



COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE : March 16, 2026

TO : THE PRESIDING OFFICER

FROM : JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES and COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SUBJECT : PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-007 - AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE STREAMLINED GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS AND CLEARANCES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (EIPs) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, CAVITE

The Committee conducted a second meeting relative to Draft Ordinance No. 2026-007, entitled *“An Ordinance Adopting the Streamlined Guidelines for the Issuance of Permits and Clearances for the Implementation of Energy Infrastructure Projects (EIPs) in the Municipality of Naic, Cavite.”*

During the previous meeting, the proposed ordinance had already been discussed and several questions were raised regarding certain provisions, particularly **Section 15 – Guidance for the Application for Building Permits and Other Clearances for the Implementation of EIPs**, specifically **Letter (a) – Deferment of Submission of Tax Clearances**. Upon further deliberation, the Committee noted the provision stating that *“the LGU shall likewise issue a certification in favor of the applicant confirming such exemption.”*

It was explained that the LGU is required to issue a certification confirming that an applicant is exempt from the payment of certain fees and local taxes prior to the issuance of the required permits and clearances. The body also sought clarification on whether the Municipality will still generate income from this type of project if exemptions from fees and taxes are granted.

It was further mentioned that in the previous week, the MOA between the LGU and **Jin Navitas Solaris Inc.** had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture, where it was observed that the Municipality of Naic will still receive benefits through donations and revenue shares. The MOA provides that the LGU shall receive **twenty-five percent (25%) of one centavo per kilowatt-hour**, to be allocated for the **Development and Livelihood Fund (DLF)** and the **Reforestation, Watershed Management, Health and/or Environment Enhancement Fund (RWMHEEF)**, to be distributed as follows:

- i. Community and People Affected – 5%
- ii. Host Barangay – 20%
- iii. Host Municipality – 35%
- iv. Host Province – 30%
- v. Host ICC – 5%
- vi. Host Region – 5%

In view thereof, it was clarified that even if the LGU Naic may not collect certain fees from some EIPs applicants, the Municipality will still benefit once the project and the MOA between the LGU and the company are approved.

It was also clarified that the proposed ordinance is based on **Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2025-001 of the DILG**, which provides that if an applicant possesses a legal franchise or law



granting exemption from certain taxes and fees, the LGU must recognize such exemption. As proof thereof, the LGU shall issue a certification confirming the exemption.

During the meeting, several amendments to the provisions of the ordinance were proposed, as follows:

- **Section 1 (b)** – Include *Certificate of Occupancy* in addition to *Certificate of Use*
- **Section 6 (a)** – Change to *Updated Certified True Copy*
- **Section 6 (e)**
 - Four (4) copies of cost estimate (labor and materials)
 - Two (2) copies of structural design and analysis and soil analysis
- **Section 8** – Reduce to one (1) set only of the following:
 - Certificate of Completion
 - Construction Logbook
 - Photocopy of valid license of all professionals
 - Photographs of the structure
 - Yellow card / clearance from electrical service provider
 - Two (2) copies of As-Built Plan

It was also added that once the Municipality of Naic is integrated into the **EVOSS System**, applicants shall be required to submit four (4) copies of the required documents.

With respect to the **Business Permit**, the existing requirements currently imposed on EIPs applicants shall remain.

The Committee likewise inquired from the DILG whether the LGU may modify the ordinance template provided in the JMC. According to the DILG, the circular serves only as a guideline, and the LGU may introduce modifications as necessary, provided that the same remain consistent with the **Building Code** and other existing laws.

The Committee also discussed **Section 4 – Implementation of the Energy Virtual One Stop Shop (EVOSS) Act**, and raised the question of whether the EVOSS system must be immediately implemented upon passage of the ordinance. It was clarified that the manual process may continue while EVOSS has not yet been fully implemented, and that the LGU may request assistance from the **Department of Energy** for its implementation.

The designation of an **Energy Officer** in the LGU was also suggested. However, it was explained that such position may only be created if there is an available plantilla position. The LGU is not required to create such position, provided that an office or personnel is designated to handle transactions related to energy projects, such as the **Municipal Engineer's Office** and the **BPLO**, which shall monitor the applications.

In conclusion, the Committee found that the purpose of the ordinance is to expedite and simplify the process for the issuance of permits and clearances for energy infrastructure projects in accordance with **Republic Act No. 11234**, and to prepare the LGU for integration into the **EVOSS System** with the assistance of the **Department of Energy**.

In view thereof, the Committee hereby recommends the adoption and approval of the proposed ordinance.

Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources:


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