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Province of Eastern Samar
MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN



-OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-

12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Ordinance No. 002, Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE OFFICIAL NAMES, RENAMING AND NAMING OF ALL UNNAMED STREETS, ALLEYS, AND CREEKS IN ALL SIXTY (60) BARANGAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR

Sponsor: Committee on Brgy. Affairs
(Chairman: Hon. Mary Charmaine G. Villar)

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the State to promote a just and dynamic order that shall ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services and an improved quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, Section 13 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) grants the local government units the power to create and name public streets and other public places in their respective localities;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that many streets within the Municipality of Guiuan, particularly in its 60 barangays, remain unnamed, which causes confusion, inefficiency in the delivery of services, and difficulties in navigation, documentation, and emergency response;

WHEREAS, official names assigned to streets, alleys, and creeks must adhere to established standards and policies, ensuring that such names are not unlawful, immoral, offensive, or contrary to public order and public policy, and that they contribute positively to community identity and public welfare;

WHEREAS, the need to standardize the naming and renaming of public streets, alleys, and creeks is vital in order to avoid duplication, inconsistencies, and conflicting records, and to ensure uniformity across official documents, geographic information systems, and public communications;

WHEREAS, recognizing the cultural, historical, and heritage value of the Municipality, the adoption of appropriate and meaningful names serves to honor its unique identity, preserve its historical legacy, and promote local pride among its residents;

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary for the Municipality of Guiuan to systematically name these streets to promote organized urban planning, facilitate postal services, enhance navigation, and strengthen local identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Guiuan, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title

This ordinance shall be known as the “Municipal Ordinance on the Naming and Renaming of Streets, Alleys, and Creeks in Guiuan.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms

- a) Street – a road in a city or town that has houses or other buildings on one or both sides;
- b) Alley – a narrow passageway
- c) Creek – a small river or stream
- d) Boulevard – a wide and usually important street that often landscaped thoroughfare;
- e) Road – an open way for vehicles, people, and animals to travel on;

SECTION 3. Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

- a) Identify and officially name and rename all streets, alley, and creek in the 60 barangays of Guiuan;
- b) Provide a systematic and inclusive process for selecting appropriate street names;
- c) Preserve the historical, cultural, and geographical significance of the Municipality in the naming of streets.

Section 4. Scope and Coverage

All the sixty (60) barangays in the Municipality of Guiuan shall be required to submit the proposed names of their unnamed streets, alleys, and creek, including proposals for the renaming of existing ones, in their respective maps and be forwarded to the Municipal Planning and Development Office to be incorporated in the map of the municipality.

There should be limitation in naming the streets based on the national guidelines on naming of streets as the national government for national roads, provincial government for provincial roads, municipal government for municipal roads and barangay council for barangay roads.

SECTION 5. Creation of a Municipal Street Naming Committee (MSNC)

To implement this Ordinance, a Municipal Street Naming Committee (MSNC) shall be established, composed of:

- a) The Municipal Mayor or duly authorized representative – Chairperson
- b) The Vice Mayor – Co-Chairperson

Members:

- c) The Liga ng mga Barangay President
- d) SK Federation President
- e) Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
- f) Municipal Engineer
- g) Municipal Assessor
- h) Municipal Tourism Officer
- i) Representatives from civil society or local historians
- j) Municipal Legal Officer or its equivalent

- k) SB Chairman of the Committee on Land Utilization
- l) Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

SECTION 6. Duties and Functions of the Municipal Street Naming Committee (MSNC).

— The MSNC shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Conduct a technical review of the proposed names of streets, alleys, creeks, including their corresponding locations and ownership details, as submitted by the barangays;
- b. Consolidate all proposed names and evaluate them for compliance with the established guidelines, ensuring the resolution of any inconsistencies, duplication, or overlaps, and harmonizing the proposals into a unified municipal listing;
- c. Prepare a comprehensive report containing the results of its review and harmonization process, including recommendations for approval, modification, or disapproval of proposed names, for submission to the Sangguniang Bayan;
- d. Supervise and facilitate barangay-level consultations to ensure that affected residents and stakeholders are properly informed and given the opportunity to provide input consistent with participatory governance;
- e. Coordinate closely with the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC) for the integration of approved names into official municipal maps, geographic information systems, and other planning documents, ensuring accuracy, consistency, and timely updating.

Section 7. Guidelines for Naming of Streets

The following guidelines shall be observed in the naming of streets:

- a) Consultation: Each barangay shall conduct consultations with the residents and stakeholders in the community to propose names for the unnamed streets, ensuring representation and inclusivity.
- b) Cultural and Historical Significance: The proposed street names should reflect local history, culture, heroes, and traditions. Names of prominent individuals, significant events, or places relevant to Guiuan and its heritage are encouraged.
- c) No Duplication: Proposed names shall avoid duplication of existing street names within the barangay to prevent confusion.
- d) Prohibition of Commercial Names: Names of commercial establishments or brands shall not be used unless the establishment has made a significant historical or philanthropic contribution to the community.
- e) Length and Simplicity: The names should be concise and easy to pronounce.
- f) Gender Sensitivity: The naming process shall promote gender inclusivity and sensitivity, ensuring that women's contributions to the community are recognized.
- g) Deceased Persons: In accordance with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Guidelines on Naming and Renaming of Streets and Public Structures, streets shall not be named after living persons. Only individuals who have been deceased for at least ten (10) years may be considered, except for national heroes or those granted an exemption under national policy.

- h) Final Approval: The Sangguniang Bayan shall have the authority to review, approve, or disapprove the names submitted by the barangays after a thorough evaluation and public consultation.

SECTION 8. Procedure for Giving Official Names, Renaming, Naming Unnamed Streets.

The following steps shall be taken for the naming of streets:

- a) Identification of Unnamed Streets – Each barangay shall conduct a thorough survey and mapping of all streets, alleys, and creeks within its jurisdiction to identify those without official names, including verifying their boundaries, locations, and status as public or private thoroughfares;
- b) Barangay-Level Consultation – Each barangay shall identify its unnamed streets, and streets subject to renaming, and conduct consultations with its residents to gather suggestions for street names.
- c) Public Hearing – A public hearing shall be conducted before finalizing the street names, allowing residents to provide feedback or raise concerns.
- d) Submission of Proposed Names – Barangay officials shall submit the proposed street names, through an Ordinance and other relevant documents to the MSNC for review.
- e) MSNC Review and Recommendation – The MSNC shall review the submitted names, ensuring adherence to the guidelines in Section 6, and submit a list of approved names to the Sangguniang Bayan for final approval. 15 days is given for the review of the proposed street names.
- f) Adoption and Signage – Upon approval by the Sangguniang Bayan, the new street names shall be officially adopted and appropriate street signage shall be installed by the barangay following the approved official design.

Section 9. Responsibilities of Barangay Councils

The Sangguniang Barangay of all 60 barangays shall:

- a) Conduct an inventory of all unnamed streets and streets subject to renaming within their jurisdiction.
- b) Organize public consultations with community members to propose appropriate names in accordance with the guidelines set in Section 6.
- c) Submit the proposed names to the MSNC for review and recommendation for approval by the SB.
- d) Coordinate with the Municipal Engineering Office for the installation of street name signages upon approval of the names.
- e) Appropriate funds for the signages.

Section 10. Street Name Signage

All streets, creeks, and alleys named or renamed under this Ordinance shall have proper signage installed in a properly designated area by the Municipal Engineering Office in coordination with the concerned barangay. The signage should be:

- a) Visible and Durable: The materials used for signage should be durable and visible from a reasonable distance.
- b) Standard Design: The design of the street name signs shall follow a standard template provided by the Municipal Tourism Office following the branding standards of the municipality to ensure uniformity throughout the municipality.

Section 11. Budget Provision

A budget shall be provided to ensure the fast and effective implementation of this ordinance, which will be recommended by the Municipal Street Naming Committee for proper and enough appropriation. The installation of signages shall be included in the annual barangay budget.

Section 12. Monitoring and Implementation

The Office of the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC) and the Municipal Engineering Office shall oversee and monitor the implementation of this ordinance. These offices are tasked with ensuring that the guidelines are strictly followed and that street names are properly documented.

SECTION 13. Implementing Guidelines

The Municipal Street Naming Committee (MSNC) is hereby authorized to issue implementing guidelines within thirty (30) days from approval of this Ordinance for its effective implementation;

SECTION 14. Separability Clause

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. Repealing Clause

All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 16. Effectivity Clause

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of local circulation or after posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Guiuan.

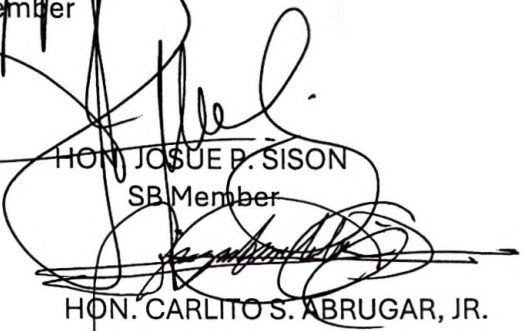
ENACTED AND APPROVED: January 14, 2026, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.


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SB Member

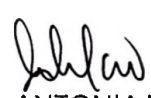

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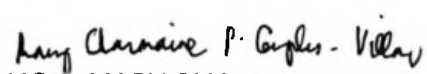

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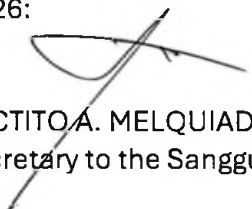

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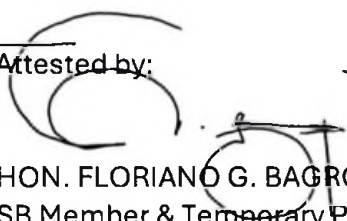

HON. MARY CHARMAINE G. VILLAR
SB Member
President – Liga ng mga Barangay


HON. ULDRICK FRANZDALE C. SOMORAY
SB Member
President – SK Federation

I certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sanggunian during its 29th regular session held on January 14, 2026:


RECTITO A. MELQUIADES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:


HON. FLORIANO G. BAGRO, JR.
SB Member & Temporary Presiding Officer

Approved:


HON. ANNALIZA P. GONZALES – KWAN
Municipal Mayor