



Republic of the Philippines
 Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on December 04, 2025 at 9:00 the morning.

<p>PRESENT:</p> <p>Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares Hon. Annie Rose Dajay Paro Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares Hon. Dell Cartago Hosillos Hon. Evaristo Miguel Ledesma Flores, Jr. Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo Hon. Josephus Ambrosius Renatus Talamera Escanlar Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr. Hon. Hyacinth Celiz Gardose</p> <p>ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: Hon. Paul Mediavilla Buenafe</p> <p>ABSENT: None.</p>	<p>Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member (PPSK Representative) SB Member (LNB Representative)</p>
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 501

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A DISASTER-RESILIENT ENERGY BACK-UP SYSTEM IN ALL CRITICAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

AS PROPOSED BY Hon. Evaristo Miguel L. Flores Jr., **ON MOTION** of the Committee on Public Order and Safety and Disaster Risk Reduction Chair Hon. Dennis Q. Geroche together with Hon. Josephus Ambrosius Renatus T. Escanlar duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy R. Olivares (member of the committee),

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton, on session, assembled, that:

SECTION 1. RATIONALE

The Municipality of Oton recognizes that access to a stable and reliable source of energy is vital for the effective delivery of emergency services, disaster and public safety response, during calamities. Power interruptions caused by typhoons, earthquakes, floods, and other natural or man-made disasters can severely disrupt essential government operations, such as rescue, social and healthcare services, and communication systems.

To enhance disaster preparedness and ensure energy resilience, it is necessary to establish and maintain alternative and backup power systems—such as solar energy systems, generator sets, and battery storage units—in all critical facilities of the municipality, including evacuation centers, health facilities, and emergency response offices.

This measure aligns with the Municipality's goal of building a **climate-resilient and sustainable community** capable of maintaining essential services even during power outages.

SECTION 2. SHORT TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as the **“ENERGY BACK-UP ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO”**

SECTION 3. LEGAL BASIS

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to the following laws and regulations:

- a. **Republic Act No. 7160** – Local Government Code of 1991, Sections 16, 17, and 444, mandating LGUs to promote the general welfare and ensure the delivery of basic services, including disaster preparedness.
- b. **Republic Act No. 10121** – Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, mandating local governments to strengthen their disaster resilience and emergency response capacities.
- c. **Republic Act No. 11285** – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, promoting efficient and sustainable energy use in public institutions.
- d. **Republic Act No. 9513** – Renewable Energy Act of 2008, encouraging the use of renewable energy sources for power generation.

- e. **DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-047** – Directing LGUs to implement Local Energy Efficiency and Conservation Plans.

SECTION 4. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Oton to:

- a. ensure continuous and uninterrupted power supply in all critical government facilities during disasters and emergencies;
- b. promote the use of renewable and sustainable energy sources for backup systems;
- c. integrate energy resilience into Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) planning;
- d. enhance public safety and service delivery during calamities through adequate power preparedness.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined:

- a. **Backup Power System** – An auxiliary source of electrical power (e.g., generator set, solar power system, and battery storage) that automatically or manually provides energy during power outages.
- b. **Critical Facilities** – Government structures and buildings essential to emergency response and recovery, including the Municipal Hall, DRRM Office, Municipal Health Office, Command Center, public hospitals, evacuation centers, and communication hubs.
- c. **Renewable Energy (RE)** – Energy obtained from naturally replenished sources such as sunlight, wind, or biomass.
- d. **Energy Resilience** – The ability of a system or facility to prepare for, adapt to, and recover from power disruptions.
- e. **Solar Hybrid System** – A system combining solar energy with a secondary backup source, such as a generator or battery storage, to ensure continuous power supply.

SECTION 6. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

This ordinance shall cover all:

- a. Municipal Government offices, Municipal Health Centers and buildings; and all critical facilities as defined hereof;
- b. Barangay halls and Barangay health centers;
- c. Evacuation Centers and Public schools designated as evacuation centers;
- d. Disaster response and emergency service facilities; and
- e. Water pumping stations and communication posts essential to disaster response.

SECTION 7. CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY RESILIENCE TASK FORCE (MERTF)

There shall be created a **Municipal Energy Resilience Task Force (MERTF)** composed of:

Chairperson - Municipal Mayor

Vice Chairperson - Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer

(MDRRMO)

Members:

- SB Committee Chairperson on Public Safety
- SB Committee Chairperson on Energy
- Schools District Supervisor in Oton
- Municipal Engineer
- Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)
- Municipal Budget Officer
- Municipal Treasurer
- Liga ng mga Barangay President
- Representative of the ILECO I (Electric cooperative)

- Representatives of the CSOs
- Representative of the GAD
- Representative from Other Energy Service Provider

SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL ENERGY RESILIENCE TASKFORCE:

- a. Identify and prioritize critical facilities for energy backup installations;
- b. Conduct energy resilience assessments and feasibility studies;
- c. Recommend the type and capacity of backup power systems;
- d. Oversee implementation and monitoring of this ordinance including maintenance of energy back-up facilities;
- e. Submit annual reports to the Sangguniang Bayan regarding system status, savings, and performance.
- f. Create an IRR

SECTION 9. ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY BACKUP SYSTEMS

- a. All critical facilities shall be equipped with backup power systems capable of providing sufficient energy for essential operations during power outages.
- b. Preference shall be given to renewable and hybrid systems such as solar power with battery storage or solar-generator combinations.
- c. The installation, operation, and maintenance of said systems shall comply with standards set by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTATION PHASES

The implementation shall be carried out in the following phases:

- a. **Phase I:** Installation in priority facilities – MDRRM Office, Municipal Hall, Health Centers, **MSWDO, GSO, Command Center** and main Evacuation Centers.
- b. **Phase II:** Expansion to secondary evacuation sites, barangay halls, and water stations.
- c. **Phase III:** Integration of renewable energy systems in schools and other public facilities.

SECTION 11. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

- a. The Municipal Engineer and MDRRMO shall ensure regular inspection and maintenance of energy backup systems on a regular basis and shall submit an Inspection and Maintenance Report at least twice a year to the MERTF.
- b. Fuel, solar panels, and batteries shall be monitored for performance and readiness, with records submitted quarterly to the MERTF.
- c. Barangay governments shall be responsible for the maintenance of systems installed in their facilities, subject to LGU technical assistance.

SECTION 12. INFORMATION AND TRAINING

The LGU, through the MDRRMO and MENRO, shall conduct training programs for barangay officials, facility managers, and technical personnel on:

- a. Safe operation of backup power systems;
- b. Energy conservation during disasters;
- c. Renewable energy maintenance practices.

SECTION 13. FUNDING

Funds for the implementation of this ordinance shall be sourced from:

- a. The Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (MDRRMF);
(An initial amount of 1,000,000.00)
- b. The General Fund under the Environmental and Energy Management Program;
- c. Grants or financial assistance from the Department of Energy, DILG, and development partners;

(Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) for renewable energy projects)

d. The Barangay shall provide funds through their BDRRM Fund.

SECTION 14. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

It is the responsibility of the MDRRMO to install and the GSO to maintain and upkeep the installed back-up system in the municipal level.

SECTION 15. MONITORING AND REPORTING

The MERTF shall submit an **Annual Energy Resilience Report** to the Sangguniang Bayan detailing:

- a. installed systems and facilities covered;
- b. energy savings achieved;
- c. system performance and maintenance costs;
- d. recommendations for expansion or improvement.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY this ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the Mayor.

SECTION 19. COPIES. This Ordinance shall be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, DRRMO, MPDC, MTO, LGU all Departments, CSO, ILECO, and other Energy Service provider, MBO, Accounting, MDRRMO, Liga ng mga Barangay, 37 Barangays of Oton and MLGOO for information, guidance and review respectively.


UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

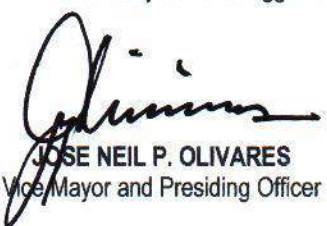
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Concurred:


JIMMY R. OLIVARES
 Chair - Committee on Rules and Privileges

Attested:


KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
 Secretary to the Sanggunian


JOSE NEIL P. OLIVARES
 Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

Approved:


SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.
 Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: DEC 23 2025

Date Posted: DEC 23 2025





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December 23, 2025

HON. NATHALIE ANN F. DEBUQUE

Vice Governor and
The Honorable Members
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo
Iloilo Provincial Capitol
Iloilo City




Thru: The Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Iloilo

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully forwarding to your good Office the copy of **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 501 - AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING A DISASTER-RESILIENT ENERGY BACK-UP SYSTEM IN ALL CRITICAL FACILITIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

This is for your information and review.

Very truly yours,


KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian