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Under the new normal environment

Over 1.17M students start their home classes

ROEL T. AMAZONA/JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- More than 1.17 million students from the region started on Monday (Oct.5) their classes but this time within the confinement of their homes as distance learning would be implemented during this time of pandemic.

Ramir Uytico, regional director of the Department of Education (DepEd), said that they are ready for the start of classes and in fact, around 72 percent of the needed modules covering the first two weeks of classes are ready for distribution or have been distributed to students in time for the opening of classes.

The region for his school year will be using modules although there were schools who will also be applying the virtual

classes.

But under the modular learning system, modules, which contain school lessons and activities, are to be picked up by the students' guardians at school or at a given collection place like a barangay hall every Monday where they will have to finish their school works for every subject and to be returned by Friday for teachers checking or review.

Minors are not also
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MODULES. The more than 1.17 million students from the region are now back to school beginning Monday but this time, they will just stay at their homes amid the COVID-19 scare. Photo shows parents and guardians getting modules for their students enrolled at the Leyte National High School in Tacloban City, considered the biggest secondary school in the region. (ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Alfred says city gov't losses over P200 million due to closure of business establishments hit by COVID-19 pandemic

TACLOBAN CITY – More than P200 million and counting.

That's how much the city government here has lost due to the pandemic caused by coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Mayor Alfred Romualdez said that the P200 million loss incurred by the city was mainly due to the closure of several business establishments which are providing the city coffers of the taxes that they are paying to the city government.

The city mayor said that the P200 million loss of income of the city government is expected to increase as there are still business establishments that have yet to resume or



MAYOR ALFRED ROMUALDEZ

not allowed to operate under the quarantine status.

Romualdez said that with the decline of the city's income, projects and programs intended for next year might not be realized.

It was learned that the city's finance officials have yet to deliberate the budget of the city for next fiscal year.

The department heads in the city's executive branch

had started deliberation for the budget next year which is expected to be submitted to the city council for approval.

Romualdez admitted that due to the current fiscal condition of the city, he does not see any increase of Tacloban annual next year compare to its current one.

(But) I want a budget that will really address the issues; a budget that will not only pump prime but also will sustain our services that we will give to the people," he said.

"I am hoping that the national government will help kasi basically that amount naman na the government will spent is really to pump prime the

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Region's total cases now at 4,930 N. Samar town posted its first COVID-19 case

TACLOBAN CITY- A town in Northern Samar registered its first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as the Department of Health (DOH) reported that the region's total infection is now at 4,930.

The municipality of Laoang logged its first COVID-19 case involving a 32-year old woman who is currently confined in a private hospital based this city.

The woman was swabbed last October 2 whose positive result was released on Sunday night by the DOH.

With the town of Laoang having its first COVID-19 case, only three out of the 24 towns of Northern Samar remain to be free from the dreaded

virus.

These are the island towns of San Vicente, San Antonio, and Biri which is known for its stunning rock formations.

With a new case of COVID-19, Northern Samar has now 153 total

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Eastern Visayas schools ready for Oct. 5 ‘new normal’ classes, says DepEd regional director

TACLOBAN CITY- The Department of Education (DepEd) here in the region have expressed readiness for the new normal classes that started on Monday(October 5) amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

This was stressed by DepEd Regional Director Ramir Uytico as he dismissed some calls to suspend the holding of this year’s school term.

“DepEd should be the last one to surrender. We emphasize not to delay the education of the students,” he said.

Uytico said they expect understanding from the parents on why the department is not holding back in opening the classes for the 1.17 million enrolled students in the region despite the uncertainties.

“We want to serve the country and the children. We want to help our children achieve their dreams,” Uytico said.

While he admitted to some “limitations” in the delivery of lessons under the new normal, Uytico maintained that DepEd has contributed a lot to lighten the burden.

“Our teachers and principals are also doing many things,” Uytico said.

As of Friday, October 2, the region already printed a total of 72.02 percent of the learning modules for all the students.

While the reproduction of modules is still ongoing, Uytico assured the public that they are going to achieve 1 student: 1 module ratio for the first week of the school year.

In the absence of modules, the students will be using activity sheets and other learning materials



Teachers at Palo National High School in Palo, Leyte prepare the learning modules for the opening of new normal classes on October 5, 2020.
(Photo courtesy of Rogelyn Naval)

prepared by the teachers.

Rosemarie Guino, chief of Curriculum and Learning Management Division, said the region will be using printed modules and digitized materials with supplementary modalities such as television, radio, and online distance learning.

“These supplementary modalities will be used by communities or areas with access to internet, TV, and

radio and to those who have gadgets,” she said.

New challenges

Uytico said the quality of education is a challenge in the new normal classes, noting that physical interaction between the teachers and students is limited.

However, he assured that DepEd Eastern Visayas “will not settle for less.”

Uytico also advised the teachers to use the previ-

ous grading system and contextualized it while they are still waiting for the new guidelines.

According to the education official, the health crisis will pave the way for a partnership between the parents and their students, particularly on the value of honesty since the students will be answering their modules at home.

(RONALD O. REYES)

Mayor Romualdez expressed thanks to teachers as school opening starts

TACLOBAN CITY- Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez addressed and thanked the educators, the stakeholders, and the parents who are deeply involved in the education of the children of Tacloban, during the recently held Department of Education Tacloban City Division First Stakeholders Convergence cum press conference, thru Zoom and FB Live.

In a video clip played during the online meeting,



Tacloban City Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez addressed and thanked the educators, the stakeholders, and the parents during a stakeholders convergence cum press conference made thru Zoom and FB Live initiated by the Department of Education Tacloban City Division on Monday (Oct.5).

the city mayor encouraged everyone to work together and emphasized the need for participation, not only of the stakeholders but the parents and teachers especially, in ensuring that the children get the quality education they deserve.

He likewise pledged the support of the city government to the endeavors of DepEd Tacloban City Division.

“We’ve had several challenges already in our city, and what was proven is that we always come out of it victoriously, because nagkaisa tayong lahat,” Mayor Romualdez said as he called for collective cooperation for the success of this challenging School Year 2020-2021.(TACLOBAN CITY INFORMATION OFFICE)

In Ormoc City

Priest dead body found inside a church

TACLOBAN CITY- The dead body of a priest was found inside a church in Ormoc City on Friday (Oct. 2) afternoon.

The lifeless body of Fr. Rafael Pepito, 63, was found at the second floor of the convent of the Sts. Peter and Paul Church, said Police Major Reynaldo Honrado, chief of Ormoc City Police Station I in a phone interview.

Based on their investigation, Fr. Pepito was scheduled to officiate a holy mass at 12 noon on that day but did not showed up which prompted Sister Jane Arogante, considered as a witness to the incident, to heed towards the priest’s room and knocked the door but got no response.

The nun decided to get the room’s duplicate key and to her shock, found the dead body of Fr. Pepito inside the comfort room.

The priest was said to have finished his bath to prepare for his 12-noon mass on that day.

“At this point, we can not say what could be the immediate cause of death of Fr. Pepito. We are ruling out any possible foul play considering that the place of incident was a church,” Honrado said.

He said that they have yet receive the post-mortem report either from the City Health Office and the scene of the crime operatives for them to know the cause of death of Pepito, a long-time priest of Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

Pepito was known to be a good-natured and accommodating priest and is a native of Ormoc City.

“The entire city of Ormoc is mourning on the death of Fr. Pepito who is known to be a good man,” said a parishioner.

(ELVIE ROMAN ROA/JOEY A. GABIETA)

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economy of Tacloban para dumami ang pera at circulation,”he said.

For this fiscal, the city has a budget of P1.531 billion of which P896 million was sourced from the internal revenue allotment (IRA) share and more than P635 million was from local income.

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cases with one death which involved a 32-year old man who was a cancer patient but was tested positive of the infection. He died last Sept.30.

The provincial capital, Catarman, has the highest number of COVID-19 with 53 cases. It was from this town that the region registered its first ever COVID-19 case last March.

Meantime, of the 46 additional cases of the region, 42 of them were from Leyte province; two from Samar province; and one each from Northern Samar and Biliran provinces.

In Calbayog City, Mayor Ronaldo Aquino apparently exasperated on the increasing number of people who violates the existing health protocols like non-wearing of face masks and drinking

Majority of the 2019-2020 budget was allocated for maintenance and operating expenses with P659 million, personal services with P479 million, and capital outlay with P315 million.

More than P76 million was allocated for calamity fund and a total of P138,000 for aid to barangays.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

of liquor in public, suggested that he might just penalized these violators by doing a community service instead of the P2,000 fines as stated on an ordinance passed for this purpose.

And this community service involves cleaning the quarantine or isolation facilities of the city.

He narrated that in one of his rounds in the city, he personally witnessed some residents walking around without any facemasks or face shields and some having their drinking sprees outside their homes.

The DOH has reported that Calbayog City has 23 new cases of COVID-19, raising its total cases to 268 with two deaths.

Most of its COVID-19 cases were from the barangays of Carmen with 29 cases; Aguit-itan,28; and Dagum, 23.

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Lawyer, 12 others arrested for illegal possession of firearms, harassment

TACLOBAN CITY- At least 13 persons were arrested for alleged illegal possession of firearms and frustrated homicide last on October 2.

Police identified the suspects as Atty. Ryan Villablanca; Hiram Ladrera; Rondio Pasagui; Michael Millarada; Felipe Loya; Jody Loreno; Reynaldo Anota; Jomar Cordes; Benigno Cequito; Lito Caminong; Allan Lucimano; Andres Tangpuz; and Randy Custodio, all of legal age and residents of Leyte.

They were arrested at Barangay 106, Sto. Niño, this city.

Confiscated from their possession were one unit M16 rifle Hertford with defaced serial number; one unit improvised shotgun; one unit Cal. 45; one unit Cal. 45; one unit Magnum 357 without markings; one unit Smith and Wesson revolver without markings); three

pieces ammunition for shotgun; seven pieces magazine assembly for M16; one piece magazine of improvised shotgun; two pieces magazine for Cal. 45; eight pieces live ammunition for Cal. 45; 109 pieces live ammunition for M16; 12 pieces ammunition for Magnum 357 and one piece fired cartridge case of Cal. 45.

Based on a police report, one Tirso Nabong, 44, construction worker and a resident of Samar, was identified as the victim and said to be a one of the security guards of Dr. Mario Quijano.

Responding units from Tacloban City Police Office (TCPO)-Kawayan led by Lieutenant Concas Castillo, officer in charge, and City Mobile Force Company (CMFC) led by Lieutenant Colonel Richie Salem went to the area and while there, heard gun fires.

Upon verification,

responding units spotted the group of male persons who were armed with short and long firearms, according to the police report.

The group tried to escape upon seeing the responding police officers but they were arrested, it added.

The arrested persons were brought to TCPO-Station 2 for documentation while the confiscated firearms will undergo forensic ballistic examination at the Regional Crime Laboratory Office (RCLO)-Eastern Visayas.

However, Villablanca reportedly denied the allegations. Police are still conducting their investigation on the motive of Villablanca's group.

(RONALD O. REYES)



25 cops from the region still under isolation due to COVID-19 infection, says PNP-8

PALO, Leyte - More than 70 police officers from the region have been tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), a report from the Police Regional Office 8 (PRO-8) based in Camp Ruperto Kangleon, this town said.

Police Lieutenant Colonel Ma. Bella Rentuaya,

PRO regional information officer, said that a total of 73 police officers have been infected with the dreaded infection since March of this year.

Rentuaya said that of this number of infected policemen, 48 of them have since recovered while 25 are still active cases.

She said that the 25 active cases are now isolated at the facilities put up by their respective local government units.

Rentuaya clarified that these 25 active cases are asymptomatic and are being closely monitored by PRO-8.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

DOLE extended assistance to LSI, Balik-Probinsiya beneficiaries from Leyte

TACLOBAN CITY-The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) here in the region has released livelihood assistance to 33 locally stranded individuals (LSIs) and beneficiaries of the Balik Probinsya Bagong Pag-asa Program (BPBPP), a report from the said office said.

DOLE Director Yahya Centi said that each beneficiary received eight sacks of rice and one unit of weighing scale for their rice vending business amounting to P 19,900.

The total amount of livelihood assistance released by DOLE-RO8 amounted to P656,700, he added.

Centi reported that the virtual turnover ceremony was graced by Senator Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go, DOLE Secretary Silvestre Bello III, DOLE-Undersecretary Benjo Santos Benavidez, Director

Myles Rivera representing Director Eduardo del Rosario of the Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development and Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla.

He informed that the awarding of assistance to 33 beneficiaries from Leyte is the first and will be followed by another livelihood release for the LSIs who went home to Western part of Leyte.

Centi said that the beneficiaries who were part of the first batch of LSIs who went home to Leyte were from the municipalities of Alangalang, Babatngon, Palo, Tanauan, Tolosa, Barugo, Burauen, Capoocan, Dulag, Mayorga, Tunga, Julita, Dagami and Jaro.

Sen. Go, in his speech, underscored the intention of the BPBP program which is to provide hope and relief to

LSIs struggling in Manila and other urban areas during this pandemic.

"By bringing them back to their respective hometowns, the program intends to give hope to our beneficiaries. This can only be successfully done with the coordination of our different agencies and the local government units," Go said.

Edwin Balogbog, one of the beneficiaries from Barugo, expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the assistance received.

"I am really thankful for being one of the beneficiaries of the Balik Probinsya Bagong Pag-asa because I was able to go home safely to my family. Thank you also DOLE for the livelihood assistance we received, thank you so much," he said.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Leyte board passes ordinance requiring for another test before a COVID-19 patient is released from isolation facility

TACLOBAN CITY-The provincial board of Leyte has passed an ordinance mandating for a patient who was confirmed to have been tested of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) would only be discharged if he/she is tested negative.

Vice Governor Carlo Loreto said that the ordinance was unanimously approved by the board members to 'protect and promote' the right of health of every Leyteño as COVID-19 cases in the province continue to increase.

Under the newly-approved ordinance, those who were tested positive and have undergone the required 14-day isolation period will only be released after testing negative under the PCR or polymerase chain reaction test.

"If the PCR test yields a

positive result, the COVID positive patient will continue in isolation for another seven days. After which, he/she will undergo PCR testing," Loreto said.

"If the test yields a negative result, the patient will be released. If the test turns out positive again, he/she will continue isolation for another seven days and tested and isolated again until the PCR test yields a negative result," he added.

Also under Provincial Ordinance 2020-15 dubbed as "An ordinance mandating observance of the revised COVID-19 integrated Leyte protection health protocols, providing for the fixed mandatory criteria for releasing COVID-19 positive patients from isolation in the province of Leyte," all returning residents shall coordinate with their re-

spective local government unit prior to departure from their place of origin, and immediately upon their arrival at their respective towns or city.

The ordinance also mandates that before leaving the place of origin, the municipal or city health officer shall conduct a background interview and shall administer a COVID-19 test for each returning resident on or after the 5th day of their arrival.

It also order that all arriving individuals shall undergo a 14-day quarantine in the designated area by the LGU or if the designated quarantine facility is already full with patients, the arriving individual shall be quarantined in the designated quarantine in the barangay.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)



The Leyte Sangguniang Panlalawigan, presided by Vice Gov. Carlo Loreto (shown in the photo) passed an ordinance requiring all COVID-19 patients be tested again before they will be released from the isolation facility.

(credit Carlo Loreto FB)

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Red tape menace

Time is a very important element in business, in developmental efforts, in pursuit of progress. Its delay could cause much harm and paralyze activities. Unfortunately in our country, these delaying

factors abound, slowing down efforts meant to achieve success.

These supposedly official routines or procedures are called red tape, marked by so much complexity resulting in delay or inaction on the part of the government which employs it. While it may be considered part of standard operating procedures in government, it has become as problematic as unemployment, budget deficit, corruption, and so on.

Often, abusive and arrogant officials and employees in government agencies would arm themselves with red tape as they delight in obstructing the expedition of what should be simple and easy

procedures. The red tape of various permissions, for instance, are eating up so much time and effort on the part of clients, thus paralyzing their pursued business and livelihoods.

The president has vowed repeatedly to address red tape in government, even to the point of imposing penalties on concerned individuals. But no matter how wishes to cut through red tape by making procedures simpler and non-glamorous, it cannot be avoided to some extent because many of these red tape transactions are also designed to curve corruption, abuses, and violations, not to mention the funds that the state can generate through it.

As permit and business applications get mired in red tape transactions, time delay takes its tolls on these applicants, hence the exit of foreign and local investors, and the hesitation of those who are planning to put up businesses here in our country. If red tape cannot be avoided, can we not at least lessen its effect?



Things To Mind

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Padrino system prevails

How true is the saying that, to applicants for various government positions, it's not what they know—it's whom they know. This is coupled with, it's not what they know, it's how much they can give to the appointing authorities.

Up to now, this is still prevalent in government agencies and offices. It's not just a heresay, or a baseless accusation—it's a fact in this country whose government is infested with anomalies and irregularities. President Rodrigo Duterte himself is

lamenting that he is already fed up with so much corruption in government to the point of contemplating on resigning. He would not say this if it is not true, if it's just for nothing.

The exodus of our skilled workers to other countries is not purely a quest for greener pastures. Many of them do not like the idea of leaving their families and loved ones. Many of them find it traumatic to live in other countries given the harsh culture, religious persecution, racial discrimination, and such like things. They would prefer to stay in the country if only job opportunities are available. In short, they are just compelled to work overseas and thus endure homesickness,

abuses, and other forms of deprivations.

When I graduated from college, I was quite confident I could easily land a job in the government, given my exceptional credentials. A consistent honor student from grade one, graduated valedictorian, and as cum laude in college. Not only that, I was an awardee of the Ten Outstanding Graduate Award (TOGA '92). More prestigious than this was my award as one of the national finalists for the Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP '92).

Armed with these credentials, I then started applying for a government job, hopping from one
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What's New
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Cong. Lord Allan Velasco
to assume as Speaker
October 14th?

Remember the 15-21 Speakership-Sharing brokered by President Rodrigo Duterte in July 18, 2019?

To begin with, as a background, this Columnist quotes hereunder the first 6 paragraphs of this same Column entitled “TEKA, IS SPEAKER CAYETANO STEPPING DOWN NEXT MONTH?” which I wrote & was published in the Leyte-Samar Daily Express issue dated 12 September 2020, as follows --

“Last year in July 18, 2019, President Rodrigo Duterte formally declared the so-called 15-21 or the “Magellan Term-Sharing Agreement” between Taguig-Paternos Rep. Alan Peter Cayetano and Marinduque Rep. Lord Alan Velasco, in connection with the Speakership of the House.

“Magellan” because it was in year 1521 when the then circum-navigator “discovered” the Philippines.)

“Under the so-called ‘15-21 term sharing deal’ brokered by President Duterte himself, Cayetano would serve as House Speaker for the first 15 months -- July 2019 until October 2020.

“On the other hand, Cong. Lord Allan Velasco will take over the Speakership (initially agreed) on November 2020, for the final 21 months of the 18th Congress or until June 2022. (This turn-over date has supposedly been changed to October 14, 2020, according to Cong. Salvador Leachon of Marinduque.)

“President Duterte also announced then, that our very own, Leyte 1st District Rep. Martin Romualdez, would be the Majority Leader of Congress, under the agree-

ment. “And finally, President Duterte declared that he “expects the above-agreement will be honored by all the parties -- Cayetano, Velasco & Romualdez, all of whom shook hands. with one another. Agreement sealed.

Fast forward to the September 29th meeting in Malacanang, which President Duterte called at the Malacanang Golf Clubhouse, with Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano and Cong. Lord Allan Velasco in attendance, together with long-time confidante, now Senator Christopher Bong Go.

Also present were Deputy Speaker LRay Villauerte of Camarines Sur, an ally of Cayetano and Rep. Salvador Leachon of Marinduque, an ally of Cong. Velasco in the PDP-Laban.

The President told the lawmakers that he learned of the brewing squabble between Speaker Cayetano and Cong. Velasco in connection with the speakership turn-over scheduled in October, in accordance with their “15-21 Agreement” last July 18, 2019, which was he ‘brokered’ himself.

Now, in the above-mentioned meeting, President Duterte asked the congressmen to just abide by the term-sharing agreement -- for Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano to give way to Marinduque Congressman Lord Alan Velasco as the new Speaker on October 14th (the date the reporters heard from Cong. Leachon after the meeting.)

This Columnist’s long-time mediaman-friend in Metro Manila (who does not want to be named) said that Duterte at first

listened to Cayetano & Velasco; then pulled them aside for a short talk, which lasted for about 15 minutes.

When it was over, Cayetano told the other lawmakers that in another venue, he would explain what transpired in the above-mentioned exclusive meeting with the President.

But to the Cayetano camp’s surprise, the lawmaker allied with Velasco (presumably Cong. Doy Leachon) told reporters present that “Velasco is the new Speaker, and the turn-over will be on October 14th - Wenesday!”

After hearing this, Cong. LRay Villafuerte asked, “How can Velasco be the new Speaker, when he still needs to be voted upon by majority of the congressmen. And also, let’s not forget that 202 out of 330 congressmen signed a manifesto supporting the continuity of Cong. Cayetano as our Speaker.”

On the other hand, Cong. Salvador Leachon, Velasco’s partymate in the PDP-Laban, declared that “it was stated very clearly, though, it was the President who impressed upon us the nature of their conversation’ and that is -- to enforce the agreement.”

Then, Cong. LRay Villafuerte, an ally of Cayetano openly declared that “the turn-over date is not clear; but the lawmakers did agree with Duterte’s wish to abide by the term-sharing deal.

He added though, that he heard Speaker Cayetano say to President Duterte “Sir, we will follow you. If you want me to resign, I will resign any day,” Villafuerte told several reporters present.

But then, Cayetano declared that he can not speak for the majority of his allies in the House, because as Villafuerte confirmed, Cayetano’s allies, in a meeting, expressed support for Cayetano’s continued leadership by declaring that “we can not change the commanding general of the House in the middle of the war against Covid-19!”

Wow, hearing these statements, this Columnist asks -- “Is there another problem a-brewing?”

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Recognizing outstanding
citizens of Leyte Island

Every now and then government, non-government agencies and/or organizations and associations find time to ‘review’ worthy deeds of their citizens for notable contributions in the course of practicing their professions or avocations that impacted regionally, nationally, and internationally. These contributions come from the fields of education, science and technology, literary arts, management, religious, military, medicine, agriculture and fisheries, socio-civic activities, etc. Recognitions are given annually following the findings by designated search/evaluation committees.

The recognitions are not necessarily pecuniary, material things like inexpensive plaques, trophies appear more cherished and lasting mementoes of the select few who have persevered and ‘gone the extra mile’ in their practice of chosen professions and/or avocations.

Sad to say that the present crop of Local officials and organizations officers seem to have excluded in their agenda the act of recognizing what some of their constituents have contributed to their towns, provinces, and regions found to have impacted and/or generated, contributed to the well-being of their places of birth. Indeed, it does not augur well to know that say a ‘Leytenos’ deeds are being recognized in other LGU’s and organizations.

During my elementary grade years, I remember the LGU officials then headed by Hon. Eduardo Bugho, having honored a rice farmer in Sitio Santa Rosa, Barangay San Diego, Burauen, Leyte – the late Mano SIYONG AMAT, known for having ‘single-handedly’ built an

irrigation facility to water his rice paddies, including adjoining ones. He was paraded around the town proper riding atop an open-air ex-US military truck, seen standing holding his favorite agricultural tool a shovel with an extended long handle used to make irrigation canals. His neighbors would even tell us that Mano Siyong worked at night-time under the moonlight!

To cite some of the outstanding of Leyte Island citizens who have carved their names with pride via their goods deeds, but have not been aptly accorded recognitions by the Leyte LGUs, are the following - **POLITICS: President Rodrigo Roa Duterte**, who traces her maternal root from Maasin, Southern Leyte in Local governance and whose deeds were recognized with an invitation to speak in an international body (UN), is the incumbent Mayor of Tanauan, Leyte, Hon. P. Tecson, in **SPORTS: Ramon Fernandez** (basketball Olympian player and presently commissioner (PSC), who traces his roots to Southern Leyte, **Sen. Emmanuel Pacquiao** (incumbent Member of Philippine Senate, current WBO Welterweight Champion and holder of 8 world boxing title, whose mother hails

from Southern Leyte, **Johnriel Casimiro**, incumbent WBO Bantamweight Champion, from Ormoc City, **SCIENCE: Dr. Alvin Culaba**, renowned scientist, member National Academy of Science and Technology (DOST) and former Vice President, DLSU, hails from Tacloban City, **Dr. Paciente A. Cordero, Jr.**, acclaimed marine scientist, member/past President Outstanding Young Scientists of the Philippines, TOYM awardee, First Leyteno to receive Japanese Ministry of Education Scholarship Program (MOMBUGA-KUSHO) and Japanese Post-Doctoral Fellow A.I.E.J.-JSPS), and former Executive Director III, National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST), comes from Burauen, Leyte **Dr. Efren Redoña**, rice plant scientist and former Deputy Director, Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRICE), comes from Tabontabon, Leyte, **MILITARY: Gen. Antonio de Veyra (PMA)** former First Infantry “Tabak” Division Commander and ‘First’ Leyteño to hold the rank of General, hails from Tanauan, Leyte, among others.

These Leyteños deeds could serve as inspirations to the younger generations who could emulate or equalize or even improve on their deeds – but foremost certain groups or organizations must initiate the recognition efforts in order for it to become meaningful to the young sons and daughters of Leyte.

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NEXT TOPIC: “DA initiatives in Research and Development”

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Pray the Holy Rosary daily
for world peace and conversion of sinners
(The family that prays together stays together)

Prayer for the Nation and
for Those who Serve in
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God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

Cops clash with rebels in Samar town; seized guns, ammos from NPAs

TACLOBAN CITY- Personnel of the Regional Mobile Force Battalion (RMFB) engaged in a fire-fight members of the New People’s Army (NPAs) in Gandara town, Samar province on Sunday (Oct.4) morning.

Reports reaching the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) based in Palo town, Leyte province, the encounter between the two sides happened at Barangay Giaboc, Gandara at around 7:40 am.

The police personnel, led by Police Lt. Gregorio Wabina, Jr., were conducting their combat operation at the said area when the encountered five NPA rebels which resulted to a five-minute fire fight, the report said.

No one was killed among government forces but they were able to seize one Caliber 45 pistol and 13 live ammunitions and several empty shells of Caliber 5.56 mm, among others.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

DSWD shared P5,000 emergency subsidy to drivers in E. Visayas

TACLOBAN CITY- Drivers are one of the most affected livelihoods due to pandemic. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, several local government units implemented the travel limit.

Due to these limitations, several public vehicle drivers have not been able to pass. And because they don’t pass, they find it difficult to earn money. These drivers will now be given P5, 000

see DSWD/page 18 ...

After being featured with teachers walking barefoot in a mud-covered road to deliver modules, construction of concrete road in Leyte village to start soon

TACLOBAN CITY- Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla disclosed that concreting of road in a remote village in Calubian town will start within this month.

Petilla made this disclosure after teachers were featured walking barefoot in a muddy road as they were to deliver modules to their

students residing in Barangay Anislagan which is more than five kms away from the town proper.

The governor said that an initial amount of P20 million has been allocated for this purpose.

Petilla said that he made a request of P200 million to Malacañang for road concreting not only for Anislagan but for its

Balut vendor, minor yield ‘shabu’ in separate anti-drug operations

T A C L O B A N CITY-Authorities arrested a ‘balut’ vendor and a minor during two separate anti-drug operations in Balangiga, Eastern Samar and Tacloban City last October 2, 2020.

The minor, tagged as a high-value target, yielded three pieces of transparent plastic sachets containing suspected “shabu” with an estimated market value of P1,500 during the buy-bust operation here in the city.

Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), together with operatives from Eastern Samar Police Provincial Office-Provincial Drug

Enforcement Unit and Balangiga Municipal Police Station, also arrested Jason Baleos at Barangay 6 of the said town.

Purchased and confiscated from the 28-year-old balut vendor were four pieces of heat sealed transparent plastic sachets containing suspected shabu weighing around 0.25 grams with an estimated value of P4, 000.

The suspects were charged for violation of sections 5 and 11, Article II of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

(RONALD O. REYES)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico ‘Mic’ L. Petilla was joined by Wenefredo Urtula, barangay chairman of Villa Aurora, Burauen town a check worth P780,000 as funding for a project dubbed as community empowerment through science and technology(CEST)innovation science and technology for accelerating technology base development of the Department of Science and Technology(DOST). Present during the Sept.30 ceremony were DOST-Leyte director John Glenn Ocaña; Dr. Ma.Cristina Caintic, vice for research, development and extension of EVSU; Jebson Urtula, president of Villa Aurora Farmers Association and Stepher Nojapa, SK chairman of Burauen, among others. (GINA P.GEREZ)

DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that RICARDO SALAS executed an Affidavit of Absolute Sale in favor of SPS. GENTHOR SALAS AND MARIA THERESA SALAS over a parcel of land situated at Smo. Rosario, Naval Biliran covered by TD No. 00543 containing an area of 57.32sq.m.; Per Doc. No. 4227, Page No. 416, Book No. X, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Mario Lyndinno R. Opeña. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH CONFIRMATION OF SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PASCUALA ELLORANDO AND ADRIANO ELLORANDO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of agricultural land situated at Borongan City, Eastern Samar covered by ARP No. 08-022-00472, Survey No. 2722 containing an area of 2,509sq.m., and heirs hereby CONFIRMED the said sale of the above-mentioned property in favor of DONA ANGEL C. GALVE; Per Doc No. 23, Page No. 5, Book No. XVIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Celestino A. Cabato. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that LEONILA C. RESURRECCION heir of the late WENEFREDA DELA ROSA executed an Affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of residential land located at San Juan Street Ext, Brgy H, Borongan City covered by ARP No. 08009-00059/PIN: 037-230-009-02-035 designated under Survey No. 603, Lot No. 035, Block No. 02 containing an area of 97.56sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. ROMUALDO C. ALGO & ROWENA A. ALGO as vendees of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 875, Page No. 76, Book No. XXVIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Charles B. Culo, CPA. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

DEED OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that DAISY LOURDES SAING DAVIES heir of the late ANTHONY JONATHAN DAVIES executed a Deed of Self-Adjudication over a personal bank deposit/savings account at BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, Robinsons Tacloban Branch, Tacloban City with account number 963 911 2087. Per Doc No. 323, Page No. 66, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aljim Denver Montallana Arcueno. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BONIFACIO CARIAS SR. extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential lot situated at Brgy. New Rizal, Catarman, Northern Samar under TD No. 55667 containing an area of 400 square meters. Per Doc No. 18, Page No. 5, Book No. 1, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Amador A. Estigoy Jr., CPA. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late REMEDIOS PULGA COLAPO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over 4 existing and outstanding bank deposit with 1) Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), 2) Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI), 3) Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and 4) Northern Samar Development Workers Credit Cooperative (NSDWCC). Per Doc No. 289, Page No. 59, Book No. IX, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ELADIO COBREROS AND MERLITA T. COBREROS extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land covered by Katibayan Ng Orihinal Titulo Blg P-23785 designated as Lot 1129, Cad-1116-B situated at Brgy. Magsaysay, Bobon, Northern Samar containing an area of 14,184sq.m., A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of LI DE GUIA CHAN as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 333, Page No. 68, Book No. II, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Franco Archie N. Tonog. *LSDE: Sept 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AND DEPOSITS WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FELIPE CABANIT CAMBE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a foreign currency deposit with Metrobank Calbayog City, Samar amounting to \$10,043.25 under Foreign Currency Account No. 294-2-29400496-8 and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, rights and participation of the above-described bank deposit unto BEATRIZ T. CAMBE. Per Doc No. 23, Page No. 2, Book No. VII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Atty. Rolando P. Tejerero. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE AND DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALBERTO B. PASAGUI extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at San Jose Street, Brgy. Lusad, Dagami, Leyte designated as Lot 439, Case-1, Cad 503-D with an area of 419 square meters covered by TCT No. 115-P-100296. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of REV. FR. ANRECO ESTRELLA as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 342, Page No. 70, Book No. VIII, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Marierose P. Alvero. *LSDE: October 6, 13 & 20, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late LIBRADO E. RUIZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of residential land designated as Lot 6314, Case 2, Cad 407 located at Brgy. Guindapunan, Palo, Leyte covered by OCT No. P-96215 containing an area of 276sq.m., and heirs hereby WAIVED all shares, rights and participation over the above-described property unto MA. LEAH B. RUIZ. Per Doc No. 72, Page No 15, Book No. VII, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Lemuel R. Montes. *LSDE: Sept. 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DONATION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late PACIENCIA LOPEZ CALUPAZ extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2503-C of the subdivision plan, Psd-08-004908 consisting 100 square meters covered by TCT No. T-31364 and heirs hereby transfer and convey, by way of donation unto MARIA ALITA CALUPAZ AKESTER all rights and shares of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 191, Page 40, Book No. XXXIV, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Antonio C. Lopez, Jr. *LSDE: Sept 22, 29 & Oct 6, 2020*



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ABSENT: NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-003
Series of 2020

ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF BACKYARD AND COMMERCIAL PIGGERY AND POULTRY RAISING IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

Sponsored by: HON. VICTORIO E. INCISO, JR.
Committee on Food and Agriculture

Explanatory Note

As enshrined in the Philippine Constitution it is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In pursuance of this policies, this Ordinance is enacted for the purpose of regulating all piggery and poultry raising in the Municipality of Balangiga.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Balangiga, Eastern Samar in session assembled that:

Article I
TITLE

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as “ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF BACKYARD AND COMMERCIAL PIGGERY AND POULTRY RAISING IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.”

Article II
LEGAL BASIS

This Ordinance shall be governed by the provisions of the PD 856 or the Sanitation Code of the Philippines; RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act; RA 8749 or the Clean Air Act; RA 9275 or the Clean Water Act; and RA 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991; and their Implementation Rules and Regulations.

Article III
PURPOSE

Section 1. To ensure that all backyard and commercial piggery and poultry raising farms, businesses, and activities in Balangiga are compliant with all existing pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.
Section 2. To protect public health and safety and promote the general welfare, with particular focus on minimizing, if not eliminating foul odor, fly infestation, noise, and water pollution.
Section 3. To assist in the growth of piggery and poultry farms, businesses and activities in Balangiga through regulated management and administration.

Article IV
Scope and Coverage

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of Balangiga, Eastern Samar.
Section 2. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all applications to establish, put up, and operate a backyard and commercial piggery and poultry farm in Balangiga. Existing backyard and commercial piggery and poultry farms which are already operational upon effectivity of this Ordinance shall be enjoined to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. Non-compliant backyard and commercial piggery and poultry raising farms shall be given three (3) months grace period to dispose of all animals upon effectivity of this Ordinance.
Section 3. In case of existing backyard and commercial piggery and poultry farms which ceased to operate for more than one (1) year, the revival thereof shall be considered as new applications to operate such backyard and commercial piggery and poultry farms and shall be covered by the provisions of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE V
Definition of Terms

BACKYARD PIGGERY FARM – refers to raising of swine in household backyard.
BACKYARD POULTRY FARM – refers to raising of poultry (layers, hens, broilers, fighting cocks, and the like) in household backyard
BOAR – shall refer to a male swine
BUILT-UP AREAS – area that is full of houses, shops, offices, and other buildings, with very little open space.
COMMERCIAL FARM – shall refer to any parcel of land devoted to the raising or breeding of animals used for commercial purposes. It is generally managed and operated by the owner or tenant.
DENSELY POPULATED AREA - residential zone area of single family, single detached dwellings with a gross population of about 50 PPH to 150 PPH.
HEADS – include weaning, growers, and fatteners
INSPECTION – an act by the Sanitary Inspector and the Environment Specialist to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations including but not limited to quality assurance, hygiene and sanitation operating procedures and hazard analysis control program.
SEPTIC TANK – a watertight, multi-chambered receptacle, constructed within the set standards that receives sewage from houses or other buildings and is designed to separate and store the solids and partially digest the organic matter in the sewage.
SOW – shall refer to a female swine

ARTICLE VI
Rules and Regulations

Section 1. Backyard Piggery Farm
A. A backyard piggery farm should require a Sanitary Permit before its operation. A thorough ocular inspection of the site of operation should be undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector, Environment Specialist, and MPDC or his duly authorized representative before granting such necessary permit for the legal operation.
B. A backyard piggery shall be allowed a maximum of two (2) heads. Sows and boars are strictly not allowed.
C. A backyard piggery should be located fifty (50) meters away from built-up areas and from the back of the house where the piggery is to be constructed.
D. A backyard piggery should be located fifty (50) meters away from the national highway.
E. A backyard piggery farm should require a septic tank/reservoir that is built within the prescribed standards in accordance with the Local Sanitation Code, or otherwise proper waste disposal management must be observed and implemented.
F. A backyard piggery farm should be located twenty-five (25) meters away from any ground or surface water source, and should not be near flood-prone areas.
G. Failure to maintain cleanliness and good sanitary surroundings at all times and complaints by neighbors due to noise, foul smell, and fly infestation are sufficient grounds for the revocation of license and permit for its operation.
Section 2. Commercial Piggery Farm
A. A commercial piggery farm should require a Sanitary Permit before its operation. A thorough ocular inspection of the site of operation should be undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector, Environment Specialist, and MPDC or his duly authorized representative before granting such necessary permit for the legal operation.
B. A commercial piggery farm should be located outside the poblacion away from densely populated areas.
C. A backyard piggery should be located fifty (50) meters away from the national highway
D. A commercial piggery farm should require a septic tank/reservoir that is built within the prescribed standards in accordance with the Local Sanitation Code, or otherwise proper waste disposal management must be observed and

implemented.
E. A commercial piggery farm should be located twenty-five (25) meters away from any ground or surface water source, and should not be near flood-prone areas.
F. Failure to maintain cleanliness and good sanitary surroundings at all times and complaints by neighbors due to foul smell, noise, and fly infestation are sufficient grounds for the revocation of license and permit for its operation.

Section 3. Backyard Poultry Farm

A. A backyard poultry raising farm should require a Sanitary Permit before its operation. A thorough ocular inspection of the site of operation should be undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector, Environment Specialist, and MPDC or his duly authorized representative before granting such necessary permit for the legal operation.
B. A backyard poultry raising farm within town proper, a maximum of 20 heads of broilers, or 20 heads of layers, either of the two or both can be raised. In excess of that, poultry raising should be done outside of the poblacion and far from densely populated areas.
C. A backyard poultry farm should be located fifty (50) meters away from built-up areas and from the back of the house where the poultry raising farm is to be constructed.
D. A backyard poultry farm should require a septic tank/reservoir that is built within the prescribed standards in accordance with the Local Sanitation Code, or otherwise proper waste disposal management must be observed and implemented.
E. A backyard poultry farm should be located twenty-five (25) meters away from any ground or surface water source, and should not be near flood-prone areas.
F. Failure to maintain cleanliness and good sanitary surroundings at all times and complaints by neighbors due to foul smell, noise, and fly infestation are sufficient grounds for the revocation of license and permit for its operation.

Section 4. Commercial Poultry Farm

A. A commercial poultry farm should require a Sanitary Permit before its operation. A thorough ocular inspection of the site of operation should be undertaken by the Sanitary Inspector, Environment Specialist, and MPDC or his duly authorized representative before granting such necessary permit for a legal operation.
B. In excess of 20 heads of layers and broilers, poultry raising will be considered commercial and shall be located outside of the poblacion and away from densely populated areas.
C. A commercial poultry farm should require a septic tank/reservoir that is built within the prescribed standards in accordance with the Local Sanitation Code, or otherwise proper waste disposal management must be observed and implemented.
D. A commercial poultry farm should be located twenty-five (25) meters away from any ground or surface water source, and should not be near flood-prone areas.
E. Failure to maintain cleanliness and good sanitary surroundings at all times and complaints by neighbors due to foul smell, noise, and fly infestation are sufficient grounds for the revocation of license and permit for its operation.

ARTICLE VII
The Municipal Task Force

Section 1. A Municipal Task Force is hereby created and shall be composed of the following:
Chaiperson : Municipal Mayor
Vice Chair : Municipal Health Officer
Members : SB on Environment Protection
SB on Health, Sanitation, and Social Services
Sanitary Inspector
Zoning Officer/MPDO
Chief of Police
Environmental Specialist
Concerned Punong Barangay
Representative from Hog Raisers or Representative from Poultry Raisers, as the case may be.
Section 2. Functions of the Task Force
A. Shall decide on unresolved complaints endorsed by the Punong Barangay.
B. Shall be responsible for the strict implementation of the provisions of this ordinance.
C. Shall formulate policies and strategies that will ensure full implementation of this ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII
COMPLAINT RESOLUTION

Section 1. All complaints shall be filed at the barangay where the piggery or poultry farm is located. Complaint resolution shall follow the barangay-prescribed rules and regulations and shall only be endorsed to the Municipal Task Force for resolution after three (3) consecutive attempts to reconcile the parties at the barangay level. A certification, together with the endorsement, shall be issued by the concerned Punong Barangay to the MTF. The decision of the Municipal Task Force shall be final and executory.

ARTICLE IX
PENALTY CLAUSE

The following penalties shall be imposed upon violation of any provision of this Ordinance:
1st Offense - Php 1,000.00
2nd Offense – Php 1,500.00
3rd and Final Offense – Php2,500.00 and revocation of permit to operate

ARTICLE IX
SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In the event that any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, the remaining provisions or sections not declared so shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE XI
REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, rules and regulation, or part thereof, whose provisions is inconsistent or in conflict or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

ARTICLE XII
Effectivity Clause

This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:
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ABSENT: NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-004
Series of 2020

ORDINANCE MANDATING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A 24 HOUR CURFEW OF ALL SENIOR CITIZENS (65 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE) AND STUDENTS IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR FOR THE DURATION OF THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

Sponsored by: HON. FLORO P. SALAZAR
Committee on Disaster and Risk Reduction Management

Article I
TITLE

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as “ORDINANCE MANDATING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A 24 HOUR CURFEW OF ALL SENIOR CITIZENS (65 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE) AND STUDENTS IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR FOR THE DURATION OF THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.”

Article II
PURPOSE

Section 1. To enforce strict implementation of curfew hours among the residents of Balangiga in order to prevent, curtail, and eliminate the spread of COVID-19 among the most vulnerable age groups.
Section 2. To ensure the safety of the residents during the state of public health emergency.

Article III
Scope and Coverage

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of Balangiga, Eastern Samar.
Section 2. This shall likewise cover all senior citizens, students, and minors within the municipality.

ARTICLE IV
Definition of Terms

Curfew – a regulation enjoining the withdrawal of specified persons from the streets at a stated hour
Senior Citizen – a person who's 65 years of age and above
Student – a person who goes to school; can be a child teenager or adult

ARTICLE V
Rules and Regulations

1. A 24-hour curfew or home quarantine must be strictly implemented against Senior Citizens (65 years old and above).
2. A strict 24-hour curfew or home quarantine shall also be strictly implemented against all students in the municipality.
3. All senior citizens and students may leave their household only for medical emergencies, or to undergo routine medical procedures for chronic illnesses.
4. Students may be exempted from home quarantine if they can show adequate proof that they are volunteering for medical work or are active volunteers to any related work.
5. All persons who leave their households must present valid identification cards, indicating their date of birth and employment identification.

ARTICLE VI.
Implementing Authority

The Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, together with the Barangay Tanods, and Barangay Officials shall implement this ordinance.

ARTICLE VII
Penalty Clause

Those found guilty of violations shall be penalized with an imposition of Php2,500.00 and/or imprisonment upon discretion of the court.

ARTICLE VIII
SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In the event that any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, the remaining provisions or sections not declared so shall not be affected thereby.

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ARTICLE X
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SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-005
Series of 2020

MANDATING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A 24 HOUR CURFEW ON ANY PERSON BELOW 21 YEARS OLD, SENIOR CITIZENS (60 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE), THOSE WITH IMMUNODEFICIENCY, COMORBIDITY, OR OTHER HEALTH RISKS AND PREGNANT WOMEN IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR DURING THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IMPLEMENTATION.

Sponsored by: **HON. FLORO P. SALAZAR**
Committee on Disaster and Risk Reduction Management

Article I
Title

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as “MANDATING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A 24 HOUR CURFEW ON ANY PERSON BELOW 21 YEARS OLD, SENIOR CITIZENS (60 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE), THOSE WITH IMMUNODEFICIENCY, COMORBIDITY, OR OTHER HEALTH RISKS AND PREGNANT WOMEN IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR DURING THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IMPLEMENTATION.

Article II
Purposes

Section 1. To enforce strict implementation of curfew hours among the residents of Balangiga in order to prevent, curtail, and eliminate the spread of COVID-19 among the most vulnerable age groups.

Section 2. To ensure the safety of the residents during the state of public health emergency.

Article III
Scope and Coverage

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of Balangiga, Eastern Samar.

Section 4. This shall likewise cover all senior citizens, students, and minors within the municipality.

ARTICLE IV
Definition of Terms

Section 5. When used in this ordinance the following shall mean:

Curfew – a regulation enjoining the withdrawal of specified persons from the streets at a stated hour.

Senior Citizen – a person who’s 60 years of age and above.

ARTICLE V
Rules and Regulations

1. A 24-hour curfew or home quarantine must be strictly implemented against Senior Citizens (60 years old and above).

2. A strict 24-hour curfew or home quarantine shall also be strictly implemented against all persons below twenty-one (21) years old, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks and pregnant women in the municipality.

3. All senior citizens and persons below twenty-one (21) years old may leave their household only for medical emergencies, or to undergo routine medical procedures for chronic illnesses, and for activities permitted under the IATF for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Omnibus Guidelines on the implementation of Community Quarantine for areas under MGCCQ.

4. All senior citizens, persons below twenty-one (21) years old, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks and pregnant women in the municipality shall be required to remain in their residences at all times except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices.

ARTICLE VI
Implementing Authority

Section 6. The Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, together with the Barangay Tanods, and Barangay Officials shall implement this ordinance.

ARTICLE VII
Penalty Clause

Section 7. Those found guilty of violations shall be penalized with an imposition of the following:

1st Offense – ₱500.00
2nd Offense – ₱1000.00
3rd Offense – ₱2500.00 and/or imprisonment upon discretion of the court.

ARTICLE VIII
Separability Clause

Section 8. In the event that any section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provisions or sections not declared so shall not be affected thereby.


ARTICLE IX
Repealing Clause

Section 9. All ordinances, rules and regulation, or part thereof, whose provisions is inconsistent or in conflict or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

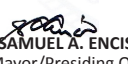
ARTICLE X
Effectivity Clause

Section 10. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.
ENACTED: August 3, 2020

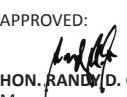
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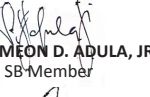

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Mayor


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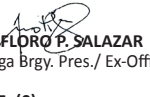
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HON. MARK CHRISTIAN BANTAY
SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member

NEGATIVE: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-006
Series of 2020

MANDATING THE USE OR WEARING FACE MASK AND STRINGENTLY OBSERVE THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL DISTANCING DURING OR ON THE OCCASION OF A DECLARED NATIONAL OR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, EPIDEMIC OR OUTBREAK OF A DISEASE TRANSMISSIBLE EITHER ORALLY OR THROUGH SNEEZING, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Sponsored by: **HON. FLORO P. SALAZAR**
Committee on Disaster and Risk Reduction Management

WHEREAS, the right to health of the people is enshrined in the Philippine Constitution under Section 15 of Article II which states as follows:
“The state shall protect and promote the right of the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.”

WHEREAS, existing health protocol that were put in place by the health authorities as reinforce by Memorandum Circular of the DILG, encourage the use of or wearing of face mask by the public whenever an epidemic or virus occur;

WHEREAS, institutionalizing the practice of wearing face mask during or on the occasion of such virus-related epidemic through the enactment of a local legislative measure, would greatly reduce the rate, contain the level of, if not prevent the spread of transmission of such disease;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, as it is hereby enacted, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Balangiga, Eastern Samar in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Mandatory Face Mask Ordinance of 2020”.

SECTION 2. Coverage. It is hereby mandatorily required for any person to use or wear a protective face mask or improvised face shield and stringently observe the practice of physical distancing at a distance of 1 meter apart, while in public place and during or on the occasion of a declared National or Local Public Health Emergency, epidemic or outbreak of disease, transmissible either orally or through sneezing.

SECTION 3. Responsibility for Parental, Substitute Parental Negligence. In case the infraction of this ordinance is committed by a minor, the liability for the penalty of fine imposed under the succeeding section shall devolve upon the parents, grandparents, guardian or person who has custody of minor offender, to be enforced in successive order as herein provided, for the negligence in the exercise of parental or substitute parental authority as the case maybe, over the minor offender, provided however that such minor offender shall be proceeded against under the appropriate intervention program in accordance with the applicable provisions of R.A. 9344.

SECTION 4. No Face Mask, No Entry in Certain Places. All Public and Private Institutions and establishments are mandated to refuse entry to any person not wearing face mask or improvised face shield and shall post notices regarding this requirement.

The President, Manager or Proprietor of the business establishment or institutions shall be held responsible for the penalty to be imposed for violating the provisions of this section.

SECTION 5. Penalties. Any person found violating the provision of this ordinance shall suffer the penalty of fine in the amount prescribed as follows;

For the First Offense -----	One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00).
For the Second Offense -----	One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱1,500.00).
For the Third Offense -----	Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00).
For the Succeeding Offense -----	Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00) and 2 days Community Service.

SECTION 6. Enforcement. The Philippine National Police, Balangiga; Barangay Officials; Barangay Tanods, are hereby task to strictly implement the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. Information Dissemination. The Office of the Municipal Mayor shall disseminate information of this ordinance to the public immediately upon its effectivity.

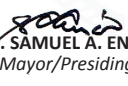
SECTION 8. Transitory Provisions. The use or wearing of face mask and the observance of physical distancing shall continue to be practiced for a period of at least 2 weeks from the time of the lifting of the declared Public Health Emergency.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. In case any provision of this ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected by the declaration of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall remain in force.


SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. All existing ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations or parts thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon compliance with the requirement of the relevant provisions of R.A. 7160.
Enacted: May 4,2020

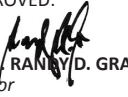
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
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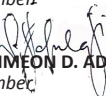

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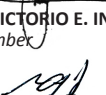

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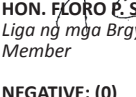

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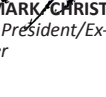

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HON. MARK CHRISTIAN BANTAY
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NEGATIVE: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-007
Series of 2020

PROHIBITING ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FRONT-LINERS, HEALTH WORKERS, OFWS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PERSONS CONFIRMED/SUSPECTED/PROBABLE WITH THE COVID-19 DISEASE IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

Sponsored by: **HON. FLORO P. SALAZAR**
Committee on Disaster and Risk Reduction Management

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and the Department of the Interior and Local Government have urged LGUs to pass and enforce an ordinance protecting CoVid-19 confirmed, probable, and suspected persons and all frontliners and health workers rendering service during this pandemic;

WHEREAS since the start of the local health emergency, there have been cases of public stigmatization among persons who have contracted the disease, including PUMs and PULs, and the rise of harmful stereotypes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, as it is hereby enacted, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Balangiga, Eastern Samar in session assembled that:

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “Anti-CoVid-19 Discrimination Ordinance of Balangiga”.

Section 2. PURPOSE. This ordinance aims to ban or prohibit any act of discrimination against confirmed, probable, and suspected CoVid-19 infected persons, PUMs, PULs, front-liners, health workers, OFWs, and volunteers who are rendering service in this pandemic.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following when used in this ordinance shall mean:

a. *Confirmed* – a person tested at a national or sub national reference laboratory or at a DOH-certified laboratory testing facility.

b. *Probable* – a suspect case who has been tested for CoVid-19 but the results are inconclusive or a suspect who tested positive for CoVid-19 but the test was not conducted in a national or sub national coronavirus reference laboratory, or an officially accredited laboratory or confirmatory testing.

c. *Suspect* – any person with severe acute respiratory illness; with influenza-like illness and has traveled to an area that reported local transmission of the coronavirus during the 14 days prior to the onset of the symptoms: and with influenza-like illness and has had contact with a confirmed or probable case of CoVid-19 in the two days prior to the onset of that confirmed/probable cases illness or before that confirmed/probable case showed negative on repeat testing: and a person with fever or cough or shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms and one of the following: 60 years and older; with a co-morbidity or preexisting illness; in high risk pregnancy; a health worker.

d. *Front-liner* – any person working or rendering service under the healthcare institutions, police force, military personnel, logistics personnel directly involved in CoVid-19 response efforts.

Section 4. PROHIBITED ACTS. The following acts are prohibited under this ordinance:

a. Commit acts or utterances against confirmed, suspected, or probable CoVid-19 affected persons, and health workers, front-liners, OFWs, and volunteers who are working and rendering service in this pandemic.

b. Refusal or failure to give assistance to confirmed, suspected, or probable CoVid-19 affected persons, and health workers, front-liners, OFWs, and volunteers who intends to return to his place of residence or domicile.

c. Harm, harass, humiliate, or shame any confirmed, suspected, or probable CoVid-19 affected persons, and health workers, front-liners, OFWs, and volunteers.

d. All forms and acts of discrimination, harassment, violence or any action that causes stigma against any confirmed, suspected, or probable CoVid-19 affected persons, and health workers, front-liners, OFWs, and volunteers.

e. It shall be unlawful for any public official, public employee, or essential service provider to refuse assistance or deny service to any confirmed, suspected, or probable CoVid-19 affected persons, and health workers, front-liners, OFWs, and volunteers.

f. Spreading rumors, uttering information or any communication that causes unnecessary fear, anger, panic, or violation of rights of such person.


Section 5. PENALTIES. Any person caught in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) or face imprisonment up to six (6) months or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 6. Separability clause. In case any provision of this ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected by the declaration of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall remain in force.

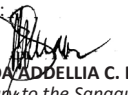
SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All existing ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations or parts thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon compliance with the requirement of the relevant provisions of R.A. 7160.
Enacted: May 4,2020


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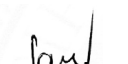
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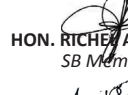
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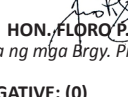

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NEGATIVE: (0)

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2020 AT NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

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ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-008
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE LOCAL INVESTMENT AND INCENTIVE CODE OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Authored by: Committee on Trade, Commerce, and Industry
Committee on Finance, Budget, and Appropriations
Committee on Ordinances and Legal Matters

CHAPTER I
TITLE AND POLICY STATEMENT

Section 1. **Title** – This Ordinance shall be known as the Balangiga Municipal Investment Code.

Section 2. **Declaration of Policy** – It is hereby declared as the official standing policy of the Municipality of Balangiga to encourage local and foreign investors to establish productive, globally competitive, culture-sensitive and environmentally sound agri-industrial and eco-tourism industries in the municipality, where new expansion or diversification projects in either the category of small, medium or large enterprises.

The municipality shall pursue this policy by providing fiscal incentives to investors in preferred or priority investment areas in order to provide its people employment, livelihood opportunities and technology development. These investments are expected to sustain the growth of the municipality and its barangays while ensuring self-reliance and improvement if the quality of life of the constituents.

CHAPTER II
DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 3. **Definition of Terms** – When used in this Code, the following words, acronyms and phrases shall mean as follows:
Code – shall refer to the Balangiga Municipality Investment Code
Board – shall refer to the Municipal Board of Investments of Balangiga
MBOI – shall refer to the Municipal Board of Investments
Municipality – shall mean the Municipality of Balangiga, covering all thirteen (13) barangays within the territorial boundary of the municipality as provided for by appropriate laws.
Material Misrepresentation – giving false or misleading account of the nature of something;
Preferred or Priority Investment Area – shall mean the economic activities that the Board shall have determined and which the Sangguniang Bayan shall have approved and declared as such and where investors are encouraged to infuse investment and actualize investment projects.
P/PIA – shall also refer to preferred or priority investment area
New Enterprises – refer to a new investment or to an existing enterprise with plans to diversify or expand to other business ventures within the preferred or priority investment areas (P/PIA) as defined by the Board, of which the place of operation or production is within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality
Existing Enterprise – shall refer to business establishments whose places of operation or production are physically located within the territorial boundaries of the municipality
Registered Enterprise – shall refer to a business enterprise, whether owned and operated by an individual, partnership, corporation or cooperative duly recognized under Philippine laws and registered in accordance with the provisions of this Code.
Bonafide Resident – shall refer to a person with six (6) months residency in any of the barangays in the municipality of Balangiga, 18 years of age and above, and duly registered voter.
Small and Medium Enterprise – refers to any business activity or enterprise, whether engaged in industry, agri-business or services and regardless of whether it is a single proprietorship, partnership, cooperative or corporation whose asset size corresponds to the following amounts:

Micro	-	below Three Million Pesos (Php3,000,000.00)
Small	-	Php 3 Million – 15 Million
Medium	-	Php 15 Million – not more than 100 Million
Large	-	Over Php 100 Million

Municipal Business Center – shall mean the office that shall be established in the municipality, which shall be tasked with the primary role of assisting the Board on matters of investment policies, investment promotions, investment development, and in facilitating the inflow and actualization of domestic and foreign investment projects in Balangiga.
MBC – shall also mean Municipal Business Center

CHAPTER III
THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF INVESTMENT OF BALANGIGA

Section 4. **The Board** – There is hereby created a Municipal Board of Investment (MBOI) of Balangiga to implement the provisions of this Code.

Section 5. **Composition** – The MBOI shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	–	Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairman	-	Municipal Vice Mayor
Members	-	Chairperson, SB Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry
	-	Chairperson, SB Committee on Finance, Budget, and Appropriations
	-	Chairperson, SB Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure
	-	Chairperson, SB Committee on Ways and Means
	-	Chairperson, SB Committee on Tourism
	-	Chairperson, SB Committee on Public Market and Slaughterhouse
	-	Chairperson, SB Committee on Food and Agriculture
	-	Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
	-	Municipal Treasurer
	-	Municipal Assessor
	-	Municipal Budget Officer
	-	Municipal Accountant
	-	Municipal Tourism Officer
	-	Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Officer
	-	Business Permit & Licensing Officer
	-	Representative from an accredited NGO

Secretariat: The Municipal Business Center
The membership of the Board may be increased or decreased by the Sangguniang Bayan upon the recommendation of the Board for the effective implementation of this Code.

Section 6. **Meetings and Quorum of the Board** – The Chairman of the Board, shall, as often as necessary, call for a meeting at least once in every quarter or as deemed necessary, on such day and time that may be fixed. The presence of the majority of its voting members shall constitute a quorum and a majority of a meeting shall be required to exercise its powers and perform its functions.
Members of the Board and the Secretariat shall be entitled to receive an honorarium in their attendance to board meetings at a rate that shall not exceed the amount of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) per meeting; said honorarium shall be paid for from appropriate funds of the Municipal Government.

Section 7. **Powers and Functions of the Board** – The primary function of the Board shall be to establish policies for a favorable and stable business climate that will encourage and support private sector investments and the operation of economic activities consistent with the development needs of the Municipality of Balangiga. Pursuant to this, the Board shall be vested with the following powers and functions:
a. To formulate rules and regulations to implement the intent and provisions of this Code and to create other technical working committees if necessary to facilitate the effective execution of this Code.;

Investment and Incentive Program under this Code;

c. To adopt a short- and medium-term investment promotion program, which shall include among others, the list of priority investment areas and activities and corresponding incentives and support government measures to attract targeted investors;

d. To review and update the fiscal and non-fiscal incentives granted to registered enterprises under this Code;

e. To deliberate and approve within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof any application for registration imposing such terms and conditions as it may deem necessary to attain the objectives of this Code;

f. After due notice, cancel the registration or suspend the enjoyment of any registered enterprise and/or require fund of incentives enjoyed by such enterprise including interests based on the following reasons:
f.1. Failure to maintain the qualifications required by this Code;
f.2. Violation of any of the provisions of this Code, of the terms and conditions of registration, or of existing local and national laws.

g. To enter into agreements with other government agencies and/or private organizations for simplifying the systems, procedures and requirements on investments and business operation and promotions in Balangiga;

h. To secure additional funding and other resources to supplement the budgetary support provided by the Municipal Government for the operation of the Secretariat in the implementation of this Code;

i. To review the package of appropriate incentives and support measures every three (3) years as the need arises; and

j. To perform such other functions as may be deemed necessary for the successful implementation of this Code;

CHAPTER IV
THE MUNICIPAL BUSINESS CENTER OF BALANGIGA

Section 8. **The Municipal Business Center** – there is hereby created the Municipal Business Center purposely to assist the Board in all of its activities pertinent to and concerning investment development and assistance. As such, the Board supervises the same in its operations especially in the implementation of the provisions of this Code. The center shall be attached as a regular division of the Office of the Municipal Mayor.
The office shall be staffed by the following:
1. Three (3) Economists
2. One Computer Programmer; and
3. Other necessary positions that the Board may recommend to the Sangguniang Bayan

Section 9. **Powers and Duties of the Center** – The Municipal Business Center shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
1. Serve as Secretariat of the Board – prepares agenda for all meetings of the Board and its corresponding minutes and/or highlights;
2. Prepares annual reports of the Board about its activities relative to the implementation of this Code within sixty (60) days after the close of each calendar year;
3. Evaluate all application for availment of incentives as provided in this Code, and it shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
a. To accept, process, and evaluate all applications in terms of completeness of requirements mandated under existing local and national laws, conformity of investment proposals to the preferred areas of investments and other policies embodied in this Code;
b. Notify the applicants on the deficiencies of the applications within ten (10) working days after the receipt of applications;
c. If the application is complete, evaluates and submits recommendations for action of the Board.
4. Provide technical assistance and facilitative services to prospective investors and registered enterprises, more specifically on the following areas:
a. One-stop documentation services (facilitating business permits, licenses, incentives availment and other requirements under existing local and national laws deemed applicable to the project proposal);
b. Business matching
5. Handles information management and development and shall continuously provide for comprehensive undertaking of active marketing and promotional programs and activities that will directly influence the infusion of local and foreign investments as well as the influx of trade and tourists. As such, it shall:
a. Collate, analyze and compile pertinent data and information as well as conduct studies and/or researches concerning areas that may be considered as preferred areas of investment by the Board;
b. Review existing incentives and other similar policies and recommend to the Board any modification and/or amendments thereof;
c. Handle data storage and retrieval; and
d. Initiate and plan for the conduct of trade and investment missions, trade fairs and exhibits and investment seminars.
6. To implement the Annual Investment Promotions Development Plan that shall be formulated and approved by the Board;
7. To spearhead the production, publication, and dissemination of investment promotions collaterals and whenever needed, conduct briefings to investors and other interested parties;
8. To conduct appropriate and relevant studies, gather and analyze pertinent facts and figures, and inform the Board on international, national, and local issues affecting the dynamics of investments;
9. To represent the Municipality of Balangiga in trade and investments meetings, conferences, forum, conventions and other similar gatherings in both domestic and foreign venues wherever so directed by the Board.
10. To perform such other functions as may be directed by the Board.

CHAPTER V
INVESTMENT PRIORITIES PLAN

Section 10. **Criteria in determining Investment Priority Areas** – Economic activities must be environmentally, socio-economically, technically, and financially sound after thorough assessment and analysis of the Board. The determination of the preferred areas of investment to be listed in the Investment Priorities Plan shall be based on the following:
a. Long-run comparative advantage
b. Economic soundness
c. Extent of contribution of the activity to a specific development goal
d. Market and technical considerations
e. Value of social objectives
f. Job generation potential of the enterprise
g. Utilization of the available raw materials
h. Other indicators of comparative advantage

Section 11. **Preferred Areas of Investments** - The following shall be adopted as Priority Investment Areas by the Board:
a. Eco-tourism:
- Accommodation facilities
- Nature Parks/Mountain Resorts
- Transportation Services
- Restaurants/Food Outlets
- Other tourism-related services
b. Light Manufacturing:
- Precision assembly
- Semiconductors
- Farm implements
- Furniture/Furnishing
- Garments
- Food Processing
- Gifts & Holiday Decors
- Resource-based manufacturing
c. Industrial Estate Development
d. Agri-business:
- Post-harvest Facilities
- High Value Crop Production
- Feed Mills
- Aquaculture
e. Services:
- Media/Advertising
- Medical services/facilities
- Information & Communications Technology
- Financial Services
- Engineering/Architectural Services
- Training & Sports Facilities
- Development of Indigenous Power Sources
- Human Resource Development

Section 12. **Determination of Additional Investment Areas**. Additional economic activities may be included in the list of priority investment areas by the Board and shall then be adopted for implementation under the Investment Promotion Program of the municipality. The inclusion of investment priority areas shall be based on the following factors:
1. Employment generation
2. High degree of value-added features
3. Creation of linkages with local industries
4. No deleterious effect on the environment
The Board, however, may remove an area or activity from the list when any of the following conditions are present:
1. Sufficient investments in the areas or activity have been attained.
2. Continued extension of incentives or support measures for the specific investment

areas is no longer to the interest of Balangiga or may place the government and the public in adverse position.

3. The investment area or activity cannot attract investors within reasonable time and cost or may result in unfavorable business climate; and

4. Lack of progress in the implementation of an environmental management plan.

Section 13. **Priority Investment Activities**. The following are the priority investment activities which shall be encouraged in each of the priority investment areas:
1. Provision of incentives to existing enterprises
2. Upgrading of existing hotels to standard class or better
3. Construction of new commercial buildings
4. Establishment of agro-processing complexes utilizing locally produced farm products, feed mills utilizing locally produced agricultural inputs, establishment and operation of new industrial estates or new industrial communities for labor intensive or value intensive enterprises;
5. New investments by enterprises made of farmers association(s) or cooperative(s) on the one hand contributing land and other resources and a partner firm on the other contributing technology, managerial expertise, market linkages and capital resulting in the integration and modernization of farm production, processing and marketing.

Section 14. **Appropriate Incentives and Support Measures**. To promote growth of investments in the municipality, particularly in the preferred investment areas, the Board shall review the package of incentives and support measures every three (3) years and recommend for approval of the Sangguniang Bayan the appropriate fiscal and non-fiscal incentives that the local government shall grant to targeted investors and enterprises. Nothing in this Section shall also prevent the Board from reviewing the provisions of this Code and recommend revisions of the same to the Sangguniang Bayan. The Sangguniang Bayan, by itself, may also make such revisions.

CHAPTER VI
REGISTRATION OF ENTERPRISES

Section 15. **Qualifications for New Enterprises/Investors** – New investors who intend to avail of the incentives as provided for in this Code must meet the following qualifications:
a. Must have complied with all the requirements mandated by existing laws, local and national, and the Constitution;
b. The prospective investor's place of operation or production shall be located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Balangiga;
c. Shall be duly registered with the appropriate government agencies such as the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), etc.;

d. The prospective investors must engage in any or combination of activities in the preferred areas of investment as herein declared by the Board;

e. The new enterprise must have a capitalization of not less than Three Million Pesos (Php3,000,000.00) for Filipino proprietorship; and not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for foreign investors with at least 60% Filipino ownership;

f. Shall provide to bonafide residents of the municipality full-time or regular jobs of not less than 20% of job opportunities it generates, otherwise, it shall provide not less than 30% of the contractual job opportunities it generates.

Section 16. **Qualifications for Existing Enterprises** – Any existing enterprise may avail of the incentives under this Code provided that the following qualifications are met:
a. Must have complied with all the requirements mandated under existing laws, local and national, and the Constitution;
b. The intended expansion or diversification must engage in economic activities identified as an investment priority area by the Board;
c. The existing enterprise, whose place of operation or production, is already located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Balangiga, but will undertake any of the following activities/projects:
1. Relocate its principal office from other places in the Philippines to the Municipality of Balangiga;
2. Expand its existing production capacity or construction of new buildings and other civil works for the installation of new machinery and equipment of improvements thereof which will result in an increase in production capacity.
d. The amount of capitalization shall be based on Section 13 (e) as stated in the investor's project study/proposal submitted to and approved by the Board;
e. That the expansion/diversification shall have a project cost of at least Two Million Pesos (Php2,000,000.00) and provide additional employment of not less than five (5) individuals; and
f. The expansion or diversification project will include an environmental management plan.

Section 17. **Registration Requirements** – New or existing investors who intend to avail of the Investment Incentives in this Code shall accomplish the following requirements and file their application with the Board through the Municipal Business Center, to wit:
a. Three (3) copies of duly completed application form to be provided by the Business Center in accordance with the provisions of this Code.
b. A complete copy of the project feasibility study of the proposed investment showing that the project is economically, technically, financially and environmentally feasible and viable.
c. A copy of Articles of Incorporation and By-laws as approved by the Secretaries and Exchange Commission (SEC) or the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) registration papers, as the case may be;
d. A copy of the company's Board Resolution, in case of Corporation, authorizing the person to file the application;
e. List of Directors and other principal officers and their respective nationalities and current addresses, certified by the Corporate Secretary
f. For existing enterprises, a copy of the latest Financial Statement of the applicant firm.

Section 18. **Registration Procedures and Evaluation of Applications** – The Board shall formulate appropriate rules and regulations to facilitate action in applications filed, prescribed criteria for the evaluation of applications with payment of corresponding fees/charges, and devise standard forms for use by the applicants. The Chairman of the Board shall approve all applications processed by the Municipal Business Center.
The following procedure must be observed by the applicant, to wit:
a. The applicant shall file his application with the Municipal Business Center, which shall inform the applicant on the completeness or deficiency of his application within ten (10) working days upon receipt of the application;
b. If applicant does not receive any response within ten (10) working days of filing, it shall be considered complete and must be submitted to the Board within the eleventh (11th) day;
c. In case of deficient applications, the deficiency must be submitted within a period determined by the Municipal Business Center, and the period shall be on a case-to-case basis;
d. The Municipal Business Center may conduct ocular inspection of the proposed project premises, if necessary.
e. The Board shall have twenty (20) working days, reckoned from the receipt of recommendation of the Municipal Business Center, to act/deliberate on the application for registration, otherwise, the application shall be deemed approved. In the event, however, that the Board desires an additional clarificatory/documentary requirement from the applicant, the intervening period by which proponent has to comply with these requirements shall not be counted as part of the 20-working day for the Board to decide on said application;
f. Once approved by the Board, the Municipal Business Center, within five (5) working days, shall inform the applicant in writing and delivers the Certificate of Registration. The Municipal Business Center then informs the Municipal Treasurer and the Municipal Assessor where the business establishment is located, of such approval for their information, guidance, and appropriate action; and
g. In case of disapproval by the Board, the Municipal Business Center shall inform the applicant within five (5) working days of the Board's decision.

Section 19. **Payment of Registration Fees** – All participating members who are granted the incentives/privileges are required to pay an annual registration fee to the Municipal Treasurer in accordance with the rate prescribed below, after which the Board shall issue a Certificate of Registration along with the Certificate of Exemption to the business concerned as member/participant duly stating the incentives and privileges granted under the provision of this Code:

Amount of Investment	Annual Registration Fee (Php)
3,000,000.00 and below	3,000.00
3,000,001.00 – 5,000,000.00	4,500.00
5,000,001.00 – 7,500,000.00	6,000.00
7,500,001.00 – 10,000,000.00	7,500.00
10,000,001.00 – 12,500,000.00	10,000.00
12,500,001.00 – 15,000,000.00	12,500.00
15,000,001.00 and above	15,000.00

Section 20. **Certificate of Registration** – Under this Code, an enterprise is considered registered upon approval of its application by the Board, and as such, is legally entitled to fully avail of any or all of the incentives in this Code.
A registered enterprise under this Code shall be issued a Certificate of Registration to be signed by the Board's Chairman and/or such other Officer of the Board it may empower and designate for the purpose. The Certificate of Registration shall state the following, among others:
a. Name of Registered Enterprise;
b. The Priority Investment Area in which the registered enterprise will engage in; and

c. The other terms and conditions to be observed by virtue of its registration
The Certificate of Registration is not transferrable should there be a change in ownership. The new owner has to apply for registration with the Board in order to enjoy the remaining duration of the incentive period, provided, that it engages in the same activity as indicated in the original Certificate of Registration.

CHAPTER VII
RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED ENTERPRISES

Section 21. Rights and Privileges – All registered enterprises and investors are entitled to the rights and guarantees provided for by law and the Constitution and the privileges provided for by this Code. In addition to such rights and guarantees, the Municipal Government, through the Board, shall:

1. Provide investors with a concise and comprehensive information on the economic priorities of the Municipal Government, including target investment areas and the general conditions applicable to incoming direct private investments;
2. Disseminate to investors and the general public the investment evaluation criteria and registration procedures to enhance transparency in the process of granting government incentives;
3. Take into full account the need of investors for industrial peace, stability, growth and profit in their operations whenever policies affecting investments in the municipality are to be formulated and modified;
4. Not interfere or modify arrangements with the investors after the details of implementation of an investment project have been accepted and approved, and the ownership and management structure of the enterprise have been established, unless the law provided otherwise;
5. Avoid and/or prevent undue distortion of competition between or among enterprises operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality, whether domestic or foreign, when granting any special exemptions or incentives aimed at encouraging investment in the identified target areas; and
6. Resolve all doubts and/or conflicts concerning the benefits, privileges, and incentives granted under this Code or in other local ordinances enacted for the purpose of encouraging investment, in favor of the investors.

CHAPTER VIII
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A REGISTERED ENTERPRISE

Section 22. Duties and Responsibilities of Registered Investors and Enterprises – All registered investors and enterprises must observe the following duties and responsibilities, to wit:

a. Submission of reports and other documents – Every registered enterprise shall submit to the Board the following reports and/or documents within the time herein prescribed:

1. Amended Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Articles of Partnership, or Articles of Cooperation within thirty (30) working days from the date of submission of said amendments with the SEC or CDA;
2. Change of Directors within thirty (30) working days from thereafter;
3. Report on employment of bonafide Balangiga residents within thirty (30) working days from date of registration or from the appointment of their replacement;
4. Quarterly report in the enterprises' business operations, including its production or gross sales or receipts, within thirty (30) working days from end of each quarter;
5. Audited Financial Statements within thirty (30) working days after its submission to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

CHAPTER IX
FISCAL AND NON-FISCAL INCENTIVES

In addition to the incentives provided under Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", and other pertinent laws, a registered enterprise qualified under this Ordinance shall enjoy privileges and incentives stated under this Chapter. An enterprise engaged in two or more lines of business shall be entitled to fiscal incentives for its income derived from investments in priority economic activities and only on those real property owned by the enterprise principally used for its operation in priority investment activities.

The incentives provided herein shall apply to new and existing businesses which establish and start their operations after the approval of this Code shall enjoy the privileges granted by this program for a period as may be determined on the basis of the amount of investments put up by the investors.

Section 23. Fiscal Incentives – All qualified and registered enterprises under this Code shall enjoy the following fiscal incentives from the Municipal Government:

1. For a period of not more than four (4) years starting from the date of approval of their application, a registered enterprise shall be entitled to the following reductions/exemptions in business tax from the gross sales or receipts earned or realized during the preceding calendar year:

Exemptions:		
1st year	-	50% of Gross Sales/Receipts
2nd year	-	30% of Gross Sales/Receipts
3rd Year	-	20% of Gross Sales/Receipts
4th year	-	10% of Gross Sales/Receipts
5th year	-	Taxable in full

2. For a period of three (3) years, a registered enterprise is entitled to exemption from payment of the Municipal Government's forty percent (40%) share under the following schedule share from the basic real property tax from the date the enterprise is registered with the Board.

1st year	– 100% of 40% municipal share
2nd year	– 75% of the 40%
3rd year	– 50% of the 40%
4th year	– payable in full

3. Full exemption from annual payment of Mayor's Permit fees for a period of not more than three (3) years from the date the enterprise was registered with the Board;

4. If applicable, exemption from the annual payment of Amusement Tax (Municipal share only) for a period of three (3) years from the start of commercial operation based on the following schedule:

1st year	-	100% exemption
2nd year	-	75% exemption
3rd year	-	50% exemption

5. Fifty percent (50%) discount from rental rates of Municipal Government owned/controlled and/or operated light and heavy equipment during construction period but not to exceed two (2) years, provided, that the discounted daily rental rate for an eight-hour use per day does not include fuel consumption.

Section 24. Non-Fiscal Incentives – Aside from the fiscal incentives stated in the foregoing section, the following non-fiscal measures are herein provided purposely to assist investors in successfully accomplishing their activities prior to, during, and after the registration of their business:

1. Provide a one-stop documentation for simplified documentation/registration procedures, which shall be facilitated with the assistance from the Municipal Business Center;
2. Assistance in securing license and permits, arranging for
3. the availment of local and national government incentives, identifying business or joint-venture partners, raw material suppliers, possible business sites, and other requirements of prospective investors;
4. Provisions of the following services through the Municipal Business Center:
 - a. Business documentation and registration facilities;
 - b. Internet access;
 - c. Access to business information;
 - d. Business matching;
 - e. Guided industrial tour within Balangiga; and
 - f. Other services that may be authorized by the Board;
5. Assist investors in their site selection and negotiation of right of way.
6. Support industrial peace through reconciliation and mediation efforts of the Municipal Business Center.
7. Such other after care services that may be accorded to investors.
8. Such other non-fiscal measures that may from time to time be promulgated by the Board, subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 25. Termination of the Tax Incentives – The incentives shall be terminated after the prescribed period based on the amount of investment stated under this Code.

Section 26. Non-applicability – The incentives granted under this Ordinance shall not apply to banking, financing, and lending institutions, which are governed by the General Banking Act and under the supervision of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Section 27. Non-transferrable – The incentives and privileges granted to the registered enterprises of the Local Investment Code are non-transferrable, except in the event of death or incapacity of a participating member, where the incentives and privileges transferred to the heirs if the deceased in accordance with law on succession if the applicant is a natural person. Mergers, consolidation, buy-outs, and the like or corporation shall be decided by the Board on a case-to-case basis, provided that when such movements are done to strengthen the corporation and increase the investments, then such movement may be treated as an expanding business.

CHAPTER X
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 28. Appropriations – To defray the expenses necessary for or incidental to the implementation of the provisions of this Code, an initial funding of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php150,000.00) shall be appropriated from the local government's budget. Thereafter, the Municipal Government, through the Sangguniang Bayan, and

based upon the proposed budget presented by the Board, shall annually appropriate for the funding requirements of this Code, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing procedures, rules, and regulations.

Section 29. Monitoring and Evaluation – The Board, its Secretariat, or any duly authorized members thereof, is hereby empowered and authorized to conduct an ocular inspection of the premises or examination of the business activity of any registered enterprise during office hours purposely to verify or ascertain the investors' enterprises' strict compliance with the provisions of this Code, or when the Board or the Municipal Business Center deems it necessary or incidental to the effective exercise and performance of their respective functions and powers to ensure that the objectives of the projects are accomplished.

Section 30. Confidentiality of Application – All applications and their supporting documents under this Code shall not be disclosed to any person except with a written consent of the applicant or upon order of any court of competent jurisdiction. The Board, however, may disclose the details of the application for evaluation purposes.

CHAPTER XI
FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 31. Penal Clause – Any violation of the Code shall be a ground for the cancellation or revocation of the Certificate of Registration of the project/business. The cancellation or revocation of the Certificate of Registration shall mean the withdrawal of all the incentives granted under the Code; and all fees and charges previously exempted shall become due and demandable.

Grounds for withdrawal of privileges and cancellation/revocation of the registration of business:

1. Violation of the provisions of the Code and such other violation of laws, rules, and regulations or ordinances;
2. Violation of the terms and conditions specified in the Certificate of Registration;
3. Material Misrepresentation;

Section 32. Appeals – Appeal from the Decision of the Board – The applicant or business enterprise adversely affected by any decision of the Board relative to its cancellation/revocation of a registration or the impositions of fines/penalties in accordance with this Code may file a motion for reconsideration within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the decision, otherwise the decision shall become final and executory.


Section 33. Penalties – In case of the cancellation of the Certificate of Registration, the Board shall require the payment of incentives availed of by the enterprise within the current year.

Section 34. Separability Clause – If for any reason, any portion or provision, section or part of this Code is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revoked by the Sanggunian, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining portions, provisions, sections, or parts thereof which shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 35. Repealing Clause – All ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent with any provision of this Code shall be considered repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 36. Effectivity – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.
ENACTED: August 3, 2020

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


MA. AIDA ABDELLIA C. ELABA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


Hon. SAMUEL A. ENCISO
Presiding Officer/Vice Mayor


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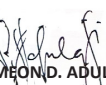
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
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2020 AT NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

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ABSENT: NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-009
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2018-02 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

Introduced by: Hon. Victorio E. Inciso, Jr.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10601, otherwise known as the "Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanism Law" was enacted into law on June 5, 2013;

WHEREAS, Section 19 of RA No. 10601 mandates all owners of agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment to register their agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment with the agricultural offices of municipal and city government units;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19 of RA No. 10601, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Joint Memorandum

Circular No. 2018-02 dated August 2, 2018 providing for the national guidelines on the registration of ownership of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment at the city and municipal local government units;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Joint Memorandum Circular is to establish ownership and to create a national database of machinery and equipment for planning and monitoring purposes, in accordance with Republic Act No. 10601;

WHEREAS, the registration of the agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment in the Municipality of Balangiga would ensure the quality and safety of agri-fisheries machinery and equipment as well as rational planning and programming of government investments and resources;

WHEREAS, the DA, DBM, DILG, and CSC, pursuant to Section 19 of RA No. 10601 issue Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2018-02, Series of 2020 mandating all LGUs to strengthen or create their Provincial, City and Municipal Agricultural Engineering Groups, separate from that of the MAO to undertake, among others the registration of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be referred as the MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT in the Municipality of Balangiga.

SECTION 2. SCOPE/COVERAGE. The ordinance shall cover a one-time registration of both new and currently used agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment by any individual-owner, registered farmer-cooperatives and farmer-associations, - and private entities, which are registered by SEC, DTI, DOLE, or CDA. The said agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment are used for crop, livestock and fishery production, harvesting, processing, storage, manufacture, preserving, transporting and distribution, research, extension and instruction which include, but are not limited to the list of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment enumerated in annex A. Furthermore, agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment owned and operated by government entities are likewise covered by this registration.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purpose of this Ordinance, following terminologies are used and defined as follows:

a) **Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery** – refers to machinery and equipment for the production, harvesting, processing, storage, manufacture, preserving, transporting and distribution of agricultural and fisheries products. These include, but not limited to, tractors and their attachments, power tillers, seeders, transplanters, windmills, harvesting machines, crop protection and maintenance equipment, irrigation equipment and accessories, greenhouse and other thermal equipment, livestock equipment, fishery equipment, slaughtering equipment, meat/fishery and crop processing equipment, post-harvest machines such as milling machines, dryers, threshers, grain and other strippers, agricultural transport machinery and storage facilities including cold storage, reefer vans, slaughter houses and fishing boats of three (3) gross tons or less. New agricultural and fishery machinery includes newly imported as well as one that has not been used since its date of manufacture.

b) **Processing Complexes** – integrated system of equipment and facilities for processing of agricultural and fisheries products.

SECTION 4. REGISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT – The Municipal Agricultural Office (MAO) shall maintain and update a registry of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment. This function shall be transferred to and assumed by the Municipal Agricultural Biosystem Engineering Office/ Division the moment it will be created and fully operational pursuant to Section 29 of RA NO. 10601 and Joint Memorandum Circular No. 02 Series of 2020, otherwise known as the "Implementing Guidelines on the Strengthening and Establishing of the Agricultural and Biosystem Engineering Groups of the Local Government Units".

The MAO shall have: 1) trained Agricultural and Biosystem Engineer/s (ABE) to undertake he registration, and if in case it does not have shall hire at least one ABE; 2) One QR printer.

In the absence of an ABE, the Municipal Agriculturist shall facilitate and lead the registration of the agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment.

The list of the new agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment with complete information shall be uploaded monthly to the server of the Philippine Center for Post-Harvest Development and Mechanization-Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization and Engineering Resource Network (PhilMech-AFMechERN). Likewise, this shall be submitted by the MAO quarterly to the Agricultural Engineering Division of the Provincial Agricultural Office (PAO) for consolidation. The consolidated report shall be endorsed to the Department of Agriculture- Regional Agricultural Engineering Division (RAED) copy furnished the Barangay Offices.

Section 6. REGISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY REGISTERED BY OTHER CONCERNED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES – The registration of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment presently being undertaken by concerned government agencies, such as by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) for fishing boats; Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) on oil mills and other concerned national government agencies shall be included in the registry of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment of the municipality.

SECTION 7. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION (CAFMER) - The owner/user of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment shall submit to the Agricultural Engineering Division of MAO the following documents.

- a) Certificate of Location/Address of the owner of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery/ Equipment from the Barangay Office.
- b) Duly accomplished prescribed Registration Application Form as per Annex B; and

- c) Any evidence of acquisition/ownership of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment such as: Delivery Receipt (DR), Sales Invoice (SI), Official Receipt (OR) or Deed of Donations, Memorandum of Agreement (MAO) or Memorandum of Understanding (MAU). In cases that these documents are not available, the barangay office where the owner resides shall execute an affidavit attesting to the lawful ownership of the machinery or equipment.

The Agricultural Engineering Division/ABE of MAO shall verify and evaluate the submitted documents. Upon finding that the owner of the machinery/equipment has complied with all the documentary requirements and has paid the registration fee, the MAO shall process and recommend the issuance of CAFMER (Annex C) for approval of the Municipal Mayor or his duly representatives.

The registration sticker shall be issued by the MAO after the application form has been approved. The MAO shall keep a copy of the approved CAFMER and ensure that the registration is uploaded to the PhilMech-AFMechERN.

The data of the registered agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment will be linked to the PhilMech-AFMechERN server upon registration.

SECTION 8. PROCEDURE IN CASE OF AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION (CAFMER). The Office of the Municipal Mayor shall issue a Certificate of Clearance and an amended CAFMER in the following instances:

- a) Transfer of ownership of the agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment - The documents stated in the preceding section, the original CAFMER and Certificate of Clearance shall be required in the application for an amended CAFMER; and
- b) Transfer of Location to another Municipality – a new registration form shall be secured which shall be approved by the city where the owner has transferred.

The Office of the Municipal Mayor shall issue a Certificate of Clearance to the owner for submission to the municipality where the owner has transferred within 30 days. The portion in the application form which states "For Deletion/Cancellation of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery and Equipment Registration" should be filled up.

The MAO or the municipality of origin shall delete the agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment in the list of registration of such machinery and equipment in the municipality. Likewise, the machinery owners shall report to the MAO on any non-serviceable machinery and equipment so that these can be deleted from the registries of MAO. The issuance of the amended CAFMER will require the owner to undergo another registration process. Thus, the owner will pay the registration fee as provided for this Ordinance.

The event that such machinery and equipment are involved in any criminal or civil case regarding question of ownership as reported by the Barangay Officials, no Certificates or Clearances shall be issued by the MAO.

SECTION 9. REGISTRATION FEE – the registration fee of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment shall be Seven Hundred Pesos (Php700) inclusive of the cost of the registration plate to be issued by the MAO to the owner.

The agricultural and fishery machineries and equipment owned by cooperatives duly registered under R.A. No. 6938 (Cooperative Code of the Philippines) shall exempted from payment of registration fees pursuant to Section 133 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines.

SECTION 10. INCENTIVES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Registration may be used in the availment of government incentives/subsidies;
- b. Registered machinery may be used as loan collateral;
- c. Registration will facilitate the location of lost agricultural and fisheries machinery units;

d. Availment of Common Service Facilities (CSF) services in the city;
e. Owners of registered machinery shall be prioritized in post disaster relief assistance of the National Government; and
f. Provision of insurance (e.g. Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture) for registered agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment.

The MAO shall coordinate with the Philippines Crop Insurance (PCIC) for the most appropriate insurance package for agricultural and fisheries implements, in reference to the Registry System of Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) of the DA-ICTS.

SECTION 11. PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN – The MAO in collaboration with the Municipal Information Office and Barangay Councils shall undertake information campaign on the implementation of the registration of ownership of agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment;

SECTION 12. FUNDING. Funding for the implementation of the registration of agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment which include the hiring of ABEs, subject to availability of LGU funds; purchase of registration equipment (QR Printer, etc.) and other activities on the registration of ownership of agricultural and fishery machinery and equipment shall be incorporated in the annual work and financial plan of the Municipality Government of Balangiga.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing ordinances, rules and regulations, as well as orders inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. SEPRABILITY CLAUSE. Should any of these clauses or parts of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other remaining portions not so declared shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED: August 24, 2020

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

Hon. SAMUEL A. ENCISO
Presiding Officer/Vice Mayor

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

PRESENT:

HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO	-	Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
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ABSENT: NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-010
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MUNICIPAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MESU) AND DIRECTING ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO REPORT ALL NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND OTHER IMPORTANT HEALTH DATA, NECESSARY IN THE PRIORITIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALANGIGA, AND CLARIFYING THE MANDATE, FUNCTIONS, MANPOWER AND LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH UNIT.

Introduced by: Hon. Evangeline D. Congzon.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Balangiga is committed to the national mission of providing quality, equitable and accessible health services for all as a fundamental human right of every person;
WHEREAS, as provided in Section VI-C.4 of Administrative Order No. 2010-0036, health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of the Aquino Health Agenda (AHA) shall be attained by ensuring public health measures to prevent and control communicable diseases, adequate surveillance and preparedness for emerging and re-emerging diseases;
WHEREAS, also provided in the abovementioned Administrative Order, particularly Section V. 1, the Department of Health shall engage local health systems (provinces and their component LGUs, cities, private and public health care providers, local partners, and families) through the formation of regional clusters based on their catchment areas as also supported by Section VII-C.4 which states that "Local Government Units are encouraged to organize Community Health Teams and Service Delivery Networks in partnership with the private sector/s for effective delivery of health service packages,

and whenever appropriate, contract private providers to supplement available services or provide other services that cannot be delivered by existing public providers";
WHEREAS, Resolution 48.13 (1995) of World Health Assembly (WHA) urges Member States to strengthen active surveillance, improve infectious disease diagnostic capacity, enhance communications, encourage antimicrobial sensitivity testing, foster rational antimicrobial practices, increase skilled staff in efforts, promote applied research and accurate and time reporting;
WHEREAS, Article 5-1 (Surveillance) of international Health Regulations (IHR) of 2005 urges Members States to develop, strengthen and maintain as soon as possible but no later than five years from the entry into forces of these Regulations, the capacity to detect, assess, notify and report events in accordance with these regulations;
WHEREAS, Republic Act 3573 (Law on Reporting of Communicable Disease-an Act Providing for the Prevention and Suppression of Dangerous Communicable Disease, November 26, 1929) requires all individual and health to report notifiable diseases to local and national health authorities;
WHEREAS, under Administrative Order No. 2005-0023 (Implementing Guidelines for Formula One for Health as Framework for Health Reforms) states that "Disease Surveillance shall be intensified to ensure that the target for disease elimination, prevention and control are attained;
WHEREAS, under Administrative Order No. 2007-0036 (Guidelines on the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) Framework) provides a framework for PIDSR to guide its implementation at all levels of the health care delivery system as well as both the public and private sectors;
WHEREAS, Republic Act 10121 (Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010) stipulates the different measures that the national, regional, local government need to plan and implement in preparation for and response to an emergency and disaster, Section 9 (d) to develop and ensure the implementation of national standards in carrying out disaster risk reduction programs including preparedness, mitigation, prevention, response and rehabilitation works from data collection and analysis, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. Section 9 (k) ensures that government agencies and LGUs give top priority and take adequate and appropriate measures in disaster risk reduction and management. The organization at the Local Government Level, Section 11 states that the existing Provincial, City and Municipal Disaster Coordinating Councils, and for the Barangay Development Councils which shall serve as the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRMCC);
WHEREAS, the Municipal Health Office had different tasks on Surveillance in Post Extreme Emergencies and Disaster (SPEED) manual and Hazard Prevention and Vulnerability Reduction Plan in Health and Health Hazards of the Health Emergency and Management System (HEMS);
WHEREAS, diseases surveillance is a critical component of public health systems, providing essential information for the optimal health care delivery and cost-effective disease control and prevention strategy;
WHEREAS, timely reporting of vital health information will help the policy makers to formulate strategy for appropriate interventions or actions to address health problem;
WHEREAS, a functional health or disease surveillance system is useful for priority setting, planning resource mobilization and allocation, prediction an early detection of epidemics and monitoring and evaluation of health program,
WHEREAS, Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU) should provide "total quality" epidemiologic services and these e services related to health information systems, outbreak investigations and control, health status assessment, program monitoring and ion, and health education/ training;
WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan believes that an effective disease control and prevention can be realized with a functional disease and surveillance system;
NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Evangeline D. Congzon duly seconded by the august body.
Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Balangiga in session assembled, that:
SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance directing all stakeholders to report all notifiable diseases and other important health data necessary in prioritizing and implementation of health programs and projects in the municipality shall be known as the "MUNICIPALITY OF BALANGIGA EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT or MESU ORDINANCE"
SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:
a. Epidemiology — refers to the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of the health problems;
b. MESU — refers to the Municipality Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit;
c. Notifiable Disease — refers to disease that, by virtue of Administrative Order No. 2008-0009, must be reported to the public health authority in the pertinent jurisdiction where the diagnosis is made. Such is categorized into two according to the urgency of reporting namely:
c. 1. Immediately Notifiable Disease/Syndrome, Events and Conditions (Category I):

Name of Diseases/ Syndrome	ICDIO Code
1. Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) syndrome	
2. Adverse Event Following Immunization (AEFI) syndrome	
3. Anthrax	A22
4. Human Avian Influenza	J10
5. Measles	B05
6. Meningococcal Disease	A39
7. Neonatal Tetanus	A33
8. Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning	T61.2
9. Rabies	A82
10. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome	U04.9
11. Outbreaks	
12. Cluster of Diseases	
13. Unusual Diseases or Threats	
c.2. Weekly Notifiable Disease/Syndrome (Category II)	

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Name of Diseases/ Syndrome	ICDIO Code
1. Acute Bloody Diarrhea syndrome	
2. Acute Encephalitis syndrome	
3. Acute Hemorrhagic fever syndrome	
4. Acute Viral Hepatitis	B15-B17
5. Bacterial Meningitis	A87
6. Cholera	A00
7. Dengue	A90-A91
8. Diphtheria	A36
9. Influenza-like Illness	J11
10. Leptospirosis	A27
11. Malaria	B50-B54
12. Non-Neonatal Tetanus	A35
13. Pertussis	A37
14. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	A01

a. Disaster — a serious disruption of the functioning of a society causing widespread human, material or environmental losses, which exceed the ability of the affected society to cope using only its own resources;
b. Emergency — any occurrence which requires immediate response;
c. Hazards — any phenomenon which has the potential to cause disruption or damage to human and the environment; and
d. Stakeholders — refer to health facilities such as hospitals, lying-in clinics, infirmaries, medical/surgical clinics, health centers, laboratories and all medical and nonmedical entities such as medical doctors, nurses, midwives, allied medical professionals and barangay health workers.
SECTION 3. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. All health facilities, such as Barangay Health Stations/Municipal Health Offices, private/ government hospitals, lying-in clinics, infirmaries, medical/surgical clinics, health centers, laboratories and all medical and nonmedical entities such as medical doctors, nurses, midwives, allied professionals and barangay health workers are hereby mandated to report all attended cases listed in Section 7 of this Ordinance either directly to the MESU or through their respective hospital, municipal or barangay surveillance coordinators.
SECTION 4. THE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE UNIT. The Health Surveillance Unit of the Municipality of Balangiga shall be called the Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU).
SECTION 5. COMPOSITION. The Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU) shall be composed of the following:
a. Team Leader - Municipal Health Officer
b. Municipal Epidemiology Surveillance Officer - PHN
c. Health Education Promotion Officer - Nurse I, MedTech.
d. Municipal Epidemiology Nurse - Nurse I
e. Municipal Epidemiology Clerk/Encoder - NHA
f. Disease Surveillance Coordinator - Nurse
g. Barangay Disease Surveillance Coordinator - AMDMH Nurse
- One (1) from every Barangay
h. Others, Disease Surveillance Coordinator (in every Private Clinic).
SECTION 6. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU) shall be responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating reliable and timely information on health status, investigate disease outbreaks and other threats to public health
It shall develop and maintain surveillance and other health information system that generates accurate reliable and timely information for decision making
It shall establish network with sentinel hospitals, clinics and other surveillance units and shall support the surveillance activities and programs of the Provincial, Regional and National Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit.
The Municipal Epidemiology Surveillance Officer (Nurse II) shall:
1. Coordinate with hospitals, clinics and Barangay Disease Coordinators for the systematic and timely reporting of reportable diseases and other relevant health data,
2. Review pertinent hospital records and laboratory tests, verifying diagnosis bases on standard case definition and interview patients for more specific information that is deemed necessary in controlling possible outbreak,
3. Develop, maintain and evaluate public health surveillance systems in coordination with other LGUs, Government and Nongovernment Agencies and Regional or Central Health Agencies,
4. Train or educate health personnel in epidemiologic methods including data collection, analysis and presentation,
5. Collect, process, analyze and disseminate information on vital health statistics and

programs,
6. Develop training materials and information packages on Epidemiology and Public Health, and
7. Collect, update and maintain reference materials on Epidemiology and Public Health;
The Health Education Promotion Officer (Nurse II) shall:
1. Assess needs, assets and capacity for Health Education,
2. Plan Health Education,
3. Implement Health Education,
4. Conduct evaluation and research related to Health Education,
5. Administer and manage Health Education,
6. Serve as a Health Education Resource Person, and
7. Communicate and advocate for Health and Health Education;
The Municipal Epidemiology Nurse shall:
1. Implement Public Health Surveillance,
2. Monitor local health personnel conducting disease surveillance,
3. Conduct and/or assist other health personnel in outbreak investigation,
4. Assist in the conduct of rapid surveys and surveillances during disasters,
5. Assist in the conduct of surveys, program evaluations, and other epidemiologic studies,
6. Assist in the conduct of training courses in Epidemiology,
7. Assist the Municipal Epidemiologist in preparing the annual work and financial plan for the MESU, and
8. Be responsible for inventory and maintenance of MESU equipment;
The Municipal Epidemiology Clerk shall:
1. Process voucher and other papers,
2. File reports and correspondences,
3. Assists in the conduct of training courses in Epidemiology,
4. Assists in conducting diseases surveillances, outbreak investigations and surveys, and
5. Be responsible for inventory and maintenance of MESU supplies and materials.
The Encoder shall be responsible for data entry and generate computer outputs of all reportable data for easy analysis of the end users.
The Provincial Hospital, Private Clinics and Barangay Surveillance Coordinators shall be responsible for active case finding and investigation of all reportable cases and other health information in hospital and community respectively. They shall be responsible for the accomplishment and submission of surveillance forms to the MESU at the Municipal Health Office.
The assistant officers and coordinators shall help their respective health officer or coordinator in performing their respective tasks and shall act as the alternate whenever necessary.
SECTION 7. THE MUNICIPAL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE UNIT (MESU) WILL BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING LEGAL ISSUANCE/S:
1. Republic Act 3573 (Law on Reporting of Communicable Disease) requires all individuals and health facilities to report notifiable diseases to local and national authorities;
2. Administrative Order No. 2010-0036 (Implementing Guidelines for the Aquino Health Agenda (AHA) as framework of Unified Health Care, Section VI-C.4) states that health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of the Aquino Health Agenda (AHA) shall be attained by ensuring public health measures to prevent and control communicable diseases, adequate surveillance and preparedness for emerging and reemerging diseases;
3. Administrative Order No. 2005-0023 (Implementing Guidelines for Formula One for Health as framework for Health Reforms) states that "Disease surveillance shall be intensified to ensure that the targets for disease elimination, prevention and control are attained"; and
4. Administrative Order No. 2007-0036 (Guidelines on the Philippine Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (PIDSR) Framework). This Administrative Order provides the framework for PIDSR to guide its implementation at all levels of the health care delivery system as well as both the public and private sectors.
SECTION 8. REPORTABLE HEALTH DATA. The following health data shall be reported to the Municipal Health Office through the Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU).
1. All notifiable diseases as listed in the Administrative Order No. 20080009 — Adopting the 2008 Revised List of Notifiable Diseases, Syndromes, Health Related Events and Conditions;
2. Deaths and cause of death;
3. Birth deliveries attended in the community and birthing facilities;
4. Immunizations given at birth;
5. Newborn screening done at health facilities;
6. Birth defects seen at the community and health facilities; and
7. Other health data which may be prescribed by the Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU), Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (PESU), Regional Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (RESU) or National Epidemiology Center – Department of Health (NEC-DOH).
SECTION 9. GUIDELINES IN REPORTING. The time frame for reporting health data to the Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) shall be the following:
1. Notifiable disease shall be reported based on the guidelines set by Administrative Order No. 2008-0009- Adopting the 2008 Revised List of Notifiable Disease, Syndromes, Health Related Events and Conditions;
2. Death must be reported by relatives or attending medical or nonmedical personnel within 48 hours or within 72 hours if death occurs on a Friday. If the cause of death however is due to a suspected communicable disease or a medico legal case, it should be reported as soon as possible within 24 hours;
3. Birth attended at birthing facilities shall be reported on a monthly basis. Birth attended at home or in the community however, shall be reported by traditional birth attendant, midwife, nurse, doctor or relative to the Barangay Surveillance Coordinator or to the nearest Health Center as soon as possible or within 48 hours after birth or within 72 hours if birth occurs on a Friday;
4. Immunization and newborn screening done at health facilities shall be reported on a monthly basis; and
5. Birth defects seen at birthing facilities or in the community must be reported as soon as possible to the MESU or to the nearest health center.
SECTION 10. MANPOWER. The Municipal Epidemiology Surveillance Officer (Nurse II), Health Education Promotion Officer (Nurse II), Municipal Epidemiology Nurse, Municipal Epidemiology Clerk and Encoder shall be initially designated by the Municipal Health Officer and will be coming from the regular personnel of the health office. The Municipal Government of Balangiga must allocate funds to a dedicated Municipal Epidemiology Surveillance Officer (Nurse II) preferably with training on Basic Epidemiology and Public Health Surveillance, Electronic PIDSR (ePIDSR); Municipal Nurse Epidemiologist with training on Basic Epidemiology and Public Health Surveillance, ePIDSR; Municipal Clerk Epidemiologist with training on Basic Epidemiology and Public Health Surveillance, ePIDSR; and Encoder for the Municipal Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (MESU).
All health facilities such as hospitals, infirmaries and birthing facilities shall designate the Health/Disease Surveillance Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators who shall become members of Balangiga MESU.
All Barangay Chairperson shall designate the Barangay Health Disease Surveillance Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators and shall likewise become part of Balangiga MESU.
SECTION 11. AUTHORITY TO REVIEW HEALTH RECORDS. The Municipal Epidemiology Surveillance Officer or his/her authorized representative, upon written recommendation or order of the Municipal Health Officer shall be authorized to review the chart or medical and laboratory records of patients suspected/confirmed to have communicable disease or cases with potential or impact on the health status of the people of the Municipality of Balangiga. Records review however, shall be treated utmost confidentiality and shall never be used other than that for disease or health surveillance or investigation.
SECTION 12. LOGISTICS. In order for the MESU staff to function efficiently and effectively, the unit should be provided with the following:
1. An officer equipped with:
a. Computer and Printer with access to internet,
b. Phone and fax machine,
c. Cellular phone/handheld radio or some mobile communication system, and
d. Refrigerator with freezer for storage of specimen;
2. With regular access to the following:
a. Reproduction equipment (e.g. photocopier, mimeograph, duplo machine),
b. Documentation equipment (e.g. digital camera, tape recorder, typewriter), and
c. Presentation equipment (e.g. laptop computer, LCD projector);
3. Office and laboratory supplies and materials; and
4. Vehicle with assigned driver.
SECTION 13. CAPABILITY TRAINING OF MESU STAFF. In order to upgrade their capabilities, MESU staff should be allowed to attend appropriate training courses and participate in the Annual/Zona1 Field Epidemiology Training Program Scientific Conference and upgrading seminars, provided that their attendance in such courses does not disrupt the delivery of vital health services.
SECTION 14. PENAL PROVISIONS. The following administrative sanctions shall be imposed upon individuals or institutions or facilities found to have violated the provision of this Ordinance:
1. Against Public Employees. In accordance with the Administrative Code and Pertinent Civil Service Rules and Regulations, erring government employees found to be liable and depending on the gravity of the violation shall be imposed the appropriate penalty by the disciplining authority:

First Offense	Reprimand
Second Offense	Suspension for One (1) to Thirty (30) days, and
Third Offense	Dismissal from office;

2. Against private individuals, health institutions/ facilities. Persons/institutions/facilities who violate this Ordinance and/or its Implementing Rules and Regulations shall upon conviction be punished with the penalty of:

First Offense	Fine of Php 1,000.00,
Second Offense	Fine of Php 1,500.00, and
Third Offense	Fine of Php 2,500.00 and recommendation for suspension of Business Permit, Health and Sanitation Permit or Occupational Mayor's Permit

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION. The Municipal Health Office shall submit a work and financial plan for the MESU. The Municipal Government of Balangiga shall appropriate a budget for the effective implementation of the proposed work and financial plan from appropriation funding sources.
SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY AND REPEALING CLAUSE. In the event that any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or void, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby. All other ordinances, resolutions and pertinent rules and regulations which are inconsistent with provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified.
SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect 15 days upon approval of the Sangguniang Bayan and after compliance with the posting/publication requirements

as provided in the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA7160).

ENACTED: September 23, 2020

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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PRESENT: HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO - Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
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HON. MARK CHRISTIAN BANTAY - SK Fed. President/ Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT: HON. PROCESO D. GAYDA - SB Member (On Leave)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-001
Series of 2020

ORDINANCE IMPOSING FEE FOR THE USE OF KAYAKING EQUIPMENT, AN ADDENDUM TO ARTICLE G. SECTION 56.01 OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 7 SERIES OF 2016 OR THE LOCAL REVENUE CODE OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

Sponsored by: Hon. Richel A. Gacho

Section 1. RATIONALE. The influx of tourists during the last couple of years in the municipality of Balangiga has been overwhelming, hence, the local government unit's efforts towards tourism development. One of the new tourist attractions being promoted by the LGU and is deemed income-generating is kayaking along the Balangiga Sea-water and River. It is then imperative that certain modification in the existing legislation be made.

Section 2. ADDENDUM. The following item shall be added to Article G, Section 56.01:

t. Kayaking Equipment - ₱100.00 per hour or fraction thereof

Section 3. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulation, or part thereof, whose provisions are inconsistent or in conflict or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

Section 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

DANILOA DARANG

OIC – Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. RANDY D. GRAZA
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Approved on: _____

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SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member

NEGATIVE: (0)
ABSENT: (1)

HON. PROCESO D. GAYDA
SB MEMBER
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ABSENT: NONE

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-004
Series of 2020

IMPOSING STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF A 10:00 PM TO 5:00 AM CURFEW ON ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR DURING THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PERIOD.

Sponsored by: HON. FLORO P. SALAZAR
Committee on Disaster and Risk Reduction Management

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them; **WHEREAS** Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare; **WHEREAS** on May 22, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) issued the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS LGUs are enjoined to enact the necessary ordinances to enforce curfew in jurisdictions placed under MGCQ to penalize, in a fair and humane manner, violations of the restrictions on the movement of people as provided under the Omnibus Guidelines; **WHEREAS**, said guidelines shall be applied to all regions, provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays placed under community quarantine; **WHEREAS**, there is a need to enact an ordinance enforcing strict curfew on the residents and visitors of Balangiga;

NOW, THEREFORE, in session duly assembled, the Sangguniang Bayan of Balangiga enacts:

ARTICLE I
Title

Section 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "COVID-19 CURFEW ORDINANCE OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR".

ARTICLE II
Purposes

Section 2. To enforce strict implementation of curfew hours among the residents and visitors of Balangiga in order to prevent, curtail, and eliminate the spread of COVID-19 among the people and most vulnerable age groups.

Section 3. To ensure the safety of the people during the implementation of Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) in the municipality.

ARTICLE III
Scope and Coverage

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of Balangiga, Eastern Samar during the implementation of the MGCQ.

Section 5. This shall likewise cover all residents and visitors of Balangiga.

ARTICLE IV
Definition of Terms

Section 6. Definition of Terms – When used in this ordinance, the following shall be defined as follows:

1. Curfew – a regulation enjoining the withdrawal of specified persons from the streets at a stated hour
2. Modified General Community Quarantine – refers to the transition phase between GCQ and New Normal, when the following temporary measures are relaxed and become less necessary; limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.

ARTICLE V
Rules and Regulations

1. Curfew is hereby declared and imposed on all residents and visitors of Balangiga from **10:00 PM to 5:00 AM** while the municipality is under the Modified General Community Quarantine subject to the following exemptions:

a. In cases of emergency;
b. Purchase of food and essential basic necessities and prime commodities;
c. Work related travels (front liners, fisher folks, farmers, etc.)
d. All health personnel and front liners in the municipality;
e. Travelers who arrive in and depart from the municipality within curfew hours; provided proper documents are presented to the authorities.

ARTICLE VI
Implementing Authority

Section 7. The Philippine National Police, Barangay Tanods, and Barangay Officials shall implement this ordinance.

ARTICLE VII
Penalty Clause

Section 8. Those found guilty of violations shall be penalized with an imposition of the following:

a. 1st Offense - shall be required to stay home, and if there is refusal to cooperate, shall be taken into custody by the apprehending authority and be brought to the Municipal Police Station and shall be released only after the curfew hour at 5:00 AM in the morning has expired;
b. 2nd Offense - shall be imposed an administrative fine of Php500.00
c. 3rd and any subsequent offense - an administrative fine of Php2,500 and/or imprisonment of not less than five (5) days or both fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court.
d. Any minor who violates this ordinance shall be required to go and stay home.

ARTICLE VIII
Separability Clause

Section 9. In the event that any section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining provision or sections not declared so shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE IX
Repealing Clause

Section 10. All ordinances, rules, and regulations, or part thereof, whose provisions are inconsistent or in conflict or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, is hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

ARTICLE X
Effectivity Clause

Section 11. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.
ENACTED: August 3, 2020

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MA. AIDA ADELLIA C. ELABA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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NEGATIVE: (0)
ABSENT: (0)



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2020 AT 3:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

PRESENT: HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO - Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
HON. NESTOR A. ALVARINA - SB Member
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HON. MARK CHRISTIAN BANTAY - SK Fed. President/ Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT: NONE

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-007
Series of 2020

TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING THE ENTRY OF NON-RESIDENT AMBULANT VENDORS AND PEDDLERS TO BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR WHILE THERE IS STILL ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES IN THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR.

Sponsored by: HON. VICTORIO E. INCISO, JR.

WHEREAS, the problem on non-resident ambulant vendors and peddlers has always been a problem in Balangiga, what with the presence of these peddlers in public places of the town proper and the surrounding barangays;

WHEREAS, the Local Revenue Code of the municipality mandates that peddlers and ambulant vendors shall occupy vacant spaces in the market premises upon payment of a fee;

WHEREAS, non-resident ambulant vendors and peddlers still continue to conduct their business as usual despite the presence of the COVID-19 disease in the region and the whole country, notwithstanding, the rising number of cases in the province;

WHEREAS, this has become a safety concern because of the existence of the COVID-19 pandemic in the whole country and the rest of the whole world;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing and undeniable need to institute preventive measures and strict health protocols of the Municipal Government of Balangiga in order to provide its constituents with protection and a peace of mind in these dangerous times; **NOW, THEREFORE**, on session duly assembled;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Balangiga, to enact:

Section 1. TITLE. This shall be known as "ANTI-NON-RESIDENT PEDDLING ORDINANCE IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR";

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. When used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a. **AMBULANT VENDOR** – any person engaged in selling, offering for sale, or distribute food, dry goods, and other items while moving about from one place to another.
b. **BLGU** – Barangay Local Government Unit
c. **COVID-19** – is a disease caused bby a new strain of coronavirus; Corona Virus Disease 2019

Section 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

a. Non-resident ambulant vendors and peddlers shall not be allowed to enter the Municipality of Balangiga to peddle, rove, and sell their products to the residents.

b. Said vendors and peddlers shall be allowed to go through the checkpoint only if they are passing through the town proper.

c. There shall be a one-entry/one-exit checkpoint policy that the Balangiga Municipal Police Station (MPS) will enforce on a twelve-hour (12hr) shift, specifically, in front of the Municipal Police Station; and in front of San Miguel Elementary School, Barangay San Miguel, this municipality;

d. There shall be established a checkpoint by every BLGU on all barangay roads along the national highway;

e. The checkpoints are intended to stop and prevent non-resident ambulant vendors and peddlers to peddle or sell their items in the municipality.

f. These prohibition and checkpoint are applicable and for strict enforcement while there is still active cases of COVID-19 in the Eastern Samar Province.

Section 4. PENALTIES. Any violation of the provision of this Ordinance shall be meted with the following penalties:

a. First Offense - Php500.00
b. Second Offense - Php1,500.00
c. Third Offense - Php2,500.00 and imprisonment upon discretion of the court

Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations contrary to the above provisions are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

ENACTED: August 20, 2020.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MA. AIDA ADELLIA C. ELABA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

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SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member

NEGATIVE: (0)

ABSENT: (0)



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON AUGUST 24, 2020 AT 9:00 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

PRESENT:	HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO	-	Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
	HON. NESTOR A. ALVARINA	-	SB Member
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	HON. MARK CHRISTIAN BANTAY	-	SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member
ABSENT:	NONE		

SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-008

Series of 2020

ORDINANCE WAIVING THE PENALTIES OF THE MONTHLY MARKET STALL RENTAL FEES FOR THE PERIOD COVERING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020 IN BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR.

Explanatory Note

With the declaration of the state of public health emergency by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte thru Proclamation No. 922 dated March 8, 2020, the Provincial Government of Eastern Samar under Governor Ben P. Evardone approved E.O. No. BPE 03-015 placing the whole province under a General Community Quarantine in compliance with the National IATF Guidelines. Further, that a subsequent measure was adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Eastern Samar extending the deadline of payments for all payable due for the 1st quarter until June 30, 2020. With the COVID-19 pandemic at hand, there is a need to come up with measures that will ease the financial woes of local businesses as they experience reduced income and fluctuating gains during this pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Simeon D. Adula, Jr., duly seconded and unanimously approved by the body in session assembled, be it enacted:

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “MARKET STALL RENTAL PENALTY WAIVER OF BALANGIGA, EASTERN SAMAR 2020”;

Section 2. SCOPE. This ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Balangiga and shall cover all existing market stall occupants of the Municipal Public Market;

Section 3. LEGAL BASES. The following are considered as legal bases of this ordinance:

1. Proclamation No. 922

2. Executive Order No. BPE 03-015

3. Provincial Ordinance No. 02 Series of 2020

Section 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. All penalties in the payment of the monthly market stall rental fee shall be waived by the Municipal Government of Balangiga.

2. Said waiver of penalties shall apply to the market stall rental fees covering the period from January to December, 2020.

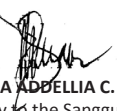
3. The monthly market stall rental fee shall continue to be due and demandable every end of each quarter.

Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders, implementing rules and regulations contrary to the above provisions are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval.


ENACTED: August 24, 2020

CERTIFIED CORRECT:




MA. AIDA ADELLIA C. ELABA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:



HON. SAMUEL A. ENCISO
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer


APPROVED:




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HON. MARK CHRISTIAN BANTAY
SK Fed. President/Ex-Officio Member

NEGATIVE: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

Binongtoan Central School on the opening of the ‘new normal’ school year

BY: SHERNAN APURILLO

The opening of classes for this school year is different from the previous years. We are challenged with the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Prohibitions and strict protocols were set in place to prevent the spread the virus as COVID-19 cases kept on increasing.

Despite of these challenges, Binongtoan Central School is ready for the opening of the school year. Modules and learning activity sheets were drafted ahead of time. School teachers also prepared reading materials for the learners to ensure they are able to practice their skills for reading comprehension stories.

Supplemental activity sheets were also prepared to provide learners an in depth discussion and explanation of the given competency.

Using the school’s maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), reproduction of these materials did not become an issue because of the sufficient office supplies.

The school was also

fortunate to have supportive stakeholders and received stocks of bond paper donated through the strong campaign of “Bond paper Mo Module Ko”.

The municipal government of Alangalang under the leadership of Mayor Lovell Yu also supported this year’s opening of classes which turned out to be smooth.

Using its Special Education Fund (SEF), the LGU provided six risograph machines for the three districts and other

secondary schools, a tremendous help in the reproduction of modules and other printed materials for the learners.

With the proper guidance of the school administration and the unwavering cooperation from the teachers and parents, the start of the classes was successfully delivered by Binongtoan Central School teaching force.

(Note: The author is a teacher of Binongtoan Central School in Alangalang, Leyte)

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Cong. Lord...
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Now, it will be recalled that in that in that July 18th “15-21 Agreement brokered by the President last year, all Speaker-Wannabe’s -- Cong. Velasco, Cong. Cayetano and Leyte’s 1st District Cong. Martin Romualdez all agreed, with the lat-

ter accepting the position as Majority Leader in the 18th Congress.

At this stage, this Columnist realizes the apprehension and possible worry of several congressmen who were installed by Speaker Alan Peter Cayetano as Chairmen & Members of the many Congressional Commit-

Padrino...
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agency to another but to no avail. I was just being referred to bigger and higher authorities for their recommendations. The highest official I approached was a congressman. But despite their recommendations, nothing happened. Meanwhile, I could hear of other applicants with relatives in those agencies getting employed with ease.

Of course, I had a pending application in the department to which my finished degree was a per-

fect fit. But it was taking so long. The ranking was unreliable and was nothing but a hoax, almost. Poor applicants called it wrongking because even if one was ranked last, one could move past the rank 1, depending on one’s padrino and the thickness of one’s pocket. What was prevalent then was that, I should come back tomorrow at eight (which meant eight thousand), or nine (nine thousand), ten, eleven, or twelve (with their corresponding, equivalent amounts).

Hard up applicants and

tees -- in that , they could well be replaced by the allies of Speaker-in-Waiting Lord Allan Velasco.

And our dear Leyte 1st Distrct Congressman Martin Romualdez ... will the incoming Speaker Lord Alan Velasco retain him as Majority Leader?

Abangan ang susunod na kabanata !



MALASAKIT FOR TEACHERS — House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez and his wife Tingog Party List Rep. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez called on the urgent passage of two bills seeking to hike teaching supplies allowance for public teacher, and create a Private Education Fund that would increase the salary of educators in private schools as the country celebrates World Teachers Day. photo by Ver Noveno

Damaged road slope protection in Inasuyan, Kawayan, Biliran, 86% repaired

NAVAL, Biliran-The rehabilitation of a damaged road slope protection in Barangay Inasuyan in Kawayan town, Biliran province is now 86.71% complete.

Department of Public Works and Highways- Biliran District Engineering Office (DPWH-BDEO) District Engineer David P. Adongay Jr. reported that completion of the project will be in November, 2020.

According to Adongay, the project entails the construction of 77.00 linear-meter slope protection with concrete facing and concrete pavement amounting to P24.6 million.

Portion of the road section along Inasuyan village in Kawayan town was damaged due to continuous heavy rains brought about by typhoon Usman in 2018.


Adongay said that when left unattended, this will cause further slips and landslides.

“The asset preservation project is designed to prevent further road slips and

landslides ensuring safety of our motorists travelling along Biliran Circumferential Road (BCR),” said Adongay.


Adongay added that its completion will safeguard the existing concrete road

subjected to wear and tear of heavy equipment and vehicles. This will earn the government savings in rehabilitating damaged pavement in the future caused by slips and soil collapse. **(PR)**



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LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. FELIPE VERRA	JUNE 26, 2014 / PHIL. DAILY INQUIRER	OCT-P-8616	5253	1.5264	ABUYOG, LEYTE	CAPILIAN	OCTOBER 22, 2020
2. MARILOU CABAÑAS	DECEMBER 21, 2012 / THE PHIL. STAR	TCT-T-23797	1	14.5358	CALUBIAN, LEYTE	CARUYUCAN	OCTOBER 22, 2020
3. MARILOU CABAÑAS	DECEMBER 21, 2012 / THE PHIL. STAR	TCT-T-23798	2	14.5359	CALUBIAN, LEYTE	CARUYUCAN	OCTOBER 22, 2020

In this connection, may we invite you or your authorized representative to participate in the Conduct of Joint Field Investigation as scheduled on the above date at 8:00 in the morning.

Your failure to participate in the Field Investigation shall be a waiver on your part to question the findings thereof.

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
PARPO II



STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: July 2020

Particulars	NGAS Code	Actual Expenditures				
		PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
GENERAL FUND						
General Public Services	1000					
Office of the Governor/Mayor	1011	4,400,278.49	13,816,244.18			18,216,522.67
Office of the Warden/Maintenance of the Prisoner	1012	3,232,385.50	2,293,127.71			5,525,513.21
Civil Security	1013	161,951.91				161,951.91
Sangguniang Panlalawigan/Panlungsod/Pambayan	1021	3,575,224.96	677,243.66			4,252,468.62
Office of the Planning and Development Coordinator	1041	550,667.55	6,493.32			557,160.87
General Services Office	1061	137,877.44	1,240,993.81			1,378,871.25
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Budget Officer	1071	319,093.07	31,991.88			351,084.95
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Accountant	1081	159,400.64	34,166.08			193,566.72
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Treasurer	1091	1,953,682.62	213,125.09			2,166,807.71
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Assessor	1101	600,233.30	8,165.93			608,399.23
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Auditor	1111					-
Library Services	1122	173,523.64	5,598.00			179,121.64
Office of the Legal Officer	1131	199,945.72				199,945.72
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Prosecutor	1141		21,000.00			21,000.00
Regional Trial Court	1151		334,847.20			334,847.20
Office of the Registry of Deeds	1161	36,046.08	5,637.38			41,683.46
Public Order & Safety Department		242,106.02	7,826.68			249,932.70
Aids to Barangay						-
20% Local Development Fund	1912					-
70% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Disaster Prevention and Mitigation						-
Disaster Preparedness						-
Disaster Response						-
Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery						-
Procurement/Acquisition of Disaster Equipment for Disaster Response and Rescue Activities						-
30% Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund						-
Others	1192					-
SOCIAL SERVICES						-
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000					-
Others	3999		403,201.00			403,201.00
Health, Nutrition & Population Control	4000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Hospital	4421	1,846,295.56	296,264.93			2,142,560.49
Office of the Population Officer	4999-1	521,175.08	47,011.68			568,186.76
Others (HOSPITALS)	4999	23,864,399.67	12,280,005.58			36,144,405.25
Housing and Community Development	6000					-
Maintenance of Plazas, Parks & Monuments	6544	587,124.29	157,134.81			744,259.10
Social Services and Social Welfare	7000					-
Office of the Social Welfare and Development Officer	7611	445,663.54	82,138.33			527,801.87
Budgetary Reserve						-
Others	7999		510,391.91			510,391.91
Economic Services	8000					-
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Agriculturist	8711	5,724,322.83	89,772.04			5,814,094.87
Office of the Veterinarian	8721	157,877.44	5,177.75			163,055.19
Office of the Environment and Natural Resources Officer	8731	255,743.43	29,726.75			285,470.18
Office of the Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer	8751	4,440,810.52	3,403,462.86			7,844,273.38
20% Local Development Fund	8911		496,200.00			496,200.00
Others	8912		913,200.00			913,200.00
Debt Service						-
Principal						-
Local Development Projects						-
Loan Amortization-Domestic (Debt Service-Principal)						-
Interest and Other Charges						-
Interest Payment - Domestic (Debt Service-Interest)						-
TOTAL CURRENT OPERATING EXPENDITURES		53,585,829.30	37,410,148.56	-	-	90,995,977.86
OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
Particulars	Budget Appropriation NGAS Code	Actual Expenditures				
		PS	MOOE	FE	CO	Total
Purchase of Inventory						-
Disbursement of Trust Liabilities						-
Due to other NGAs						-
Due to other GOCCs						-
Due to other LGUs			16,000.00			16,000.00
Due to National Treasury						-
Due to BIR			7,411,095.62			7,411,095.62
Due to GSIS			8,588,746.91			8,588,746.91
Due to PAG-IBIG			1,610,375.45			1,610,375.45
Due to PhilHealth			1,213,340.71			1,213,340.71
Due to Officers and Employees			11,219,158.27			11,219,158.27
Grant of Cash Advances						-
Intra-Agency Payables						-
Due to Other Fund						-
Other Current Liabilities						-
Guaranty Deposits Payable			2,645,034.58			2,645,034.58
Performance/Bidders/Bail Bonds Payable						-
Other Payables			19,266,391.04			19,266,391.04
Other Deferred Credits						-
Payable Accounts						-
Accounts Payable			9,836,325.29			9,836,325.29
Notes Payable						-
Dividend Payable						-
Interest Payable						-
Payment of Prior Year Expenses Debited to PY Adj						-
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES		-	61,806,467.87	-	-	61,806,467.87
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		53,585,829.30	99,216,616.43	-	-	152,802,445.73
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND						
Education, Culture & Sports/Manpower Development	3000-1					-
General Administration	3311-1			-		-
Others	3999-1					-
TOTAL SEF				-		-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		53,585,829.30	99,216,616.43	-	-	152,802,445.73
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - GF						-
Payment of Account Payables (Prior Year) - SEF					4,295,664.16	4,295,664.16
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - GF						-
CONTINUING APPROPRIATION - SEF						-

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
Acting Provincial Treasurer



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS SOURCES

LGU: Province of LEYTE
Period Covered: Q3, 2020 (July)

Particulars	Acct. Code	Income Target (Approved Budget)	Actual Receipts (July)	Excess of Actual vs Target	% of Over/ (Under) to Target
LOCAL SOURCES					
TAX REVENUES		40,924,347.00	6,592,521.71	2,695,523.47	6.59%
REAL PROPERTY TAX		30,491,488.00	5,289,931.71	3,712,051.26	12.17%
Current Year		19,200,000.00	3,224,403.85	6,497,425.33	33.84%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		191,488.00	11,900.35	-117,101.63	-61.15%
Prior Year/s		10,000,000.00	1,446,052.82	-3,936,008.75	-39.36%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		1,100,000.00	607,574.69	1,267,736.31	115.25%
TAX ON BUSINESS		8,600,000.00	954,734.59	-984,275.95	-11.45%
Amusement Tax		500,000.00	42,847.49	-213,149.31	-42.63%
Franchise Tax		1,500,000.00	17,280.00	967,719.76	64.51%
Tax on Delivery Trucks and Vans		1,100,000.00	66,303.50	321,800.50	29.25%
Tax on Sand, Gravel & Other Quarry Resources		5,200,000.00	778,506.00	-2,168,504.50	-41.70%
Fines and Penalties-Business Taxes		300,000.00	49,797.60	107,857.60	35.95%
OTHER TAXES		1,832,859.00	347,855.41	-32,251.84	-1.76%
Professional Tax		250,000.00	138,603.39	96,886.33	38.75%
Real Property Transfer Tax		1,550,000.00	191,468.89	-164,606.19	-10.62%
Other Taxes		32,859.00	17,783.13	35,468.02	107.94%
Fines and Penalties-Other Taxes		0.00	-	0.00	
NON-TAX REVENUES		510,531,930.00	82,463,958.88	-177,506,073.19	-34.77%
REGULATORY FEES (Permits and Licenses)		931,930.00	21,650.00	-501,224.25	-53.78%
Occupational Fees		500,000.00	-	-246,060.00	-49.21%
Other Permits & Licenses		431,930.00	21,650.00	-255,164.25	-59.08%
SERVICE/USER CHARGES (Service Income)		500,000,000.00	78,475,086.66	-193,242,574.75	-38.65%
Clearance and Certification Fees		200,000.00	16,833.00	-120,154.25	-60.08%
Other Service Income		21,500,000.00	1,021,106.49	-11,653,906.58	-54.20%
Fines and Penalties-Service Income		0.00	-	0.00	
Hospital Fees		478,300,000.00	77,437,147.17	-181,468,513.92	-37.94%
Medical, Dental and Laboratory Fees		0.00	-	0.00	
OTHER INCOME/RECEIPTS (Other General Income)		9,600,000.00	3,967,222.22	16,237,725.81	169.14%
Interest Income		9,500,000.00	3,967,222.22	16,334,045.81	171.94%
Miscellaneous - Others		100,000.00	-	-96,320.00	-96.32%
TOTAL INCOME-LOCAL SOURCES		551,456,277.00	89,056,480.59	-174,810,549.72	-31.70%
EXTERNAL SOURCES					
SHARE FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTION		2,552,543,723.00	213,393,025.33	-1,066,630,036.15	-41.79%
INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-1,055,392,561.56	-42%
Current Year		2,540,000,000.00	212,086,776.92	-1,055,392,561.56	-41.55%
OTHER SHARES FROM NATIONAL TAX COLLECTIONS		12,543,723.00	1,306,248.41	-11,237,474.59	-89.59%
Share from National Wealth				0	
Mining Taxes			-	-	
Utilization of hydrothermal, geothermal and other sources of energy			-	-	
Share from PAGCOR/PCSO/Lotto		12,523,723.00	1,306,248.41	-11,217,474.59	-89.57%
Share from Tobacco Excise Tax (RA 7171)		20,000.00	-	-20,000.00	-100.00%
Others			-	0.00	
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS/GRANTS/DONATIONS/AIDS		1,000,000.00	-	105,343,389.00	10534.34%
TOTAL EXTERNAL SOURCES		2,553,543,723.00	213,393,025.33	-961,286,647.15	-37.65%

OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS					
Collection Receivables			13,716.25	175,453.12	
Refund of Cash Advances			49,387.75	1,644,653.88	
Collection from Inter-Agency Receivables			-	0.00	
Collection of Trust Liabilities			35,397,302.83	126,526,952.29	
Due from other NGAs			33,578,221.00	119,822,348.90	
Due from other GOCCs			-	0	
Due from LGUs			1,819,081.83	6,704,603.39	
Other Receivables			685,210.67	12,992,100.06	
Collection of Prior Year Income credited to Prior Year Adjustment			-	0	
TOTAL OTHER NON-INCOME RECEIPTS		-	36,145,617.50	141,339,159.35	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		3,105,000,000.00	338,595,123.42	-994,758,037.52	-32.04%

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND					
SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX					
Special Education Fund		70,000,000.00	7,529,563.27	-19,607,883.17	-28%
Current Year		45,000,000.00	4,937,276.66	-7,943,391.72	-18%
Fines and Penalties-Current Year		1,600,000.00	308,370.92	-649,097.71	-41%
Prior Year/s		18,600,000.00	1,581,294.04	-9,306,560.23	-50%
Fines and Penalties-Prior Year/s		4,800,000.00	702,621.65	-1,708,833.51	-36%
Other Receipts		-	-	59,330.68	
Interest Income		-	-	48,391.28	
Other Business Income (Miscellaneous)		-	-	10,939.40	
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND		70,000,000.00	7,529,563.27	-19,548,552.49	-28%
GRAND TOTAL (GF + SEF)		3,175,000,000.00	346,124,686.69	-1,014,306,590.25	-31.95%

Certified correct:

RUTH Y. SURPIA
Acting Provincial Treasurer

Gov. Petilla recommends swab testing for teachers; DepEd says it has no fund for such purpose

TACLOBAN CITY- Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla suggested that teachers should be given priority on swab testing.

This recommendation of Petilla came as this year's school term started on Monday (Oct.5).

While this year's school term is using the online and modular learning systems, teachers still attend to their schools and visit villages to personally deliver modules for their students.

And this situation exposes them to possible infection of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the governor said, citing support on his appeal for swab testing among teachers.

"If the Department of Education has no capability of doing swab test, the teachers should be included in the priority for testing if there are teachers who will test positive and identified during contact tracing" Petilla said.

Petilla said that if the education agency agrees to his suggestion, he will support it by means of issuing a recommendation.

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Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla

cols of the Department of Health, there two priority sub-groups for swab testing which include patients or healthcare workers with severe or critical symptoms and history of travel or exposure, and patients or healthcare workers with mild symptoms, relevant history of travel or exposure, and considered vulnerable meaning those of 60 and above of age and suffering from illnesses like hypertension and diabetes or are immunocompromised.

This suggestion of Gov. Petilla was welcomed by DepEd Regional Director Ramir Uytico but was quick to say that this could mean additional funding by their

department.

"I welcome the suggestion of the governor but for me, those who should be subject for swab test are those who manifested symptoms,"he said.

A swab test costs ranges from over P2,000 to P8,000, depending on the facility and how fast the result could be provided.

Meanwhile, Office of Civil Defense Regional Director Lord Byron Torrecarion said that even they wanted to do the suggestion of Gov. Petilla, the problem on logistics could prove to be a problem.

"In an ideal situation, we really would love to test everybody who are in the frontline. But unfortunately we are not in ideal situa-

tion and because of the high number of test that is needed we cannot accommodate or go beyond the protocol which is mandated as to whom and who will support the testing,"Torrecarion said.

The official added that even they cannot grant such suggestion, they may still extend help to DepEd by providing them protective gears such as face masks, face shields and gloves.

"DepEd could forward a request for that matter so that we can act on that but as to the testing, the protocols are very clear because we have to manage our resources wisely because of the high cost and the high number that we are already testing," he added.

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allowed to go out during this time of pandemic spawned by coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Carmela Tamayo, schools superintendent for Samar province, said that some teachers are apprehensive in reporting to their schools.

She said that because of the quarantine policy being enforced by all local government units, some of her teachers may just end up being quarantined instead of reporting to their respective schools.

"I have teachers who lives in Calbayog City but works in Almagro town. They could not travel there because of the quarantine," Tamayo said.

Calbayog City has an increasing number of coronavirus disease at 262 cases with two deaths.

At the Leyte National High School (LNHS), considered the biggest public secondary school of the region, parents and guardians milled outside the school gates to get the modules.

Ana, who declined to give her family name, said that she went to the school early knowing that the school has a big student population.

She has three children at the LNH enrolled at Grades 7, 9 and 10.

"I came here early as I anticipate of a huge crowd of parents who like me will want to get modules for our students," she said.

Due to the quarantine status, parents and guardians were not allowed to get inside the school campus to get the modules.

Instead, some teachers and other school personnel were assigned at the two gates of the school who distributed the modules. They were wearing facemask, face

shield and hand gloves with the modules placed inside a plastic envelope.

For this school year, LNHS has 10,000 students and they expect to increase it in the next few days, Bernie Jude Amolgar, information officer of the school, said.

"That is why, we have printed more than 10,000 modules, which are free of charge, as our buffer. The increase of our students' population was mainly due to the transfer of students previously enrolled in private schools," he said in an interview.

Amolgar, however, said that there are also students of the school who opted to use online classes.

Last school year, LNHS has 8,238 enrollment.

Amolgar said that considering that certain health protocols are to be observed, particularly on mass gathering of people, they have put up 'stations' where parents or guardians could get the modules other than in the school itself.

These stations are strategically located where modules could be pick up by the parents or guardians. Aside from LNHS, modules are available for pick up in the following areas: San Juanico Bridge junction for students who are Babatngon or in Samar side; Robinsons North; Redemptorist Church; Rizal Park; Blessed Sacrament Church; Primark; Burayan gymnasium; Marasbaras gymnasium; Sagkahan gymnasium; Calanipawan gymnasium; and Palo (J and F Department Store).

Amolgar stressed that their 'paramount' concern during this time of pandemic is the health condition of everybody.

Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY MARINA
REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII
G/F Uyttingkoc Building
Senator Enage St., Tacloban City

RE: Application for Renewal of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) pursuant to the 2014 Amendments to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 9295 or the IRR of 2014.

CASE NO. MRO8 20-032

ZANDRO S. QUINTE,
Applicant
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ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on 28 September 2020, to wit:

NAME OF SHIP'S OWNED SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MBca "ZANDER YAYANG-1" & For the carriage of Passengers
MBca "ZANDER YAYANG-2"

ROUTE TO BE SERVED

Route 1 Kawayan, Biliran-Maripipi, Biliran and vice versa;
Route 2 Kawayan, Biliran-Sambawan, Maripipi, Biliran and vice versa; and
Route 3 Kawayan, Biliran-Dalutan Island, Talahid, Almeria, Biliran-Higatangan Island, Naval, Biliran-Capinahan Island, Almeria, Biliran-Sambawan, Maripipi, Biliran-Kawayan, Biliran

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS

Origin	DEPARTURE		Destination	ARRIVAL	
	Time	Day		Time	Day
For Route 1					
Kawayan	6:30 AM	Daily	Maripipi	7:30 AM	Daily
Maripipi	8:40 AM		Kawayan	9:40 AM	
Kawayan	11:40 AM		Maripipi	12:40 PM	
Maripipi	3:40 PM		Kawayan	4:40 PM	
Kawayan	7:30 AM	Daily	Maripipi	8:30 AM	Daily
Maripipi	9:40 AM		Kawayan	10:40 AM	
Kawayan	12:30 PM		Maripipi	1:30 PM	
Maripipi	1:40 PM		Kawayan	2:40 PM	

For Routes 2 & 3
Non-scheduled Trips or depending on the availability of passengers
(Daytime Navigation only or from 4:30 AM-5:30 PM)

LINKS	SCHEDULE OF RATES PER LINK		CARGO RATE PER LINK
	PASSENGER RATE	Item	
Kawayan-Maripipi	P1,500.00/Link	Small & Medium Boxes	P25.00/box
Kawayan-Sambawan	P3,000.00/Round Trip	Large & Extra-Large	P40.00/box
Kawayan-Dalutan Island-	P6,000/Round Trip	Boxes	
Higatangan Island-Capinahan		Bottled Drinks	P25.00/case
Island-Sambawan			

Notice is hereby given that Applicant shall present the jurisdictional, qualification, and documentary requirements in a hearing to be conducted on **12 October 2020, Monday, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** at this Office, G/F Uyttingkoc Bldg., Senator Enage Street, Tacloban City.

The applicant shall publish this Order once in any newspaper of general or regional circulation in the Philippines at least **five (5) days** before the hearing.

The applicant shall submit a written Formal Offer of Evidence (FOE) during the hearing or **five (5) days** thereafter.

WITNESS, the Honorable Administrator, this **30th day of September 2020** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) EFREN JUAN B. BORCI, JR.
Regional Director

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Republic of the Philippines Department of Transportation
MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY MARINA REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII
G/F Uyttingkoc Building
Senator Enage St., Tacloban City

RE: Application for Second (2nd) Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) to effect the Permanent Change in Sailing Frequencies/ Schedule of Trips pursuant to the Revised Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 9295 or the IRR of 2014

CASE NO. MRO8 19-095

TEODORO C. DUCDUCAN,
Applicant
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ORDER

Before us is the above-entitled case which was filed with this Office on **16 September 2020**, to wit:

NAME OF SHIP'S HULL SERVICE TO BE OFFERED
MV "JASHLEY EAST" Fiberglass For the carriage of Passengers
MV "MIGGY EAST"

ROUTE TO BE SERVED

San Antonio, Basey, Samar-Tacloban City and vice versa

SCHEDULE OF TRIPS

FOR DAYTIME NAVIGATION

Origin	DEPARTURE		Destination	ARRIVAL	
	Time	Day		Time	Day
San Antonio	7:00 AM	MV "MIGGY EAST"	Tacloban City	7:15 AM	MV "MIGGY EAST"
Tacloban City	7:30 AM	shall	San Antonio	7:45 AM	shall
San Antonio	8:00 AM	operate	Tacloban City	8:15 AM	operate
Tacloban City	8:30 AM	alternately	San Antonio	8:45 AM	alternately
San Antonio	9:00 AM	with MV	Tacloban City	9:15 AM	with MV
Tacloban City	9:30 AM	"JASHLEY EAST"	San Antonio	9:45 AM	"JASHLEY EAST"
San Antonio	10:00 AM		Tacloban City	10:15 AM	
Tacloban City	10:30 AM		San Antonio	10:45 AM	
San Antonio	11:00 AM		Tacloban City	11:15 AM	
Tacloban City	11:30 AM		San Antonio	11:45 AM	
San Antonio	12:00 NN		Tacloban City	12:15 PM	
Tacloban City	12:30 PM		San Antonio	12:45 PM	
San Antonio	1:00 PM		Tacloban City	1:15 PM	
Tacloban City	2:15 PM		San Antonio	2:30 PM	
San Antonio	2:00 PM		Tacloban City	2:15 PM	
Tacloban City	3:15 PM		San Antonio	3:30 PM	
San Antonio	3:00 PM		Tacloban City	3:15 PM	
Tacloban City	4:15 PM		San Antonio	4:30 PM	
San Antonio	4:00 PM		Tacloban City	4:15 PM	
Tacloban City	5:30 PM		San Antonio	5:45 PM	

FOR NIGHTTIME NAVIGATION

San Antonio	5:00 PM	MV "MIGGY EAST"	Tacloban City	5:15 PM	MV "MIGGY EAST"
Tacloban City	5:30 PM	shall	San Antonio	5:45 PM	shall
San Antonio	6:00 PM	operate	Tacloban City	6:15 PM	operate
Tacloban City	6:30 PM	alternately	San Antonio	6:45 PM	alternately
San Antonio	7:00 PM	with MV	Tacloban City	7:15 PM	with MV
Tacloban City	7:30 PM	"JASHLEY EAST"	San Antonio	7:45 PM	"JASHLEY EAST"
San Antonio	8:00 PM		Tacloban City	8:15 PM	
Tacloban City	8:30 PM		San Antonio	8:45 PM	
San Antonio	9:00 PM		Tacloban City	9:15 PM	
Tacloban City	9:45 PM		San Antonio	10:00 PM	

SCHEDULE OF RATES PER LINK

LINKS	PASSENGER		CARGO RATE PER *LINK	
	RATE	Item	Rate/Unit	
San Antonio-Tacloban City	P322.00	Feeds	P20.00/sack	
		Rice	P20.00/sack	
		Cement	P20.00/bag	
		1m x 1m x 1m box	P20.00/box	
		Medium-sized box	P10.00/box	
		Small box	P5.00/box	
		5 gallon container	P15.00/container	

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WITNESS, the Honorable Administrator, this **2nd day of October 2020** at Tacloban City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) EFREN JUAN B. BORCI, JR.
Regional Director

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DAILY PROGRAM:

MON. - SAT 8:00 PM

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4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TAFT, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR MA. CONCEPCION A. HILARIO Presiding Officer
HON. ROSJANE T. WHITE Member
HON. ALDWIN MATTHEW S. TY -do-
HON. MYRA S. SUDARIO -do-
HON. PASCUAL A. DOCENA -do-
HON. MARVIN PAUL C. LIM -do-
HON. NORMA A. DACUYAN -do-
HON. MC JOHN JOSE L. DONGALLO PPSK President
HON. DERLY C. BALMES LnB President

ABSENT: HON. MA. ALMA D. BALIBAG
HON. SALVADOR C. ARAYA

ORDINANCE NO. 10 SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE ENGINEER I POSITION, APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 443 (B) (2) of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Municipal Government;

WHEREAS, Section 447 (A) (1) (VIII) of the same Code likewise authorizes the Sangguniang Bayan to determine the position, powers, duties and salaries of officials and employees of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taft, Eastern Samar in session assembled that;

Section 1. Name of the Positions. There shall be created an Engineer I (SG-12) in the LGU-Taft, Eastern Samar.

Section 2. Powers, Duties and Function of the Positions. Under the direct control and supervision of the Municipal Engineer, the Engineer I shall:

- Conduct research to determine project requirements;
- Plan and design major projects;
- Develop construction specifications and procedures;
- Conduct field services for civil works;
- Ensure construction plans meet guidelines and specifications of building codes and other regulations;
- Establish and monitor construction work schedules; and
- Conduct feasibility studies, economic analyses, traffic studies and create reports

Section 3. Appropriation for the Position. There is an appropriated amount of Three Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Pesos and 56/100 (Php301,823.56) in the Annual Budget for CY 2020.

Section 4. Appointment and Qualification. The Engineer I shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor and whose appointment shall be in accordance with the civil service laws and rules and that the appointee shall meet the following qualifications.

Engineer I-SG 12

Education : Bachelor's degree in engineering preferably Civil Engineer

Training : None Required

Experience : None Required

Eligibility : RA 1080 (Licensed Engineer)

Section 5. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: August 17, 2020, SB session Hall, Taft, Eastern Samar.

ATTESTED:


VILMA O. SULSE
SB Secretary


HON. ROSJANE T. WHITE
SB Member



HON. ALDWIN MATTHEW S. TY
SB Member



HON. MYRA S. SUDARIO
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Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


GINA A. TY
Municipal Mayor

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TAFT, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR MA. CONCEPCION A. HILARIO Presiding Officer
HON. ALDWIN MATTHEW S. TY Member
HON. MYRA S. SUDARIO -do-
HON. SALVADOR C. ARAYA -do-
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HON. MC JOHN JOSE L. DONGALLO PPSK President
HON. DERLY C. BALMES LnB President

ABSENT: HON. ROSJANE T. WHITE
HON. MA. ALMA D. BALIBAG

ORDINANCE NO. 13 SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING TWO (2) ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE I (UTILITY WORKER I) POSITIONS IN THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LGU TAFT, EASTERN SAMAR, APPROPRIATING THEU NECESSARY FUNDS THERETO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 443 (B) (2) of RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Municipal Government;

WHEREAS, Section 447 (A) (1) (VIII) of the same Code likewise authorizes the Sangguniang Bayan to determine the positions, powers, duties and salaries of officials and employees of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taft, Eastern Samar in session assembled that;

Section 1. Name of the Positions. There shall be created two (2) Administrative Aide I (Utility Worker I)-SG-1 positions in the Sangguniang Bayan, LGU-Taft, Eastern Samar.

Section 2. Powers, Duties and Functions of the Positions. Under the direct control and supervision of the Municipal Vice Mayor and the immediate supervision of the Secretary to the Sanggunian, the Utility Worker I shall perform various tasks, as follows:

- Sweeps and mops the floor of the office daily;
- Cleaning of the toilet and pantry;
- Collecting and disposing the garbage of the office every morning and afternoon;
- Cleaning thoroughly the Vice Mayor's Office and SB Secretary's Office by removing cobwebs, dusting the tables and cabinets, wiping the office's wall; and
- Perform any other tasks that may be assigned by the immediate supervisor which may include but not limited to messengerial work and any other errand work.

Section 3. Appropriation for the Position. There is an appropriated amount of Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Pesos and 66/100 (Php69,780.66) under Ordinance No. ___, s. 2020 for the two (2) Administrative Aide I (Utility Worker I) positions, (Php34,890.33/per position) for the last quarter of CY 2020.

Section 4. Appointment and Qualification. The Administrative Aide I (Utility Worker I) shall be appointed by the Municipal Vice Mayor and whose appointment shall be in accordance with the civil service laws and rules and that the appointee shall meet the following qualifications.

Administrative Aide I (Utility Worker I) – SG 1

Education : Must be able to read and write
Training : None Required
Experience : Non Required
Eligibility : None Required

Section 5. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: September 14, 2020, SB Session Hall, Taft, Eastern Samar.

ATTESTED:

VILMA O. SULSE
SB Secretary


HON. ALDWIN MATTHEW S. TY
SB Member


HON. MYRA S. SUDARIO
SB Member

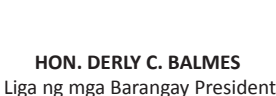

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HON. GINA A. TY
Municipal Mayor

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TAFT, EASTERN SAMAR HELD ON AUGUST 03, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT: VICE MAYOR MA. CONCEPCION A. HILARIO Presiding Officer
HON. ROSJANE T. WHITE Member
HON. MYRA S. SUDARIO -do-
HON. PASCUAL A. DOCENA -do-
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HON. MC JOHN JOSE L. DONGALLO PPSK President
HON. DERLY C. BALMES LnB President

ABSENT: HON. ALDWIN MATTHEW S. TY
HON. MA. ALMA D. BALIBAG
HON. SALVADOR C. ARAYA

ORDINANCE NO. 09 SERIES OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTQATION OF CURFEW HOURS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAFT, EASTERN SAMAR, FOR PERSONS 21 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE BUT BELOW 60 YEARS OLD, FROM 10:00 PM TO 4:00 AM AND A 24-HOUR CURFEW FOR PERSONS BELOW 21 YEARS OLD AND THOSE WHO ARE 60 YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (GCQ) OR AS MAY BE RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE FOR COVID – 19, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect the right to health of the people and install health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Taft, Eastern Samar manifests its earnest desire to strictly implement some quarantine measures with the end-in-view of preventing and/or containing the transmission of coronavirus in the municipality;

WHEREAS, an ordinance has to be enacted providing for the strict implementation thereof as one of the preventive measures against COVID-19, complementary to social distancing, mandatory home quarantine, proper hygiene and other existing response mechanism already in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan, in session duly assembled, THAT:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the “COVID-19 Curfew Ordinance of Municipality of Taft, Eastern Samar.”

SECTION 2. COVERAGE – This Ordinance shall cover all persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Taft, Eastern Samar.

SECTION 3. STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF CURFEW – The strict implementation of curfew hours is hereby mandated for persons twenty one (21) years old and above but below sixty (60) from 10:00 in the evening to 4:00 in the morning of the following day, and a twenty four (24) – hour curfew for persons below twenty one (21) years old and those who are sixty (60) years and above, for the entire duration of the General Community Quarantine or as may be recommended by the Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force for COVID-19.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTIONS – The following persons are hereby exempted from curfew:

- Those persons mentioned in the preceding Section, under medical emergencies and those who are to undergo routine medical procedures for chronic illness;
- Health Workers;
- Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), provided that proof of identification is presented;
- Those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons, including but not limited to those providing relief assistance and foreign mission representatives performing diplomatic functions, provided that proof of identification shall be presented.
- Persons providing basic services and public utilities, including but not limited to emergency responders, security service personnel, vendors and loaders of public market, drugstore and pharmacy personnel, provided that proof of identification/employment is presented;
- Persons having quarantine pass, provided that proof of identification is presented;
- Essential skeletal workforce for appropriate services, such as, security, transport of goods, supplies and equipment , and the likes, including drivers, provided that proof of employment is presented;
- Media Personnel, provided that proof of identification is presented;
- Authorized government officials, including fiscals, judges, and elected officials;
- Local Chief Executives;
- Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force and Barangay Task Force for COVID-19;
- Persons from sixty (60) years old to sixty-four (64) years, provided that proof of employment or business ownership is presented; and
- Persons from eighteen (18) years old to twenty (20) years, provided that proof of employment or business ownership is presented.

SECTION 5. PARENTAL/GUARDIAN LIABILITY – The parents/guardian in whose custody the minor child is entrusted/living shall have the primary duty and obligation to supervise the conduct and activities of the minor child and ensure that the minor child is inside their house/dwelling/abode during and within the curfew hours.

Violation of this Ordinance shall be meted upon the parents/guardian/persons in whose custody the minor child is living with.

Excepting any emergency situation, good faith or reasonable supervision over the minor child is not a defense to a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PENALTY – Any person caught in violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows;

- First Offense – A fine of Php500.00
- Second Offense – A fine of Php1,000.00
- Third Offense or ore – Php1,500.00 or imprisonment of one (1) month, or both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court.

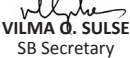
SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION – member of the Philippine National Police (PNP) in the municipality shall lead in the implementation thereof, in coordination with the Barangay LGUs.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE –If, for any person, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining sections or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval. Penal provisions in this Ordinance shall take effect on the day following publication for three (3) weeks in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: August 3, 2020, SB Session Hall, Taft, Eastern Samar.

ATTESTED:


VILMA O. SULSE
SB Secretary


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30,000 blasting caps, bomb devices recovered in Northern Samar town

TACLOBAN CITY-Police continued to recover improvised explosive device (IED) materials in the mountainous part of Barangay Burabod, San Antonio town in Northern Samar.

From September 26 to 30, the First Northern Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company, led by Major Edwin Oloan Jr., recovered a total of 30,000 pieces of blasting caps, 915 manual transfer switches (MTS), 19 pieces of wooden molders for blasting caps; nine pieces

of concrete molders, and 10 kilos of explosive chemical Pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN), and other bomb making paraphernalia.

The materials, believed to be used for illegal dynamite fishing and worth P1.2 million, were recovered at the abandoned IED manufacturing area in the barangay.

San Antonio Municipal Police, together with the Northern Samar Police Provincial Office (NSSPO)'s Canine Unit, scoured the area for possible presence of explosive device materials, according to the Police Re-

gional Office (PRO)-Eastern Visayas.

On September 20, police also recovered P3.5 million worth of IED materials composed of 25,000 pieces of blasting caps, 3.5 meters of detonating cord, and 34 kilos of explosive chemical trinitrotoluene in the area.

The recovery of IED materials occurred following an explosion which injured one person in Brgy. Burabod on September 17.

Police have yet to identify the suspects.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA/ RONALD O. REYES)



House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep Martin Romualdez (3rd right) with his Deputy Majority Leaders Rep.Jam Baronda (right) and Rep. David “Jay Jay” Suarez (2nd right) talks with Executive Secretary Salvador Medialdea (left) after the deliberation of the 2021 Budget of the Office of the Executive Secretary at the plenary of the House of Representatives.photo by Ver Noveno

PSA 8 says census enumeration in Eastern Visayas now over 79%

TACLOBAN CITY - The census enumeration being conducted here

in the region is now over 79%, a report from the Philippine Statistics Au-

thority (PSA) said.

PSA Regional Director Wilma Perante told reporters that out of the 6,569 enumeration areas (EAs) in the region, 5,242 EAs were completely enumerated since September 1 of this year.

Perante reported that by province, Leyte (excluding Tacloban City) completed 95.92% or

2,401 out of 2,503 EAs; Biliran 92.74% (230 out of 248 EAs); Southern Leyte 1.50% (635 out of 694 EAs); Eastern Samar 87.45% (676 out of 773 EAs); Northern Samar 86.05% (722 out of 839 EAs); and Samar 36.86% (453 out of 1,229 EAs).

She added that in the highly urbanized City of Tacloban, 44.17% or 125

out of 283 EAs were completely enumerated.

Census enumeration did not start yet in areas where there are localized lockdowns due to reported coronavirus disease (COVID-19) cases.

Perante disclosed that her office does not allow any enumerator to enter any barangay or area placed under localized

lockdown unless cleared by the barangay officials.

PSA implements stringent measures against COVID-19 and the traditional face-to-face interview has been innovated to entail physical distancing and observing the prescribed safety guidelines imposed by the Department of Health (DOH).

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DSWD...

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Emergency Subsidy under Social Amelioration Program, through the collaboration of Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) and DSWD.

These drivers were

listed by LTFRB and passed the DSWD Central Office. These beneficiaries went through the validation, to prove that they are eligible to receive Emergency Subsidy and have not received the First Tranche.

After the validation, 2,769 drivers from across

Region VIII found eligible to receive Emergency Subsidy:

8 in Biliran; 165 in Eastern Samar; 2,097 in Leyte;

151 in Northern Samar; 113 in Southern Leyte;and 235 in Samar.

These beneficiaries can claim their Emergency Subsidy via Digital Payout at MLhuiller remittance centers. So

far, 197 drivers have claimed their Emergency Subsidy:

31 in Eastern Samar;138 in Leyte; 16 in Northern Samar;6 in Southern Leyte; and 6 in Samar.

In total, DSWD has already shared P985, 000 with drivers listed by LTFRB, and is expected to be added as beneficiaries continue to claim. **(PR)**

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- ✓ Magandang para sa mga lactose intolerance
- ✓ Pinapanatili matibay at malakas ang mga ngipin at bato.
- ✓ Sinabawisan ang lakas na magka-osteoporosis
- ✓ Pinapaganda ang daloy ng blood pressure
- ✓ Pinapanatili ang nerve function
- ✓ Pinapanatili malusog ang mga muscles

PREVENTS and TREAT

- ✓ Cancer Cells
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ Heart Diseases
- ✓ Hypertension
- ✓ Stroke
- ✓ Autoimmune Disease
- ✓ Hyper and Hypothyroidism
- ✓ Rheumatoid Arthritis
- ✓ Gout Arthritis
- ✓ Kidney Problem
- ✓ With increased creatinine
- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Pneumonia

PREVENTS AND TREAT

- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Infertility
- ✓ Depression/Anxiety
- ✓ Muscle Pain
- ✓ Hearing and Vision Problems
- ✓ Mood Disorders
- ✓ Memory Loss
- ✓ Alzheimer's Disease
- ✓ Dementia
- ✓ Learning Disorders in Children
- ✓ Autoimmune Disease
- ✓ Varicose Veins

PREVENTS AND TREAT

- ✓ Osteoporosis
- ✓ Brittle Bones and Nails
- ✓ Teeth Discoloration
- ✓ Muscle cramps
- ✓ Poor Appetite
- ✓ Insomnia
- ✓ Skin Dryness
- ✓ Bone Fractures
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