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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the "Code on Sanitation of the Philippines," sets forth the minimum sanitation requirements for refuse collection and disposal to prevent the occurrence of public health hazards and environmental degradation through proper refuse storage, collection, and disposal, and to protect and promote the health of the public;

WHEREAS, Chapter XVIII of P.D. No. 856 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) provide specific provisions governing the location, design, and maintenance of refuse disposal facilities, including sanitary landfills;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000", mandates that all Local Government Units (LGUs) shall establish appropriate final disposal sites or sanitary landfills that meet the minimum requirements set by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR);

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the LGU to ensure proper waste disposal and environmental protection in accordance with existing national laws and local needs;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of sanitary landfills within the territorial jurisdiction of Batangas City, to ensure the protection of public health, safety, and the environment;

WHEREAS, the integration of sanitation standards and ecological solid waste management ensures a comprehensive, harmonized, and effective local system that addresses both public health protection and environmental sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of Sanitary Landfills and Providing Penalty for Violation Thereof".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. - It is hereby declared the policy of Batangas City to protect public health and environment through the regulation of sanitary landfills within the territorial jurisdiction in accordance with sanitation requirements of Presidential Decree No. 856 of Chapter XVIII – Refuse Disposal and the Environmental Standards of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and other relevant national laws and environmental standards.

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SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

a. **Biomedical Waste** - Any kind of waste containing infectious (or potentially infectious) materials generated during the treatment of humans or animals as well as during research involving biologics.
b. **BSWMB** - Batangas City Local Solid Waste Management Board
c. **Cover Material**- Soil or similar material used to cover waste after it has been compacted in the landfill.
d. **DENR** - Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
e. **ECC**- Environmental Compliance Certificate.
f. **Garbage/ Hauler Truck** - A truck specially designed to collect municipal solid waste and transport it to a solid waste treatment facility, such as a landfill, recycling center or transfer station.
g. **Hazardous Radioactive Wastes** - Liquid waste containing toxic, corrosive, flammable, or reactive chemicals must be disposed of as mixed radioactive and chemical waste.
h. **Human Wastes** - Defined as waste generated by human activity that primarily consists of bodily fluids, particularly feces and urine, typically produced in toilets and urinals.
i. **Landfill Linings** - Physical barrier system intended to prevent the escape of water and gases out of the body of the landfilled waste.
j. **Leachate** - Any contaminated liquid that is generated from water percolating through a solid waste disposal site, accumulating contaminants and moving into subsurface area.
k. **Liquid Wastes** - The release of unwanted waste in liquid form from various sources into water ecosystems, including effluents from industries such as distilleries, tanneries, textiles, and domestic waste.
l. **LGU** - Local Government Unit.
m. **Operator** - Any person, company, or agency authorized to operate a sanitary landfill.
n. **Sanitary Landfill** - A waste disposal site designed, constructed, operated, and maintained adopting standard engineering designs that ensures environmental safety, minimize adverse effects, and complies with DENR standards.
o. **Solid Wastes** - All discarded household, commercial and non-hazardous agricultural waste.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. - This Ordinance shall apply to all existing, and proposed sanitary landfill facilities for solid wastes within the territorial jurisdiction of Batangas City, whether publicly or privately owned and operated.

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SECTION 5. PERMIT AND REGISTRATION. - No Sanitary Landfill shall be established, constructed or operated within the jurisdiction of Batangas City without securing the following:

a. Land Use Certificate from City Planning and Development Office (CPDO);
b. Resolution of No Objection from Sangguniang Barangay where facilities shall be located;
c. Locational Clearance/ Certificate of Zoning Compliance from City Planning and Development Office;
d. Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) from DENR;
e. Mayor's Permit;
f. Certificate of Operation from Batangas City Solid Waste Management Board (BSWMB);
g. Operational permit from Center for Health and Development Region concerned.

SECTION 6. Any additional landfill project shall be required to comply with the permit and registration requirements provided in Section 5 hereof.

SECTION 7. SITE SELECTION CRITERIA. - The application to establish, operate, and maintain a landfill site in Batangas City shall be approved if it complies with:

a. The landfill site is not within 300 meter-radius of residential and industrial development and within 1 kilometer of memorial sites, school, church, hospital, or public market;
b. The landfill site should not be located within 300 meters up gradient of any surface waters used for drinking purposes;
c. The facility shall be minimum 50 meters away from any perennial stream, lake or river;
d. The landfill site is not within a geologically hazardous area fault lines and flood-prone zones;
e. The landfill site is not within a protected area or ancestral domain;
f. Any or all expansion, and development in addition to existing sanitary landfills whether or not owned by the same individual or entity, should conform to the criteria for site selection herein provided.

SECTION 8. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES. - The operation of sanitary landfills in Batangas City shall comply with the following:

a. It shall be provided with a composite base liner system consisting of a minimum 1.595 millimeter (mm) thick High Density Polyethylene liner (HDPE) underlain by a soil liner with a minimum thickness to 0.60 meter (m) and maximum permeability of 1x10-6 centimeter/second (cm/sec).
b. All refuse collectors, drivers, and personnel engaged in waste collection, transport, and disposal shall be provided with, and required to wear, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times while on duty. They must also possess a valid Health Certificate issued annually by the Local Health Officer.

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c. Only **residual wastes** shall be accepted and disposed of in the sanitary landfill. Segregated recyclable and biodegradable wastes shall be recovered, processed, or diverted prior to disposal.
d. Wastes shall be spread and compacted in layers daily to reduce settlement and prevent the breeding of disease vectors. At the end of each operating day, a minimum soil cover of fifteen (15) centimeters shall be applied over all exposed waste to control odors, fires, litter, and vermin. Upon closure of each cell, a final cover system shall be installed in accordance with DENR standards.
e. The operator shall ensure the consistent implementation of waste segregation at source, proper daily soil cover application, and adequate compaction throughout the operation of the landfill.
f. The facility shall incorporate **liners** and **leachate collection systems** designed to prevent groundwater contamination, and shall install gas venting systems to control emissions and prevent explosions, consistent with DENR technical guidelines.
g. Regular monitoring of surface water, groundwater, leachate, and ambient air quality shall be undertaken. Groundwater monitoring wells shall be strategically installed at appropriate depths and locations to ensure early detection of contamination and protection of water quality.
h. The landfill property shall be equipped with adequate fire control and suppression facilities, including fire-fighting equipment, strategically located within the site to immediately respond to fire incidents.
i. Security measures and access control systems shall be maintained at all times to prevent unauthorized entry, scavenging, or illegal dumping.
j. The operator shall maintain a clear and accurate record of the types, quantities (by weight or volume), and sources of wastes disposed of. Such records shall be submitted on a regular basis to the Office of the City Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO), the Committee on Environment of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and acknowledged by the Office of the City Health Officer.
k. All waste collection and hauling trucks delivering wastes to the sanitary landfill shall comply with standards and specifications prescribed by the DENR and other applicable laws. The landfill operator shall ensure strict enforcement of this requirement prior to waste acceptance.
l. The owner/operator of hauling trucks shall keep their trucks clean and sanitize at all times. For this purpose, the cleaning, washing and maintenance of hauler trucks shall be the responsibility of the owner/operator.
m. The landfill site shall be equipped with weighbridge, monitoring station and administrative facilities.
n. The landfill operator shall construct and maintain safe and passable access roads to the landfill facility at all times.

SECTION 9. CATEGORIES OF SANITARY LANDFILL FACILITY. - Sanitary Landfill Facilities, as the Final Disposal Facilities shall be categorized as follows, in accordance to DENR AO No. 10 S. 2006.

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Category 1. -
A final disposal facility applied to LGUs with net residual waste generated of less than or equal to 15 tons per day (TPD). It shall also apply to a cluster of LGUs with a collective disposable residual waste of less than or equal to 15 TPD.

Category 2. -
A final disposal facility applied to LGUs with net residual waste generated of greater than 15 TPD but less than or equal to 75 TPD. It shall also apply to a cluster of LGUs with a collective disposable residual waste greater than 15 TPD but less than or equal to 75 TPD.

Category 3. -
A final disposal facility applied to LGUs with net residual waste generated of greater than 75 TPD but less than or equal to 200 TPD. It shall also apply to a cluster of LGUs with a collective disposable residual waste greater than 75 TPD but less than or equal to 200 TPD.

Category 4. -
A final disposal facility applied to LGUs with net residual waste generated of greater than 200 TPD. It shall also apply to a cluster of LGUs with a collective disposable residual waste greater than 200 TPD.

Any applicant for establishment, operation, and maintenance of sanitary landfill shall determine the category of sanitary landfill to be established, operated and maintained in accordance to this section.

SECTION 10. PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (PES). - A fee shall be collected for wastes disposed at the Sanitary Landfill within Batangas City from outside the other municipalities. A fee equivalent to Php 150.00 per cu.m. shall be paid to the City Treasurer's Office prior to the disposal of garbage. The volume of garbage shall be certified by the duly authorized representative of the company and verified by the authorized OCENRO personnel.

SECTION 11. SOLID WASTE FACILITY AND WASTE DIVERSION. - All registered sanitary landfill facilities shall be required to establish partnership with the City Government in the implementation of waste diversion programs, which shall include but not be limited to source reduction, recycling, and composting initiatives, through the conduct of appropriate waste diversion activities. Compliance with this provision shall be a mandatory requirement for the continued accreditation and operation of such facilities, subject to periodic monitoring and evaluation by the Office of the City Environment and Natural Resources (OCENRO).

SECTION 12. PROHIBITED ACTS. - The following acts are prohibited under this Ordinance:

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a. Operating an open dump site disguised as a sanitary landfill;
b. Disposing of hazardous radioactive or biomedical waste in the landfill;
c. Open dumping, open burning, or improper disposal of refuse in rivers, creeks, drainage channels, shorelines, vacant lots, or any other unauthorized areas, in violation of sanitary and environmental regulations;
d. Allowing scavenging of waste or unauthorized waste picking;
e. Allowing the accumulation of refuse in a manner that causes nuisance, attracts vectors or vermin, emits foul odors, or poses a public health and environmental hazard;
f. Using substandard, non-compliant, or unauthorized vehicles, equipment, or facilities for the storage, collection, transport, or disposal of refuse;
g. Mixing segregated refuse during collection or transport, thereby defeating segregation efforts and violating sanitary and environmental requirements;
h. Catering of waste from outside Batangas City is not permitted in a government operated landfill, however the privately owned and operated landfill may cater the same on the condition that standard operational guidelines are followed;
i. Failure or refusal to comply with lawful orders, notices of violation, or abatement orders issued by the authorized officials;
j. Operating a sanitary landfill designed and identified as a lower category for a collective disposable waste greater than the prescribed disposable residual waste tons per day (TPD);
k. Committing any act or omission that violates the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Chapter XVIII – Refuse Disposal of P.D. No. 856, the DAO 2001-34 IRR of R.A. No. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act), or other applicable sanitation and environmental laws, rules, and regulations;
l. Site preparation, construction, expansion or operation of waste management facilities without an Environmental Compliance Certificate required pursuant to Presidential Decree No.1586 and the Act and not conforming with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of Batangas City;
m. Operating a dirty unsanitary and poorly maintained hauler truck within the territorial jurisdiction of Batangas City.

SECTION 13. MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT. - There shall be a created Local Sanitary Landfill Multi-Partite Monitoring Team to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance and cause the timely resolution of issues arising from the implementation thereof. The Local Sanitary Landfill Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (LSL-MMT) shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)
Members: Chairman, Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Committee on Environment and Urban Development, Land Use and Zoning
City Planning and Development Office
City Engineering Office
City General Services Office
City Health Office

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Barangay Chairman of the Barangay where landfill is located
CSO Representative

The LSL-MMT shall have the following functions:

a. Conduct monthly inspection of local sanitary landfill operations to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance, Chapter XVIII of P.D. No. 856, DAO 2001-34, R.A. 9003, and other relevant laws and regulations.
b. Review and validate monitoring reports, operational records, and environmental data submitted by the landfill operator, including waste acceptance logs, groundwater and leachate quality monitoring, and air quality reports.
c. Identify and document issues or violations arising from the operation of the landfill and recommend appropriate remedial actions or enforcement measures to the City Government.
d. Facilitate the active participation of local communities and CSOs in monitoring activities and ensure transparency by making monitoring results accessible to the public through appropriate means.
e. Coordinate with DENR and other relevant national agencies for the conduct of joint monitoring activities, technical validation, and enforcement actions when necessary.
f. Prepare and submit quarterly monitoring reports and recommendations to the City Mayor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the Committee on Environment, and concerned offices for appropriate action.
g. Oversee compliance with post-closure care and monitoring requirements for closed landfill facilities for the prescribed duration in accordance with DENR guidelines.

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. - To ensure the effective implementation, monitoring, and enforcement of this Ordinance, funds shall be allocated and made available in the Annual or Supplemental Budget of the City Government of Batangas. Any and all funds that may be collected or source from the operation of the sanitary landfill shall be used to finance environmental monitoring, compliance programs, and related activities, including but not limited to:

a. Regular monitoring and inspection activities of the LSL-MMT;
b. Laboratory testing and analysis of water, air, and leachate samples;
c. Procurement and maintenance of monitoring equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE);
d. Capacity building and training of personnel;
e. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities for communities; and
f. Other expenses necessary for the effective enforcement of this Ordinance.

All disbursements shall be subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations to ensure transparency and accountability.

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SECTION 15. PENALTY CLAUSE. - Violation of any of the prohibitions provided in this Ordinance shall be imposed the penalty of fine in the amount of Five Thousand pesos (P5,000.00), or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

If the offender is a corporation, association, partnership or any other juridical persons, the penalty of imprisonment shall be imposed upon the responsible officers and employees, as the case maybe, who participated in, or allowed by their gross negligence, the commission on the crime, and a fine shall be imposed jointly and severally on the juridical person and the responsible officers and/or employees.

If the offender is a public official or employee, he/she shall, in addition to the penalties herein, suffer perpetual or temporary absolute disqualification from office, as the case may be.

The imposition by the appropriate court of the penalties of fine and imprisonment upon the owner/operator of the landfill facilities without prejudice to the imposition of administrative sanctions such as suspension or revocation of permit, business license or accreditation.

SECTION 16. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - The City Mayor may promulgate and issue Implementing Rules and Regulations for the efficient and effective implementation of this Ordinance. The non-issuance of the rules and regulations shall not in any manner forestall the effectivity and implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation and/or posting in public places within Batangas City.

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ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 22nd day of December, 2025.

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

MARIO VITTORIO A. MARIÑO
City Mayor

Date Approved: JAN 09 2026

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY ON DECEMBER 22, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIAN SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Maria Claudette U. Ambida,	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	"
Hon. Arthur G. Blanco,	"
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig,	"
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca,	"
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	"
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	"
Hon. Ailin Grace O. Dimacuha,	"
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	"
Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	"
Hon. Isidra "Ched" M. Atienza,	"
Hon. Michael C. Villena,	"
Hon. Macario L. Macalalad,	Liga ng mga Barangay President
Hon. Sherwin C. Tejada,	SK Pederasyon President

"On motion of SP Member Dela Roca duly seconded, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-676 S. 2025

APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY LANDFILLS IN BATANGAS CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

RESOLVED, to approve on Second and Final Reading the Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of Sanitary Landfills in Batangas City and Providing Penalty for Violation Thereof.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-676 S. 2025 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on December 22, 2025.

GERARDO M. DIMAANO
Board Secretary III

NOTED:

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
Presiding Officer

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COMMITTEE REPORT

TO	:	**THE HONORABLE PRESIDING OFFICER** **THE HONORABLE MEMBERS, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**
CC	:	**THE SECRETARIAT DIVISION, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**
FROM	:	**JOINT COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, LAND USE AND ZONING, AND LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**
SUBJECT	:	**PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY LANDFILLS IN BATANGAS CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**
DATE	:	**OCTOBER 24, 2025**

I. Background

The Joint Committees on Environment and Urban Development, Land Use and Zoning and Laws, Rules, and Regulations conducted a Committee Hearing regarding the proposed **"Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation, and Maintenance of Sanitary Landfills in Batangas City and Providing Penalty for Violation Thereof"** on September 23, 2025 at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Batangas. Due to time constraint, the hearing was put on recess and resumed October 2, 2025.

The hearing was attended by the Members of the joint committees, other Sangguniang Panlungsod Members, Representatives from various government agencies, other concerned department from the Batangas City Government, Wastecon Inc., Suri Waste Management and Disposal Services Inc., and other stakeholders.

II. Discussions

The committee convened to deliberate on matters concerning landfill operations, regulatory compliance, and community concerns related to solid waste management. The hearing was attended by representatives from various city departments and stakeholders, including OCENRO, the City Health Office, CPDO, CEO, SURI, WASTECON, and barangay officials from affected communities.

Topics discussed included the need for monitoring mechanisms to validate permits and environmental compliance, the unauthorized expansion of landfill operations, the establishment of closure and post-closure protocols, and the regulation of waste inflow from other local government units. The committee also reviewed proposed ordinance provisions, including the creation of a monitoring team, the establishment of an ecosystem trust fund, and the imposition of penalties for violations. Concerns raised by nearby barangays regarding odor and environmental impact were also addressed.

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III. Findings

After thorough discussion during the hearing, the committee observed the following findings:

1. There is currently no systematic monitoring mechanism in place to validate the consistency between issued permits, Environmental Compliance Certificates (ECC), existing laws and regulations, and the actual volume of waste being processed. This gap in oversight has contributed to operational inconsistencies and potential violations of environmental standards. The committee emphasized the need to institutionalize a mandated monitoring team through ordinance, which would be empowered to conduct inspections and ensure compliance. The inclusion of Sangguniang Panlungsod members in this team was also proposed to strengthen accountability and transparency;
2. The committee noted with concern that landfill expansion activities have been proceeding without the necessary permits and without any form of monitoring. This unauthorized development poses risks to environmental integrity and undermines regulatory processes;
3. Guidelines and timelines for landfill closure and post-closure operations remain undefined. The committee stressed the importance of establishing clear protocols to determine the operational lifespan of landfill sites and assess their readiness for closure;
4. Complaints from barangays located near landfill sites were raised during the hearing, particularly regarding foul odors and environmental discomfort. The committee acknowledged these concerns and emphasized the responsibility of OCENRO and the City Health Office to address them promptly and effectively;
5. The issue of unregulated waste entry from other local government units was also discussed. The committee recognized the need to regulate and monitor external waste inflow to protect local ecosystems and infrastructure. A proposal was made to include provisions in the ordinance that would govern such activities;
6. The concept of payment for ecosystem services was introduced, particularly for waste disposal by other LGUs. The committee supported the establishment of a fee structure based on tonnage, which would be used to fund monitoring equipment, team operations, and other environmental safeguards. In addition, the creation of an ecosystem trust fund was proposed to support long-term sustainability and community benefit;
7. Compliance with waste segregation protocols was found to be inconsistent across solid waste operations. The committee emphasized the need for stricter enforcement and the inclusion of clear operational guidelines in the ordinance;
8. The proposed ordinance should include provisions for the frequency of committee convening, the drafting and finalization of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and a deadline for completion to ensure timely implementation;
9. Penalties for violations should be aligned with Section 49 of Republic Act No. 9003. The committee supported the adoption of a uniform penalty structure, with qualifications based on the gravity of the offense to ensure fairness and proportionality;
10. There was a suggestion to conduct formal site inspections of landfill facilities to assess their current operational status, environmental impact, and compliance with existing regulations. The committee acknowledged the importance of direct observation and physical verification as part of its oversight function. It was noted that local representatives have previously participated in monitoring and inspection activities, reinforcing the need for structured and inclusive site visits;

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11. According to OCENRO, findings and recommendations have already been submitted to the City Legal Office, a copy of which was formally transmitted to the committee upon request. These documents will be reviewed and considered in future deliberations;
12. Landfill operators, as service providers, are expected to fulfill their contractual obligations and comply with service standards. During the hearing, it was noted that WASTECON manifested their compliance and expressed willingness to reinstate truck disinfection protocols, as practiced during the pandemic period;
13. The committee also reviewed the proposed ordinance per Section. Section 5 was highlighted for its affirmation that Republic Act No. 9003 has been complied with, taking into account the sensitivities of the surrounding communities; and
14. The City Health Office was advised to consider other applicable laws in its assessment. SURI expressed willingness to comply with regulatory requirements, while WASTECON offered no comment. CPDO reminded proponents to secure zoning certificates prior to operation. The City Engineering Office suggested inter-barangay cooperation and consultation to strengthen community engagement. The Administrative Office expressed support for the ordinance, provided it receives formal approval.

IV. Conclusion

The committee recognizes the urgent need to strengthen regulatory mechanisms, clarify operational responsibilities, and enhance coordination among agencies involved in solid waste management. The findings underscore the importance of transparency, accountability, and community engagement in ensuring environmentally sound and legally compliant landfill operations. The committee shall continue to review and refine the proposed ordinance in line with these observations.

V. Recommendation

In view of the foregoing and after due consideration, the committee hereby recommends the following:

1. The adoption of this Committee Report; and
2. Scheduling of the proposed **"Ordinance Regulating the Establishment, Operation and Maintenance of Sanitary Landfills in Batangas City and Providing Penalty for Violation Thereof"** on Second and Final Reading in the next Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Batangas.

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Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 2025.

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