



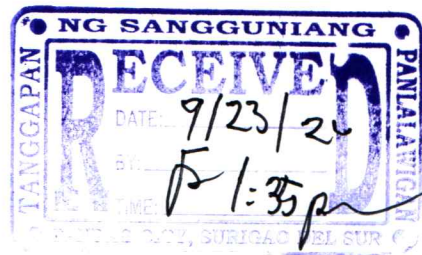
**Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**

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. 43-26 – AN ORDINANCE REVISING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 07-04, EXPANDING ITS AREA OF COVERAGE AS DECLARED ARANGASA MARINE ECO-PARK, ORGANIZING THE ARANGASA MARINE ECO-PARK PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP AS WELL AS THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE, DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF 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**
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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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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:

PRESENT:

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

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

Hon. Armando P. Reyes

Hon. Joanne Socorro L. Ubongen

Hon. Arthur M. Sanchez

Hon. Amelito E. Estrada

Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc

Hon. Joel E. Bayogbog, CE

Hon. Guardian C. Lozada

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

ORDINANCE NO. 43-26

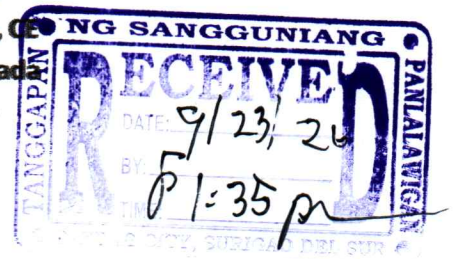
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WHEREAS, RA 7586 also known as "National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992" provides in the classification and administration of all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure the functionality of ecosystems.

WHEREAS, RA 8550 otherwise known as "Fisheries Code of 1998" that address the trend of blind resource exploitation as well as the governing law in Philippine fisheries to address the interconnected issues of resource degradation and unrelenting poverty among municipal fishers.

WHEREAS, RA 9593 otherwise known as the "Tourism Act of 2009" which declare a national policy for Tourism as an engine of investment, employment, growth and national development.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Cagwait envisions to be the "Tourist Haven" in Surigao del Sur, primarily maximizing the God-given Resources and promotes eco-tourism activities without compromising the integrity of natural environment;



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[Handwritten signatures of the officials mentioned in the document]

WHEREAS, Municipal Ordinance No.10, series of 1997, otherwise known as "Ordinance Declaring Arangasa Island as Fish Sanctuary", and amended by Municipal Ordinance No. 07-04, also known as "An Ordinance Declaring The 105 Hectares Mangrove Area along Arangasa Island of Barangay Aras-Asan of the Municipality of Cagwait as Marine Fish Sanctuary Area";

WHEREAS, the areas covered by the declared Fish Sanctuary and its adjacent territories which form a big mass of land is potential for many tourism activities that promote socio-economic development in the whole municipality;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN NG CAGWAIT, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as "The Arangasa Marine Eco-Park of 2026".

Section 2. Definition of Land Area Coverage. The whole Arangasa, in the continuous mass of land with an area approximately of Five Hundred (500) Hectares where technical descriptions are hereby provided below shall be the whole area covered as declared Arangasa Marine Eco-Park:



Section 3. Policy. It is the policy of this municipality that the whole area declared as Arangasa Marine Eco-Park shall be used according to following activities:

1. The Heart of Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Rehabilitation, Protection and Preservation in the whole Municipal Water of Cagwait;
2. No to Human Settlement;
3. For Regenerative Activities of marine species and Tourism Activities for humans;
4. Apply Zoning in the whole area that applies the Ecosystem Based Services and regulates human activities which conforms to area zonation:

a. Fish Sanctuary

- i. Closed Area-but open to educational and scientific research and M&E
- ii. Strictly regulated Area-Diving and Snorkeling
- iii. Lagoons as highly regulated area open to limited kayaking activities

b. Beach for Tourism Activities

c. Allot area for Surfing

d. Area for Rehabilitation

e. Managed Fishing Areas

f. Aquaculture Site

g. Allocate areas for snorkeling and diving sites

h. Delineate areas for high end house for tourist (mangrove inn resort) with best sewerage facilities and compliant to ECC requirements;

5. Island of Refuge and Coastal Law Enforcement Headquarters which will serves as the Launching Area for Quick Response to emergency situation at seas.

Section 4. Zonification and Regulations. The Arangasa Marine Park Management Zones-spatial allocations and regulations shall as follows with the corresponding Dos and Don'ts:

No.	Spatial Allocations/Zones	Dos	Don'ts
1	Mangrove-Seagrass Fish Sanctuary (Closed Areas-No Take Zone)	✓ Scientific Research ✓ Monitoring and ✓ Evaluation Activities ✓ Educational Activities	✓ Unauthorized entering the area ✓ Passing for navigation purposes
2	Lagoons (For your EYES ONLY)	✓ Highly Regulated Snorkeling and Diving Activities	✓ No Touch Zone
3	Coral Reefs	✓ Diving ✓ Snorkeling	✓ No Take Zone
4	Seagrass Fishing Area	✓ Manage Fishing Areas ✓ Regulated Fishing Gears ✓ Boating ✓ Boat Navigation	✓ Throwing of Garbage ✓ Using Destructive Fishing
5	Aquaculture	✓ Culturing of Marine species such as fish species and seaweeds species	✓ Throwing of Garbage ✓ Illegally Constructed Structures ✓ Waste water effluents
6	Rehabilitation Site (Mangrove, Seagrass and Corals Areas in front of Arangasa Islet facing the Pacific Ocean	✓ Rehabilitation Activities ✓ Artificial Reef ✓ Regulated Fishing Activities	✓ Illegal and Destructive Fishing and Gears

7	Beach	✓ Regulated Tourism Activities	✓ Littering ✓ Sand Quarrying ✓ Picking shells for souvenir ✓ Indecent Activities ✓ Illegal structures
8	Surfing Area	✓ Surfing Activities	✓ Boat Navigation and Anchorage ✓ Snorkeling ✓ Diving ✓ Littering ✓ Drinking
9	High End Resort along the mangrove perimeter going to Arangasa island and on the Arangasa island itself.	✓ Eco Friendly infrastructure and buildings	✓ Untreated sewerage disposal ✓ High Rise buildings ✓ Illegal structures

Section 5. Fees and Charges. The following shall be the corresponding fees and charges in the operation of the Arangasa Marine Eco-Park:

5.1 Tourism Fee. All persons shall pay the fee of Php 100.00 prior to the entry to Arangasa Marine Eco Park. This will be collected by the authorized personnel coming from MLGU Cagwait. Tourism Fee shall include: Entrance, Swimming; Bird watching; Mangrove Boardwalk Tours; Visitor management, Maintenance, and Environmental conservation.

5.1.2 Children five (5) years old and below- Free

Senior Citizen/PWD - 20% discount

All Student - 20% discount upon presentation of a valid school ID

I. WATER SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES	
a. Kayak Rental	
Single Kayak	₱ 200 /hr.
Double kayak	₱ 300 /hr.
Inclusive of: Kayak, paddle and life jacket	
b. Snorkel	
Snorkeling Equipment Rental	₱ 100
Guided Snorkeling	₱ 200 per person/ hr
Group Guided Snorkeling	₱1,500/group/hour (maximum 10 persons)
c. Stand-up Paddleboard	
Stand-up Paddleboard	₱ 250/ hr
d. Guided Scuba Diving (per dive)	
With complete scuba gear	₱ 2500
Without scuba gear	₱ 1000
Scuba Diving Gear Rental:	
Regulator	₱ 400

Buoyancy control device	₱ 400
Mask and Snorkel	₱ 150
Fins and booties	₱ 200
Tank	₱ 200
Wetsuit	₱ 400
Weights (12 lbs)	₱ 100
Air Tank Refill	₱ 200
Full Scuba gear (Mask, fins, wetsuit, BCD, Regulator, booties, weights)	₱ 1800
e. Introductory Freediving Experience	₱ 1500
*Inclusive of basic instruction, safety briefing and guided activity	
f. Fish Feeding with fish feeds	₱ 150
* For approved areas only and subject to environmental guidelines and availability of approved fish feed.	
g. Special Activities	
Guided Wildlife and Marine Life Observation Tour	₱ 300/pax
Environmental Education Tours	₱ 200/pax
Underwater Photography	₱ 300/ hr.

5.2. SAFETY AND OPERATING CONDITIONS

1. Life jackets shall be mandatory for all kayaking activities
2. Kayaking and snorkeling shall be allowed only during designated operating hours.
3. Activities shall be suspended during unsafe weather, rough sea conditions, lightning, strong winds, or other hazardous conditions as determined by authorized tourism or safety personnel.
4. Children shall be accompanied and properly supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
5. Non-swimmers shall wear an appropriate life Jacket at all times while participating in water-based activities.
6. Equipment shall be inspected before and after every rental.
7. Damaged or missing equipment shall be subject to applicable replacement or repair charges based on an approved schedule.
8. The LGU shall maintain a daily equipment rental and activity log.
9. All collections shall be properly receipted and accounted for in accordance with applicable government accounting and auditing rules
10. Certain tourism-related services may be contracted subject to applicable laws, procurement rules and approved agreements with the LGU.
11. All rates shall be subject to approval by the appropriate municipal authority before implementation.

5.3. EQUIPMENT SECURITY DEPOSIT

For equipment that is rented without a guide, the LGU may require a refundable deposit:

Single Kayak	₱ 500
Double Kayak	₱ 700
Snorkeling Set	₱ 300/set





II. BOAT SERVICES		
Tourist Boat Rental (30 pax)		
Option 1: Private Charter	₱5,000/trip (25-30 pax/ up to 5 hrs)	
Option 2: Shared Boat	₱200/person (15-24 pax/ up to 5 hrs)	
	₱250/person (Min. of 8-14 pax/ up to 5 hrs)	
Tourist Boat Rental (7pax)		
Option 1: Private Charter	₱1,500/trip (Max of 6 pax/ up to 5 hrs)	
Option 2: Shared Boat	₱220/person (Min. of 4-5 pax/ up to 5 hrs)	

III. LOCAL RESIDENT RATE		
Available to bona fide residents of the Municipality of Cagwait upon presentation of a valid government-issued ID or other acceptable proof of residency.		
Single Kayak		₱ 150 /hr.
Double kayak		₱ 250 /hr.
Snorkeling Equipment		₱ 75 /person
Stand-up Paddleboard		₱ 200/ hr

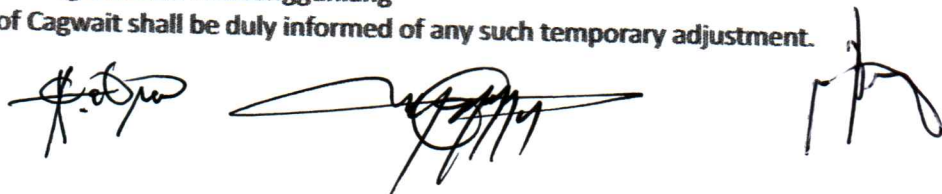
IV. GUIDED WATER ACTIVITIES		
Tour Guide		5-6 persons — ₱500/group 7-10 persons — ₱700/group 11-20 persons — ₱1,000/group
*One accredited tour guide shall be assigned per group, subject to the maximum group size and safety requirements.		

V. OTHER FEES		
a. Food		
Lunch on board or at the beach	Subject to approved menu/package price of accredited food provider	
b. Cottage		
Small		₱ 300
Medium		₱ 400
Large		₱ 700
c. Insurance		
Accident Insurance		₱ 100
Paddleboard	₱ 500	

The security deposit shall not be considered part of the rental fee and shall be refunded upon satisfactory inspection and return of the equipment, subject to applicable charges for loss or damage.

5.4. RECOMMENDED REVIEW PERIOD

The Schedule of Fees shall be reviewed periodically, or as may be necessary, to ensure that the rates remain reasonable, responsive, and appropriate to the prevailing conditions of the tourism products and services. The Municipal Mayor may authorize the temporary adjustment of the applicable rates, when warranted by actual operating conditions and subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations. The Sangguniang Bayan of Cagwait shall be duly informed of any such temporary adjustment.



The review and any temporary adjustment of the rates shall consider, among others, the following factors:

- Number of users per activity
- Equipment maintenance expenses
- Equipment replacement/depreciation
- Personnel Costs
- Fuel costs
- Actual revenue generated
- Visitor satisfaction
- Safety incidents
- Peak and off-peak utilization

5.5. REVENUE ALLOCATION

Tourism Fee:

30%-General Fund

30%-Environmental Conservation and Protection

40%-Operation, Maintenance, and Management of the Arangasa Marine Eco Park

Services provided by the private entities based on the PPP

LGU gets 10% from gross income for services provided.

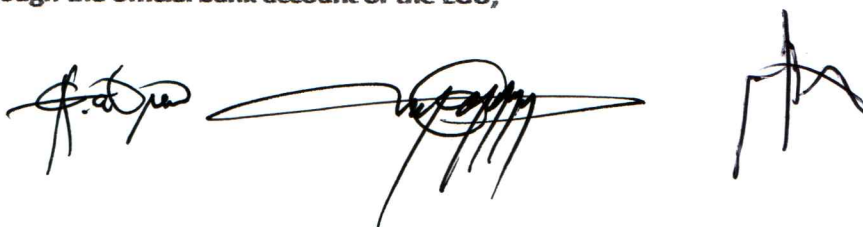
Section 6. Standard Policy. Our conservation policies revolve around the idea that the Arangasa Marine Eco Park is a sanctuary and home for animal and plant life under the sea. Appropriately, as visitors, we must treat the area with respect and conscientiousness. This applies for the entire area-the Snorkelling and Kayaking Area, Surfing Zone, Diving Zone, and all areas in fronting and within the Arangasa Marine Eco Park.

1. Access to the Arangasa Marine Eco Park including the mangrove and underwater trail is designed for end-use, private groups only.
2. Absolutely no littering of any kind allowed.
3. The park is strictly a non-smoking zone due to the air and health pollution that it causes.
4. Noise is not permitted.
5. Should you be fortunate to encounter wildlife, do not touch the animals or feed them except for the guided tour feeding activity.
6. Omit personal tipping.

The management has the responsibility and reserves the right to deny access and impose penalties for failure of compliance to the policies above. Please take note that a penalty of PHP 2,500.00 applies for first non-compliance to littering, smoking, and picking/collection of animals, plants policies.

Section 7. Booking Policy.

1. Tourists' must request a visit to the site through the duly established online platform to be managed by the LGU Cagwait Tourism Office.
2. Upon receipt of request, LGU Cagwait Tourism Office will reply by requiring the tourist to comply the following:
 - 2.1. Completely Fill-up the Client Profile Form
 - 2.2. Completely Fill-up the Health Declaration Form
 - 2.3. Completely Fill-up the Preferred Date and Time of Tour Form
 - 2.4. Send back the document to the designated email address
3. Upon receipt of the required documents, the LGU Cagwait Tourism Office will issue a certificate of initial acceptance and require the tourist to pay the chosen guided tour package through the official bank account of the LGU;



4. After which, the tourist must send within three (3) hours the official transaction slip/receipt to the LGU Cagwait Tourism Office;
5. Upon receipt of the transaction slip/receipt, the LGU Cagwait Tourism Office will issue a Certificate of Final Acceptance to the tourist
6. NO REFUND POLICY regardless of any type of excuse EXCEPT for natural disaster provided further that the tourist could provide a police report
7. Tourist is advised to request a visit at least five (5) days before their actual site visit

Section 8. Investment Opportunity. All the services herewith identified shall be open to private investment may it be in the form of Private-Public Partnership, Built and Operate, Build-Operate and Transfer, Design and Built, and other schemes of investment. This will be entered into in a form of a Contract or Memorandum of Agreement.

SECTION 9. ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) MODALITY- Pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 21-26, otherwise known as the "Cagwait **Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Code of 2026,**" the Municipality of Cagwait hereby adopts the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) modality in the delivery, operation, and management of the services identified under this Ordinance within the Arangasa Marine Eco Park. Such services may be undertaken by qualified private groups, organizations, cooperatives, associations, or individuals, subject to the accreditation requirements and procedures prescribed herein and in other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 10. ACCREDITATION OF PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS - No private group, organization, cooperative, association, or individual shall be authorized to operate, manage, or provide any service within the Arangasa Marine Eco-Park, nor shall any contract, permit, authority, or similar agreement be executed in its favor, unless it has first been duly accredited upon the recommendation of the Project Management Team (PMT) and the approval of the Municipal Mayor.

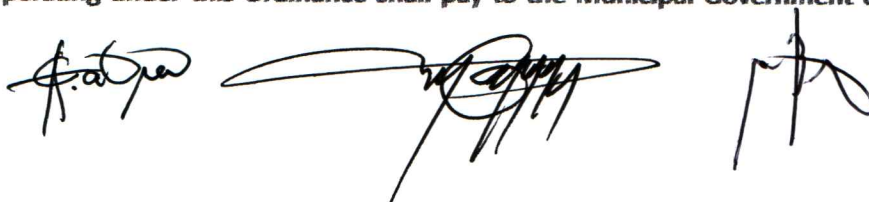
SECTION 11. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE FOR ACCREDITATION.

10.1 Accreditation Requirements. - The specific qualifications, documentary requirements, standards, and conditions for accreditation shall be determined and prescribed by the Project Management Team (PMT), subject to the approval of the Municipal Mayor through an Executive Order or as may be provided in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance.

10.2 Accreditation Procedure.- The accreditation process shall be as follows:

- a. The applicant shall submit the complete documentary requirements to the Project Management Team (PMT);
- b. The PMT shall evaluate and verify the completeness and authenticity of the documents submitted and determine the applicant's compliance with the prescribed qualifications and standards;
- c. Upon finding the applicant qualified, the PMT shall recommend the approval of the application to the Municipal Mayor;
- d. The Municipal Mayor shall approve or disapprove the application based on the recommendation of the PMT and the applicable provisions of this Ordinance, the IRR, and other pertinent laws and regulations; and
- e. Upon approval, the Municipal Mayor shall issue a Certificate of Accreditation, which shall serve as the authority of the accredited service provider to operate within the Arangasa Marine Eco-Park, subject to the terms and conditions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. ROYALTY SHARE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. - All accredited service providers operating under this Ordinance shall pay to the Municipal Government of Cagwait a royalty



equivalent to **Ten Percent (10%)** of their gross receipts or gross income derived from the services rendered within the Arangasa Marine Eco-Park. Such royalty shall be separate and distinct from, and shall not be construed as a substitute for, any taxes, fees, charges, or other lawful obligations imposed under existing national or local laws and ordinances.

SECTION 13. REMITTANCE OF ROYALTY SHARE.- The royalty share due to the Municipal Government shall be remitted to the Office of the Municipal Treasurer every Friday of each week, together with the corresponding statement of gross receipts or gross income and such supporting documents as may be required. Where Friday falls on a legal holiday, remittance shall be made on the immediately succeeding working day.

SECTION 14. GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION OF ACCREDITATION.- Any of the following shall constitute sufficient grounds for the suspension or cancellation of the Certificate of Accreditation, without prejudice to the imposition of other administrative, civil, or criminal liabilities under existing laws:

- a. Failure to remit the prescribed royalty share within the period provided under this Ordinance;
- b. Failure or refusal to submit accurate reports, statements, or liquidation documents required by the Municipality;
- c. Underpayment, concealment, falsification, or misrepresentation of gross receipts or gross income affecting the computation of the royalty share;
- d. Violation of any provision of this Ordinance, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, or the terms and conditions of the Certificate of Accreditation; or
- e. Commission of fraud, misrepresentation, or any act prejudicial to the interests of the Municipality of Cagwait.

The cancellation of the Certificate of Accreditation shall automatically disqualify the service provider from continuing its operations within the Arangasa Marine Eco-Park and may constitute a ground for the suspension or revocation of its Business Permit, subject to due process and the applicable provisions of existing laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 15. Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of not less than Php 1,500.00 but not more than Php 2,500.00, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

14.1 Habitual Violation shall ban the said violator from entering the premises of Arangasa Marine Eco Park as defined in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

Section 16. Separability Clause- If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance or any part thereof, or the application of such section, provision, or portion is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder thereof shall not be affected by such declaration.

Section 17. Repealing Clause- All or any ordinances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 18. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after approval and compliance with its publication and posting.



ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8th day of September 2026 authored by Hon. Guardiano C. Lozada and co-authored by Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc and Joanne Socorro L. Ubongen.

Unanimously Approved

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


ALAN A. CABRERA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MELCHIE C. TUSCANO
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


GLENN GO BATIANCILA, REE
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: 09/25/2026