUTE DIVINO** at **BABATNGON, LEYTE** and whose parents are **AGUSTIN CANTANERO DIVINO** and **ELIZABETH BIROS BAUTE**.  
Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than February 21, 2019.  
**(Sgd.) NILO C. CAÑETE, JR.**  
*LSDE: Feb. 9 & 16, 2019*  
Municipal Civil Registrar

Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR  
Tacloban City  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ELEONOR YU DACALOS** has filed with this *(Complete name of petitioner)*  
Office, a Petition for change of first name from **BB. ELEONOR** to **ELEONOR** in Birth *(First name to be changed) (New first name to be adopted)*  
Certificate of **BB. ELEONOR DE LA CRUZ YU** who was born on **FEBRUARY 20, 1973** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **TERESITA N. DE LA CRUZ** and **TEOFILO YU**.  
Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 21, 2019**.  
**(Sgd.) IMELDA A. ROA**  
City Civil Registrar  
*LSDE: Feb. 9 & 16, 2019*

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Randy P. Tambis heir of the late ROSALIE EBRON TAMBIS executed an affidavit of Deed of Self-Adjudication over a Savings Account at the Metropolitan Bank and Trust Company (METROBANK), Naval Branch, Naval Biliran with Account No. 493-3-49331956-7; per Doc. No. 345, Page No. 09, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno R. Opeña.  
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**ADJUDICATION**  
NOTICE is hereby given that Antonio G. Quesada Jr., heir of the late Antonio L. Quesada, Sr. executed an adjudication over a parcel of land, situated at Barangay 05, Poblacion, Guiuan, Eastern Samar, covered by A.R.P. No. 11-090006-00059, denominated as Lot No. 178, Case-5, Cad 430 also identified as Lot No. 356, Case -5, Cad. 430 under A.S. 08-000060, with an area of 221 square meters and hereby appointed Attorney-in-fact Ma. Thelma C. Quijano, pursuant to SPA dated Sept. 18, 2018; per Doc. No. 266, Page No. 54, Book No. IX, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Lemuel R. Montes.  
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**EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT**  
NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late OSWALDO P. DURAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over parcels of land described as: 1) Parcel of land, located at San Jose, Palo, Leyte, designated as Cad. Lot No. 7285, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0033-00208, PIN 044-30-0033-010-31; 2) Parcel of land located at San Jose, Palo, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 7278 containing an area of 386 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0033-00207, PIN 044-30-0033-010-25; 3) Parcel of land located at San Jose, Palo, Leyte, Cad. Lot No. 7295, containing an area of 5,658 square meters, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0033-00206, PIN 044-30-0033-010-16 and heir Oswald Duran, hereby waives his right and interest over his share in the above properties in favor of his brother GREGGY OSWALD DURAN; per Doc. No. 482, Page No. 98, Book No. VIII, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Bella Mercedes G. Mendiola.  
*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*  
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*LSDE: January 26 & Feb. 2 & 9, 2019*



RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province: Leyte  
City/Municipality: Carigara

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **Ernesto Sayas** has filed with this Office, a petition

(*Complete name of petitioner*)  
for change of first name from **IRENEO** to

(*first name to be changed*)  
**ERNESTO** in the birth certificate of

(*new first name to be adopted*)

**IRENEO SAYAS** who was born on

(*complete name of document owner*)

**December 15, 1953** at **Carigara, Leyte** and whose

(*complete date of birth*)

parents are **Federico Sayas** and **Francisca Palmes**.

(*Name of father*)

(*Name of mother*)

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 14, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **MA. LILIBETH D. ESCOBEJA**  
City/Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 2 & 9, 2019

DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Neil Andrew G. Redoña heir of the late Milagros R. Saavedra executed a Deed of Adjudication over a certain parcel of residential land now designated as Lot 1, covered by Lot 1912, Cad 505, containing an area of 160 square meters and the mother lot designated as Cad Lot No. 1912, located at Brgy. Maribi, Tanauan, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 00366-R11, containing a whole area of 5.8862 hectares, mroe or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of PAZ D. SEVERINO as vendee for a certain parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1, with an area of 160 square meters; per Doc. No. 002, Page No. 01, Book No. 1, Series of 2018of Notary Public Atty. Asterio A. Villero. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rufino Estopin extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land situated in Brgy. Arado, Palo, Leyte, covered with Tax Dec. No. 08-30-0008-00135, containing an area of 226 square meters, more or less, with Cad. Lot No. 6379. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Paul Carlo Barbosa Catantan and Gerahmie Napalit Catantan as vendee for a one-half (1/2) portion from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 448, Page No. 90, Book No. XLIX, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Ronnan Christian M. Reposar. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Rufo Bajado extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated along Magsaysay St., Brgy. 05, Maydolong, Eastern Samar, Cad. Lot No. 1027 & 1026, containing an area of 138 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec. No. 11-150005-00113 & PIN 037-15-005-03-013. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. Nathaniel E. Baldono and Ma. Natividad B. Baldono as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 493, Page No. 100, Book No. XIV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Louie A. Borja. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Estefa Condes Merin extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot No. 2415-Part, located in San Vicente, Matag-ob, Leyte, containing an area of 2,360 square meters, more or less, covered by Tax Dec. Real Property No. 08-260019-0034. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ANITA I. GARCIANO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 32, Page No. 7, Book No. LXXIX, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Allan R. Castro. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation  
and Communication  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION  
FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY  
BOARD**  
Regional Office No. VIII  
Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-2019-02-20140111  
Case No. VIII-2014-0111

Application for **Extension of Validity**  
of a Certificate of Public Convenience  
to operate a **PUJ** service

**FERNANDO A. DOROJA,**  
Applicant/-

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUJ** service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: **CALBAYOG CITY-CATARMAN VIA OQUENDO & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting until **JANUARY 20, 2019**.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **FEBRUARY 20, 2019** at **10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable  
**GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,**  
Regional Director, this **6<sup>th</sup>** day of  
**FEBRUARY, 2019.**

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**  
Regional Director

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Aurelio Leyson extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of urban land situated at Brgy. Bagongbayan, Bato, Leyte, under Tax Dec. No. 06000100175 with Cad. Lot No. 753, containing an area of 84 s square meters; per Doc. No. 402, Page No. 80, Book No. 49, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Rico E. Aureo. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE (PORTION)

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Felicidad Jabeguero extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Lot 2531-D, Psd-666555, situated at Poblacion, Municipality of Catbalogan, Province of Samar, covered by T.C.T. No. T-6889, containing an area of 185 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 100 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc. No. 005, Page No. 02, Book No. 128, Series of 2013 of Notary Public Atty. Medino L. Acuba. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Tarcela Nierves extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 4 parcels of land, all situated at Brgy. Balucanad, Capocan, Leyte described as: 1) Parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 212, with OCT No. P-7734, with lot area of 1,773 square meters; 2) Lot No. 228 with O.C.T. No. P-7025, lot area of 2,673 square meters; 3) Lot No. 210 with O.C.T. No. P-7031, with lot area of 677 square meters; 4) Lot No. 231 with O.C.T. No. P-7475, with lot area of 511 square meters; per Doc. No. 212, Page No. 52, Book No. 25, Series of 2017 of Notary Public Atty. Edgar J. Tonolete. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that EPAPRODITO PETILLA heir of late Lucila Petilla ex-ecuted an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 3 parcels of land described as: **1)** Parcel of land, Cad. Lot No. 8423 situated in Brgy. Castilla, Palo, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 9930020-00436, with an area of 6,862 square meters; **2)** Parcel of land, Cad. Lot No. 7598, situated in Brgy. Teraza, Palo, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 99-30-035-00222, with an area of 3,785 square meters; **3)** Parcel of land, Cad. Lot No. 8462, situated in Brgy. Castilla, Palo, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. 9930020-000437, with an area of 8,866 square meters. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Gregorio L. Dolina Sr. as vendee for the above-described 3 parcels of land; per Doc. No. 160, Page No. 33, Book No. XVII, Series of 2016 of Notary Public Atty. Sylwyn Nabor V. Mendoza. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Vicente Pastor Gandionco, Jr. heir of the late Oliva Pastor Gandionco executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over a parcel of land, bearing Tax Dec. No. 00606-R-11, situated at Brgy. Lucsoon, Naval, Biliran, under Survey No. 3943, OCT No. P04364, with an area of 435 square meters, assessed at P9,190.00. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ROGELIO E. CASAS, JR. as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 50, Page No. 10, Book No. XI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lydinno Opeña. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

Republic of the Philippines  
Local Civil Registry Office  
Province of Northern Samar  
Municipality of San Isidro

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **JOAN B. MENDOZA** has filed with this Office a petition for correction of gender from **“MALE”** to **“FEMALE”** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOAN C. CLERIGO** who was born on **05 NOVEMBER 1990** at **BALITE, SAN ISIDRO, N. SAMAR** and whose parents are **ELIZA C. CLERIFO** and **MELECIO, JR. S. BANAYAG**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **February 14, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **EULALIO O. SOLA**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 2 & 9, 2019

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Samar  
Municipality of Daram

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

R.A. 9048/10172 Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 7 of R.A. No. 10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RENANTE G. MUNCADA** has filed with this (*Complete name of petitioner*) Office, a Petition for correction of clerical error particularly the **Birth date** from **May 20, 1972** to (*Clerical error to be corrected*) (*Date of birth to be changed*) **MAY 21, 1972** in the Certificate of Live Birth (*New date of birth to be adopted*)

**BERNARDO ABEJUELA LIM** who was born on (*Complete name of document owner*) **May 20, 1972** at **Daram, Samar** and whose parents (*Complete date of birth*) are **Ismael Lim** and **Milagros I. Abejuela**. (*Name of father*) (*Name of mother*)

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 14, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **EMMANUEL M. LOZANO**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 2 & 9, 2019

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late Erlindo P. Laplana extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 6 parcels of land, described as: **1)** One-half (1/2) portion of agricultural rice land, Lot No. 6932-C, situated at Sitio Tab-ang, Brgy. Kilim, Baybay, Leyte, containing an area of 4,000 square meters, more or less, part of OCT No. 9157, with total area of 18,635 square meters, more or less; **2)** One-half (1/2) portion, Lot 3932-A, Psd-275310, situated at Brgy. Hibunawan, Baybay City, covered by TCT No. T-22518, with an area of 6,612 square meters, more or less (half portion); **3)** Lot 1, Block 10, Pcs-07-003254, situated at Brgy. Bacayan, Cebu City, covered by T.C.T. No. 144209, with a total area of 67 square meters, more or less, including the one-storey residential house erected thereon of mixed materials and with galvanized roofing; **4)** Lot No. 971, Case 16 Cad 522-D, situated at Rizal, Sogod, Southern Leyte, part of O.C.T. No. 26388, with total area of 3,667 square meters, more or less; the portion subject of this partition has an area of 3,667 square meters, incuding the one-storey residential house erected of mixed materials of wood and cement with galvanized roofing; **5)** Lot 4033-B, situated at Brgy. Candadam, (now Brgy. Cogon, Baybay City, Leyte), covered by T.C.T. No. T-9552, with total area of 1,427 square meters, more or less, with one storey residential house erected thereon of mixed materials of wood and cement with galvanized roofing; **6)** Lot 37, Block 3, Phase 4, Pcs-08-000010, situated at Brgy. Caibaan, Tacloban City, Leyte, covered, TCT No. T-39122, with an area of 188 square meters, including the dilapidated one-store house erected thereon of mixed materials of wood and cement and with galvanized roofing per Doc. No. 494, Page No. 90, Book No. 96, Series of 2012 of Notary Public Atty. Jesus V. Palermo. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Miguel T. Fernandez, heir of the late Sps. Ireneo C. Fernandez and Lucia T. Fernandez executed an affidavit of Self-Adjudication over 13 parcels of land, described as: **1)** Lot No. 2242-E-3, Psd-08-018882-D, covered by TCT No. TP-17109, containing an area of 400 square meters, situated in Brgy. Abuyogay, Javier, Leyte; **2)** Lot No. 3616, situated at Abuyog, Leyte, containing an area of 2,301 square meters, TCT No. T-7312; **3)** Lot 687-C, Psd-260420, situated in the Bo. of Malitbogay, Mp. of Abuyog, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 4,648 square meters, TCT No. T-5927; **4)** Lot 687-E of the sub. plan (LRC) Psd-260420, situated in the Barrio of Malitbogay, Mp. of Abuyog, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 48,904 square meters, TCT No. T-5929; **5)** Lot 2242-E-5 of the subdivision plan, Psd-08-018882-D, situated in the Barangay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 361 square meters, TCT No. TP-17111; **6)** Lot 2242-B-1, Psd-08-020752-D, situated in Barangay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, Island of Leyte, containing an area of 503 square meters, TCT No. TP-18899; **7)** Lot 2242-B-9, Psd-08-020752-D, situated in Barangay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, cantaning an area of 13,613, TCT No. TP-18907; **8)** Lot 2242-B-8 Psd-08-020752-D, situated in Barangay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 157 square meters, TCT No. TP-18906; **9)** Lot 2242-B-7 Psd-08-020752-D, situated in Brgy. Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 401 square meters, TCT No. TP-18905; **10)** Lot 2242-B-3 of the subdivision plan Psd-08-020752-D, situated in Barangay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 313 square meters, TCT No. TP-18901; **11)** Lot 2242-B-2, Psd-08-020752-D, situated in Barangay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte containing an area of 198 square meters, TCT No. TP-18900; **12)** Lot 2242-E-7 Psd-08-018882-D, situated in Barnagay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 1,622 square meters, TCT No. TP-17113; **13)** Lot 2242-E-1 Psd-08-018882-D, situated in Barangay Abuyogay, Municipality of Javier, Province of Leyte, containing an area of 271 square meters, TCT No. TP-17107; per Doc. No. 104, Page No. 22, Book No. XLV, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Joy Estolano-Cerro, CPA. *LSDE: February 2, 9 & 16, 2019*

Publication Notice  
RA 10172

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

CCE-0065-2018-RA 10172      Date: 27 DECEMBER 2018

In Compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013 - 1 Guidelines in the Implementation of Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), Notice is hereby served to the public that **CELEDONIA L. FLORES** has filed with (*Name of document owner*)

this Office, a petition for correction of entry in sex from **“X 1 MALE”** to **“X 2 FEMALE”** in the certificate of live birth of **MERRY CRIS INFANTE FLORES** at the **Municipality of Laoang, Northern Samar** and whose parents are **CELEDONIA LIPATA INFANTE** and **WILFREDO CERBITO FLORES**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office not later than **20 FEBRUARY, 2019**.

(Sgd.) **EMMANUEL M. LOZANO**  
Municipal Civil Registrar

LSDE: Feb. 2 & 9, 2019

Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR  
Tacloban City

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **REYNATO D. GALAN** has filed with this Office, (*Complete name of petitioner*)

a Petition for change of first name from

**ALBERTO** to **REYNATO** in Birth (*First name to be changed*) (*New first name to be adopted*)

Certificate of **ALBERTO DAGAMPAT GALAN** who was born on **FEBRUARY 22, 1960** at **Tacloban City** and whose parents are **BERNARDITA L. DAGAMPAT** and **LEBORIO O. GALAN**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **February 14, 2019**

(Sgd.) **IMELDA A. ROA**  
City Civil Registrar


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Plan International, Inc.  
Visayas Program Area  
Tacloban City



RE-INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. Plan International Inc. through its Bidding Committee invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippines Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract:

Name of Project	Construction of One (1) Barangay Health Station Birthing Facility in Brgy. Cabunga-an, Tarangnan, Western Samar
Location	Cabunga-an, Tarangnan, Western Samar
Duration of the Project	90 calendar days

2. Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have undertaken within the last 3 years, as the contractor, one construction work project similar in nature and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the execution of the contract. The Committee will use non-Discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids and it will conduct post evaluation of bids.

3. The schedule is as follows:

ACTIVITIES	Date & Time	Place
a.) Deadline for Submission from prospective bidders of Letter of Intent	February 14,2019 , Thursday at exactly 5:00 PM	Plan International Inc. Visayas Support Center Sandylane Subdivision, Brgy. 77, Marasbaras, Tacloban City
b.) Receipt of Eligibility Requirements (original or notarized Certified True Copy)	February 21, 2019 , Wednesday at exactly 5:00 PM	
c.) Pre-bidding Conference and issuance of Bid documents	February 26, 2019 (10:00 AM)	
d.) Opening of Bids	March 5, 2019 (2:00 PM)	

4. The Committee will issue to prospective bidders List of Eligibility Requirements at Plan International in Tacloban City upon their submission of a Letter of Intent. Prospective bidders *shall submit the Eligibility Requirements* to the Committee at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the Committee at the same address.

5. The Committee will issue Bidding documents only to bidders declared by the Committee to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Php 1,500.00.

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the total Bid Price in a form of **Manager's Check/Cashier's Check, or Cash ONLY**, and must be delivered to the Bidding Committee, **Plan International Sandylane Subdivision, Brgy. 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City** on or before **March 5, 2019**. Bids will be opened at **2:00pm** on the aforementioned date, in the presence of bidders' representatives who chose to attend.

7. Blacklisted contractor by PLAN need not submit their Pre-qualification documents.

8. Letter of authorization and Special Power of Attorney is not allowed.

9. No subcontracting/subletting.

10. Plan International reserves the right to accept or reject any bids and to cancel the bidding at any time prior to award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidders of the reasons for employer's action.

*Plan International was founded over 75 years ago with a mission to promote and protect the rights of children. Plan International is a global organization that works with 51 developing countries to promote child rights and lifts millions of children in poverty.*

*For more information on Plan International and its programs in the Philippines, please visit our website: [www.plan-international.org](http://www.plan-international.org). Our selection policies and procedures ensures our commitment to gender equality and keeping children safe*


For further details please refer to:

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2F YVI Building, Fatima Village,  
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Provincial Supervisor  
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Plan International, Inc.  
Visayas Program Area  
Tacloban City



RE-INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. The Bids and Award Committee (BAC) of Plan International Philippines – Visayas Support Center is inviting prospective security agencies to submit their pre-qualification documents and if found qualified, to bid on below required services:

Location of assignment	: Plan International Philippines Visayas Support Center
Services needed	: 3 Guards for Office and 3 Guards for Warehouse security services
Timeframe	: One year contract (renewable)

2. Interested Agencies are required to submit a **Letter of Intent** together with the following valid and/or unexpired pre-qualification documents either **original or Notarized Certified True copy: 1. Company Profile including list of personnel (designation), PNP Clearances (Permit to Operate and Updated licenses of Firearms), List of Equipment /Vehicles 2. License to Operate 3. Mayor's Permit 4. Certification to Operate/Clearance – DOLE 5. DTI/SEC Registration 6. Certificate of Registration and Clearance– SSS 7. Certificate of Registration and Clearance – PHILHEALTH 8. Certificate of Registration and Clearance– PAGIBIG 9. List of Clients/ Offices 10. BIR CoR and Tax Clearance**, delivered to:

**The Bidding Committee CHAIRPERSON**  
**Plan International Inc.**  
**Visayas Program Area**  
**Sandylane Subdivision Brgy. 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City**

3. The Schedule is as follows:

Receipt from prospective Suppliers / bidders of Letter of Intent and Eligibility Requirements	February 15,2019 VSC office, Sandylane Subdivision Brgy. 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City
Pre-bidding and Issuance of Bid Documents	February 19,2019 VSC office, Sandylane Subdivision Brgy. 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City 10:00 A.M
Opening of Bids	February 26,2019 VSC office, Sandylane Subdivision Brgy. 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City 2:00 PM

4. Prospective bidders shall submit Eligibility Requirements to the Committee at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the Committee at the same address.

5. The Bidding Committee will issue Bidding documents only to bidders declared by the Bidding Committee to be eligible for bidding. All pre-qualified prospective bidders shall be NOTIFIED by the office through telephone and or formal letters to secure all the necessary Bidding Guidelines, Specifications, Designs and other information relative to the bidding and upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **Php500.00**.

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount equivalent to **5%** of the total Bid Price in the form of **Cash or Manager's check/Cashier's Check** and must be delivered to the Bidding Committee, Plan International Inc., **Visayas Program Area Sandylane Subdivision Brgy. 77 Marasbaras Tacloban City** on or before **2:00pm** on **February 26, 2019**. Bids will be opened **at 2:00pm** on the aforementioned date, in the presence of bidders' representative who chose to attend.

7. Plan International reserves the right to accept or reject any bids and to cancel the bidding at any time prior to award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligations to inform the affected bidders of the reasons for employer's action.

**ROY C. SOLEDAD**  
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riod, the DOH only monitored two measles cases with no death.

In 2017, overall, there were 241 cases of measles in the region with five deaths.

“This is really alarming. This is preventable which could not lead to death,” Roca said.

But due to the controversy generated by the Dengvaxia issue, parents refused to have their children inoculated, to include the anti-measles vaccine, Roca said.

Based on their records, the eight fatalities were from the towns of Palo,Leyte with 4; Tacloban City (2) and one each from the towns of Pastrana, Leyte and Gandara,Samar.

Roca said that while the number of measles cases in the region has shoot up to almost a 1,000 percent increase, they are not yet declaring any outbreak.

“We don’t have clustering of cases of measles in the region and its still manageable,” he said.

Still, the DOH is appealing to the parents, in particular, not to be carried away with the Dengvaxia scare which resulted for them not to allow their children take any government-supervised vaccination.

According to him, they are in close coordination with the local government units through their health units to help them on their campaign on measles vaccination.

“They should not be afraid. This is also free,” Roca said.

Roca said that they are glad that no less than President Rodrigo Duterte has asked the parents for their children to be vaccinated.

“We laud the effort of the President. This is an effective way as no less than our leader, the President, said that there is nothing harmful in this (vaccination

campaign),” he said.

The President made this call on January 29 during the groundbreaking for the construction of a hospital in Malabon City.

Parents were said to have refused their children vaccinated amid the controversy on Dengvaxia, a vaccine intended against dengue fever, as there were parents who claimed that their children died after receiving said vaccine.

The DOH has denied that the immediate cause of death of these children were due to Dengvaxia.

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**BEST COUNCIL.** The Sangguniang Panglungsod of Tacloban City was recognized as one of the best legislative bodies in Eastern Visayas during the 2018 Local Legislative Award held on Thursday sponsored by the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Philippine Councilors League(PCL)-Eastern Visayas Chapter. Accepting the award were City Mayor Cristina Romualdez and Councilors Aimee Grafil, Evangeline Esperas and Emmanuel Victor Domingo. They were joined by DILG Undersecretary Maribel Sacendoncillo, PCL-8 president, Councilor Wilson Uy and Tacloban city local operations officer lawyer Darwin Bibar.

*Among the region's best city councils*

# Tacloban council receives recognition from the DILG, PCL

LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA

TACLOBAN CITY- The Sangguniang Panglungsod of Tacloban was a big winner of the recently concluded 2018 Local Legislative Award.

According to Vice Mayor Jerry Yaokasin, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tacloban was awarded as the regional champion of the 2018 Local Legislative Award handed out by the regional office of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) - Eastern Visayas Chapter in

a ceremony held on Thursday (Feb.7) at Robinson's Summit Hotel, this city.

Yaokasin, who is the presiding officer of the city council, expressed his gratitude to DILG and the PCL-EV Council, headed by Palo Councilor Wilson Uy, for the 'prestigious award.'

Yaokasin said that the award will serve as an inspiration to them to come up with pieces of legislation that will benefit to the residents of the city and to better their performance as the legislative arm of the city government.

The Tacloban's Sangguniang Panlungsod was awarded 2018 Local Legislative Award in the highly urbanized city (HUC) category.

The said award recognizes the exemplary performance of the council, particularly of cities and municipalities, for legislating measures that help build the foundation of meaningful local administration and development.

Considering its impact to the local Sanggunian, the

Local Legislative Awards was conferred to the Sanggunian Bayan and Sangguniang Panglungsod that demonstrated exemplary performance for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30 2018.

The Sangguniang Panglungsod of Tacloban has enacted ordinances and resolutions that contributed to the attainment of desirable socio-economic and environmental outcomes.

Aside from Yaoka-

sin, accepting the award were City Mayor Cristina Romualdez and Councilors Aimee Grafil, Evangeline Esperas, and Victor Emmanuel Domingo.

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