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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH (16TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President

ABSENT:

Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President- O.B.
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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-216

A RESOLUTION INTENSIFYING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PHILIPPINE WATER CODE (PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1067) THROUGH ENHANCED INFORMATION DISSEMINATION ON THE PROPER USE AND MANAGEMENT OF ARTESIAN WELLS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS.

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WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1067, otherwise known as the *Philippine Water Code*, governs the ownership, appropriation, utilization, exploitation, development, conservation, and protection of the country's water resources, including groundwater sources such as artesian wells;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Los Baños has enacted a municipal ordinance adopting and localizing the provisions of the Water Code to properly regulate the use, development, and protection of artesian wells within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, a recent study conducted by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) identified that water samples from 8 selected artesian wells in Barangays Mayondon, Bayog, and Malinta were found to exhibit fecal contamination, indicating the presence of harmful microorganisms that pose significant health risks to users;

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WHEREAS, in light of these findings, the continued use of artesian well water for drinking and other domestic purposes is strongly discouraged, as such water sources do not meet the safety standards required for potable or household use and may result in water-borne diseases;

WHEREAS, these developments highlight the growing vulnerability of groundwater sources to contamination due to improper well construction, inadequate maintenance, poor sanitation practices, and proximity to septic systems and agricultural or household waste;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to intensify information dissemination among communities, particularly well owners and users, to promote the responsible use of artesian wells, encourage compliance with regulatory requirements, and protect public health and the environment;

WHEREAS, strengthening the municipality's information, education, and communication (IEC) campaign will equip the community with knowledge on proper well use, required permits, basic maintenance practices, and reporting mechanisms for contaminated or unregistered wells;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, in session assembled, to intensify the implementation of the Municipal Ordinance adopting the Philippine Water Code (PD 1067) by directing all concerned departments to undertake a strengthened information, education, and communication (IEC) campaign on the proper usage, management, and conservation of artesian wells.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), in coordination with the Municipal Health Office (MHO), Municipal Engineer Office (MEO), Public Information Office (PIO), and the Sangguniang Barangay specifically Barangay Councilors on Health and Sanitation, shall design and implement community-based IEC activities, including but not limited to:

1. Conduct of barangay seminars and public orientations on water safety;
2. Dissemination of printed, digital, and social media educational materials;
3. Posting of advisories in strategic public areas;
4. Technical guidance for artesian well owners regarding proper construction and maintenance;
5. Establishment of reporting and monitoring mechanisms for contaminated, unsafe, or unregistered wells.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, that periodic assessments be conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the IEC campaign, determine compliance with water safety guidelines, and recommend further policy actions to ensure sustainable groundwater management and public health protection;



RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Municipal Mayor, MENRO, MHO, MEO, PIO, and all Sangguniang Barangay for their information, guidance, and appropriate action;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Muriel Laisa B. Dizon, duly seconded by Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina and concurred by all other members present;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to intensify the implementation of the Municipal Ordinance adopting the Philippine Water Code (Presidential Decree No. 1067) through enhanced information dissemination on the proper use and management of artesian wells within the Municipality of Los Baños.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED : November 17, 2025

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


DONA T. ALBORIDA DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ADOPTED:


HON. MARLO PJ A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer