

'HEALTH GAINS'

PhilHealth showcases 2025 gains, expands benefits

BY MARY JOY CAVANAS

CONTINUOUSLY thriving in the field of health care and for the welfare of Filipinos, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Regional Office VI highlighted its 2025 program accomplishments during its "Media and Forum Pasasalamat" held at Sam's 21 Hotel in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on November 18, 2025.

This year's gathering was spearheaded by PhilHealth RO6 representatives, including Acting Regional Vice President Lazaro Tabsing, Medical Specialist III Dr. Amalia J. Fernandez, Public Affairs Unit Head Janimhe Jalbuna, and Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Iloilo Head Vicel Bracamonte.

During the event, PhilHealth's representatives highlighted the achievements in terms of their services and benefit packages, such as YAKAP Package, Outpatient benefits, Z-Benefits, Inpatient Benefits, and other medical packages.

YAKAP PACKAGE

Based on operational reports presented by PhilHealth RO6 Public Affairs Unit Head Janimhe Jalbuna, members and



PhilHealth Regional Office - 6 Acting Regional Vice President Lazaro Tabsing (center), Medical Specialist III Dr. Amalia J. Fernandez (right), and Public Affairs Unit Head Janimhe Jalbuna answers questions from the media during their Media Forum and Pasasalamat held at Sam's 21 Hotel in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on November 18, 2025. (PhilHealth 6 photo)

PBBM drives JRMP II forward

The Jalaur River Multi-Purpose Project Stage II (JRMP II) is moving forward to its completion with renewed support from the Marcos Administration.

The significance of the project was recently highlighted during Typhoon Tino that ravaged several parts of Central and Western Visayas.

The Jalaur High Dam demonstrated value and effectiveness as a reservoir

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Dinagyang 2026 to introduce two main performance stages

In a landmark move for one of the Philippines' most celebrated cultural festivals, organizers of the Iloilo Dinagyang Festival 2026 have announced a major change: the introduction of two main performance stages — Freedom Grandstand and the Iloilo Sports Complex.

This decision comes after months of consultations with tribal groups, schools, private sector partners, government agencies, media representatives, and other key stakeholders. The result is a festival design that reflects the community's collective vision for a more inclusive, dynamic, and accessible celebration.

The expansion aims to accommodate larger audiences and elevate the scale of performances. With more space and improved

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The Project Management Office of the National Irrigation Authority is pushing for the speedy completion of the highline and main canals of the Jalaur River Multi-Purpose Project Stage II (JRMP II) so that the multi-billion project could already serve the needs of the farmers in the province of Iloilo. (NIA-6)

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dependents registered in PhilHealth have reached a total of 7.7 million which is equivalent to 95.25% within the region, while Iloilo solely has 2.5 million registered members and dependents, equivalent to 96.69%. Also, PhilHealth's various services have reached a client satisfaction of 99.31% within the region as of October 31, 2025.

Jalbuna also encouraged those who haven't registered yet in PhilHealth to register by visiting its nearest offices.

As of October 31, 2025, 36.50% of Region VI population is registered to YAKAP, while 93.49% equivalent to over 2 million out of the CY 2025 target are registered to the said package. Once registered, members will be able to have access to the said benefit package.

"In terms of our target, PhilHealth is already high but still we want everyone to register for the YAKAP Package," said Jalbuna.

First patient encounter (FPE)—conducted by the primary workers, such as physicians, nurses, and midwives—for the members and dependents who availed YAKAP Package has already reached over 700,000 which is equivalent to 56.28% out of the target number in the region.

"The challenge in terms of FPE is that it is easy to register, but the visitation to our providers have challenges. While in the part of PhilHealth, we've been doing a series of caravans, Alaga Ka activities, we sometimes bring our YAKAP Providers to make sure that after the event, we will have at least members to avail FPE," Jalbuna cited.

The YAKAP (Yaman ng Kalusugan Program) Package, is a flagship program of PhilHealth which offers affordable and accessible primary healthcare services.

As this healthcare package focuses on prevention, early detection of health conditions, and reducing out-of-pocket expenses, Jalbuna emphasized that YAKAP will be able to reduce inpatient treatment and prevent diseases or common health conditions to get worse.

This can also be availed at accredited YAKAP providers in public and private clinics, hospitals, and medical centers.

In terms of claims, the turn-around time (TAT) is around 27 days. Jalbuna highlighted that PhilHealth is making sure to pay good claims, stating that requirements must qualify into the implemented standards, in order to not be marked as RTH (return to hospital) and denied.

The top paid procedures under the YAKAP as of October 31, 2025 are the following: hemodialysis, newborn care, obstetric services, chemotherapy, and HIV/AIDS treatment, while common illnesses covered are pneumonia, gastroenteritis, hypertension, dengue, and stroke.

Jalbuna also reminded the patients to seek early consultation and laboratory tests in their respective YAKAP accredited hospitals and clinics to prevent their conditions of having more complications. If the dependents will use the YAKAP program, they may need to use their respective Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) to avail of their claims.

Under the PhilHealth YAKAP program, benefits and services are available for free at accredited YAKAP Clinics, but private accredited YAKAP Clinics may charge up to P900 per patient for an annual registration. Additionally, each beneficiary can avail medicines worth up to P20,000 per year from accredited pharmacies.

Currently, PhilHealth Regional Office 6 has 210 YAKAP accredited providers across the region wherein 50 are in Iloilo Province, and 16 are located in Iloilo City.

Fernandez announced major reforms, including the lifting of the Single Period of Confinement Rule and the 45-Day Benefit Limit, giving patients more flexibility in claiming benefits. A 50% increase in benefit rates was also implemented this year, raising reimbursements for conditions such as pneumonia, stroke, hypertension, and cancer surgeries.

Expanded outpatient packages now cover mental health services, oral health, optometric care, cataract extraction, and severe acute malnutrition treatment. Z-Benefits continue to support costly procedures like kidney transplants, open-heart surgeries, and cancer therapies.

PhilHealth urged members to register with nearby primary healthcare providers to ensure timely access to services.

Meanwhile, PhilHealth RO6 also encourages its members to register with a primary healthcare provider which is particularly in close proximity and accessible in times of their healthcare needs.



Members of the Iloilo media, including News Express, strike a pose with PhilHealth Regional Office 6 officials and staff during the "Media and Forum Pasasalamat" held at Sam's 21 Hotel in Mandurriao, Iloilo City on November 18, 2025. (PhilHealth – 6 photo)

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logistics, the festival promises:

- * Larger space for creative choreography that allows tribes to showcase more elaborate routines
- * Grander presentations with enhanced visual and cultural storytelling
- * Improved performer experience—less fatigue and more manageable transitions between performances
- * Reduced traffic disruptions in the downtown area, thanks to fewer road closures
- * More affordable tickets and increased seating capacity, ensuring broader public access

Festival organizers, including the Iloilo Festivals Foundation Inc. (IFFI), the City Government of Iloilo, and the Iloilo Provincial Government, emphasized that this change is not just logistical—it's symbolic of Dinagyang's evolution as a world-class cultural showcase rooted in community collaboration.

More seats and lower ticket prices are expected to make the festival more accessible to families, students, and tourists. Organizers are also working with sponsors to ensure that the infrastructure and amenities at both venues meet the highest standards.

Moreover, the Dinagyang tribes competition, which is traditionally held in the morning, will already be held in the afternoon starting at 1 p.m.

The highlights of the Dinagyang 2026 is slated on January 24-25.

The festival highlights include:

Dinagyang Food Festival (Downtown Iloilo City) - January 22-25

Illumination and Floats Parade of Lights (Atria-SM City-Iloilo Business Park) – 6:00 p.m., January 23

Illumination sa Downtown – January 24

Sadsad sa Calle Real – 8:00 a.m., January 25

Kasadyahan sa Kabanwahanan – 1 p.m., January 24

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dam with flood mitigation feature when it stored an estimated 19.5 million cubic meters of water.

This volume is equivalent to 5.15 billion gallons, enough to fill approximately 7,800 Olympic-size swimming pools, which could have caused severe flooding downstream in Calinog town, without the project.

Consequently, this generated considerable momentum and increased in stakeholder appreciation for the high dam and support for the completion of JRMP II.

In fact, the project received significant backing from President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. himself, when the Economy and Development Council (EDC) approved the restructuring request on November 4, 2025.

As Chairperson of the EDC, President Marcos authorized an additional PhP 5.96 billion in funding, specifically allocated to complete the project's irrigation component.

The remaining works for this component include construction of highline and main canals with enhanced design and new lateral canals equivalent to 55.3 kilometers intended to enhance delivery of water to farmlands.

As a result, the project completion of JRMP II is set to December 2027 with target for construction works to be completed by June 2027.

Loan validity was likewise extended until November 15, 2026, to process remaining payments under the loan

Iloilo recognizes efforts of community-based volunteers at 2025 BSPO Congress

By MARY JOY CAVANAS

To recognize the efforts of Barangay Service Point Officers (BSPOs) in the community, the Iloilo Provincial Government, through the Provincial Population Office (PPO), in partnership with the Federation of Iloilo Provincial Service Point Officers (FIPSP, Inc.) conducted the 2025 Provincial BSPO Congress at Iloilo Convention Center (ICON) in Mandurriao district on Monday, November 17.

Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. spearheaded the event, in the presence of PPO Chief Atty. Ruel Von Superio, 3rd District Rep. Cong. Lorenz Defensor, Vice Governor Nathalie Ann Debuque, League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP)-Iloilo Province President and Badiangan Mayor Suzette Mamon, among others.

With the theme, "Empowering BSPOs: Stronger Families, Stronger Communities, Stronger Nation", about 2,505 BSPOs have gathered in the event from various municipal barangays and also joined by municipal mayors, and barangay officials across the province.

This event also recognized BSPOs who have served their respective duties for several decades, wherein they received cash incentives, including P3,000 each for 30 years, and P5,000 each for 40 years of service. Cash incentives of P2,000 each were also given for BSPOs with 20 years of service.

In his speech, Atty. Superio commended the efforts and dedication of BSPOs in terms of community volunteerism that seeks for the welfare of the community and boosts the province's progress. He also highlighted that their duties ensure that no family is left behind, no community is overlooked, and no sector will be neglected.

Additionally, Cong. Lorenz Defensor, during his speech, emphasized the significance of Barangay Officials and

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and facilitate its official closing.

"We are grateful to President Marcos and our development partners for their support to JRMP II", expressed National Irrigation Administration (NIA) 6 Regional Manager and JRMP II Concurrent Project Manager Engr. Jonel Borres after receiving overwhelming support from the EDC.

He likewise confirmed that the PMO is committed to accelerating project completion through broad multisectoral support from the farmers and IP communities, as well as the 27 government agencies under the convergence mechanism that uphold NIA's infrastructure, livelihood, and social development commitments.

The Restructuring Request for JRMP II was a tedious process that started as early as June 2024 under the leadership of NIA Administrator Engr. Eduardo Eddie Guillen and Engr. Borres.

The approval of the request was driven by the instrumental support and unified endorsement of the Regional Development Council 6 (RDC 6), the Infrastructure Development Committee (IDC), the Department of Economy Planning and Development (DEPDev 6), and the Iloilo Provincial Government.

It went through the required multi-level evaluation process, securing endorsements from the NIA Executive Committee, NIA Board of Directors, Office of the Executive Secretary and the Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) and its Technical Board and Cabinet Committee.

Iloilo offers P100K reward for info on bomb threat suspects

ILOILO CITY – The provincial government here is offering a PHP100,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators behind the string of bomb threats plaguing the province.

"Like the city (government), it will be PHP100,000 for any useful information that will lead to something concrete," Gov. Arthur Defensor Jr. said in a media interview Wednesday.

The governor said that bomb jokes are not just pranks but a serious matter that constitute a criminal offense.

Defensor convened the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) last Thursday, where they tackled the series of bomb threats made against schools in the city and province of Iloilo.

In the meeting, he urged the concerned agencies to act fast to stop the incidence of bomb threats to ensure the safety and security of the populace.

"Together with the other agencies, we will investigate.

We will pursue this so it won't persist and be repeated," he added.

Meanwhile, the Department of Education in Western Visayas urged all schools to "heighten security awareness, ensure functionality of communication lines, and fully cooperate with the local DRRM (disaster risk reduction and management) councils and law enforcement agencies."

"All concerned are directed to immediately initiate evacuation procedures upon receipt or confirmation of a credible bomb threat, move learners and personnel to pre-checked safe assembly areas away from identified threat zones, and coordinate with the PNP-EOD (Philippine National Police - Explosive and Ordnance Disposal) Team for verification, area clearing, and investigation. Classes and work shall be suspended, during which alternative delivery modes may be implemented," it said.

The department said classes and work will only resume upon official clearance and premises are confirmed safe by authorities. (PNA)



REWARD. The provincial government convenes concerned offices on Wednesday (Nov. 19, 2025) to tackle the series of bomb threats in schools in the city and province of Iloilo. A PHP100,000 reward is being offered for anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest of whoever are behind this series of bomb threats. *(Photo from Balita Halin sa Kapitolyo)*

Minimum wage hike adjustment takes effect in Western Visayas

ILOILO CITY – The Department of Labor and Employment in Western Visayas (DOLE-6) has appealed to employers to "implement religiously" the adjustment in the minimum wage which takes effect in the region on Wednesday.

In a statement, the labor and employment office said Wage Order No. RBVI-29 is "just, fair and responsive."

"As the economy grows, every worker in Western Visayas shares in that progress," DOLE-6 Regional Director Sixto Rodriquez Jr. said in a statement.

The order mandates an adjustment of PHP37 for establishments employing more than 10 workers, bringing their minimum wage to PHP550 from PHP513.

A PHP40 increase is implemented for those with 10 workers or fewer, to PHP525 from PHP485.

For the agricultural sector, the minimum wage is adjusted to PHP520 from PHP480, representing an increase of PHP40.

In addition to workers in the private sector, the monthly minimum wage for kasambahay (domestic workers) was also adjusted to PHP6,500 from PHP6,000.

Rodriquez appealed to employers to comply with the new rate as part of their shared responsibility to promote decent work and fair treatment in the labor sector.

In a separate interview,

Eon Group of Companies chairperson Felix Tiu said they will study the impacts of the adjustment because it is going to be a "big blow" to their expenditures.

"In our company, we have a matrix, where we have a yearly increase. As of now, all our employees are beyond minimum wage," he said.

"If we cannot survive, we will close the business. In our case, with Eon Group, we do not retrench. We are trying to make our business grow so we can create more job opportunities," he said. (PNA)

WAGE HIKE. Various products of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are showcased in a trade fair in Iloilo City in this undated photo. MSME workers will now enjoy higher pay as the minimum wage hike in Western Visayas took effect on Wednesday (Nov. 19, 2025). *(PNA file photo by Perla Lena)*



Republic of the Philippines
National Authority for Child Care
Regional Alternative Child Care Office
Region VI - Western Visayas
200-137-390-000

DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ADOPTION
CASE NO:
RACCO VI-DAA-2025-0140

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2025

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADOPTION
OF ZADE SOLIVIO TO BE KNOWN
THEREAFTER AS ZADE ELIJAH
MOLOMOLO MORALES

SPOUSES, REYJANE LONGNO
MORALES AND CHRISTINE ANN
MOLOMOLO MORALES

Petitioners
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ORDER

A verified petition for the adoption of Zade Solivio filed by the petitioners through the Regional Alternative Child Care Office (RACCO) praying that after due notice, publication, and appearances, a judgement be rendered to the effect that the adoptee **Zade Solivio** be declared for all legal intents and purposes the legitimate child of the petitioners and that the name of the adoptee be changed particularly to appear as **Zade Elijah Molomolo Morales**.

Finding the said Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the same be set for Mandatory Appearance on **December 19, 2025**, to be held at **RACCO VI at 3F Ana Ros Building, Simon Ledesma Street, Jaro, Iloilo City**. Any interested party may appear and may file an opposition/ complaint supported by evidence to the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), through the RACCO where the Petition was filed. The complaint will be subjected to verification and further investigation.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the Petitioners once a week for three (3) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 31 of R.A. No. 11642 or the Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act.

(SGD.) JANICE BRASILEÑO, RSW
Officer-In-Charge

NE/Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2025

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **YASSER ELI G. ALMEDA** with business address at Poblacion, Patnongon, Antique has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **ERLINDO M. BELARDO** to **YASSER ELI G. ALMEDA** and for the **Change of Vessel Name from FBCA "RITZ-JOY" to FBCA "ALON BAGANI – 3"**. Notarized by Atty. Anselmo S. Alvañiz IV, a Notary Public in the Province of Antique docketed as Doc. No. 293, Page No. 59, Book No. XVII Series of 2025. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

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Heart breaker

As I stepped out of the hospital's main lobby, a young father in his late 20's walked by pushing a rundown stroller where his almost lifeless daughter sat limp, unconscious or asleep.

Given their circumstance, it was clear that the father had no choice but to flag a taxi to bring his daughter home or he would have to carry her all the way out and to the bus stop.

Once inside the cab, the sick girl lay limp while the father got some help from the guard to fold the stroller, and I held the taxi door open while asking what was wrong with the girl. Almost zombie-like he said, "Hydrocephalus."

As my heart broke watching them, all I could do was give him cash. I did not want to stall or delay them given the condition of the child, but it was a scene you know will eat at you for a couple of days.

The father thanked me and looked with disbelief that a total stranger would give help without being asked. The father's "look back" really stayed with me all day.

In the Philippines, we all know that half the battle for cure is in the commitment of parents and doctors, the other half is in the availability of money to travel, buy medicines and provide proper nutrition.

As far as the hospital, the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC), is concerned, they are the best in the country among government hospitals specializing in children's diseases and medicine.

I can confidently say they are "the best" because in spite of the volume of patients they get in relation to their very limited resources, their track record and dedication is so good that people go to them even for miracles.

I have also had a prolonged personal experience with the hospital and staff while assisting a young girl who had an adverse reaction post school vaccination.

I wrote about it in a column titled "One in a million"

about an unlucky child who had a "one in a million" serious side effect. Over a period of several years, I witnessed the dedication of PCMC doctors, nurses and technicians in caring for "Charlotte."

By God's grace, "Charlotte" managed to partially regain her mobility, overcame choking and oxygen deprivation and almost 10 years after, now walks short distances or gets around in a wheelchair.

Two weeks ago, she told "Tito Cito" that she had graduated magna cum laude and was hired by a company to do IT-related duties even before graduating. All that, thanks to God and PCMC.

So why "Heart Breaker?" Well, there are the hundreds if not thousands of babies, toddlers, infants, adolescent kids that go in and out of the Philippine Children's Medical Center, each and every one of them sick and financially challenged.

You might be able to turn away from "seeing" adult patients, but sick or ill toddlers and children have a way of grabbing your attention, wrenching your heart and searing your conscience.

Their absolute helplessness translates to a message that tells us: "Lucky you! You're healthy and well off. But me, I'm sick, my mother is rubbing her knees raw praying to God for help, flooding our bed with tears while living in fear 24/7."

I do what I can as a human being and as a journalist, what I am burdened to do is call out ALL our national leaders, in Malacañang, in Congress, the Senate, local government and the private sector to go to the PCMC and other government hospitals unannounced and see the situation.

When I went there last Wednesday to give a talk, I was glad that so much construction was going on. As we drove around, I did notice that there was no hum of machinery, workers buzzing around or any sort of construction noise to be heard.

Later on, I had a chance to look out a window and

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Cito Beltran



saw concrete pillars half built, concrete poured and compliant with the required steels bars for the purpose. Then I noticed the RUST. Not new rust but old rust and no workers!

I asked around on what the situation was with so many buildings going up. One person said some were recent, while some were on hold because of delays getting power connections and occupancy permits from the LGU.

For the other projects, PCMC had to get rid of contractors who ended up short on operating funds or failed to deliver on commitments. With so many patients and medical challenges, the hospital administration should not have to play project manager.

Making matters worse is that the PCMC is currently led by an OIC or officer-in-charge who, as in many government offices, is responsible for all the problems but has very limited powers to decide.

On top of that, there is the issue of who should head such a hospital, a doctor or a hospital manager? Maybe Congress should create two positions: medical director and director for hospital management. One heals, the other manages.

On his last birthday, BBM visited the PCMC, even gave financial assistance to the hospital while having PR photo ops but did not realize the desperation and urgent need for buildings to be finished!

Sadly, the PCMC is not an isolated case. The PGH, the East Avenue Medical Center, the Batangas Regional Medical Center and many others, all have similar situations.

Birthday visits don't mean a thing to a child who knows he or she won't make it to their next birthday! Let us be Healers, not Stealers!

Sins of the father

Civil forfeiture is supposed to be easier than securing a criminal conviction. Confiscating ill-gotten assets in the still widening infrastructure corruption mess is seen as one of the low-hanging fruits in assuaging public outrage.

The Independent Commission for Infrastructure is working with several agencies to hasten such forfeiture proceedings. Assets of several of those implicated in the scandal have been frozen.

Those behind the efforts must ensure that any adult children used in the thievery must also suffer the consequences.

The forfeiture must be genuine and thorough instead of what we have seen in the past years, which was often token and allowed thieves to keep a considerable amount of ill-gotten wealth.

A case in point is that of retired military comptroller Carlos Flores Garcia. The former Army major general was accused of pocketing P303 million from 1993 to 2005. But under a plea bargain agreement he struck with the Office of the State Prosecutor, the original plunder complaint against him was downgraded to direct bribery and facilitating money laundering.

In exchange, he surrendered P135,433,387.84 in various assets to the state, and was freed on P60,000 bail on Dec. 16, 2010, just in time for the Christmas holidays.

Also as part of the plea bargain, Garcia's accused co-conspirators – his wife Clarita and adult sons Ian Carl, Juan Paulo and Timothy Mark – were dropped from the case.

Garcia's woes started when Clarita, in an attempt to save her sons from a criminal indictment for failing to declare \$100,000 upon entry to the US, had blabbed to US customs authorities that there was more where the cash came from, since her husband was the comptroller of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

Former state auditor Heidi Mendoza presented bank documents to back up the detailed findings of a six-member team of the Commission on Audit (COA) that plunder was committed by Garcia. Yet the plea bargain was endorsed by then special prosecutor Wendell Sulit ostensibly because the evidence was insufficient to prove plunder.

Mendoza would later disclose pressure to go easy on the special COA probe, which was conducted amid military unrest over corruption in the AFP. Garcia

was believed to be enjoying the protection of higher-ups during the administration of Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. In 2006, with the audit team's findings ignored, Mendoza quit the COA in disgust.

The ombudsman at the time, Merceditas Gutierrez, gave the plea bargain her blessing. Gutierrez would later be impeached, but she resigned before the case could go to trial and possibly cause her to lose her fat retirement benefits and pension.

Anti-corruption crusader Bongbong Marcos recycled Gutierrez, naming her to the board of the Government Service Insurance System. Following a recent run-in with its president/GM Arnulfo Veloso, Gutierrez quit the GSIS. But BBM quickly recycled her as chair of the National Commission of Senior Citizens.

In August last year, the Sandiganbayan issued a writ of execution, compelling Garcia to pay P406.3 million as fine for his bribery conviction and another P1.5 million for facilitating money laundering. The anti-graft court junked Garcia's appeal to deduct the P135.4 million from the fine.

We don't know if the court order has been executed, and if penalties are being imposed for failure to carry it out. Garcia, who was released from the New Bilibid Prison in August 2023 after 17 years behind bars, is claiming insolvency.

Perhaps the state can go after his family's assets, especially since they all escaped accountability in the theft of public funds. Garcia's son Timothy Mark used to be a publicist for Marc by Marc Jacobs. At age 25 when his father was arrested, Timothy lived in a one-room apartment at the posh Trump Plaza in Manhattan, reportedly bought by his mother in 2004 for a cool \$765,000.

To remind you of the sordid details of this story, you can check out this link:

<https://www.philstar.com/opinion/2009/10/01/509782/pity-tim-stylish-son-gen-garcia-ny>

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Looters pass on their illegally amassed wealth to their children, who then claim that they didn't do the looting, and that the sins of the father must not be visited on the children.

This mindset encourages the large-scale corruption that has plagued our plundered country for decades now. Public officials pocket state funds not only for

Sketches

Ana Marie Pamintuan



themselves, but also for their children – to send them to the best and

most expensive schools in the US and UK, to buy them all the baubles that they want, from Patek Philippe wristwatches to condos in Manhattan and seven luxury cars, one for every day of the week even when there's no number coding. Such parents don't want their kids to ever struggle to make a name in life.

And such parents are willing to suffer the consequences of amassing dirty money – even life in prison – in exchange for seeing their children set up for life.

I know even a former freedom fighter who built a reputation for integrity. In the twilight of his years when he earned high office, he was reprimanded by a colleague for engaging in corruption. The colleague, in disgust, later disclosed the ex-freedom fighter's reaction: Papano naman ang mga anak ko?

He was getting on in years, he reportedly said, and he had to provide for his children.

I fear this mindset is the rule rather than the exception among our officials. Especially when they think there's a reasonable chance of getting away with the thievery.

In stealing from the people, the thieves spread their loot among family members – spouses, children, mistresses and their children – and occasionally, even loyal, trusted aides.

Laundered funds are not just parked in the bank accounts of children, but are also invested in the kids' start-up enterprises. Ill-gotten wealth is also used by the younger generations to finance their election campaigns and entry into politics, to redeem the names of disgraced parents and perpetuate the dynasty.

If the current anti-corruption crackdown is sincere and meant to impart indelible lessons, it must proceed with the idea that anyone who profits from dirty money must suffer the consequences.

Garcia got to keep nearly P167.6 million of the P303 million he was accused of stealing. Timothy probably kept his Manhattan condo.

There are many parents who would willingly rot in prison to leave even half of P167.6 million to their children. There must be no reward in any form for stealing public funds.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **REX PADILLA PALADA** has filed with this office, a **PETITION FOR CHANGE OF FIRST NAME** from “**RAMON**” to “**REX**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **REX PADILLA PALADA** who was born on **AUGUST 8, 1962** at **POTOTAN, ILOILO** and whose parents are **RAMON PALADA** and **VICTORIA PADILLA**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) **MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA**
Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 24, 2025 & Dec. 1, 2025

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **R.A. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **EDNA CORDOVA** has filed with this office a Petition for Change of First Name from “**ADELINA**” to “**EDNA**” in the birth certificate of **ADELINA ALARCON** who was born on **January 9, 1953** at **Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file a written opposition with this office.

(SGD.) **ATTY. REYNOLD A. PEREZ**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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File No. **F2025-156**

IN RE: PETITION FOR EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED,

BARBAZA MULTIPURPOSE COOP.,
REPRESENTED BY ITS REMEDIAL
MANAGEMENT UNIT OFFICER,
BUENA JEAN V. VECINA,
Petitioner.
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SHERIFF’S NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL AUCTION SALE

ILOILO PIONEER PAWNSHOP, INC.
Arroyo Street, Lapaz, Iloilo City

NOTICE

The public is informed that on **NOVEMBER 29, 2025** an Auction Sale will be held at 9:00 A.M. for all unredeemed Jewelries & Articles the conditions of which have expired.

THE MANAGEMENT

PAHIBALO

Ginapahibalo ang tanan nga sa **NOBYEMBRE 29, 2025** may pagahiwaton nga baligyaanay alas 9:00 sa aga sang mga alahas kag pagkabutang nga wala magawad nga sa diin ang mga plasos nga ginkasugtan natapos na.

ANG TAGDUMALAHAN

Republic of the Philippines
Local Civil Registry Office
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Dumangas

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. **9048**/10172, a notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. NERMA D. BALTAZAR** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **NERMA** to **MA. NERMA** in the birth certificate of **NERMA BELENSON DIMZON** who was born on **NOVEMBER 9, 1968** at **DUMANGAS, ILOILO** and whose parents are **NIRE DIMZON** and **EMMA BELENSON**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) **ENGR. CYNTHIA D. CANTO**
Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 24, 2025 & Dec. 1, 2025

Upon petition for extra-judicial foreclosure sale under *Act 3135*, as amended, filed by **BARBAZA MULTIPURPOSE COOP.**, represented by its Remedial Management Unit Officer, Buena Jean V. Vecina, with principal office at Cubay, Barbaza, Antique, against mortgagor **Judie Pacete Sandoval**, a resident of Funda-Dalipe, San Jose, Antique, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness, which is as of 09 October 2025 amounts to Phil: Pesos: **Nine Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Five & 63/100 (Php969,735.63)**, exclusive of attorney’s fees, sheriff fee and other fees relative to foreclosure proceedings, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **10 December 2025**, at 10:00 o’clock in the morning, or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Sheriff, RTC, Branch 64, Zaldivar Hall of Justice, Binirayan Hills, San Jose, Antique, to the highest bidder for cash or manager’s check and in Philippine currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

Original Certificate of Title
No. P-(2023000355) 088-2024000252
Lot No. 5650

“A parcel of land (Lot No. 5680, Cad. 24, Cad. 891-D), situated in the Brgy. of Paningayan, Municipality of Laua-an, Antique. Bounded on the E. along lines 1-2-3, by Lot 5678; along line 3-4-5-6-7, by Lot 5679; along line 7-8 by Lot 5678; on the E., S. along line 8-9-10, by Lot 5681; on the SW. along line 2-3 by Lot 151; on the E., along line 3-4, by Lot 148; and on the SE., along line 10-11, by Lot 5710; and on the NW., N. NE., along line 11-12-13-14-1, by Lot 5675. All lots above stated within Cad. 891-D. Containing an area of **Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen (5,814) square meters, more or less**. Declared in the name of Jodie Pacete Sandoval married to Guillermo Sandoval Jr.”

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **17 December 2025** at the same time and place abovementioned without further notice.

San Jose for Bugasong, Antique, 03 November 2025.

EMILIO FELIPE Y. LEGASPI II
OIC, Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD.) **RAMIL P. MARTÍNEZ**
Sheriff IV

WARNING:
It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this Notice of Sale on or before the date of Sale under the penalty of law.

NE/Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2025

GENERAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby served to the Public that **CLARISSE M. BANDIOLA** with business address at Caticlan, Malay, Aklan has filed with **MARINA Regional Office VI** for re-issuance of Certificate of Ownership and Certificate of Philippine Registry due to a Change of Ownership from **EMMANUEL C. BANDIOLA** to **CLARISSE M. BANDIOLA** of vessel named **MBCA “LE YVONE”**. Any person or entity adversely affected by said claim may file their written opposition with Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office VI, MARINA Bldg., De La Rama St., Iloilo City within ten (10) days from the date of posting.

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BSPOs for the welfare and safety or security of the community, stressing that they should create a change or impact to either society, province, or across the country. He also calls for them to choose a good leader in the future who will provide justice, highlighting that progress comes from good governance and humility. In his end, Cong. Defensor also encouraged the BSPOs to continue making Iloilo as a “role model for good governance and honesty”.

In his message, Governor Arthur Defensor Jr. expressed gratitude and appreciation to BSPOs, highlighting their role in terms of data gathering for various programs in the community, involving environment, education, tourism, solid waste management, among others. He also called for their continuous support and cooperation for data gathering and human resources in implemented programs for the welfare of the province and its people.

Coinciding with the event, the province also recognized the awardees for the Search for the Best Managed Population Data

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Municipality of San Miguel

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In compliance with **Section 5 of R.A. Act No. 9048**, a notice is hereby served to the public that **FEMI CAMACHO** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from **FEMI MEDIANISTA** to **FEMI** in the birth certificate of **FEMI MEDIANISTA CAUMBAN CAMACHO** who was born on **April 11, 1972** at **San Miguel, Iloilo** and whose parents are **Miguel C. Camacho** and **Fely Caumban**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) **ADA S. GUELOS**
Municipal Civil Registrar

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Bank, held at Iloilo Convention Center (ICON) in Mandurriao district on Monday, November 17.

The Top 15 finalists for this year's awarding composed of: Anilao, Balasan, Barotac Nuevo, Dumangas, Guimbal, Maasin, Miagao, Mina, Pototan, San Dionisio, San Enrique, San Miguel, Sta. Barbara, Tigbauan, and Zarraga.

This year, the municipality of Pototan won third place, receiving a cash prize of P20,000; Guimbal at second place with P30,000 cash prize; and Dumangas was hailed as champion, receiving P50,000.

In terms of Special Awards, the municipality of San

Miguel got the ”Most Promising LGU in Statistical Data Board”, wherein they received a P5,000 cash prize, while San Enrique was chosen as “Most Promising LGU in Population Data Banking and Management” also receiving a cash prize of P5,000.

Meanwhile, three municipalities got their spot at “Best in Statistical Data Board”, including: Zarraga as third place with P5,000 cash prize, Dumangas at second place which received P15,000, and Maasin at first place which received P25,000 cash prize.



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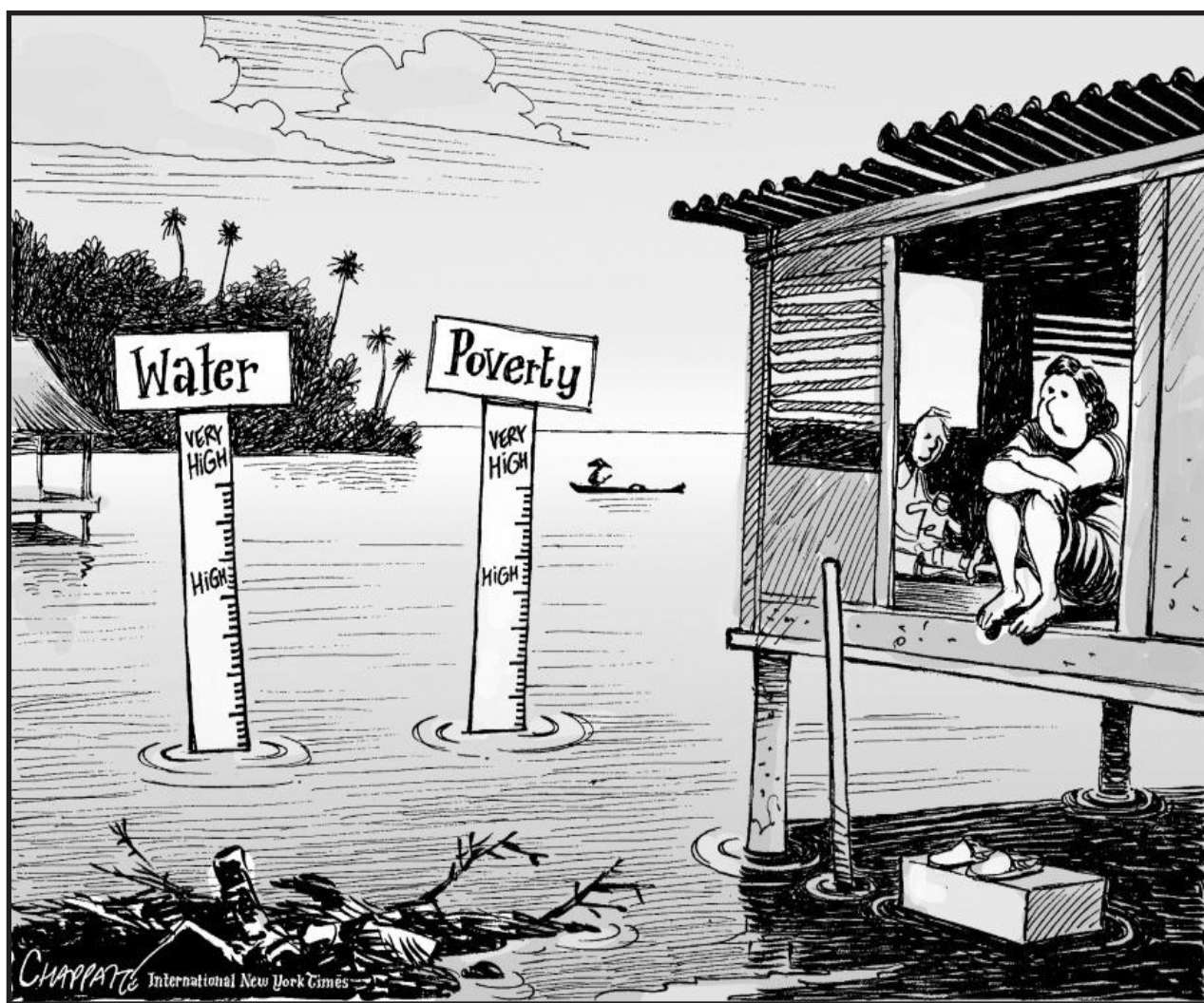
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Justice before charity

Editorial

This year's World Day of the Poor was commemorated by the Catholic Church on Sunday, Nov. 16. In his message titled "You are my hope," Pope Leo said that helping the poor is a matter of justice before it is a question of charity.

The Pope also quoted Saint Augustine who said "You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away. You clothe the naked, but would that all were clothed and that there be no need for supply this lack."

The pontiff said he hopes that the commemoration would encourage the development of policies aimed at combating both old and new forms of poverty, and implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor.

"Labor, education, housing, and health are foundations of a security that will never be attained by the use of arms," he added.

Predominantly Catholic or not, the Philippines should take these words to heart especially since

50 percent of all families rated themselves poor, according to a Sept. 2025 survey of the Social Weather Stations.

An additional 12 percent rated themselves borderline, placing themselves just at the divide of "poor" and "not poor." The remaining 38 percent of respondents said they were "not poor." The Sept. 2025 rate is one percentage point higher than the 49 percent in June but five points lower than the 55 percent rate in April.

The numbers, placed against the backdrop of the corruption scandal in the country, is not only saddening but infuriating. Imagine half the population believing themselves as having little to no access to basic needs and social services. Imagine them experiencing loss and displacement in the event of disasters. In contrast, we only have to remember images of numerous luxury vehicles, piles of cash on the table, and other displays of opulence as a result of the profitable dealings with the government, or of acting on behalf of the

government on such transactions.

Filipinos have, for decades, tolerated the effects of poor leadership and corrupt government. These have been responsible for our country's failure to achieve our true economic potential. Whatever gains we have may be nominal, because improvements are only felt by those who are not poor in the first place.

But it is the poor who have a rightful claim to the taxes being plundered. As a result of corruption, people have inadequate food, housing, health, and education. They work in unjust conditions because it is either that or have no work at all. They are not able to contemplate the long term because they are stuck with the immediate demands of survival on any given day.

If anybody claims to want to serve this country, they must be asked: what have they done for the poor aside from cosmetic acts of charity, with calculated returns in terms of electoral support? (manilastandard.net)

Accountability before yearend

The year is drawing to a close, and despite the numerous headlines and revelations about the flood control scandal, not one investigation has produced a definitive list of culprits nor a clear roadmap for reform.

Typhoon Tino (international name Kalmaegi) swept through the Visayas, leaving over 200 dead and millions displaced. Before communities could recover, Super Typhoon Uwan (international name Fung-wong) quickly followed, worsening the devastation. These twin disasters were not just calamities—they were stress tests for government, exposing the magnitude of corruption that has claimed lives, washed away homes, and ruined livelihoods.

The devastation left by the twin storms further flared public outrage over the web of corruption, ghost projects, and substandard infrastructure that, instead of saving lives, have exposed communities to even greater vulnerabilities.

The public has been promised accountability, yet what we see instead are video statements from politicians, press conferences filled with vague assurances, and endless "ongoing investigations." Meanwhile, thousands—if not millions—are struggling to recover and rebuild from the devastation left by recent storms.

Last week, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. issued a stern warning to personalities linked to anomalous flood control projects: "Wala silang Merry

Christmas" (They won't have a Merry Christmas). He vowed that those implicated would be jailed before the year ends. "Alam ko bago mag-Pasko marami dito sa napangalanan ay matatapos na 'yung kaso nila, buo na 'yung kaso," he said.

Strong words. But words alone will not restore public trust or bring justice to the Filipino people. What the public needs to see is proof that justice will be enforced no matter who gets hit and that those who profited and plundered from the suffering of millions of Filipinos are held accountable. If the government cannot provide a clear roadmap for reform before the year ends, it risks cementing the perception that corruption is not just tolerated but is already institutionalized.

Civic groups, churches, and business coalitions have joined the call to prosecute not just the "small fish" but the masterminds behind this systemic plunder. The clamor is not for token resignations; it is for real accountability that makes corruption shameful and disgusting again. "Mga kurakot, ikulong na yan" as the shout of angry citizens.

The public's patience is running thin. Last Sunday, tens of thousands of protesters gathered in Manila City for a three-day rally to demand accountability over billions stolen from public coffers. The protest, led by Iglesia ni Cristo, is only the latest display of public outrage following the series of mass demonstrations held in September to denounce corruption.

While government efforts to address the corruption

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BY JOE ZALDARRIAGA

scandal should not be discounted—the creation of the Independent Commission on Infrastructure, the issuance of subpoenas, and the filing of charges—the Filipino people need faster, tangible results. Every day without accountability is another day of vulnerability for millions living in flood-prone areas. Justice demands urgency because unless corruption is addressed and reforms are implemented, the Filipino people will again be wading in floodwaters by the next typhoon season.

Before the year ends, the Filipino people deserve answers to these questions: Who are the people behind this mammoth corruption scandal? Where did all the money go? What is our way forward to prevent this from happening again? The best gift this government can give the Filipino people this Christmas are answers and justice.

President Marcos Jr. has already given a Christmas deadline to bring those involved in the corruption scandal to justice—and we hope that promise comes true.

The year is drawing to a close. Before we gather around the table for Noche Buena, let the government serve justice to the suffering Filipino people. Because if justice does not come now, it may never come at all—and that would be the greatest tragedy of all, and Christmas 2025 will be a hollow one.

Coffee musings

On Nov. 18, the Committee of Agriculture of the House of Representatives tackled several House Bills regarding the common theme of developing the coffee industry in the Philippines. The proposals in the bills were varied in their approaches but the common theme of the measures was the urgent need to promote the industry and the farm workers in the same.

The Filipino’s demand for coffee is strong and growing. Every city and municipality in the country is full of coffee shops small and large. From the popular and expensive franchise shops like Starbucks, Coffee Bean, Bo’s and the like to the smaller coffee tambayans, you see Filipinos young and old sipping coffee. From the simplest of homes to the poshest of mansions, families all over the country start their day with the venerable morning coffee. When we visit homes or meet with friends and business associates we almost always offer “kape”. Study says that almost 80 percent of our population consumes and average

of 2.5 cups daily or around 3 kg. of coffee. Truly if one day we have a sudden disappearance of coffee, we would probably have a nation of dazed and grumpy individuals demanding their cup of java.

Despite this great demand and despite the fact that our country is one of the few countries in the world that produces all four commercially viable coffee varieties -Arabica, Robusta, Liberica and Exelsa, we cannot seem to produce enough coffee to meet the demand. We are a net importer insofar as our coffee is concerned. We rely on imports for 80 percent of our coffee needs.

Why don’t we produce more coffee? Experts cite many factors such as disasters, climate change and the degradation of our soil due to widespread artificial fertilizer use. Another big factor is that land dedicated to coffee production is quite small. This is because producing coffee is a long game. From planting the initial tree, farmers will need to wait for three years. After

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By Atty. Gilberto Lauengco, J.D.

that, harvest is only once a year. Due to economic pressures, small farmers or farmer cooperatives cannot wait for that long to earn in any farming endeavor.

In order to address the issues in developing the industry, we can look at the example of Vietnam. Vietnam has applied its draconian whole-of-government and whole-of-nation approach to rice to its growing coffee industry. In Vietnam, there is a single government authority that oversees and coordinates all efforts on coffee. In the Philippines, our bean counters automatically contest the creation of any new agency. Perhaps it will take an executive fiat and push to finally push the creation of our own coffee agency. With the potential as outlined above, many believe it is worth the creation of a coffee agency.

Focusing on early education, nutrition for children’s development

Following the findings of the Education Commission II, the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) have signed a joint circular to establish more child development centers (CDC) in the country’s underserved areas. There are 3,800 barangays in the country that have no CDCs, as reported by the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Council.

The signing of the joint circular is also in line with the directive of PBBM to ensure quality education for Filipino children.

Establishing child development centers in underserved areas is crucial in ensuring that all children, regardless of their socio-economic background, have access to quality early childhood education. These centers provide a safe and nurturing environment where young children can develop foundational skills in language, cognition, social interaction, and emotional regulation. Research has proven that early education significantly influences a child’s lifelong learning trajectory, academic success, and overall well-being. These centers, situated in underserved communities with limited resources and learning opportunities, significantly contribute to breaking the cycle of poverty by providing children with a robust start and leveling the playing field. Investing in early childhood development is not only a matter of equity but also a powerful strategy for building a more inclusive and prosperous society.

I think the establishment of CDCs should prioritize geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs). These are communities that face major challenges in accessing basic services due to their remote location and socio-economic conditions. Often situated in mountainous regions, islands, or conflict-affected zones, GIDAs suffer from poor infrastructure, including limited roads, inadequate healthcare, and a lack of schools. Transportation and communication are difficult, and children in these areas often have to walk for hours, cross rivers, and navigate rough terrain just to attend school.

High poverty rates, limited access to education, and poor health outcomes distinguish GIDAs beyond geographic barriers. These compounded disadvantages make them priority areas for government and development efforts

to ensure that no community is left behind in the push for inclusive growth and social equity.

As of 2022, the Department of Health (DOH) identified 3,427 GIDA barangays across the country, with Mindanao accounting for 1,878 of them – more than half of the total. The recently signed joint circular between the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) underscores the need to address this gap. The circular specifically prioritizes low-income local government units (LGUs) and provides clear guidelines on how they can access funding from the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF). This funding can be used for the construction, rehabilitation, or upgrading of multipurpose buildings (MPBs) that will serve as CDCs, helping bring early childhood education closer to the country’s most underserved children.

In this context, the role of local government unit (LGU) officials is crucial in transforming national policies into meaningful, on-the-ground results. The President has clearly expressed his commitment to expanding access to early education, and it is essential that LGU officials respond with urgency, initiative, and accountability. To fully realize the directive to establish CDCs in GIDA areas, they must actively and purposefully engage. Furthermore, they must strategically use the LGSF funding, prioritize the construction and enhancement of CDCs over less critical projects. By aligning local actions with national priorities, LGUs can play a pivotal role in breaking the cycle of inequality and giving every Filipino child, regardless of location, a strong and fair start in life.

The establishment of CDCs should also embrace a holistic approach that integrates both education and nutrition. Children in GIDA areas are among the most vulnerable, often facing severe poverty and food insecurity that compromise their health and learning potential.

Early childhood education fundamentally relies on nutrition, as the quality of nourishment a child receives during their formative years significantly influences their cognitive and physical development. Proper nutrition fuels

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brain development, improves concentration, and strengthens the immune system – allowing children to engage more effectively in learning. Conversely, malnutrition can cause stunted growth, learning delays, and diminished school readiness, placing children at a disadvantage before they even begin formal education. In CDCs, embedding nutrition programs – such as daily feeding, regular health checks, and nutrition education – ensures that children are not only learning but also growing and thriving.

A well-nourished child is far more likely to succeed in school and in life, making nutrition an indispensable pillar of any robust early learning initiative.

We should be deeply concerned about the extent of stunting in the Philippines. The United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) reports that one in three children in the country suffer from stunting. The Philippines ranks fifth in the East Asia and Pacific region for the highest stunting prevalence and is also among the top 10 countries worldwide with the highest number of stunted children.

It is therefore essential that CDCs extend their role beyond the traditional scope of early education by addressing the needs of children even before they enter the classroom. This involves actively engaging families and communities to promote prenatal care, proper nutrition, responsive parenting, and early stimulation at home. By laying a strong foundation during the critical first 1,000 days of a child’s life, CDCs can help ensure that children arrive healthy, developmentally ready, and prepared to learn. This holistic and forward-looking approach recognizes that early childhood development begins well before formal instruction and requires the collective involvement of families, caregivers, and the wider community.

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City of Iloilo
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 24th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 6TH FLOOR CITY HALL BUILDING, PLAZA LIBERTAD, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

PRESENT:

HON. JEFFREY P. GANZON
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Urminico M. Baronda, Jr.	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Romel D. Duron	Member
Hon. Ely A. Estante, Jr.	Member
Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon	Member
Hon. JelmaCrystel C. Implica, SK Federation President Ex Officio	Member
Hon. Sumakwel C. Nava, Jr.	Member
Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex Officio	Member
Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia (Asst. Floor Leader)	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres, Floor Leader	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Candice Magdalane A. Tupas	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

None

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-175
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTION OF SECTION 4 (DEFENITION OF TERMS) AND SECTION 7 (IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS) OF REGULATION ORINANCE NO. 2023-233 “AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL NEW BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND OUTFALL AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF”

Sponsored by Hon. Johnny Y. Young, seconded by Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas;

WHEREAS, SECTION 1.01.07 (a) of the National Building Code of the Philippines states that:

“The land or site upon which will be constructed any building or structure, or any ancillary or auxiliary facility thereto, shall be sanitary, hygienic or safe. Where the land or site is polluted, insanitary, unhygienic, unsafe, or hazardous, conditions contributing to or causing its being polluted, insanitary, unhygienic, unsafe, or hazardous shall be reasonably improved or corrected, or proper remedial measures shall be prescribed or incorporated in the design or construction of the building or structure.”

WHEREAS, Volume 2, Section 26 of the 2021 – 2029 Comprehensive Land Use Plan of Iloilo City states that:

“All developments shall not cause excessive requirements at public cost for public facilities and services. All developments shall exhibit that their requirements for public infrastructure (such as roads, drainage, water supply and the like) are within the capacities of the system/s serving them. The Zoning Administrator shall require the following and forward to appropriate offices for review and recommendation:

1. Drainage Impact Assessment Study All development proposals in flood prone areas and all major proposals likely to affect the existing drainage regime, including commercial-residential buildings or condominiums, shopping malls, public markets, schools, universities, residential and industrial, and other similar developments shall be required to submit Drainage Impact Assessment Studies. These should be prepared, signed and sealed by duly licensed Civil Engineers, Sanitary Engineers or Environmental Planners. This document shall be reviewed by the City Engineers’ Office and CPDO for subsequent recommendation and/or mitigation.”

WHEREAS, proper disposal of unsanitary and environmentally damaging wastes is an utmost priority of our City Government due to health hazards it poses to the people;

WHEREAS, appropriate laying of sewerage pipes and its likes will help prevent the clogging of drainage systems in the City of Iloilo and mitigate flooding that causes traffic and health risks;

WHEREAS, the Iloilo City Government is always striving to improve the urban landscape of the city for a more livable and sustainable environment for its citizens;

SECTION 1. TITLE.An ordinance requiring all new buildings to provide the necessary drainage system and outfall and providing penalties for violations thereof.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY. The Ordinance shall be applicable to all new buildings within the entire territory and jurisdiction of the City of Iloilo to be constructed after the publication of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY. The Ordinance will beimplemented by the City Engineer’s Office and the Office of the Building Official which shall be tasked to monitor and inspect all new buildings to comply with this ordinance.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. Drainage System – refers and includes all of the piping within a private or public property that conveys sewage, rainwater, and other liquid waste to a point of disposal. The main objective of a drainage system is to collect and remove waste matter systematically to maintain healthy conditions in a building.
2. Main Public Sewer Line – refers to the main drainage system of Iloilo City which has the largest volume capacity for wastewater and storm water and leads directly to a tributary as its outfall.
3. New Buildings – all buildings or structures for commercial, industrial, residential and mixed-use that will be constructed after the publication of this ordinance.

4. Outfall – refers to the place where a drain or sewer empties into the sea, a river, or a lake.
5. Sewage – another term used for wastewater.
6. Storm Water Displacement – total volume of water per hour from rain that is displaced by a building.
7. Tributary – refers to a river, stream or creek flowing into a larger river, lake or sea.
8. Wastewater – water generated after the use of freshwater, raw water, drinking water or saline water in a variety of deliberate applications or processes. This used water includes substances such as human waste, food scraps, oils, soaps and chemicals coming from sinks, showers, bathtubs, toilets, washing machines and dishwashers. Also included are water used in other industries and commercial establishments.
9. Storm Water –refers to the water that results from precipitation events and flows over surfaces.

SECTION 5. REGULATIONS.

1. New buildings with a minimum storm water displacement of Fifty-Three cubic meters per hour (53 m³m³/hr.) or a minimum treated wastewater discharge of Twenty-Eight cubic meters per day (28 m³m³/day) will be required to have its own drainage system which will connect to the nearest water tributary or the nearest main public sewer line of Iloilo City as its outfall.
 - a. The drainage system will be sized to accommodate the volume of waste water and displaced storm water that the building will discharge which will be computed and assessed by the Iloilo City Engineers’ Office.
 - b. New buildings must acquire an approved drainage permit from the City Engineer’s Office and locational clearance from the Iloilo City Zoning Administrator before any construction of the drainage can commence.
2. New buildings can connect its wastewater drainage system to the Iloilo City drainage and sewerage system only with the approval of the City Engineer’s Office.
3. New buildings will have all its wastewater be treated according to Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) standards and in compliance with Regulation Ordinance No. 2022-247, otherwise known as “The Commercial Waste Water Management Ordinance of Iloilo City”, before being discharged to its final outfall or to the Iloilo City drainage and sewerage system.
4. All developers/owners of new buildings must submit a copy of the building’s drainage plan with outfall duly signed by a civil engineer and sanitary engineer to the City Engineer’s Office. The submitted drainage plan must adhere to the conditions set in this ordinance and to the Comprehensive Drainage Masterplan of Iloilo City which will be created by the City Engineer’s Office and the Office of the Building Official.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS.

New buildings found to violate Section 5 of this ordinance will be denied a Locational Clearance issued by the Iloilo City Zoning Administrator.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)

The Implementing Rules and Regulations for this ordinance which all drainage plans of new buildings must adhere to, will be created by a Technical Working Group (TWG).

The TWG will be composed of the following members:

1. Iloilo City Mayor’s Office – Chairman
2. SangguniangPanlungsod (Chairman of Committee of Engineering) – Vice Chairman
3. Iloilo City Engineer’s Office
4. Iloilo City Office of the Building Official
5. Iloilo City Legal Office
6. Iloilo City Zoning Administrator
7. Iloilo City Planning and Development Office
8. Iloilo City Architect’s Office

The TWG will convene within seven (7) calendar days after the publication of this ordinance and craft the IRR within ninety (90) working days thereafter.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or not valid by any court for competent jurisdiction such judgment shall not affect or impair the other provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, rules and regulations or any part thereof which are in conflict with or inconsistent to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, superseded and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED, June 18, 2025.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian
City Government Department Head II

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED APPROVED:

(SGD.) JEFFREY P. GANZON
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

(SGD.) JERRY P. TREÑAS
City Mayor

Republic of the Philippines
City of Iloilo
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 7TH FLOOR, NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2025

PRESENT:

HON. LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Lyndon V. Acap	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Jose Maria B. De la Llana	Member
Hon. Romel D. Duron, Asst. Majority Floor Leader	Member
Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon	Member
Hon. JelmaCrystel C. Implica, SK Federation President Ex Officio	Member
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Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor	Member
Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex Officio	Member
Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia (Majority Floor Leader)	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres,	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

None

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-236
AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING ONE (1) EXISTING POSITION – COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICER III (SG 18) – ITEM NO. 157 AND CREATING FOUR (4) POSITIONS - ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV – SG 10, TWO (2) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE IV – SG 4, AND ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I – SG 1 UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR – TOBACCO CONTROL SECTION, ENUMERATING THEIR FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, seconded by Hon.Lyndon V. Acap, Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor and Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, vests upon every local government unit the power to exercise such powers as are necessary and essential to promote the general welfare, which expressly includes the preservation of the right of the people to a balanced ecology, the promotion of health and safety, and the maintenance of peace and order;

WHEREAS, pursuant to this mandate, the City of Iloilo has established the Iloilo City Anti-Smoking Task Force (ICAST), a pioneering local government initiative recognized nationwide for its comprehensive implementation of tobacco control measures, in furtherance of Republic Act No. 9211, otherwise known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003;

WHEREAS, the Tobacco Control Section serves as the principal arm of the City Government in ensuring compliance with the city’s landmark ordinances on anti-smoking and anti-vaping, engaging in both preventive and enforcement functions to safeguard public health and protect vulnerable sectors, including children and non-smokers, from the harms of second-hand smoke and related public health risks;

WHEREAS, the current organizational structure of the Tobacco Control Section reflects a disproportionate reliance on job order personnel, with only a minimal number of plantilla staff handling the core and continuing functions of the City Government’s tobacco control programs, and the existing Community Affairs Officer III position is no longer aligned with the Section’s operational realities which now require greater emphasis on enforcement, documentation, records management, and administrative support rather than policy formulation;

WHEREAS,in recognition of this gap, Mr.IfigoGaringalao, City Government Department Head II and Head of ICAST, recommended the abolition of said Community Affairs Officer III item and the creation in its place of one (1) Administrative Assistant IV (Bookbinder IV), two (2) Administrative Aide IV (Bookbinder II), and one (1) Administrative Aide I through the scrap-and-build scheme, in order to institutionalize support functions, reduce dependence on contractual workers, and thereby strengthen ICAST’s administrative backbone and ensure the accountability, sustainability, and continuity of Iloilo City’s pioneering anti-smoking and anti-vaping programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the SangguniangPanlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. ABOLITION OF EXISTING POSITION: There is hereby abolished one (1) position under the Office of the City Mayor – Tobacco Control Section, namely:

- A. One (1) Community Affairs Officer III - SG 18
Item No. 157

SECTION 2. CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS: There are hereby created four (4) new positions under the Office of the City Mayor – Tobacco Control Section, namely:

- A. One (1) Administrative Assistant IV – SG 10
B. Two (2) Administrative Aide IV – SG 4
C. One (1) Administrative Aide I – SG 1

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES: The main functions of the newly created positions are as follows:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IV – SG 10

- Oversees and supervises the office and its personnel, composed of three enforcement/inspection teams (establishments, individuals, and events);
- Sets targets and conditions for enforcement;
- Responds to requests for orientations, lectures, and forums on anti-smoking/anti-vaping;
- Assists the Director of ICAST in proposing smoke-free city programs and in implementing anti-smoking/anti-vaping initiatives;
- Attends meetings, with or without the Director, on anti-smoking concerns in City Hall, the Department of Health (DOH) at regional and national levels, and in international settings;
- Coordinates and liaises with anti-smoking groups and NGOs to advance the city’s smoke-free initiatives;
- Conducts, together with the Director, training for personnel and requesting LGUs/offices on anti-smoking measures.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE IV – SG 4

- Serves as Advocacy and Awareness Supervisor, setting up school- and youth-oriented programs;
- Organizes youth forums and lectures, and acts as Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) head;
- Coordinates and liaises with traditional and social media for public awareness campaigns, and creates anti-smoking/anti-vaping events;
- Assists the Director and Operations Head in conducting lectures and forums;
- Assists the Director and Operations Head of ICAST in proposing smoke-free city programs and in implementing anti-smoking/anti-vaping initiatives;
- Attends meetings, with or without the Director, on anti-smoking concerns at City Hall, the Department of Health (DOH) at regional and national levels, and in international settings;
- Coordinates and liaises with anti-smoking groups and NGOs to advance the city’s smoke-free initiatives;
- Assists in the inspection of establishments and facilities.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I – SG 1

- Serves as Team Leader for all enforcement teams in the conduct of daily enforcement operations.

SECTION 4. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. Effectively Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect after its publication and posting in two (2) conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, September 03, 2025.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian
City Government Department Head II

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
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(SGD.) LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA
Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED

(SGD.) RAISA S. TREÑAS
City Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 7TH FLOOR, NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2025

PRESENT:

HON. LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia (Majority Floor Leader)	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres,	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Trefias	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

None

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-237

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING ONE (1) EXISTING POSITION – COLLEGE DEPARTMENT HEAD – SG 20 (ITEM NO. 32), AND CREATING SIX (6) NEW POSITIONS - ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I - SG 7, TWO (2) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE IV - SG 4, AND THREE (3) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II - SG 2, UNDER THE ILOILO CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ENUMERATING THEIR FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, seconded by Hon.Lyndon V. Acap, Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor and Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Trefias

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers local government units to exercise powers essential to promote the general welfare, which includes the provision of quality education and adequate support services for students and faculty in local colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, the Iloilo City Community College (ICCC), established in 2012 is a public higher education institution created by the City Government of Iloilo to provide accessible and quality tertiary education, offering various academic programs and courses to prepare students for their future roles as productive citizens;

WHEREAS, in her formal communication, Atty. Sharon Millan, President of ICCC, proposed the abolition of one (1) College Department Head position, Salary Grade 20 (Item No. 32), and the creation in its place of six (6) new positions, specifically: one (1) Administrative Assistant I, two (2) Administrative Aide IV, and three (3) Administrative Aide II, in order to realign staffing with the actual operational needs of the College;

WHEREAS, while a Department Head position provides supervisory leadership, the College's present operational realities and student support requirements necessitate a greater number of clerical and frontline staff to address the growing volume of records, administrative functions, and services required by both students and faculty;

WHEREAS, the proposed staffing rationalization is therefore aligned with CHED guidelines, enhances administrative efficiency, addresses gaps in student services, and ensures that fiscal resources are allocated in a manner that directly benefits the academic community of ICCC;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the SangguniangPanlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. ABOLITION OF EXISTING POSITION: There is hereby abolished one (1) position under the Iloilo City Community College, namely:

- D. One (1) College Department Head - SG 20
Item No. 32

SECTION 2. CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS: There are hereby created six (6) new positions under the Iloilo City Community College, namely:

- D. One (1) Administrative Assistant I - SG 7
E. Two (2) Administrative Aide IV - SG 4
F. Three (3) Administrative Aide II - SG 2

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES: The main functions of the newly created positions are as follows:

A. ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I (BOOKBINDER III) - SG 7

- To be assigned as Iloilo City Community College Campus Maintenance Officer for the Main Campus and the BS Criminology site at the Diamond Jubilee Hall;
- Responsible for the upkeep and repair of the college's physical facilities and grounds;
- Performs routine maintenance tasks such as cleaning, painting, and minor repairs to buildings, classrooms, offices, and other campus structures;
- Oversees the maintenance of electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and other mechanical systems, ensuring they are functioning properly and safely;
- Manages landscaping and grounds keeping, including lawn care, tree trimming, and waste disposal;
- Maintains an inventory of maintenance supplies and equipment;
- Coordinates with external contractors for major repairs or renovations;
- Ensures compliance with safety regulations and building codes;
- Responds to maintenance requests from the college community;
- Prioritizes maintenance tasks to address urgent and essential needs;
- Contributes to a safe and functional learning environment for students, faculty, and staff of the college.

B. TWO (2) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE IV (BOOKBINDER II) - SG 4

- To be assigned as Iloilo City Community College BS Criminology Program Laboratory Officer for the BS Criminology program and Finance Staff responsible for Procurement, Disbursement, and Liquidation;
ONE (1) ILOILO CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – BS CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM LABORATORY OFFICER:
- Responsible for the overall management and maintenance of the criminology laboratory;

- Prepares and sets up laboratory equipment and materials for practical exercises and experiments;
- Ensures the cleanliness and orderliness of the laboratory;
- Maintains an inventory of laboratory supplies and equipment;
- Assists faculty members in conducting laboratory sessions;
- Provides guidance to students in the proper use of equipment and techniques;
- Enforces safety protocols and procedures within the laboratory;
- Participates in the development and improvement of laboratory activities and experiments;
- Engages in the research and acquisition of new equipment and technologies for the criminology program.

ONE (1) ILOILO CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – FINANCE STAFF (PROCUREMENT, DISBURSEMENT, AND LIQUIDATION)

- Manages the college's financial transactions related to the procurement of goods and services;
- Oversees the entire procurement process, including identifying needs, soliciting quotations, preparing purchase orders, and receiving deliveries;
- Ensures compliance with all relevant procurement regulations and procedures;
- Processes disbursements, including preparing vouchers, issuing checks or electronic payments, and maintaining accurate records of all financial transactions;
- Handles the liquidation of funds, ensuring that all expenses are properly documented, reconciled, and reported;
- Accounts for any unspent funds and ensures proper documentation thereof;
- Maintains meticulous financial records and ensures adherence to financial policies;
- Coordinates effectively with vendors, faculty, and other college staff in relation to procurement, disbursement, and liquidation activities.

C. THREE (3) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II (MESSENGER) - SG 2

- To be assigned as faculty assistant, campus maintenance staff, and payroll staff;

ONE (1) ILOILO CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – FACULTY ASSISTANT

- Provides administrative and academic support to faculty members, enabling them to focus on teaching and research;
- Manages administrative requirements of the faculty, staff, and academic workload;
- Prepares course materials such as syllabi, handouts, and presentations; Manages online learning platforms;
- Assists with grading and record-keeping;
- Schedules appointments and meetings for faculty;
- Handles correspondence with students and colleagues;
- Conducts literature reviews as needed;
- Compiles research data to support faculty projects;
- Assists with the preparation of grant proposals or manuscripts;
- Maintains faculty office organization and orderliness;
- Manages supplies needed for faculty offices and activities;
- Coordinates travel arrangements for faculty;
- Requires strong organizational skills, attention to detail, proficiency in relevant software, and the ability to work independently and as part of a team.

ONE (1) ILOILO CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – CAMPUS MAINTENANCE STAFF

- Responsible for the daily upkeep and repair of the college's physical facilities and grounds;
- Cleans and maintains buildings, classrooms, offices, restrooms, and other campus areas;
- Performs routine maintenance tasks such as painting, minor repairs to furniture and fixtures, and ensuring the proper functioning of plumbing and electrical systems;
- Engages in grounds keeping activities, including lawn care, landscaping, and waste disposal;
- Responds to maintenance requests from the college community;
- Addresses immediate repair needs in a timely manner;
- Contributes to maintaining a safe, clean, and functional learning environment for students, faculty, and staff;
- Requires a basic understanding of maintenance procedures, the ability to use hand tools, and a commitment to maintaining the college's physical assets.

ONE (1) ILOILO CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PAYROLL STAFF

- Responsible for the accurate and timely processing of employee payroll;
- Collects and verifies employee time and attendance records;
- Calculates wages, deductions, and net pay;
- Prepares payroll reports for management and compliance purposes;
- Ensures compliance with all relevant tax laws and regulations;
- Withholds and remits taxes to the appropriate government agencies;
- Maintains accurate and updated payroll records;
- Handles employee inquiries and concerns regarding payroll issues;
- Reconciles payroll data to ensure accuracy and consistency;
- Requires strong attention to detail, excellent mathematical skills, and knowledge of payroll spreadsheets, software, and regulations.

SECTION 4. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. Effectively Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect after its publication and posting in two (2) conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, September 03, 2025.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian
City Government Department Head II

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Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED

(SGD.) RAISA S. TREÑAS
City Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 7TH FLOOR, NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2025
PRESENT:

HON. LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Lyndon V. Acap	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Jose Maria B. De la Llana	Member
Hon. Romel D. Duron, Asst. Majority Floor Leader	Member
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Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres,	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

None

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-238

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING ONE (1) EXISTING POSITION – COMMUNITY AFFAIRS OFFICER III (SG 18) – ITEM NO. 132 AND CREATING THREE (3) POSITIONS - TWO (2) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I (LABORER 1) – SG 1, AND ONE (1) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I (UTILITY WORKER 1) – SG 1, UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, ENUMERATING THEIR FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, seconded by Hon. Lyndon V. Acap, Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor and Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas

WHEREAS, the Community Development Division of the City Mayor’s Office is tasked with implementing programs, projects, and services to improve community well-being and resilience, including the promotion of sustainable livelihoods, disaster preparedness, and coordination with government agencies and local organizations for development initiatives;

WHEREAS, its functions further include integrating and promoting city and national government programs, providing technical assistance, and conducting monitoring and evaluation activities to support community growth and service delivery;

WHEREAS, Ms. Consuelo Rico-Geduspan, Community Affairs Officer IV and Head of the Division, requested the abolition of one (1) Community Affairs Officer III position, Salary Grade 18 (Item No. 132), vacated by the retirement of Ms. Marcela Lourdes Ganzon on April 4, 2025, and in lieu thereof proposed the creation of three (3) Administrative Aide I, two (2) Laborer I, and one (1) Utility Worker I positions, all Salary Grade 1, to strengthen the Division’s capacity in addressing administrative work and managing records for 180 barangays, considering that the office has only three plantilla employees supported by three job-hire staff;

WHEREAS, such realignment will not increase the City’s Personnel Services allocation but instead generate savings for the City Government, subject to compliance with Civil Service rules, the Budget Operations Manual for LGUs, and other relevant issuances.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. ABOLITION OF EXISTING POSITION: There is hereby abolished one (1) position under the Office of the City Mayor – Community Development Division, namely:

- G. One (1) Community Affairs Officer III - SG 18
Item No. 132

SECTION 2. CREATION OF NEW POSITIONS: There are hereby created three (3) new positions under the Office of the City Mayor – Community Development Division, namely:

- G. Two (2) Administrative Aide I (Laborer 1) – SG 1
H. One (1) Administrative Aide I (Utility Worker 1) – SG 1

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES: The main functions of the newly created positions are as follows:

- A. **ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I (LABORER 1) – SG 1**
- Performs laboring tasks by sweeping and cleaning city streets, to collect and dump garbage and other refuse at the dumpsite;

- Maintain the general cleanliness of the city streets;
- Performs other manual duties & functions as may be assigned by the head of office from time to time.

B. **ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I (UTILITY WORKER 1) – SG 1**

- Keeps the office and any other assigned structure clean by sweeping, dusting and disposing the garbage, arrange the tables, chairs and other furnitures in their proper order so that the office will look neat and clean, carry, sort out and keep in order cartons of supplies and materials of the city;
- Carry out other duties that may be assigned from time to time and perform other manual work.

SECTION 4. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate a budget for the implementation of this ordinance through a subsequent appropriations ordinance.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. – If any part of provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 7. Effectively Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect after its publication and posting in two (2) conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, September 03, 2025.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

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APPROVED

(SGD.) RAISA S. TREÑAS
City Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 7TH FLOOR, NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

PRESENT:

HON. LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Lyndon V. Acap	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Jose Maria B. De la Llana	Member
Hon. JelmaCrystel C. Implica, SK Federation President Ex Officio	Member
Hon. Sheen Marie S. Mabilog	Member
Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor	Member
Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia (Majority Floor Leader)	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Romel D. Duron, Asst. Majority Floor Leader	Member
Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon (Vacation Leave)	Member
Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, Liga ng mga Barangay President	
Ex Officio (Special Leave)	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-261
AN ORDINANCE MANDATING COORDINATION BETWEEN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, OFFICES, AND GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS WITH THE ILOILO CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS WITHIN ILOILO CITY

Sponsored by Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia, Co-Sponsored by Hon. Lyndon V. Acap, Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna, Hon. Frances Grace Parcon V. Torres, Hon. Johnny Y. Young and Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar, seconded by Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor and Hon. Jose Maria B. De la Llana

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides for the provisions on Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) under Chapter III, Article I – National Government and Local Government Units;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2 of the same Code provides “It is hereby declared the policy of the State that the territorial and political subdivisions of the State shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Book I, Chapter III, Section 25, (b) of the same Code further provides that the “National agencies and offices with project implementation functions shall coordinate with one another and with the local government units concerned in the discharge of these functions. They shall ensure the participation of local government units both in the planning and implementation of said national projects.”;

WHEREAS, Book I, Chapter III, Section 25, (d) of the same Code states that “National agencies and offices including government-owned or -controlled corporations with field units or branches in a province, city, or municipality shall furnish the local chief executive concerned, for his information and guidance, monthly reports including duly certified budgetary allocations and expenditures.”;

WHEREAS, Book I, Chapter III, Section 26 of the same Code states that “It shall be the duty of every national agency or government-owned or -controlled corporation authorizing or involved in the planning and implementation of any project or program that may cause pollution, climatic change, depletion of non-renewable resources, loss of crop land, rangeland, or forest cover, and extinction of animal or plant species, to consult with the local government units, nongovernmental organizations, and other sectors concerned and explain the goals and objectives of project or program, its impact upon the people and the community in terms of environmental or ecological balance, and the measures that will be undertaken to prevent or minimize the adverse effects thereof.”;

WHEREAS, Book I, Chapter III, Section 27 of the same Code further states that “No project or program shall be implemented by government authorities unless the consultations mentioned in sections 2 (c) and 26 hereof are complied with, and prior approval of the Sanggunian concerned is obtained: Provided, That occupants in areas where such projects are to be implemented shall not be evicted unless appropriate relocation sites have been provided, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.”;

WHEREAS, Book IV, Title Two, Section 524 (a) of the same Code provides “Each local government unit shall conduct a periodic inventory of infrastructure and other community facilities and undertake the maintenance, repair, improvement, or reconstruction of these facilities through a closer cooperation among the various agencies of the national government operating within the province, city, or municipality concerned.”;

WHEREAS, Book IV, Title Two, Section 524 (b) of the same Code provides “No infrastructure or community project within the territorial jurisdiction of any local government unit shall be undertaken without informing the local chief executive and the Sanggunian concerned.”;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the provision of the same Code and its implementing rules and regulations by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the said provision has not been made fully executed in Iloilo City;

WHEREAS, the principle of Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) is intended to ensure cooperation and collaboration among the different levels of government in order to prevent confusion, duplication in the delivery of services, overlapping policy directions, and inefficient utilization of resources, with such cooperation commencing at the stages of policy formulation and project implementation;

WHEREAS, in the absence of such effective coordination, there have been instances of duplication, inconsistencies, and misalignment in project planning and implementation within Iloilo City, thereby impeding the efficient and effective delivery of programs, projects, and services for the general welfare of the constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, that:

Section 1. Short Title – This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Mandating Coordination between National Government Agencies, Offices, And Government Corporations with the Iloilo City Government for the Planning and Implementation of Programs and Projects within Iloilo City.”

Section 2. Scope and Application – This Ordinance covers all National Government Agencies, Offices, and Government Corporations within the jurisdiction of Iloilo City.

Section 3. Declaration of Policy– The Iloilo City Government recognizes the need to ensure that all projects, programs, and initiatives within its jurisdiction are properly coordinated, harmonized, and aligned with local development priorities.

Guided by the principle of Intergovernmental Relations (IGR), which fosters cooperation, coordination, and complementation between the national and local governments, the City affirms its commitment to prevent duplication, overlapping, or inconsistency in the formulation and implementation of projects and

policies. It is therefore the declared policy of the Iloilo City Government to require proper coordination between and among national government agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and the City Government itself, in order to promote efficiency, accountability, and responsiveness in the delivery of programs, projects, and services for the people of Iloilo City.

Section 4. Definition of Terms – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall mean:

- a. COORDINATION** – Refers to collaboration and cooperation at both the policy formulation and project implementation stages. It shall likewise include the submission or furnishing of information or data, plans or proposals concerning any project, program, or undertaking of a national government agency or office that falls within, or is relation to the territorial jurisdiction and functions of the Iloilo City Government.
- b. INITIATIVE** – Any program, project, intervention, improvement, or infrastructure, whether temporary or permanent, the implementation of which is planned to be undertaken within the territorial jurisdiction of Iloilo City.
- c. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (IGR)** – Refers to the interaction between and among institutions at the national and local levels of government designed to institutionalize cooperation, coordination and complementation, and to affirm the principles of equality, interdependence, and mutual accountability.

Section 5.Coordination by National Government Agencies, Offices, and Government-owned or –controlled corporation, and other implementing agencies - All national government agencies, instrumentalities, offices, and Government-Owned or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) which intend to implement any program, project, or initiative within the territorial jurisdiction of Iloilo City shall coordinate with the Iloilo City Government through written correspondence addressed to the Office of the City Mayor, providing all relevant information, documents, and details pertaining to such program, project, or initiative, to insure non-duplication of planned projects with the Iloilo City Government and to align the proposed projects with the City's Master Plans.

Section 6. Coordination by Local Government Agencies and Offices- All departments, agencies, and offices of the Iloilo City Government which may acquire knowledge, information, or documentation relative to any program, project, or initiative to be undertaken within Iloilo City by a national government agency, office, or GOCC shall immediately relay such information to the Office of the City Mayor through their respective Heads for proper monitoring, guidance, and appropriate action.

Section 7. Reconciliations with Local Plans – The City Mayor may create a body through an executive order within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this ordinance, to reconcile the proposed projects with existing Master Plans of the Iloilo City Government.

Section 8. Certification of Coordination– A Certification of Coordination shall be issued by the Office of the City Mayor as a requirement prior to the implementation of any projects or initiative by national government agencies and/or offices, and government corporations. No permit, clearance, or any other document issued by the Iloilo City Government in relation to the programs, or initiatives to be undertaken within the territorial jurisdiction of Iloilo City shall be granted to any national government agency, office, or Government-Owned or Controlled Corporation (GOCC) unless a duly issued Certificate of Coordination from the Office of City Mayor is presented.

Section 9. Issuance of Permits and Clearances– Permits and clearances for national programs projects, or initiatives shall be issued by the appropriate department, office, or unit of the Iloilo City Government only upon proof that the concerned initiative or project has been duly coordinated with, and acknowledged by the Office of the City Mayor through the issuance of a Certificate of Coordination.

Section 10. Project Validation– The Iloilo City Planning and Development Office, in performing their project validation and research functions in relation to the national governmental projects, shall proactively secure at least one-year project plan of the proponent.

Section 11. Implementing Office– The Iloilo City Planning and Development Office shall formulate the guidelines in the implementation of this Ordinance. The same Office shall be made the repository of all the information and reports gathered through this Ordinance.

Section 12. Continuing Correspondence – After the issuance of the Certificate of Coordination, the implementing agency is likewise mandated to submit to the Iloilo City Planning Office a monthly status update of the subject projects as mandated under Department Order No. 110, Series of 2015 by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), or other similar administrative circulars or laws.

Section 13. Turnover and Acceptance by the Iloilo City Government of Infrastructure Projects – Upon the completion of the projects, the implementing agency, and the issuance of a Certificate of Completion by the same, a one-year defect liability warranty period must be observed. After no defect or liability has occurred, a Certificate of Acceptance can then be issued by the implementing agency.

Upon the issuance of the Certificate of Acceptance, a full turnover shall occur, relieving the implementing agency and the contractor of liabilities involving inferior materials used and poor workmanship, except structural defects as defined by the Civil Code.

Section 14. Interpretation– In case of doubt or ambiguity in the interpretation of this ordinance, it is understood that the paramount purpose is to prevent project duplication, planning and budgetary inefficiency, and policy inconsistencies, with the interpretation that promotes the greater benefit and welfare of the people of Iloilo City prevailing.

Any erring national government agency, office or Government-Owned or Controlled Corporation (GOCC) that has implemented the subject project without satisfying the requirements of this Ordinance could be held guilty for encroaching the Local Autonomy of the Iloilo City Government as ensured in the Constitution and may be sued before the proper courts or administrative bodies for injunctive relief.

Any program, project, or initiative undertaken by a national government agency, office, or government-owned or -controlled corporation within Iloilo City, without the Certificate of Coordination required under this Ordinance, may be subject to stoppage or the issuance of cease-and-desist orders by the Iloilo City Government in the same manner as other projects within its territorial jurisdiction, as may be allowed by national laws or existing jurisprudence.

Section 15. Repealing Clause– All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 16. Separability Clause– Should any provisions of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 17. Effectivity Clause– This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Iloilo City.

ENACTED, September 24, 2025.*(With one (1) Abstention: Hon. Sheen Marie S. Mabilog)*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian
City Government Department Head II

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
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(SGD.) LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA
Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

(SGD.) RAISA S. TREÑAS
City Mayor

Republic of the Philippines
City of Iloilo

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 13TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 7TH FLOOR, NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

PRESENT:

HON. LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer	
Hon. Lyndon V. Acap	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Jose Maria B. De la Llana	Member
Hon. Romel D. Duron, Asst. Majority Floor Leader	Member
Hon. Rudolph Jeffrey O. Ganzon	Member
Hon. JelmaCrystel C. Implica, SK Federation President Ex Officio	Member
Hon. Sheen Marie S. Mabilog	Member
Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor	Member
Hon. Maria Irene D. Ong, Liga ng mga Barangay President Ex Officio	Member
Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia (Majority Floor Leader)	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres,	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Johnny Y. Young	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

None

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-276

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BARANGAY EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICER (BESO) IN ALL BARANGAYS OF ILOILO CITY TO STRENGTHEN EMPLOYMENT FACILITATION AND SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE (PESO) AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Sponsored by Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar, unanimously
Co-Sponsored of all members present*

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the Local Government Code mandates barangays to discharge functions for the general welfare of their constituents, including the promotion of livelihood and employment;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8759, or the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Act of 1999, and its amendment R.A. 10691, encourage local government units to establish employment service mechanisms and satellite offices to bring labor and employment services closer to communities;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing a Barangay Employment Service Officer (BESO) system will improve the reach and responsiveness of PESO programs and ensure better coordination between the City Government, barangays, and constituents on employment, livelihood, and labor-related services;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the SangguniangPanlungsod of Iloilo City, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as the “**Barangay Employment Service Officer (BESO) Ordinance of Iloilo City.**”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared the policy of Iloilo City to strengthen grassroots employment facilitation by establishing a BESO in each barangay to serve as the **community-based arm of the Public Employment Service Office (PESO)** and to help in the promotion of employment, skills training, and labor-related services.

SECTION 3. CREATION AND DESIGNATION OF BESO

There shall be at least one (1) Barangay Employment Service Officer (BESO) designated or appointed in each of the barangays of Iloilo City.

- A. The BESO shall be appointed by the Punong Barangay, preferably from among existing barangay officials, staff, or qualified residents, subject to the recommendation and training certification of the City PESO.
- B. The BESO should serve by honorarium-based capacity, subject to the availability of barangay funds
- C. The BESO appointed, if part of the council serving as Barangay Kagawad, they are not qualified for additional honorarium.

SECTION 4. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BARANGAY EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICER (BESO)

The BESO shall have the following roles and responsibilities:

A. Employment Facilitation

1. Disseminate information on local and overseas job opportunities provided by the City PESO, DOLE, and accredited recruitment agencies.
2. Maintain a **barangay registry of jobseekers**, out-of-school youth, graduates, displaced workers, and returning OFWs.
3. Assist in the profiling of beneficiaries for programs such as SPES, GIP, Job Start, and livelihood projects.
4. Refer jobseekers to the PESO for further processing and placement assistance.

B. Community Engagement and Awareness

1. Organize barangay-level orientations, job information drives, and employment registration campaigns.
2. Promote awareness of labor rights, workplace standards, and available skills

training programs.

C. Coordination and Support

1. Act as a **liaison between PESO and the barangay**, assisting in the mobilization of jobseekers and coordination of barangay-based activities such as job fairs, livelihood fairs, and labor education seminars.
2. Coordinate with TESDA, DOLE, DTI, and other agencies on community-based training programs.

D. Data Gathering and Reporting

1. Submit monthly reports on employment activities, job referrals, trainings attended, and other labor-related services rendered.
2. Assist in the periodic labor market data gathering in the barangay.
3. Maintain a localized database that treats as an inventory of skilled labor, professional aptitude, or trait of residents within the barangay to be updated monthly and reported to the City PESO.
4. The BESO shall likewise ensure the security of any protected data or information in relation to the purposes of this ordinance as defined by the Data Privacy Act.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATIONS OF BESO- He must be:

- (1) A resident and registered voter of aforementioned barangay;
- (2) Able to read and write;
- (3) Computer literate; and
- (4) Of good moral character

SECTION 6. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

In the event that the BESO fails his mandate as specifically stated in the duties and functions of this ordinance, the appointing power, otherwise, the Punong Barangay as stated in Section 3 (a), shall be vested with the disciplining power to discipline the erring BESO.

SECTION 7. CAPACITY BUILDING

- A. The Iloilo City PESO, in coordination with DOLE and TESDA, shall provide **regular training, capacity building, and technical assistance** to all designated BESOs to equip them with the skills and tools necessary to perform their duties effectively.

SECTION 8. HONORARIUM AND SUPPORT

- A. Barangays may **allocate funds** for the provision of honorarium or incentives for BESOs.
- B. PESO may also allocate communication, training kits, or logistical support to active BESOs, subject to availability of funds and program requirements.

SECTION 9. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- A. The Iloilo City PESO shall maintain a database of all designated BESOs, monitor their performance, and evaluate the impact of the BESO system annually.
- B. Recognition may be given to outstanding BESOs as part of employment advocacy programs.

SECTION 10. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS

- A. The City Government may provide funding through the PESO budget for the training, coordination, and operational support of the BESO system.
- B. Barangays may likewise **allocate budget** for the honorarium and operational needs of the BESO from their respective Annual Investment Plans (AIP).

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND GUIDELINES

- A. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this ordinance, the Iloilo City PESO shall formulate and issue the implementing rules and guidelines, including templates for reporting, monitoring tools, and coordination protocols.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

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

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, rules, or provisions inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication in accordance with law.

ENACTED, October 8, 2025.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian
City Government Department Head II

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 15THREGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, 7TH FLOOR, NEW LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ILOILO CITY, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

PRESENT:

HON. LADY JULIE GRACE L. BARONDA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Lyndon V. Acap	Member
Hon. Sedfrey L. Cabaluna	Member
Hon. Jose Maria B. De la Llana	Member
Hon. Romel D. Duron, Asst. Majority Floor Leader	Member
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Hon. Rex Marcus B. Sarabia (Majority Floor Leader)	Member
Hon. Frances Grace V. Parcon-Torres,	Member
Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas	Member
Hon. Alan A. Zaldivar	Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Johnny Y. Young (Vacation Leave)	Member
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BOYS & GIRLS CITY OFFICIALS

PRESENT:

HON. PIA THERESE C. SANCHO
Girl City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Hon. Therese Angeline A. Golez	Girl City Councilor
Hon. Bianca Ysabelle R. Teo	Girl City Councilor
Hon. Dedrey R. Labos	Boy City Councilor
Hon. Mary Sophie Denise R. Cuajotor	Girl City Councilor
Hon. Eliana Lyka J. Cathedral	Girl City Councilor
Hon. Erica Anne Debura M. Pauchano	Girl SK Federation President
Hon. Zaam Mikhael Omani	Boy City Councilor
Hon. Edwin E. Laru-an	Boy City Councilor
Hon. Mathew S. Uy	Boy President-Liga ng mga Barangay
Hon. Ryder Johann C. Ledesma	Boy City Councilor
Hon. Daniel Jay B. Dorin	Boy City Councilor
Hon. Laurenz B. Ganzon	Boy City Councilor
Hon. Jera Feem v. Forro	Girl City Councilor
Hon. Belladona D. Gulfo	Girl City Councilor

REGULATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-281

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE PERMANENT PARTIAL ROAD CLOSURE OF THE CENTER PORTION OF CALASANZ STREET, ILOILO CITY PROPER, ILOILO CITY TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SUPPORT BEAMS OF THE ILOILO CITY MULTI - LEVEL PARKING BUILDING

Sponsored by Hon. Jose Maria Miguel S. Treñas, seconded by Hon. Romel D. Duron, Hon. Mandrie T. Malabor and Hon. Lyndon V. Acap

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 458 (a)(5)(i) and (vii) of the Local Government Code (RA 7160), the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to enact ordinances that regulate the use of streets and grant permits for the construction of permanent structures for public utility;

WHEREAS, the proposed a Multi-Level Parking Area adjacent to the Iloilo City Hall Complex, requires the use of the airspace above a specific portion of **Calasanz Street** between the DBP property and the Iloilo City Hall Complex to achieve maximum capacity of 365 parking slots;

WHEREAS, the DPWH Region VI has confirmed Calasanz Street as a Local Road, through the letter responses of RD Sanny Boy Oropel dated April 4, 2025, and April 10, 2025, which explicitly state: *“In this regard, we would like to inform you that as per the records of the Iloilo City District Engineering Office, Calasanz Street is not included in the inventory of National Roads and is classified as a local road and is under the jurisdiction of the Iloilo City Local Government Unit...”*;

WHEREAS, this classification grants the LGU the necessary autonomy to legislate the use of its road right-of-way and associated air rights for projects beneficial to the public;

WHEREAS, the use of this airspace involves the construction of permanent structural supports on the road right-of-way for a public utility project, which requires formal legislative action through this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. APPROVAL OF STRUCTURES AND ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILIZATION. The permanent structures utilizing the Center Island Portion of Calasanz Street and its air rights are hereby APPROVED, subject to strict adherence to the following technical specifications:

- 1. Structural Supports** - The load-bearing columns shall vary from a minimum of 500mm×500mm to a maximum of 650mm×750mm, and shall rest on the road right-of-way of Calasanz Street to act as a road separator.
- 2. Total Height** - The total height of the building measured from the natural grade line to the top of the parapet shall be 26.0 meters.

SECTION 2. MANDATORY CONDITIONS AND SAFEGUARDS. The following minimum clearances must be maintained at all times:

- a) Vertical Clearance-** A minimum vertical clearance of 4.20 meters (measured from the top of the road pavement to the bottom of the structure above Calasanz Road) shall be observed.
- b) Carriage way Widths-** The vehicular carriageway widths shall be strictly maintained at:

b.1) **4.64 meters (4644mm)** for traffic flow going towards San Jose Church.

b.2) **4.10 meters (4106mm)** for traffic flow going towards the Iloilo City Hall Annex Building.

SECTION 3. OPERATIONALIZATION. The City Architect’s Office, the City Engineer’s Office, and the Office of the Building Official shall be jointly responsible for the supervision and monitoring of the construction and implementation of this project to ensure compliance with all mandated clearances and safety standards as detailed in the approved plans.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous ordinances inconsistent herewith are deemed subsequently repealed.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason or reasons, any part of the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts of the provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and compliance with all legal requirements for posting and publication.

ENACTED, October 22, 2025. *(Authored by: Councilor Johnny Y. Young)*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above quoted-ordinance.

(SGD.) FRANCIS RODOLFO T. CRUZ
Secretary to the Sanggunian
City Government Department Head II

ANDREW DEAN Y. DUYA
Boy Secretary to the Sanggunian

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HON. PIA THERESE C. SANCHO
Girl City Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

(SGD.) RAISA S. TREÑAS
City Mayor

HON. HELEN NATALIE D. BOLIVAR
Girl City Mayor

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES NONA AND CECILIO FLORES** known as a motor vehicle described as: ***Make: Toyota; Plate No.: FES431; Chassis No.: KF80-8020458; MV File: 0618-00000001758; Type of Body: Utility Vehicle Wagon, Engine No.: 7K-0383080*** is adjudicated to sole heir **AIZELLE BARBARA FLORES**. That, the said heir **SOLD**, **TRANSFERRED** and **CONVEYED** by way of Sale the above-said motor vehicle unto **ARNEL DEL CARMEN DELA CRUZ** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. RONALD Y. LAO** per Doc. No. 395, Page No. 80, Book No. X, Series of 2025.

NE/Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **SPOUSES RODOLFO P. PANES and MA. LUZ G. PANES** known as a parcel of land **Lot 2, Pls-165** situated in Barangay Muyco, Sara, Iloilo covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. H-296, H .P. No. V-75721** with an area of **ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE (114,721) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **HAIDE PANES SY, HERNANE G. PANES, MAXIMO G. PANES, MAY BELLE P. RUFINO, CASTOR P. PANES, RODOLFO G. PANES, JR., MA. MYLEN P. ERINGE, MARY PANES LORENTE,** and Heirs of the late **FELIX G. PANES, namely, JASMIN P. PANES, JAZER P. PANES,** and **JASEL PANES CIPRIANO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. EDUARDO A. DUERO** per Doc. No. 497, Page No. 101, Book No. II, Series of 2025.

NE/Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION
(With Special Power of Attorney Representation)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **FLAVIANO L. SALAZAR** known as a bank deposit with **Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) – Passi Branch** under **Account No. 5126255162** is adjudicated to heirs **MA. CRISTINA E. SALAZAR, VINCENT E. SALAZAR,** and **KRISTINE E. SALAZAR** herein represented by **KAREN E. SALAZAR** by virtue of a Special Power of Attorney as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. FROLENE PEARL C. ARNAEZ** per Doc. No. 172, Page No. 35, Book XXIII, Series of 2025.

NE/Nov. 24, Dec. 1 & 8, 2025

DEED OF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **RODRIGO V. NAVAL** consisting of 5/8 share in each of the following parcels of land: **(1.) Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 003 195 – Lot No. 2234-B-4-A-1** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **Two Hundred Forty-One (241) square meters, more or less;** **(2.) Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 003 196 – Lot No. 2234-B-4-A-2** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **Two Hundred Fifty-Five (255) square meters, more or less;** **(3.) Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 003 197 – Lot No. 2234-B-4-A-3** situated in Brgy. Cubay, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **Seventy-Five (75 square meters, more or less;** **(4.) Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019 002 002 – Lot 54** situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City with an area of **Three Hundred Sixty Three (363) square meters, more or less;** **(5.) Transfer Certificate of Title No. 095-2019002005 – Lot 2, PCS-06-000162** situated in Mandurriao, Iloilo City with an area of **Seven Hundred Fifty (750) square meters, more or less** is adjudicated to heirs **NEVADA S. NAVAL, NOLLAN S. NAVAL,** and **NOVO JOHN S. NAVAL,** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MA. GEOBELYN L. BERAYE** per Doc. No. 285, Page No. 58, Book No. I, Series of 2022.

NE/November 10, 17 & 24, 2025

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **MA. VICTORIA JAENA NONATO** known as a bank deposit with **Philippine National Bank, Iloilo-Passi City Branch** under **Savings Account No. 311410105970** is adjudicated to sole heir **ESTEBAN NONATO** as entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. SAMILLE JAN ABADA AGRAVANTE** per Doc. No. 27, Page No. 7, Book No. IV, Series of 2025.

Nov. 17, 24 & Dec. 1, 2025



EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **Spouses ANTONIO O. TULIO, SR. and RIZALINA F. TULIO** consisting of the following parcels of land: **(1) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-85617 – Lot 17-B-3-B, Psd-06-006430,** being a portion of Lot 17-B-3, Psd-15962, situated in Brgy. San Felix, Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED FIFTY (350) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **(2) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-22318,** Lot 15-D-1 of the subdivision plan Psd-50379, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED SEVEN (307) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **(3) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-145493 – Lot 15-D-12** of the subdivision plan Psd-50379, situated in Iloilo City with an area of **THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX (356) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **(4) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-151402 – Lot No. 1100-E-3** of the subdivision plan Psd-15456, situated in Brgy. San Roque, Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (544) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **(5) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-154276 – Lot 960-C-56** of the subdivision plan Psd-6283, situated in Jaro, Iloilo City with an area of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **(6) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-225220 – Lot 1835** of the Cadastral Survey of Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo with the improvements thereon, situated in Brgy. Monpon, Barotac Nuevo with an area **ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SIX (11,736) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** **(7) TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1725 – Lot 170, Pls-723-D** situated in Brgy. Calingao, Buenavista, Guimaras with an area of **TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY ONE (24,621) SQUARE METERS, more or less;** and the following personal properties: **Bank of the Philippine Islands - Account No. 11077-8044-19; Development Bank of the Philippines - Account No. 5-000-871-01-02, Metrobank - Account No. 012-1-01204764-7; Philippine Veterans Bank - Account No. 02602-003816-1; Philippine Veterans Bank - Account No. 2615-80680-2; and BDO Unibank, Inc. - Account No. 3018102575239** are adjudicated to surviving heirs **ALDA F. TULIO, ALTHEA T. MASANGCAY, ANTONIO F. TULIO, JR., Heirs of ANGEL F. TULIO, namely, PIA CELINA P. TULIO, PAOLO ANGELO P. TULIO,** and **RIZA ELLA P. TULIO; PRAXEDIO F. TULIO II,** and **DEAN F. TULIO.** That, all heirs agree that the administrators of the estate of the deceased shall alternatively be **PRAXEDIO F. TULIO II or ALTHEA T. MASANGCAY.** Entered in the notarial registry of **ATTY. MARIELLE JENELLE L. LAGUERTA** per Doc. No. 447, Page No. 91, Book No. XIV, Series of 2025.

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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 **DELILAH C. TABILID** has filed with this Office, a petition for correction of entry in the **child’s sex** from “**M**” to “**FEMALE**” in the certificate of live birth of **DELILAH TABILID** at Calinog, Iloilo and whose parents are **RODRIGO TABILID** and **SUSANA CASALMER.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MA. AILYN C. CAMPOS

Municipal Civil Registrar

NE/Nov. 24, 2025 & Dec. 1, 2025

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Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) JAY-R G. MATUTINA

Municipal Civil Registrar

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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. No. 10172). Notice is hereby served to the public that **MA. MAE MONTERO PARDILLA** has filed with this office a petition for correction of entry in **CHILD’S SEX** from **FEMALE** to “**MALE**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **GERRY MAE PARDILLA GOMEZ** who was born on **DECEMBER 23, 2019** at **Pototan, Iloilo** and whose parents are **GERRY MARIANO GOMEZ** and **MA. MAE MONTERO PARDILLA.**

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office.

(SGD.) MARY ANN S. JARDELEZA

Acting Municipal Civil Registrar

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