ORDINANCE NO.25-003 S. 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 99,PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF ORDINANCE NO. 19 SERIES OF 2008 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY REVENUE CODE OF 2009

SPONSOR	SP MEMBER CLAUDETTE AMBIDA
FIRST READING	NOVEMBER 3,2025
CONCERNED COMMITTEES	CHAIRMAN,COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE HEARING	FEBRUARY 9,2026
COMMITTEE REPORT	FEBRUARY 16,2026
SECOND READING	0
FINAL READING	RESOLUTION NO. 25-045 S. 2026 FEBRUARY 16,2026
DATE ENACTED	02/16/2026
DATE APPROVED	02/24/2026
DATE SUBMITTED TO SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN	02/26/2026 11:22 AM
DATE POSTED	02/26/2026
DATE PUBLISHED	

JAYVEE K BABIERRA
02-09-26
09:23 PM

Republic of the Philippines
BATANGAS CITY
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 25-003 S. 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF ORDINANCE NO. 19 SERIES OF 2008 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY REVENUE CODE OF 2009

SPONSOR : **SP MEMBER MARIA CLAUDETTE U. AMBIDA**
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means

CO-SPONSORS : **ALL SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the registration of vital events such as births, deaths, marriages, and the recognition of foundlings remains a national priority, as reaffirmed under the current administration through ongoing efforts to strengthen civil registration systems and ensure universal access to legal identity;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11767, or the *Foundling Recognition and Protection Act*, affirms the right of foundlings to be recognized as natural-born Filipino citizens and mandates their registration in the civil registry, ensuring their legal identity and access to government services;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11642, or the *Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act*, institutionalizes an efficient administrative process for adoption and alternative child care, reinforcing the State's obligation to promote and protect the rights and welfare of adopted children and those in need of care;

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the City Government of Batangas to uphold and promote the rights of every child, including foundlings and adopted children, by ensuring that their civil registry records are properly and accurately documented in accordance with national laws and guidelines;

WHEREAS, in view of the enactment of these laws and pursuant to the powers granted under the Local Government Code of 1991, there is a need to amend existing civil registry fees to align with current legal mandates and service requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED,** as it is hereby **ORDAINED,** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City, in a session duly assembled, the following:

SECTION 1. FOUNDLINGS. - It shall be the policy of the City Government of Batangas not to impose any registration fee for the civil registry of Persons with No Known Parents (Foundlings), in recognition of their right to legal identity as provided under Republic Act No. 11767 or the *Foundling Recognition and Protection Act*. The Office of the City Civil Registrar shall ensure that the registration of foundlings is facilitated without cost to guarantee equal access to civil documentation.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION. - The City Government of Batangas shall support and uphold the rights of adopted children and adoptive parents by ensuring that the civil registry processes related to adoption are accessible, efficient, and compliant with Republic Act No. 11642, otherwise

HON. ARMANDO C. LIZARTE
HON. GERARDO A. DELA ROSA
HON. ANDREA F. MACARAIG
HON. ARTHUR BART G. BLANCO
HON. AILEEN GRACE MONTALBO
HON. CLAUDETTE A. AMBIDA
HON. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
HON. MARIO VITTORIO A. MARIÑO
ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
HON. SHERWIN C. TEJADA
HON. MACARIO D. MACALALAD
HON. MICHAEL C. VILLENA
HON. ISIDORA M. ATIENZA
HON. JOSE JONASH LUIS F. TOLENTINO
HON. ZESTER CARLO M. HERNANDEZ
HON. AILIN GRACE O. DIMACUHA
HON. LORENZO A. GAMBOA JR.

Continuation of Ordinance No. 25-003 S. 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF ORDINANCE NO. 19 SERIES OF 2008 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY REVENUE CODE OF 2009

known as the *Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act*. The Office of the City Civil Registrar shall facilitate the registration of adoption-related documents in a manner that respects the confidentiality, dignity, and legal status of all parties involved.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. - Section 99 Paragraph 2(A) of Ordinance No. 19 Series of 2008, otherwise known as *The Batangas City Revenue Code of 2009* is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 99. Civil Registry Fees. - The following fees shall be collected for services rendered by the Civil Registrar's Office:

2. Registration Fees

A. Court Decrees			
(a)	Legal Separation	Php	200.00
(b)	Annulment of Marriage/ Divorce/Revocation of Divorce		300.00
(c)	Absolute Nullity of Marriage		100.00
(d)	Adoption		
	Judicial Adoption		
	Foreign		300.00
	Domestic		200.00
(e)	Recognition or acknowledgement of natural children or impugning or denying recognition		200.00
(f)	Judicial determination of affiliation		200.00
(g)	Custody of minor and guardianship		200.00
(h)	Naturalization		500.00
(i)	Repatriation or voluntary Renunciation of citizenship		500.00
(j)	Correction of Entries		100.00
(k)	Presumptive Death		100.00
(l)	Partition and distribution of properties of spouses and delivery of the children's presumptive legitime		200.00
(m.)	**Other Court Orders and/or Decrees**		**100.00**
B. Administrative Orders / Decrees			
(a)	**Administrative Adoption**		**1,000.00**
(b)	**Persons with No Known Parents (Foundlings)**		**Exempt**

HON. ARMANDO C. UZARTE
HON. GERARDO A. DELA ROSA
HON. ANDREA F. MACARAIG
HON. ARTHUR BART G. BLANCO
HON. AILEEN GRACE MONTALBO
HON. CLAUDETTE A. AMBIDA
HON. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
HON. MARIO VITTORIO A. MARIÑO
ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
HON. ERWIN C. TEJADA
HON. MACARIO L. MACALALAD
HON. MICHAEL C. VILLENA
HON. ISIDRO M. ATIENZA
HON. JOSE JONASH LUIS F. TOLENTINO
HON. ESTER CARLO M. HERNANDEZ
HON. AILIN GRACE O. DIMACUHA
HON. LORENZO A. GAMBOA JR.

Continuation of Ordinance No. 25-003 S. 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF ORDINANCE NO. 19 SERIES OF 2008 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY REVENUE CODE OF 2009

4. Issuance of Civil Registry Documents
(Birth, Marriage, Death, and Others)

(e)	**Certified photocopy of registered Court Decrees and Legal Documents xxx**	**50.00/page**
(h)	**Certificate of Authenticity**	**100.00**
(i)	**Certificate of Registration**	**100.00**

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All provisions of the Ordinance, executive orders, or resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval by the City Mayor and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 16th day of February, 2026.

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

MARIO VITTORIO A. MARIÑO
City Mayor

Date Approved: FEB 24 2026

HON. LORENZO A. GAMBOA JR.
HON. ARMANDO C. LAZARTE
HON. GERARDO A. DELA ROCA
HON. ANDREA F. MACARAIG
HON. ARTHUR BART G. BLANCO
HON. AILEEN GRACE MONTALBO
HON. CLAUDETTE A. AMBIDA
HON. SHERWIN C. TEJADA
HON. MACARIO L. MACALALAD
HON. MICHAEL C. VILLENA
HON. ISIDRA M. ATIENZA
HON. JOSE JONASH LUIS F. TOLENTINO
HON. ZESTER CARLO M. HERNANDEZ
HON. AILIN GRACE O. DIMACUHA

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
BATANGAS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2026 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. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	"
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

LATE:

Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Ailin Grace O. Dimacuha, (Vacation Leave)	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member

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

RESOLUTION NO. 25-045 S. 2026

ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF ORDINANCE NO. 19 SERIES OF 2008 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY REVENUE CODE OF 2009

RESOLVED, to adopt the report of the Committee on Ways and Means and to approve on Second and Final Reading the ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Amending Section 99, Paragraph 2(A) of Ordinance No. 19 Series of 2008 Otherwise Known as the Batangas City Revenue Code of 2009".

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."

Continuation of Resolution No. 25-045 S. 2026

ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 99, PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF ORDINANCE NO. 19 SERIES OF 2008 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY REVENUE CODE OF 2009

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-045 S. 2026 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on February 16, 2026.

ROSEMARIE D. HERNANDEZ
Board Secretary IV

NOTED:

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
Presiding Officer

Republic of the Philippines
Batangas City
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
From the Desk of: **Hon. Maria Claudette U. Ambida**
(043) 403-92-34 sbmclaudette@gmail.com

COMMITTEE REPORT

BACKGROUND

The subject is the Ordinance amending Section 99, Paragraph 2(A) of Ordinance No. 19 Series of 2008 otherwise known as the Batangas City Revenue Code of 2009. The proposed measure seeks to amend the existing provisions in order to align local civil registry fees and policies with recent national legislation, particularly:

1. Republic Act No. 11767 (Foundling Recognition and Protection Act), which guarantees the right of foundlings to recognition as natural-born Filipino citizens and mandates their registration in the civil registry; and
2. Republic Act No. 11642 (Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act), which institutionalizes an efficient administrative adoption process and strengthens child welfare protections.

These national laws underscore the State's commitment to ensuring universal access to legal identity and child protection mechanisms. Consequently, local ordinances must be harmonized to remove barriers and ensure compliance.

OBSERVATION AND DELIBERATION

The Committee on Ways and Means convened on February 9, 2026 to deliberate on the proposed ordinance.
The hearing was attended by:

Ms. Herminia A. Villena
Office of the City Administrator

Ms. Raquel M. Muñoz
Assistant City Civil Registrar

Atty. John August Vianney D. Guese
Office of the City Legal Officer

Ms. Niña Umahon
Registration Officer IV

Engr. Simeon P. Perez
Batangas City People's Council Inc. - President

Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and other public audiences.

During the deliberation, the following points were clarified and agreed upon:

1. Exempt Persons with No Known Parents (Foundlings) from payment of registration fees in the civil registry to guarantee their access to legal identity without financial burden;
2. Incorporate administrative adoption fees consistent with the procedures under R.A. 11642;
3. Update and clarify civil registry fees under Section 99 of the Revenue Code to ensure consistency with current legal mandates; and

ROSEMARIE D. FERNANDEZ
Board Secretary IV
02/13/26 2:38PM

Republic of the Philippines
Batangas City
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
From the Desk of: **Hon. Maria Claudette U. Ambida**
(043) 403-92-34 sbmclaudette@gmail.com

4. Promote child welfare and protect the rights of vulnerable sectors through accessible and efficient civil registration services.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at exactly 3:45 in the afternoon.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Civil registration is essential in establishing identity, nationality, and access to basic government services such as education, healthcare, and social protection.
2. Foundlings are among the most vulnerable members of society and should not be burdened with financial obstacles in securing legal documentation.
3. The administrative adoption process introduced by R.A. 11642 necessitates clear local guidelines on corresponding civil registry documentation and fees.
4. The proposed exemption for foundlings will have minimal fiscal impact on the City Government, considering the limited number of cases, while providing substantial social benefit.
5. The measure is consistent with the powers granted to local government units under the Local Government Code of 1991 to enact revenue measures and promote general welfare.

Upon thorough review and consultation with the lieu of the Committee on Ways and Means, the proposed ordinance recommends the following:

1. Adoption of the Committee Report; and
2. Approval of the Proposed Ordinance on the Second and Final Reading

Respectfully submitted this 13th Day of February, 2026.

Republic of the Philippines
Batangas City
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
From the Desk of: **Hon. Maria Claudette U. Ambida**
(043) 403-92-34 sbmclaudette@gmail.com

Hon. Maria Claudette U. Ambida
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means

Hon. Dr. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino
Vice Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means

Hon. Armando C. Lazarte
Member, Committee on Ways and Means

Hon. Isidra M. Atienza
Member, Committee on Ways and Means

Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca
Member, Committee on Ways and Means