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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

October 20, 2026

HONORABLE MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer
Sanggunia ng Panlalawigan, Province of Surigao del Sur
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THROUGH : **EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.**
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
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Dear Vice Governor Alameda:

Pursuant to Section 56 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, we respectfully submit Three **(3) Original copies** of the following **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES**, all series of 2026, enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during the 37th Regular Session held on October 13, 2026 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, for review and affirmation:

1. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-10 - AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

2. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-11 - AN ORDINANCE BANNING DRINKING OF LIQUOR AND INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

3. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-12 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL**

JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

4. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-13 - AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF VIDEOKE MACHINES, AND OTHER AMPLIFIED AUDIO DEVICES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

5. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-14 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL-WIDE SYNCHRONIZED RODENT CONTROL PROGRAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "RAT BLANKETING PROGRAM," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, COORDINATION, MONITORING, AND ENFORCEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

6. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-15 - AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE OWNERS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR OCCUPANTS OF VACANT RICE FIELDS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS AND PROPER CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTIES, PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBILITIES, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

For your reference, attached are the following supporting documents:

1. Certificate of Public Hearing
2. Copies of Invitation Letters
3. Notices of Public Hearing posted in the Barangays and Public Transport Terminals
4. Attendance sheets of Public Hearing

We look forward to your favorable action on these legislative measures.

Very truly yours,

ZELMA A. CABRERA-CASTRO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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13TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 37TH REGULAR SESSION[2026] OF THE 13TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TAGO, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT: **HONORABLE IRA MINETTE C. PIMENTEL**
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

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Honorable Noel L. Gualvez - Sangguniang Bayan Member
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Honorable Emmanuel P. Isiang - President, Liga ng mga Barangay
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ABSENT : **NONE**

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-14[2026]
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL-WIDE SYNCHRONIZED RODENT CONTROL PROGRAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "RAT BLANKETING PROGRAM," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, COORDINATION, MONITORING, AND ENFORCEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Authored by: Honorable Noel L. Gualvez
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Honorable Emmanuel P. Isiang

WHEREAS, the Constitution recognizes the right of the people to health and directs the State to adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the **Local Government Code of 1991**, empowers local government units to exercise powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare, including the protection of public health, sanitation, and environmental conditions within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, local governments are authorized to adopt measures for the proper maintenance of sanitary conditions, prevention and abatement of nuisances, efficient waste management, and prevention of circumstances that may contribute to the spread of disease;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the **Code on Sanitation of the Philippines**, provides for sanitation standards and measures intended to protect communities from conditions detrimental to public health;

WHEREAS, rodents, particularly rats, may contaminate food, water, homes, public facilities, markets, agricultural areas, and other community environments and may contribute to the transmission of communicable diseases and other public-health risks;

WHEREAS, isolated and uncoordinated rodent-control activities may be less effective because rodents may move between neighboring households, establishments, drainage systems, markets, farms, and other areas;

WHEREAS, a synchronized community-wide approach, supported by proper sanitation, environmental management, surveillance, and appropriate rodent-control measures, can improve the effectiveness of rodent population reduction;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a coordinated and sustained rodent-control program involving the Municipal Government, barangay governments, health workers, sanitation personnel, business establishments, schools, households, farmers, and other stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"TAGO MUNICIPAL SYNCHRONIZED RODENT CONTROL OR RAT BLANKETING ORDINANCE OF 2026."**

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It shall be the policy of the Municipality of Tago to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents by implementing a coordinated, community-wide, science-based, and environmentally responsible rodent-control program.

The Municipality shall prioritize **prevention, sanitation, environmental management, surveillance, community participation, and safe rodent-control practices** in reducing rodent populations and minimizing their associated public-health risks.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. The Program shall have the following objectives:

a. To reduce rodent populations throughout the Municipality of Tago;

b. To prevent and minimize public-health risks associated with rodent infestation;

c. To establish synchronized rodent-control activities among all barangays;

d. To identify and address environmental conditions that promote rodent breeding, shelter, and access to food and water;

e. To strengthen community awareness and participation in rodent-control activities;

f. To establish a system for reporting, monitoring, and documenting rodent infestation; and

g. To establish a sustainable municipal mechanism for continuous rodent surveillance and control.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance:

a. **Rodent** – refers primarily to rats and mice that may infest residential, commercial, agricultural, institutional, public, and other areas.

b. **Rodent Control** – refers to measures undertaken to prevent, reduce, control, or eliminate rodent infestation through environmental sanitation, exclusion, trapping, and other lawful and appropriately managed control methods.

c. **Rat Blanketing** – refers to a **synchronized, municipality-wide rodent-control campaign** in which participating barangays and establishments conduct coordinated rodent-control and sanitation activities within a designated period.

d. **Infested Area** – refers to any premises or location where evidence of rodent activity or infestation has been observed or documented.

e. **Rodent-Proofing** – refers to measures designed to prevent rodents from entering or establishing themselves in buildings, structures, food-storage areas, and other premises.

f. **Program** – refers to the Municipality of Tago Synchronized Rodent Control or Rat Blanketing Program established under this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply throughout the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tago, including:

a. Residential areas and households;
b. Public markets and commercial establishments;
c. Food establishments and food-storage areas;
d. Schools and educational institutions;
e. Government offices and public facilities;
f. Agricultural and livestock areas;
g. Warehouses, storage facilities, and business establishments;
h. Drainage systems, canals, waterways, vacant lots, and other potential rodent habitats; and
i. Other areas identified by the Municipal Health Office or the designated implementing body as requiring rodent-control intervention.

SECTION 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL SYNCHRONIZED RODENT CONTROL PROGRAM.

There is hereby established a **Municipal Synchronized Rodent Control or Rat Blanketing Program** to be implemented by the Municipality of Tago in coordination with its barangays and relevant government agencies.

The Program shall consist of:

1. Rodent surveillance and mapping;
2. Community sanitation and environmental clean-up;
3. Rodent-proofing and elimination of food and water sources;
4. Coordinated rodent-control activities;
5. Public education and information campaigns;
6. Monitoring and evaluation; and
7. Continuing preventive measures.

SECTION 7. SYNCHRONIZED IMPLEMENTATION.

The Municipal Government shall designate a specific period or periods each year for the conduct of the **Municipality-wide Rat Blanketing Campaign**.

All barangays shall conduct their respective rodent-control activities during the designated period to ensure simultaneous or coordinated intervention across neighboring communities.

The Municipal Health Office, in coordination with the Punong Barangays, shall issue an implementation schedule and operational guidelines before each campaign.

SECTION 8. ROLE OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. The Municipal Government, through the Municipal Health Office and other appropriate offices, shall:

a. Develop the annual implementation plan for the Program;
b. Coordinate the participation of all barangays;
c. Conduct or facilitate rodent surveillance and assessment;
d. Provide technical guidance on appropriate and safe rodent-control practices;
e. Conduct information and education campaigns;
f. Monitor implementation and evaluate program results;
g. Coordinate with the Provincial Health Office, Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and other appropriate agencies when necessary; and
h. Recommend additional measures when rodent infestation poses a significant public-health concern.

SECTION 9. ROLE OF THE BARANGAYS. All barangays within the Municipality shall:

a. Designate a Barangay Rodent Control Coordinator or focal person;
b. Conduct community-level inspection and identification of areas with rodent activity;
c. Organize community sanitation and environmental clean-up activities;
d. Coordinate household and establishment participation during the synchronized campaign;
e. Maintain records of reported rodent infestation and control activities;
f. Submit monitoring reports to the Municipal Health Office; and
g. Undertake continuing preventive measures after the scheduled campaign.

SECTION 10. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOUSEHOLDS AND PROPERTY OWNERS. Households, property owners, administrators, and occupants shall maintain their premises in a sanitary condition and shall undertake reasonable measures to prevent rodent infestation, including:

a. Proper storage and disposal of food and household waste;
b. Keeping garbage containers properly covered;
c. Removing unnecessary materials, debris, and other potential rodent shelters;
d. Maintaining clean surroundings and drainage areas;
e. Sealing accessible openings and other entry points where practicable;
f. Cooperating with authorized inspection and monitoring activities; and
g. Participating in synchronized community rodent-control activities.

SECTION 11. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FOOD AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS. All food establishments, markets, stores, warehouses, restaurants, and other applicable business establishments shall maintain sanitary premises and implement appropriate rodent-prevention measures.

Establishments shall:

a. Properly store food and food products;
b. Prevent accumulation of garbage and waste;
c. Maintain clean food preparation and storage areas;
d. Implement appropriate rodent-proofing measures;
e. Cooperate with sanitation inspections; and
f. Immediately undertake corrective measures when rodent infestation is identified.

SECTION 12. ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION AS A PRIMARY CONTROL MEASURE. The Program shall emphasize environmental sanitation as a primary component of rodent control.

The Municipal Government and barangays shall identify and address conditions that may support rodent populations, including:

a. Accumulated garbage and improperly stored waste;
b. Uncontrolled food sources;
c. Standing water and poorly maintained drainage;
d. Overgrown vegetation and abandoned materials;
e. Unused structures and areas providing shelter; and
f. Other environmental conditions identified by authorized sanitation personnel.

SECTION 13. USE OF RODENT-CONTROL PRODUCTS AND METHODS.

Any rodent-control product or method used under the Program shall comply with applicable national laws, regulations, and health and safety requirements.

The Municipal Government shall prioritize appropriate non-chemical measures, environmental sanitation, rodent-proofing, and other preventive methods.

Where chemical rodent-control products are deemed necessary, their use shall be undertaken only in accordance with applicable national regulations, product labels, safety requirements, and guidance from competent authorities.

The Municipality shall ensure that rodent-control activities do not create unreasonable risks to children, pets, livestock, wildlife, food, water sources, or the general public.

SECTION 14. PROHIBITED ACTS.

The following acts are prohibited:

a. Intentionally maintaining or allowing conditions that promote persistent rodent infestation in premises under one's control;
b. Improper disposal of garbage, food waste, or other materials that attract rodents;
c. Obstructing authorized sanitation personnel during lawful inspection and monitoring activities;
d. Improper or unsafe placement of rodent-control materials in a manner that may expose persons, animals, food, or water sources to avoidable risks; and
e. Violating other applicable sanitation requirements established under national law or municipal regulations.

SECTION 15. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. The Municipal Health Office, in coordination with the barangays, shall conduct continuing information and education campaigns on:

a. Public-health risks associated with rodent infestation;
b. Proper household and community sanitation;
c. Proper food and waste storage;
d. Rodent-proofing practices;
e. Safe and responsible rodent-control measures; and
f. Community participation in the Rat Blanketing Program.

SECTION 16. RODENT INFESTATION REPORTING SYSTEM. The Municipality shall establish a mechanism through which residents, establishments, schools, and barangays may report suspected areas of significant rodent infestation.

Reports shall be evaluated by the appropriate municipal or barangay personnel and, when necessary, referred for inspection and intervention.

SECTION 17. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Municipal Health Office shall maintain records of the implementation of the Program, including, where practicable:

a. Number and location of reported infestations;
b. Number of households and establishments reached;
c. Number of participating barangays;
d. Sanitation and environmental conditions identified;
e. Control measures implemented; and
f. Other indicators necessary to assess program effectiveness.

An annual report on the implementation of the Program shall be submitted to the **Municipal Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan**.

SECTION 18. INTER-AGENCY AND COMMUNITY COORDINATION. The Municipality may establish partnerships with relevant national government agencies, barangay governments, schools, health institutions, civic organizations, private establishments, people's organizations, and other stakeholders for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 19. FUNDING. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality, subject to the availability of funds and existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

Barangays may likewise allocate funds from their legally available resources for activities consistent with the objectives of this Ordinance.

SECTION 20. INCENTIVES AND RECOGNITION. The Municipality may establish an appropriate recognition program for barangays, schools, establishments, and community groups that demonstrate exemplary participation and sustained compliance with the objectives of the Rat Blanketing Program.

SECTION 21. PENALTIES. Any person, establishment, or entity found violating the applicable mandatory provisions of this Ordinance shall, after due notice and appropriate proceedings, be subject to a fine of **not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00)** or imprisonment of **not more than six (6) months**, or both, at the discretion of the proper court, subject to applicable law.

For continuing violations, each day during which the violation continues may be considered a separate offense, when allowed by law.

The imposition of penalties under this Section shall be without prejudice to any liability or penalty imposed under applicable national laws, rules, regulations, or other valid municipal ordinances.

SECTION 22. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE. Before the imposition of penalties for violations that are correctable through sanitation or environmental measures, the responsible person or establishment may be issued a written notice directing the correction of the identified condition within a reasonable period, except where immediate action is necessary to protect public health or where otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 23. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Municipal Health Office, in coordination with the concerned municipal offices and barangays, shall prepare the necessary implementing guidelines, subject to approval by the Municipal Mayor and consistent with existing national laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 24. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 25. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or other local issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 26. POSTING. Posting shall be done in the bulletin boards at the entrance of the municipal hall, public transport terminals in Barangays Purisima, Victoria Crossing and Gamut, and in the Twenty Four (24) Barangays of this municipality not later than five (5) days after approval of the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 27. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon affirmation of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

ENACTED this 13th day of October, 2026, upon motion of Honorable Noel L. Gualvez, duly seconded by All Members Present.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ZELMA A. CABRERA-CASTRO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

IRA MINETTE C. PIMENTEL
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JELIO VAL C. LAURENTE
Municipal Mayor

Date: October 20, 2026