

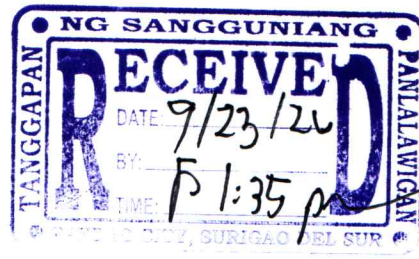


Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

September 23, 2026

The Honorable
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members
Thru: Hon. Manuel O. Alameda
Provincial Vice Governor
Tandag City
Sir:



Pursuant to pertinent provision of the Local Government Code of 1991, I have the honor to submit the herein approved ordinance by the Sangguniang Bayan of Cagwait, for your review and approval, to wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 42-26 – AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SAFER MUNICIPALITY PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SURIGAO DEL SUR, PURSUANT TO DILG MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2026-029 AND THE APPROVED TSP RSOLTUION NO. 1117-26, PROVIDING GUIDELIONES FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Hoping for your favorable consideration and appropriate action.

Attached herewith:

- Certificate of Posting and Publication.
- Minutes of Public Hearing, and
- Attendance

Very truly yours,


ALAN A. CABRERA

Secretary to the Sanggunian



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION

This is to certify that, in compliance to Section 59 of RA 7160; Article 113, IRR of R.A. No. 7160, copy of approved Ordinance titled hereunder was properly posted and published in three conspicuous places in the municipality.

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Date Enacted	:	September 8, 2026
Date Approved	:	September 23, 2026
Date Posted	:	September 23, 2026
Place Posted	:	Municipal Hall Bulletin Board; Tubo-tubo Public Terminal; and Poblacion Gymnasium Cagwait, Surigao del Sur

Certified Correct:

ALAN A. CABRERA

Secretary to the Sanggunian



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BAYAN NG CAGWAIT

Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2026:

IT:

Hon. Melchie C. Tuscano ----- Municipal Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

Hon. Armando P. Reyes

Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc

Hon. Joanne Socorro L. Ubongen

Hon. Joel E. Bayogbog, CE

Hon. Arthur M. Sanchez

Hon. Guardian C. Lozada

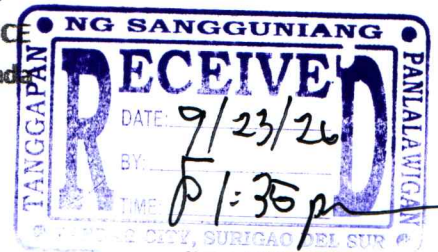
Hon. Amelito E. Estrada

Hon. Angelyn P. Prado

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Hon. Bernard V. Loma ----- LnB Fed. Pres./SB Member

Hon. Princess Chewon C. Park ----- SK Fed. Pres./SB Member



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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local government units to exercise powers necessary for the efficient and effective provision of basic services including peace and order and public safety;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2026-029 prescribing the guidelines for the implementation of the Safer Municipality Program to strengthen local peace and order, safety, and disaster resilience;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Cagwait recognizes the need to institutionalize a sustainable, integrated, and coordinated safety and security framework to ensure effective implementation of local development and safety programs;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Cagwait has approved a Tourism Safety Plan (TSP) Resolution and other related policy measures aimed at enhancing safety, security, and protection of residents and visitors within the municipality;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a comprehensive and coordinated local program that integrates peace and order, disaster preparedness, crime prevention, and public safety initiatives;

WHEREAS, ensuring the protection of vulnerable sectors such as women, children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and tourists is a priority of the Municipal Government;

WHEREAS, coordinated efforts among the Municipal Government, barangays, national government agencies, and stakeholders are essential in achieving sustainable peace, order, and community resilience;



NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Cagwait, Surigao del Sur, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Safer Municipality Ordinance of Cagwait."**

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Cagwait to promote and institutionalize peace and order, public safety, disaster preparedness, crime prevention, and community resilience in accordance with national policies, the approved Tourism Safety Plan (TSP) Resolution, and DILG guidelines.

SECTION 3. Objectives. This Ordinance aims to:

- a. Strengthen local peace and order mechanisms;
- b. Promote public safety and community-based crime prevention;
- c. Enhance disaster preparedness and emergency response systems;
- d. Institutionalize barangay participation in safety and security programs;
- e. Strengthen coordination among LGU offices, PNP, BFP, and stakeholders;
- f. Protect vulnerable sectors and promote inclusive safety programs.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.

- a. Safer Municipality Program – refers to the policies, systems, programs, and activities intended to ensure safety, security, preparedness, and resilience within the Municipality of Cagwait.
- b. Community Resilience – refers to the ability of individuals and communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, emergencies, crimes, and public safety threats.
- c. Public Safety Infrastructure – refers to facilities and equipment intended to support peace and order and emergency response, including CCTV cameras, streetlights, warning systems, communication devices, and emergency response equipment.

SECTION 5. Creation and Institutionalization of the Safer Municipality Program. The Safer Municipality Program is hereby institutionalized as a permanent local government program of Cagwait, to be implemented in coordination with concerned offices, barangays, and national agencies.

SECTION 6. Components of the Program.

- (a) Street lighting improvement in public areas;
- (b) CCTV installation and monitoring systems;
- (c) Anti-criminality and anti-illegal drug initiatives;
- (d) Disaster preparedness and response strengthening;
- (e) Public safety awareness campaigns;
- (f) Barangay peacekeeping initiatives;
- (g) Emergency hotline and communication systems;
- (h) Protection programs for vulnerable sectors;
- (i) Safety measures in tourism areas, markets, terminals, schools, and other public places consistent with the approved TSP Resolution No. 1117-26."

SECTION 7. Duties and Responsibilities of Concerned Offices.

- a. The Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC) shall act as the primary coordinating body for the implementation of this Ordinance.
- b. The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) shall assist in emergency preparedness and disaster response initiatives.
- c. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall assist in programs involving vulnerable sectors.
- d. The Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), barangays, and other concerned agencies shall coordinate with the Municipal Government for effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Barangay Participation. All barangays are encouraged to formulate and implement barangay-level safety and security measures aligned with the objectives of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Reporting and Monitoring. The Municipal Peace and Order Council shall submit an annual accomplishment report to the Sangguniang Bayan regarding the implementation status of the Safer Municipality Program.

SECTION 10. Appropriation. The amount necessary for the initial implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged against available funds of the Municipality subject to existing budgeting, accounting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality.

SECTION 11. Prohibited Acts. Any person who intentionally vandalizes, destroys, tampers with, or obstructs public safety infrastructure established under this Ordinance shall be held administratively or criminally liable under applicable laws and ordinances.

SECTION 12. Penalties. Any person found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense – Warning;
- b. Second Offense – Fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00);
- c. Third and Succeeding Offenses – Fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (₱5,000.00), or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both, without prejudice to penalties imposed under applicable laws."

SECTION 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the Municipal Peace and Order Council, in coordination with concerned offices, may formulate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the publication or posting requirements under Republic Act No. 7160 and other applicable laws.

Adopted and Approved this 8th day of September 2026 authored by Hon. Arthur M. Sanchez and co-authored by Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc.

Unanimously Approved

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

ATTESTED:


MELCHIE C. TUSCANO
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer


ALAN A. CABRERA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:


GLENN G. BATANCILA, REE
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: 9/23/26