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As region experiences spike of COVID-19 cases **Rep. Noel to LGUs: require workers to undergo swab tests**

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TACLOBAN CITY-An Waray party-list Rep.Florencio Noel has urged local government units (LGUs) to require business establishments, at least here in the region, to have their workers undergo swab tests.



DECLOGGING. Despite of the pandemic caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the city government of Tacloban continues to render its services to the people as photo shows personnel of the City Engineering Office conducting their declogging operations at V and G subdivision, among flood-prone areas in the city.
(Tacloban City Information Office)

Northern Samar government grants scholarship to eight medical students

TACLOBAN CITY-The provincial government of Northern Samar signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with eight students who were selected as the first batch of the provincial medicine scholarship program.



The provincial government of Northern Samar has named eight students who are studying medical course as scholars. In turn, these eight medical scholars are expected to serve the people of the province once they become full-pledged doctors. (NORTHERN SAMAR PROVINCIAL INFORMATION OFFICE)

This statement of Noel came in the wake of rising cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the region and amid fear of a new strain of the virus reportedly detected in the United Kingdom.

“I am worried on the rising of the COVID-19 cases. In fact, our local government units should require (business) establishments for their employers to be safe and those they are serving. It is expensive but necessary,” the solon said.

“I am for anything that can detect an infection or anti body that can help in the prevention of the virus. We all know that it is where

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In Eastern Samar **Arteche mayor sends swabbers to Oras town which experiences COVID-19 cases**



‘SWABBERS.’ Showing compassion, Arteche Mayor Roland Boie Evardone extended help by sending swabbers from his town to assist the local government unit of Oras, also in Eastern Samar, which is experiencing a surge of cases on coronavirus disease(COVID-19). (Facebook of Mayor Evardone)

TACLOBAN CITY- A town in Eastern Samar has sent its swabbers to its neighboring municipality to help its contact tracing activity amid its rising cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Mayor Roland Boie Evardone of Arteche town said that he has sent swabbers to Oras town which is experiencing a surge of COVID-19 cases.

The five-team swabbers left their town to Oras last Dec.17.

“With the volume of primary close contacts of Oras, we felt that it will be an opportunity for us to share the responsibilities, after all, the true spirit of Christmas is giving,” the young town mayor, who is a who is a registered nurse by profession and has also at one time, joined the town’s swabbers in taking swab samples to close contacts of COVID-19 patients, said.

Arteche, currently has two active COVID-19 cases while Oras has more than 30 cases.

Oras Mayor Vivienne Alvarez has placed the entire town under general community quarantine from Dec.23 to Jan.6 to help stop any further spread of the virus.

She earlier announced that half of the personnel the Oras District Hospital have been tested of COVID-19.

Meantime, the town of Talalora in Samar province posted its second confirmed COVID-19 case involving the husband of its first COVID-19 patient.

Talalora, an island town, posted its first COVID-19 case on Dec.16.

In Biliran town, Biliran province, its mayor, Grace Casil, imposed a 10-day lockdown which started on Dec.27 to January 10,2021 due to its increasing COVID-19 cases.

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Cop, toddler killed in pre-Christmas eve motorcycle accident in Borongan City

TACLOBAN CITY-A police officer and a toddler were killed, while two others were critically injured after a motorcycle collision in Borongan City last December 24, 2020.

The fatalities were identified as Staff Sergeant Luis Philip Azura Jr., assigned at the investigation section of Eastern Samar Police Provincial Office (ESPPO); and two-year-old John Rick Larioma, who was on board another motorcycle driven by Jonathan Larioma, 29, with another back-rider Erica Amayao, his live-in partner.

Initial investigation disclosed that Larioma was driving in the opposite route from Barangay Bato, Borongan, towards the city proper while Azura was navigating his proper right lane heading ESPPO headquarters to attend a

personnel accounting formation, when their motorcycles collided upon reaching Barangay Alangalang around 8:40 pm.

Both drivers and the back riders were slammed into the pavement, causing injuries in the different parts of their bodies.

Responding personnel from the Bureau of Fire Protection brought the victims to Eastern Samar Provincial Hospital, however Azura and the two-year-old

boy were pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. Roy Cayaogo, the attending physician.

The two other victims were needing further medical attention, according to the report from the Police Regional Office headquarters in Palo, Leyte.

Larioma was not able to present a driver's license during the incident, the report added.

Police are conducting an investigation. (RONALD O. REYES)

1 'high-ranking' NPA leader killed, 2 surrendered in Northern Samar

TACLOBAN CITY-An alleged high-ranking leader of the New People's Army (NPA) was killed while two others surrendered to the authorities, the Philippine Army and the police reported.

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PNP-8 Director De Jesus says EV's Christmas celebration was peaceful

PALO, Leyte – Police authorities said that the Christmas celebration in the region was generally peaceful.

Brigadier General Ronaldo De Jesus, police regional director, said that police assistance desks (PADs) were established in all places of convergence beginning the traditional 9-day "misa de gallo" to ensure peace and order.

He also said that over 3,000 policemen were deployed to help the force multipliers put up by the local government units.

"This was made possible in coordination with other concerned law enforcement agencies (LEAs), local government

units (LGUs) and volunteer groups," De Jesus said, referring to the peaceful Christmas celebration in the region.

De Jesus reported that the Regional Reactionary Standby Support Force (RRSSF), Quick Response Teams (QRTs), Critical Incident Management Task Group (CIMTG) and Disaster Incident Management Task Group (DIMTG) were also activated.

He added that the Medical Reserve Force (MRF) and Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Canine Group



BRIGADIER GENERAL RONALDO DE JESUS

(EOD/K 9) were deployed to detect the presence of contrabands while the road

safety marshals were also placed in major thoroughfares to prevent traffic congestion.

The Regional Civil Security Unit (RCSU) 8 also conducted inspection to security guards stationed in malls to ensure their implementation of the peace and security measures.

"All these deployments were randomly inspected by the Regional Internal Affairs (RIAS) 8, as directed

Power utilities in Leyte assured to get congressional approval on their franchise renewal

TACLOBAN CITY- An official of a power utility said that he is confident that Congress will renew the franchise renewal of all power cooperatives in Leyte.

Allan Laniba, general manager of Don Orestes Romualdez Electric Cooperative (Dorelco) which covers most of Leyte's second district, said that there are congressmen who will rally behind this campaign in behalf of the cooperatives in Leyte and in other parts of the country whose franchises are up for renewal.

The franchise of Dorelco, which is also known as Leyeco I, is up for renewal on 2025 just like Leyeco II which covers the towns of Palo and Babatngon and this city.

Power utilities in the country have pushed the election of party-lists com-



GEN. MANAGER ALLAN LANIBA

ing from the energy sector, namely, Association of Philippine Electric Cooperative, (APEC) Philippine Rural Electric Cooperative Association (PHILRECA) Rural Electric Consumer and Beneficiaries of Development and Advancement, Inc. (RECOBODA) Cooperative NATCCO Network Party (COOP-NATCO).

Aside from these party-list congressmen, they are also banking on Senator Imee Marcos to help the cooperative's renewal, Laniba said.

"I think Imee cannot say no because Dorelco is a project of his father and the fact the cooperative carries the name of his grandfather and this is

Leyte the province is in the heart of the Marcoses and Romualdezes" said he said.

Don Orestes Romualdez is the father of former first lady Imelda Marcos, mother of Sen. Marcos.

The Romualdezes hail from Tolosa, one of the coverage areas of Dorelco whose office is located in the town of Tunga.

Aside from maintaining the triple A rating of Dorelco, Laniba was happy to announce that they are now ISO certified.

ISO certification certifies that a management system, manufacturing process, service, or documentation procedure has all the requirements for standardization and quality assurance.

ISO (International Organization for Standardization) is an independent, non-governmental, international organization that develops standards to ensure the quality, safety, and efficiency of products, services, and systems.

"We are ISO certified. Leyeco III is about to be ISO certified and next to follow is Leyeco II, this is to prove that we are not a second class cooperative, Laniba said. (LIZBETH ANN A.ABELLA)

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On Monday (Dec.28), public offices located in the town were shut down and are to resume works on Jan.3,2021.

As part of the lockdown, curfew has been imposed from 9 pm until 4 am.

The town, as of Monday, has 36 COVID-19 cases

since March and of which 21 of them alone were tested positive on Dec.25. It also has one death.

On Monday (Dec. 28), the Department of Health announced that the region's COVID-19 cases have now reached to 10,886 with 14 new cases.

The new cases were from Leyte with 12 cases and Samar with two. (JOEY A. GABIETA)

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LAVEZARES, NORTHERN SAMAR, HELD LAST NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

PRESENT: HON. RICARDO O. CHAN –Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
HON. SHIELA O. LUCBAN – SB Member
HON. NELSON M. ESGUERRA - SB Member
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HON. LEONARDO G. TIOZON - SB Member
HON. RONALDO S. SALUDAGA – Liga Federation President
HON. ALDRIN L. ADRIATICO – SK Federation President

ABSENT: NONE

The session was officially opened at 9:00AM. Quorum.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01, S – 2020

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ALL TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE MODIFIED AFTERMARKET PIPES/MUFFLERS OR SWAPPING OUT OF STOCK PIPES/MUFFLERS RESULTING TO THE EMISSION OF EXCESSIVE AND UNREASONABLE LOUD NOISE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SPONSORED BY:
HON. ALDRIN L. ADRIATICO

CO-SPONSOR:
HON. MARIA SHIELA O. LUCBAN, HON. NELSON M. ESGUERRA

Be it ordained by the Sanggunian Bayan of Lavezares, Northern Samar, in session assembled that:

WHEREAS; Section 15 of the New Constitution of the Philippines provides that “The State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

WHEREAS; Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that “Every Local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary, appropriate, incidental for the efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare”;

WHEREAS; The rampant proliferation of all types of vehicles which emitted deafening roar coming from modified aftermarket pipes/mufflers or swapped-out stock pipes/mufflers is quite alarming;

WHEREAS; some motor vehicle owners remove the mandated factory installed stock pipe/muffler and replace them with custom aftermarket pipe which emitted loud noise;

WHEREAS, there are some motor vehicle with loud and roaring mufflers oftentimes causes serious discomfort especially during unholy hours and has created numerous complaints and public condemnation;

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the Asian Development Bank (ABD) showed that muffler noise emitted by motorcycles produced noise levels from high 97 to more than 110 decibels during and that the national standard for residential areas is only 60 decibels during day time and 50 decibels during nighttime.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Lavezares, Northern Samar, in session duly assembled that;

SECTION 1. PROHIBITED ACT: It is the purpose of this ordinance to regulate and penalize all type of motor vehicle owners/drivers travelling within the jurisdiction of the municipality of Lavezares having modified with aftermarket pipes/mufflers which emit excessive and unreasonable loud noise.

SECTION 2. SCOPE – This ordinance shall cover;

a. All motor vehicles owners/drivers

b. Having modified with aftermarket pipes

c. Mufflers emitting excessive and unreasonable loud noise

d. Traveling within the jurisdiction of Lavezares Northern Samar

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS: when used in this ORDINANCE the following terms are hereby defined:

a. Motor Vehicle – is self-propelled road vehicle and off-road vehicle commonly wheeled, that does not operate on rails such as trains or trams and used for commercial purposes on the highways in the transportation of passengers, or passengers and property.

b. Modified with aftermarket pipes – it is the aftermarket changed/replacement of mufflers from its original form which emit excessive and unreasonable loud noise.

c. Excessive noise – means any sound which annoys or disturbs human or which causes or tend to causes an adverse psychological effort.

d. Unreasonable loud noise – noise which substantially incompatible with the time and location to the extent that it create an actual and imminent interference with and good order.

e. Mufflers/stock pipes – exhaust device that cools exhaust gases, quite exhaust noise and provides back pressure to improve engine performance.

f. Emission – any air contaminant, pollution, gas stream or unwanted sound from a known source which is passed into the atmosphere.

g. Decibel – a unit expressing the relative intensity of sound on a scale from zero to the average least perceptible sound to about 130 for the average level.

SECTION 4. FORMULATION AND EMPLEMENTATION:

a. The Lavezares Police Department and the Department of Public Safety and Traffic Management (DPSTM) to fully implement this ordinance and mandated to coordinate with the Land Transportation Office (LTO) the proper implementation of this ordinance.

b. The member of the Sangguniang Barangay and other officials, within their jurisdiction, in coordination with the Barangay Tanods shall effectively implement this ordinance and arrest the offender and responsible to deliver the same to the authorities mentioned.

SECTION 5. PENALTY: Any motorcycle driver/owner who violates any of the provision of this ordinance shall be punished in accordance with the following:


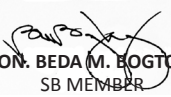


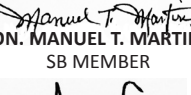
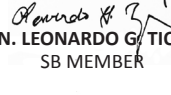
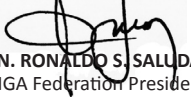

First offense – Fine of Five Hundred (Php 500/00) Pesos
Second Offense – Fine of One Thousand (Php 1,000.00) Pesos
Third Offense – Fine of One Thousand Five Hundred (Php 1,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than Seven (7) days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the honorable court.


SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE: if for any reason any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by the court, other provisions hereof that are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE: all municipal ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE: This ordinance shall take effect ninety (90) days upon approval by the Sanggunian Panlalawigan.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

HON. SHIELA O. LUCBAN SB MEMBER	HON. NELSON M. ESGUERRA SB MEMBER
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12/7/2020
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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HON. RONALDO S. SALUDAGA – LIGA Federation President
HON. ALDRIN L. ADRIATICO – SK Federation President

ABSENT: NONE

The session was officially opened at 9:00AM. Quorum

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 02 S-2020.

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM COMMITTING ANY ACT WHICH CAUSES STIGMA, DISGRACE, SHAME, HUMILIATION, HARASSMENT OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PERSON INFECTED, UNDER INVESTIGATION OR MONITORING DUE TO COVID-19, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ordinance of 2020.

SPONSORED BY : Hon. MARIA SHIELA O. LUCBAN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LAVEZARES, NORTHERN SAMAR, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, signed Proclamation No. 922, Declaring a state of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines, to contain the outbreak of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, since the emergence of Covid-19, there have been reports of instances of public stigmatization and harmful stereotyping among person who have contracted the disease, PUI’s and PUM’s wherein people are being labeled, separated or experience loss of status and discrimination because of a potential negative affiliation with the disease;

WHEREAS, stigmatization could drive people to hide the illness to avoid discrimination thereby preventing them from seeking health care immediately and discourage them from adopting healthy behaviors;

WHEREAS, there have been reports on incidents of health workers being evicted out of their residencies, recovered patients prevented from returning back to their residencies, support personnel being injured for allegedly transporting COVID-19 positive patients, refusal of service in eateries or transportation over fears of infections and even from their own barangays and homes, and posting online of false and inaccurate social media posts circulating names of people

alleged to have been infected with COVID-19, and urging the recipients to check if they had contact with those listed;

WHEREAS, the gravity of the situation thereby recognizing an urgent need to combat this pervasive stigmatization and discrimination on the basis of one’s medical condition, to bring normally and other amidst the crisis and to protect the constituency from unjust discrimination brought on by paranoia, fear and panic by the public.

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that every person has the right to life, liberty and security of person and privacy and the right to be free from discrimination and further ensures the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Lavezares shall provide protection to people during these trying times by showing compassion, empathy and tolerance towards its affected constituents as this virus can infect any person regardless of race, age, sex, or social standing because it is only through a united front can they fight and end the pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Lavezares, Northern Samar, in session assembled:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the **“ANTI-COVID-19 DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE.**

Section 2. COVERAGE – This ordinance is applicable only within the territorial Jurisdiction of the municipality of Lavezares, Northern Samar.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS

3.1 PUM – define as Person under monitoring without signs and symptoms.

3.2 PUI – Patient under investigation, with signs and symptoms, should be admitted in the hospital if with severe signs and symptoms.

3.3 HEALTH WORKERS – are those in the health sector who deliver care and services either directly or indirect which includes doctor, nurses, laboratory technician, sanitary inspector, barangay health workers, and all people in the health sector who are engaged in actions or activities whose primary intent is to enhance health.

3.4 FRONTLINERS – include RHU, PNP, MDRMO, Barangay Officials and other instrumentalities of the government, rendering emergency frontline services. It also includes service workers who are working in private establishments, providing basic necessities and such other activities related to food and medicines, public market, groceries and drugstores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations and other facilities.

Section 4. UNLAWFUL ACTS – It shall be unlawful for any person, to commit any act or make utterances which cause stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or otherwise discriminating against a person infected, under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19, health worker or front liner as defines under this Ordinance.

Any person who shall publicly claim, post on social media, spread or announce that a person is infected in under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19 whether or not the same has been confirmed or validated from the list given by authorized proper health officials, agency or department, shall also be liable under this section. If the person violating is a public officer, the penalty imposed shall be in its maximum, can also be a ground for filling an administrative case against said official, except when the patient concerned waived his/her right to privacy and for purpose of contact tracing and other medical purposes.

Section 5. PENALTIES – Any person caught in violation Section 4. Hereof shall be fined with the following:




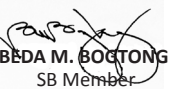


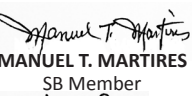
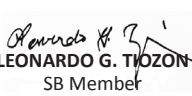
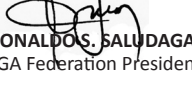

FIRST OFFENSE – Fine of Php 1,000.00
SECOND OFFENSE – Fine of Php 1,500.00
THIRD OFFENSE – Fine of Php 2,500.00 or imprisonment of 15 days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the honorable court.


If the offender is a public officer, the maximum penalty herein shall be imposed.

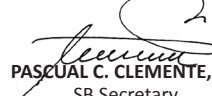
Section 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason, any section or provisions of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the remaining section or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

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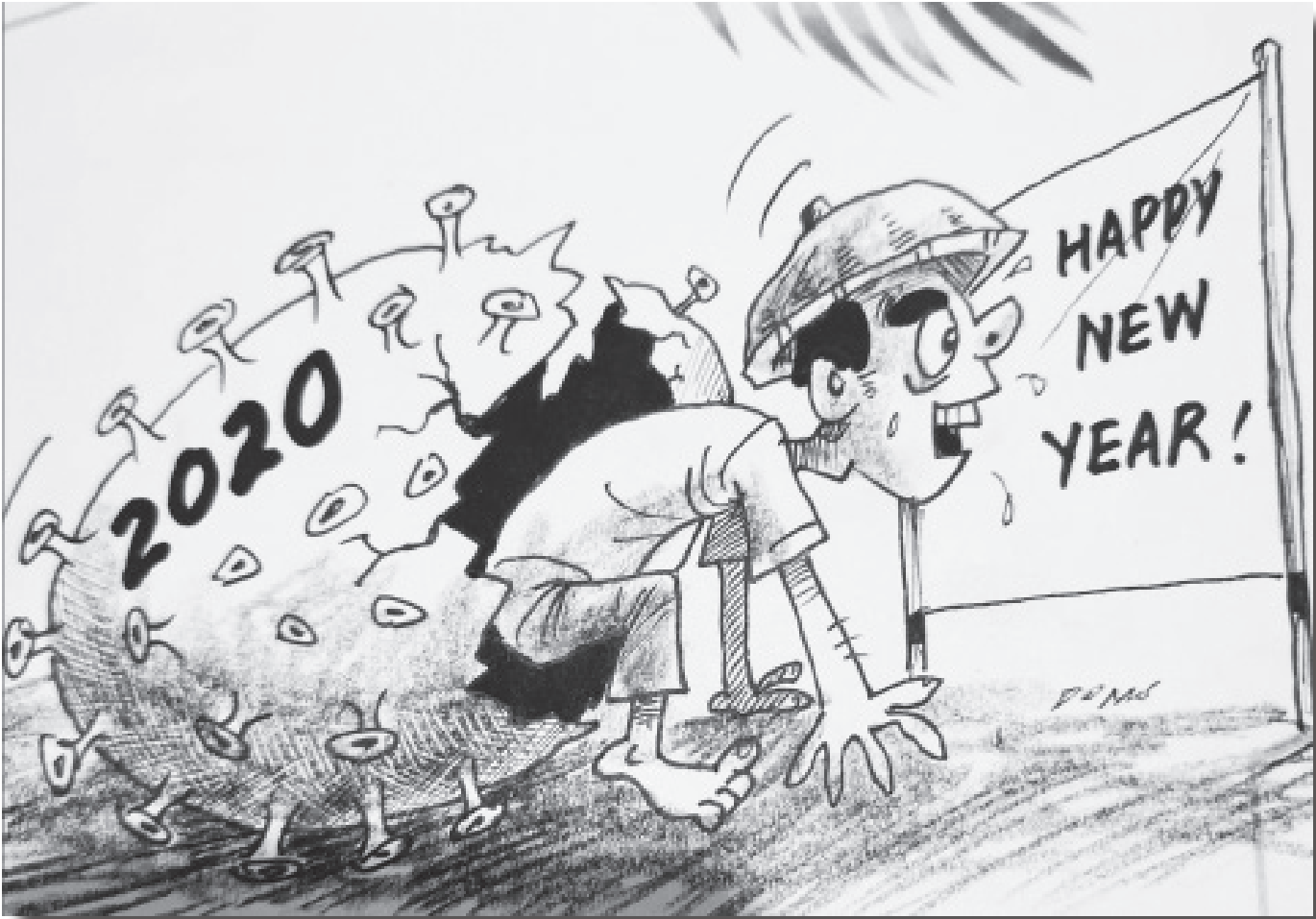
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It’s a new year

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are just a couple of days away and we will be able to finally celebrate the new year—2021. This means a lot to us, Filipinos. Greeting the new year means having been able to hurdle the last one, which was considered by many as a stressful year because of the many natural calamities that came with it.

Early that year, Taal Volcano erupted, covering its nearby towns and cities all the way to Metro Manila with volcanic ash and debris. Plenty of infrastructures were destroyed; agricultural crops were wasted; numerous livestock had died, and thousands of families were displaced, their livelihoods abandoned, their homes destroyed.

Then, in the third month of the year, the dreaded coronavirus started to spread all over the country, prompting the government to implement quarantine restrictions not just in

heavily affected communities, but throughout the archipelago. The normal mobility of people for their daily societal chores was suddenly stopped, shut inside their homes so as not to contract and spread the virus. This, to many, was not just simple boredom—it meant hunger for not being able to earn a living.

As the pandemic extended through the months that followed, another series of calamities called typhoons struck the southern and central Luzon, causing so much destruction to lives and properties due to the strong winds and, most of all, the flooding that took so long to subside in many areas. These, among others, had drained the government’s calamity funds, bringing the nation to its knees.

We finally came to this year’s end to welcome another year. We were able to hurdle it at last, which could be tantamount to victory. We hope and pray that this coming new year, things would be better for us, with the help of God Almighty. Happy new year, everyone!



Things To
Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Customer care issues

We ordinary people who are not into business, for the most part, are ignorant about business lingo. Normally, we do not care about what businessmen mean with the different terminologies that are using. But as customers, there’s a term/

terms that concern us and should invite our attention: it’s called customer service.

Customer service takes place when the customers’ needs are taken care of through the provision and delivery of helpful, professional, and quality service

or assistance. As an act of meeting customer needs or desires prior, during, and after business transactions, customer service includes prompt delivery of product and services, observance of good manners, usage of expected competence and skill, and getting to know the customer personally.

Businesses provide various types of products and services that cater to customer needs. Whatever it is that the customers desire, business owners must implement the best practices in customer service to satisfy those needs. Broadly, they can do this by hiring the right workers and treating them well, by being at where their customers are,

by creating a good impression for their business, and by trying to meet customer expectations.

In business, there are what they call barriers to effective customer service. These are like obstacles or hindrances to good customer service that customers should enjoy and demand from business owners.

First on the list is the complexity of the customers’ experiences. Each customer has specific expectations. Surely, their complex experiences sometimes lead to frustration and even churn. The company, then, incorporates the so-called omnichannel see Customer /page 18 ...



A sad note to end an already sad year

Who will see the beauty in your life?
And who will be there to hear you when your call?
Who will see the madness in your life?
And who will be there to catch you if you fall?

Beauty and Madness
Fra Lippo Lippi

Filicide is the most terrible and unnatural of crimes.

It is said that, in Romulus' time, there was no penalty for parricide because it was considered a crime too evil ever to be committed. While parricide in those days referred to the murder of one's own parent or ascendant, the killing of one's own offspring, which the term's modern meaning now includes, is equally horrendous and deserving of the stiffest penalty.

This is the opening text for G.R. No. 188320 June 29, 2010 PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES, Plaintiff-Appellee, vs. HONORIO TIBON y DEISO, Accused-Appellant. The case so horrendously awful I don't want to discuss its merits nor its synopsis.

Et tu Brute A Latin sentence meaning "Even you, Brutus?" from the play Julius Caesar, by William Shakespeare. Caesar utters these words as he is being stabbed to death, having recognized his friend Brutus among the assassins. A group of as many as 60 conspirators decided to assassinate Caesar at the meeting of the Senate on March 15, the ides of March. Collectively, the group stabbed Caesar a reported 23 times, killing the Roman leader. Brutus beloved by Caesar probably an illegitimate child of his made the last blow. In that

play of William Shakespeare that famous term Et tu Brute or Et tu Brutus came as a cry of recognition of one beloved attacking someone he should be protecting

Filicide is the deliberate act of a parent killing their own child. The word filicide is derived from the Latin words filius and filia (son and daughter) and the suffix -cide, meaning to kill, murder, or cause death.

Christmas day came this year with Pandemic as its background and that awful Filicide as the biggest news. On Christmas Day a 29-year-old father killed his two very young children. According to the Police the suspect suffered depression after his wife took her life on Christmas Eve and this after he lost his job to the pandemic.

Wikipedia has some data on this phenomenon. A 1999 U.S. Department of Justice study concluded that mothers were responsible for a higher share of children killed during infancy between 1976 and 1997 in the United States, while fathers were more likely to have been responsible for the murders of children aged eight or older.[1] Furthermore, 58-percent of the children who were killed by their mothers (maternal filicide) were female, while 42-percent of the children who were killed by their fathers (paternal filicide) were male. Parents were responsible

for 61-percent of child murders under the age of five.[2] Sometimes, there is a combination of murder and suicide in filicide cases. On average, according to FBI statistics, 450 children are murdered by their parents each year in the United States.[3]

An in-depth longitudinal study of 297 cases convicted of filicide and 45 of filicide-suicide in the United Kingdom between 1997 and 2006 showed that 37% of the perpetrators had a recorded mental illness at the time. The most common diagnoses were mood disorders and personality disorders rather than psychosis, but the latter accounted for 15% of cases. However - similar to findings in a large Danish study - the majority had not had contact with mental health services prior to the murders, and few had received treatment. Female perpetrators were more likely to have given birth as teenagers. Fathers were more likely to have been convicted of violent offences and have a history of substance misuse, and were more likely to kill multiple victims. Infants were more likely to be victims than older children, and a link to post-partum depression was suggested.

In this case where the Father was the one who did the said horrific act it was obvious that the suicide of the mother was the trigger of the supposed family suicide, the father survives though.

Factoring everything, the pandemic has its effect distressing and gnawing people who lost their means of livelihood. The loss of a spouse, the absence of hope in the future with an all-time record low of happiness expectancy for Christmas is reflective of the sad times that befell us. The very same sad times spawns physical and psychosomatic manifestations and sadly this is one of those.

To be honest, this writer does not prescribe any solution to this. The mind in each of us has its own innate workings that even the person has



When things get beyond our control

THAT'S when we just have to abandon ourselves in the hands of God, in his most wise, powerful and merciful providence. He never abandons us and he will always have the last word no matter how things turn out in the world.

Let's go back to those reassuring words of Christ when things in our life precisely get beyond our control. It's in the gospel of St. Matthew where Christ said: "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you

no way of understanding. But perhaps it's not hard to be decent, civil, honest, loving to our fellowmen and that the world will be happier. The environment is a rich source of stressors it can also be a source of inspiration, optimism. And over there from the twinkling of the lights one will reach harbor. The depressing and hopeless thoughts lurking in the minds of the suicidal can be thwarted by the kindness and affection of its fellow. Remember there is always a rainbow after the rain, although this can sometimes be unseen. After a pitch dark night dawn will come. That in all the said realities of the world today nothing lasts forever. In the story of Pandora's box (check the story in the net) the last remaining item in the box was hope. It was there last because after all the evil was unleashed hope beacons as the recourse that reassures everyone. Let our hopes not our hurts shape our future .

by worrying can add one cubit to his stature"

"So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin. And yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (6,26-33)

We have to learn how to develop and live this healthy sense of abandonment that is nourished by our Christian faith, hope and charity. Let's put into vivid memory the example of the many saints and of Christ himself who lived by this sense of abandonment.

St. Paul, for example, was simply sport with all the trials and difficulties

he had to go through to follow Christ. "I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers," he said.

"I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep. I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food. I have been cold and naked." (2 Cor 11,26-27)

In this life, we will not be spared from suffering. We should never be surprised about this condition. It's part of our earthly life. But if we have faith, everything will be taken care of.

Again, let's remind ourselves of these reassuring words of St. Paul: "All things work together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose." (Rom 8,28)

We should just train our emotions and feelings, our memory and imagination, and most especially our intelligence and will, to be guided by our faith rather than simply by our human estimation of things.

Our first and spontaneous reactions to trials and difficulties may be too human, but let us not allow ourselves to stay long in that condition, dominated by fears, worries and doubt. We should rectify as soon as we can and try to regain our spiritual and supernatural bearing.

We can always do that because the grace of God is never lacking. We should just do our part!



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 Public Office

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)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF RESIDENTIAL PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALBINA CAGARA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, Known as Lot No. 27; Pls 788, containing an area of of 2,166 square meters more or less, under Tax Dec No. Dec No. 08-13-0033-00151, situated in Brgy Rizal, Dulag, Leyte. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 743 square meters from the above-described property in favor of Sps. RODULFO C. AGUINALDE, SR. AND NELLA P. AGUINALDE as vendee for the eastern most portion, per Doc. No. 235, Page No. 48, Book No. II, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Abbey Christer G. Miralles. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & January 5, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ALBERTO F. DALMACION, JR extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 4194 located at Brgy. Diit, Tacloban City containing an area of 27,903sq.m., more or less under embraced by TCT No. T-4394. Per Doc No. 309, Page No. 75, Book No. 106, Series of 2019. Notary Public Atty. Raymond A. Ramos. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION OF ESTATE AMONG HEIRS WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late TERISITA CABIDOG extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Patong, Pas-trana, Leyte designated as Lot No. 3686, Case-27, Cad 821-D covered by Katibayan ng Orihinal na Titulo Blg CARP2017000805 with Free Patent No. 083741-44969, TD No. 00031 with an area of 73,358sq.m., more or less. A Deed of Absolute Sale was executed in favor of SPS. CLARK RAMIREZ ALGALLAR AND RAVENA SANTOS-ALGALLAR as vendee of the of a portion of land known as Lot 3686-B containing 40,000sq.m. from the above-described property. Per Doc No. 19, Page No. 5, Book No. X, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Aljim Denver M. Arcueno. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE LATE JAIME J. LUSTICO WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JAIME J. LUSTICO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coco land situated at Brgy. Magsaysay, Bobon, Northern Samar with an area of 16,810sq.m., under Tax Declaration Number ARP No. 12-04-004-00014. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ADONIS H. AGUIRRE as vendee of a portion of land measuring 300sq.m., with a dimension 10mx30m from the above-described parcel of land. Per Doc No. 465, Page No. 93, Book No. VI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Octavio A. Macatangay. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AMONG HEIRS WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SEVERINO DELARMENTE AND CRESFULA DEDAL DELARMENTE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 2164, Cad 637-D located at Brgy. Linao, Inopacan, Leyte covered by OCT-P79183 with TD No. 08-16013-00143 Tacloban City containing an area of 22,182sq.m., more or less under. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MAXIMA G. VILLAREAL as vendee of the above-described property. Per Doc No. 373, Page No. 75, Book No. LXVI, Series of 2020. Notary Public Atty. Exzon Mendoza. *LSDE: December 8, 15 & 22, 2020*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GERONIMO MARAVILLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coconut and rice land, together with all improvements thereon, situated in Barrio Libjo, Catarman, N. Samar, covered by OCT No. 9406 designated as Lot No. 544, Pls 857 D, containing an area of 39,209 square meters, under Tax Dec. No.63869, assessed at P2,020. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JOSE GOCO, as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 25, Page No. 21, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 1987 of Notary Public Atty. Restituto N. Cardenas. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & Jan. 5, 2021*

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSELITO CHAN, namely: Mirasol, John Meynard and Jonah all surnamed Chan, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over certain real properties, described as: 1) A parcel of land designated as Lot 5328-A, situated at Brgy. Trinidad, Calbayog City, Samar, containing an area of 2,440 square meters, more or less, under Tax Dec No. 99-01020-02281; 2) A parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1890 with a building improvement thereon, situated in Cor. Rueda and Navarro Sts, Brgy East Awang, Calbayog City, containing an area of 157 square meters, more or less, declared under Tax Dec. No. 99-01006-00992 (lot) and Tax Dec. 99-01006-01255 (building); 3) A condominium unit at Manhatten Garden, Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City, containing an area of 40.5 square meters, more or less, covered by Condominium Certificate No. 004-2014005390, under Tax Dec. No. D-9116 and declared Tax Dec. No. D-109-17294; 4) A parcel of land situated in Brgy. Balud, Sta Margarita, Samar, designated as Lot 412 Pls-833D, containing an area of 52,247 square meters, more or less, covered by TCT T-9116, under Tax Dec No. ARP No. 15-0007-00422; 5) Bank deposits a.LBP-JMC Distributor by Joselito O. Chan; b) PNB-Chan, Joselito Orquin/or Chan Mirasol T.; c) RCBC - Joselito O. Chan or Mirasol T Chan; 6) Interest in the business with the trade name JMC Distributor, these certain real properties are the conjugal share of the deceased over the above-properties; per Doc. No. 222, Page No. 46, Book No. XLIII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty.Aileen Reyes Maglana. *LSDE: December 22, 29, 2020 & January 5, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the Late JOSE GOCO SR., extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of coconut and rice land with all the improvements thereon, covered by OCT No. 9406: designated as Lot No. 544, pls 857-d, containing an area of 39,209 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. PIN 035-06-036-04-09. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MICHAEL E. VASQUEZ as vendee for the above-described property, per Doc. No. 194, Page No. 41, Series of XII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty Francis Archie N Tonog. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & Jan. 5, 2021*

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SAMAR
Municipality of Talalora
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that **JOSHUA QUIMUEL BALANTAD** has filed with this office, a Petition for Correction of Entry in her sex from **FEMALE** to **MALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JOSHUA QUIMUEL BALANTAD** who was born on **August 3, 1997** at Brgy. Independencia, Talalora, Samar and whose parents are **Antonio Balantad** and **Jocelyn Quimuel**.

Any person claiming interest or may adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office within ten (10) calendar days.

(Sgd.) **NELLY L. FABELLA**

LSDE: December 22 & 29, 2020

Municipal Civil Registrar

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and
Communication
**LAND TRANSPORTATION
FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY
BOARD**
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

Case No. VIII-2019-0195

Application for **Issuance**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a **PUJ** service with prayer
of **PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY**

**MAHAGNAW TRANSPORT
CORPORATION,**
Applicant/s

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUJ** for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **TACLOBAN CITY-TANAUAN AND VICE VERSA** with the use of **FIFTEEN (15)** unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JANUARY 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO, Regional Director, this 16th day of **DECEMBER, 2020.**

(Sgd.) **ATTY. GIL D. MENGULLO**
Attorney IV

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAIM WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late BENJAMIN T. JAO executed an Affidavit of Claim, he left Savings Deposit Account with the PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK, Catarman Branch, under Savings Account No. 0052-3483331-101, with a balance of Php33,558.41 and hereby request that the bank deposit account to release in favor of heir, IMMACULADA C. JAO; per Doc. No.62, Page No. 14, Book No. 53, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Rached P. Rondina. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & January 5, 2021*

AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that ADELAIDA T. ORDOÑEZ, heir of the late ROMEO G. ORDOÑEZ, executed an affidavit of Self Adjudication over a Bank deposit/account with LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, under Account Number 2171-0925-00, per Doc. No. 428, Page No. 86, Book No. IV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Arturo M. Cebujano. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & January 5, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. MAXIMO GEPIGA and FELICITAS FELECIA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located in Sampao, Almeria, Biliran denominated as denominated as survey No.3318, under Tax Dec. No. 00219 and Katibayan ng Original na Titulo Blg. P-1133, with an area of 13,890 square meters, assessed value of P21,240.00; per Doc. No.34, Page No. 7, Book No. 61, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Redentor C. Villordon. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & January 5 & 12, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late VICENTE ARINTO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land located at Brgy. San Roque, Tunga, Leyte, under OCT No. P-28252: with total area of 4,867 square meters, known as Lot No. 179-A. A deed of Sale was executed in favor of CRESCENTE F. ARINTO as vendee for a portion of 1,507 square meters from the above-described property; per Doc No. 221, Page No. 45, Book No. XXXVIII, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty Ulpiano Arpon. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & Jan. 5, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late GERARDO SABARRE and TARCELA A. SABARRE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land, described as: 1) A certain parcel of land situated at Bool, Culaba, Biliran, as Cad. Lot No. 1733, with an area of 2,590 square meters, under Tax Dec. No. 2943-R7; 2) A certain parcel of land situated at Poblacion Culaba, Biliran, under ARP No. 2499 R-7, containing an area of 9,552 square meters, more or less; 3) A certain parcel of land, situated at Bukid, Culaba, Biliran, under ARP No. 2946 R-7, containing an area of 49,686 square meters; 4) A residential house erected on Lot No. 409, with a floor area of 63 square meters of semi-concrete materials, under ARP No. 2945-R-7; 5) A certain parcel of land situated at Bukid, Culaba, Biliran, under ARP No. 2942 R7, containing an area of 18,191 square meters, more or less; 6) A certain parcel of residential land situated at Pob. Culaba, Biliran under ARP No. 2497 R-7, with an area of 240 square meters; 7) A certain parcel of residential land situated at Poblacion, Culaba, Leyte, under ARP No. 2836 R-6 with an area of 500 square meters; 8) A certain parcel of residential land situatedat Brgy Marvel, Culaba, Biliran, under ARP No. 3618-R-6, with an area of 525 square meters; per Doc. No. 26, Page No. 06, Book No. V, Series of 2005 of Notary Public Atty. Tarcelo A. Sabarre. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & January 5 & 12, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late JOSEFA H. ARCALES, extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land situated in the Barrio of Silanga, Municipality of Catbalogan City, Samar, and covered by TCT No. T-679, Lot No. 912, with the improvements thereon, containing an area of 32,986 square meters more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed a portion of 765 square meters from the above-described property in favor of DOMINADOR R. DANDAY married to VIRGINIA IRIS GARCIA DANDAY as vendee; per Doc. No. 56, Page No. 11, Book No. 59, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Sherry Mae A. Arcales. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & Jan. 5 & 12, 2021*

ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that NIL-DA CADION-MAGBANUA executed an affidavit of Adjudication over a parcel of agricultural land (cogon) located at Brgy. Lucso-on, Naval, Biliran now under Tax Dec./ARP No. 00124R11, with a total area of 0.150496 ha., denominated as Cad. Lot No. 3944-P. A Deed of Sale was executed a 1/3 portion with an area of 449.20 square meters from the above-described property in favor of SPS. ARIANE and JOSE RAYMIE R. MISSION as vendee for the above described 1/3 portion; per Doc. No. 33, Page No. 7, Book No. I, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Lolita G. Casas-Nueve. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & January 5 & 12, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. Gervacio Pasco & Jasmin A. Pasco extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcels of land described as: 1) A parcel of residential land, situated at Brgy. Sabang II, Allen, Northern Samar, designated as Lot No. 661, Cad. 1083-D, covered by Tax Dec/ARP No. 04-02004-05-01050, containing an area of 213 square meters; 2) A parcel of agricultural land situated as Brgy. Bonifacio, Allen, Northern Samar, designated as Lot No. 1133, Pls-54, covered by Tax Dec/ARP No. 04-02006/05-02464, containing an area of 24,397 square meters; 3) A parcel of coconut land, situated at Brgy. Bonifacio, Allen, Northern Samar, designated as Lot No. 1309, Pls 54, covered by Tax Dec/ARP No. 2012-02-0006-00123, containing an area of 1,479 square meters; 4) Parcel of agricultural land situated at Brgy. Bonifacio, Allen, Northern Samar, designated as Lot No. 1152, Pls 54, covered by Tax DecARP No. 04-02006-10154/05-02807, containing an area of 5,240 square meters; per Doc. No. 219, Page NBo. 44, Book No. IX, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Pepito G. Rivas. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & Jan. 5 & 12, 2021*

PARTIAL EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late ADOLPH H. FRIGILLANA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot 8, Block 27, situated in Brgy. Dalakit, Municipality of Catarman, Northern Samar, covered by TCT No. 12855, containing an area of 372 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of MAY GÁLVEZ KNIGHT as vendee for the above-described property; per Notary Public Atty. Albert P. Yruma. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & Jan. 5 & 12, 2021*

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that ROSE CAJES LOPRESTI heir of late SAL LOPRESTI executed an affidavit of Self Adjudication over a parcel of residential lot situated in Sagkahan, Tacloban City, covered by TCT No. T-55100, designated as Lot No. 816-C-1, Psd-08-003138, containing an area of 244 square meters, more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of Sps. REYNALDO P. LLANETA and REMEDIOS B. LLANETA as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc. No. 280, Page No. 57, Book No. XV, Series of 2018 of Notary Public Atty. Enrico D. Asis, CPA. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & Jan. 5 & 12, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT AND PARTITION

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FLAVIANO LOSORATA CENTINO extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Sto. Nino, Isabel, Leyte, covered by Tax Dec. No. P-41933, designated as Lot No. 181, C1, Cad. 661-D, containing an area of 39,760 square meters; per Doc. No. 67, Page No. 14, Book No. 99, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Wilma Cordeño-Matuguina. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & January 5 & 12, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS hereby given that heirs of the late AQUILINO L. CUPLA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a bank deposits with Bank of the Philippines Islands, Tacloban Branch, Tacloban City, under Account No. 9156-003-35 with present balance of 80,717.18; per Doc. No. 346, Page No. 71, Book No. XXXI, Series of 2019 of Notary Public Atty. Edwin Y. Chua. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & January 5 & 12, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late SPS. TELESFORO C. CHUA and JOSEFINA G. CHUA extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 2296-B, situated in the Brgy. Esperanza, Municipality of Alang-alang, Province of Leyte, covered by TCT No. T-31217, containing an area of 7,000 square meters, more or less, and heirs do hereby waive, renounce and quitclaim all rights, interest and participation for the above-described property in favor of JEFFREY G. CHUA; per Doc. No. 445, Page No. 91, Book No. III, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Imee A. Petilla. *LSDE: Dec. 29, 2020 & January 5 & 12, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late FLORENTINA JUANITE ABAYAN extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, designated as Lot No. 3375, Cad-817-d, covered by Pres Proclamation No. 2282, situated in Brgy San Jaquin, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City, Province of Samar, containing an area of 32,687 square meters and covered by OCT No. 148, CLOA No. 00113818. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of ALAN GILES MARY S. SARMIENTO as vendee for the above-described property; per Doc No. 470, Page No. 94, Book No. Vi, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty Anthony U. Singzon. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & Jan. 5, 2021*

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that heirs of the late MAURA IDUYAN-ETULLE extrajudicially settled, partitioned and adjudicated over a parcel of land, situated at Brgy. Tinabilan, Palompon, Leyte, under OCT No. P-57829, covered by Tax Dec. No. 08-31048-00348R13, Lot No 2237, containing an area of 4,870 square meters more or less. A Deed of Sale was executed in favor of JENNIFER A. GORUMBA married to Gilbert C. Gorumba as vendee for the above-described property together with any and all improvements thereon and hereby affirm the said sale, per Doc. No.165, Page No. 33, Book No. XIV, Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Chelissa Mae N. Rojas, CPA. *LSDE: Dec. 22, 29, 2020 & Jan. 5, 2021*

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In Compliance to Section 5 of R.A. 9048 a notice is hereby served to the public that **Enrico Ernil D. Ranao** has filed with this Office, a *(Complete Name of the Petitioner)*

petition for Change of First Name from **ERNIL** to *(First Name to be changed)*

ENRICO ERNIL in the birth certificate of *(New first name to be adopted)*

ERNIL DOCENA RANAO, who was born *(Complete name of document owner)*

January 24, 1986 at **Guiuan, Eastern Samar** and *(Date of birth) (Place of birth)*

whose parents are **Ernesto C. Ranao** and **Elena G. Docena** *(Name of father) (Name of mother)*

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 5, 2021.**

(Sgd.) **ESTER R. GERMINAL**

LSDE: December 22 & 29, 2020

Municipal Civil Registrar

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SAMAR
Municipality of Talalora
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirement and pursuant to OCRG Memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, guidelines in the Implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012 (IRR on R.A. 10172), notice is hereby served to the public that **ANGELA QUIMUEL BALANTAD** has filed with this office, a Petition for Correction of Entry in her sex from **MALE** to **FEMALE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **ANGELA QUIMUEL BALANTAD** who was born on **December 28, 1999** at Brgy. Independencia, Talalora, Samar and whose parents are **Antonio Balantad** and **Lanny Quimuel**.

Any person claiming interest or may adversely affected by said petition may file his/her written opposition with this Office within ten (10) calendar days.

(Sgd.) **NELLY L. FABELLA**

LSDE: December 22 & 29, 2020

Municipal Civil Registrar

E. Samar SP approves P1.5B budget for 2021

BORONGAN CITY-The Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) of Eastern Samar has approved a P1.5 billion budget for next year.

This is what Vice Governor Maricar Sison-Goteesan said as she faced the local media after the SP session on December 18, 2020.

She added that the priority of the provincial government remains on health, agriculture, and education.

She also said that the SP will look for funding for the

FRs avail of Pangkabuhayan showcase from DTI

CATARMAN, Northern Samar-Twenty-two (22) former rebels (FRs) have availed of the Pangkabuhayan showcase from the Department of Trade and Industry under the Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa program.

“This is a livelihood and entrepreneurship program of DTI given to entrepreneurs affected by conflicts, calamities and or pandemic,” said DTI provincial director, Ms. Mimosa Regis.

“Our mandate is to develop micro, small enterprises, the package is just a small thing but this is a grant, you have the obligation to pay for it, Regis informed the FRs.

The funds, according to her, come from the office of Senator Bong Go coursed through DTI to be given to those interested to start a small business.

Speaking before the rebel returnees, Board Member Florencio “Fawa” Batula, representing Governor Edwin Ongchuan said, “the government tries its best to produce life winners, and you are our winners, hopefully, we can still encourage other rebels to

PCA distributes assistance to marginalized coconut farmers

BORONGAN CITY- Some 112 coconut farmers received cash and food assistance from the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) under the Department of Agriculture’s Cash and Food Subsidy for Marginal Farmers and Fishers Program on December 21, at the

promised provision of vaccines to Estehanons who will not be able to avail themselves of the free vaccines by the national government.

“The LGU will find ways for those who cannot avail from the national government,” she said.

As health is the number one priority, Goteesan also talked about the availability of the CT Scan and Dialysis machines by the first quarter of next year.

As to the other community and district hospitals located in the entire province, she said that more

improvements are on their way.

Other ordinances/legislations the vice-governor said is the provision of P50,000 to centenarians. Then there is the approval of the Provincial Bike Code which states safety for the bikers.

The Vice-Governor also takes pride in saying that because the whole SP and the Governor is one, the SP is always ready to support Gov. Evardone’s propositions that will benefit the Estehanons.

(nbq/PIA E. Samar)

Rep. Noel vow to look concern of disaster risk reduction offices for them be given hazard pay

TACLOBAN CITY-Rep. Florencio ‘Bem’ Noel said that he would look into the concern of the disaster risk reduction management officers (DRRMOs) of Northern Samar who are seeking hazard pay as they carry out their tasks amid the health problem caused by coronavirus disease(COVID-19)

Noel learned on the plight of these disaster officials of Northern Samar as relayed to him by the media.

“Maybe in the discussion of Bayanihan 3, I can come down to have a meaningful life as the government is serious in reaching out and providing services through various agencies. We don’t expect anything in return, what we only ask is your support.”

Aside from the pangkabuhayan showcase, Governor Edwin Ongchuan also gave Noche Buena packs with ham to the 22 FRs and their families.

(PIA-N. Samar)



REP. FLORENCIO ‘BEM’ NOEL

bring that up. Maybe I can raise that concern,” the lawmaker said.

To recall, all the 24 DRRMOs from the province made an open letter addressed to President Rodrigo Duterte, NDRRMC Chairperson Sec. Delfin Lorenzana, and Office of Civil Defense Administrator Ricardo Jalad seeking for hazard pay and other compensatory benefits as they join in the campaign against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

They also sought that similar benefits be given to workers, volunteers and other non-health frontliners who are likewise doing works related to COVID-19 response.

“It is very disheartening and demoralizing that despite our role as cannon fodder to all types of hazards, not even RA 10121 nor any other law or national issuance provides for the grant of hazard pay or other similar compensatory benefits,” they said on their letter.

Vietnamese woman arrested for agar woods possession in N.Samar

TACLOBAN CITY- A Vietnamese woman was arrested by local police of Allen town in Northern Samar during an entrapment operation for possession of highly-priced agar woods on December 23.

Reports from the regional headquarters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) based in Palo town, Leyte, identified the arrested Vietnamese woman as Hong Dinh Thi Bich,39, in an entrapment operation in Barangay Jubasan of said town at around 2:30 pm on that day.

Her companion, who

was not identified, managed to fled during the operation conducted by the municipal and provincial headquarters of the PNP and the elements of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG).

Seized from the suspect were 10.9 kilograms of agar woods; accessories of making agar beads and cash P15,000.

The woman is now detained at the provincial CIDG office in Catarman as she was charged for violations of PD705 or the Forestry Reform Code and RA 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Act of 2001.

(RONALD O. REYES)

EV trade surplus increases by 8.17% in September 2020, says PSA

TACLOBAN CITY-The region’s surplus in the total balance of trade in goods (BoT-G) expanded by 8.17 percent in September of this year.

This was reported by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) which said that the region’s BOT-G reached to \$116.93 million, which was higher compared to the \$108.0 million of the same period of last year.

“The region’s total trade in goods inched up by 0.66 percent in September 2020 to \$146.02 million from \$145.06 million in the same period in 2019,” Wilma Perante, PSA-8 director said.

Perante reported that the total value of exports in September 2020 was posted at \$131.47 million, weighing 122.89 million kilograms.

“This value is higher by 3.87 percent compared with the \$126.58 million exports in September 2019. The major export during this month was the commodity group of copper and articles thereof, which accounted for 91.96 percent of the region’s total export revenue. This generated \$120.90 million total revenue,” she said.

Perante reported that the People’s Republic of China was the top export market destination with \$76.16 million total export revenue, accounting for more than half (57.93%) of the region’s total exports in September 2020.

The PSA-8 director said that the region’s total value of imports declined by 21.30 percent. The \$18.49 million imports in September 2019 decreased to \$14.55 million in September 2020, with a total gross weight of 102.62 million kilograms.

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes commodity group was the major import during the reference month with a total revenue of \$6.51 million. This comprised the bulk or 44.76 percent of the region’s total imports in September 2020.

The top import supplier of the region during the month in review was Indonesia. Its total import bill of \$3.25 million comprised 22.34 percent of the region’s total imports, the director said.

(RESTITUTO A.CAYUBIT)

Man dies after motorcycle crash in Biliran

TACLOBAN CITY-A 55-year-old man has died after a motorcycle crash in Biliran, Biliran on Christmas Day.

Police identified the victim as Nardo Remitera, laborer, and a resident of Barangay Bato of said town.

Initial investigation disclosed that the victim was riding his black Suzuki motorcycle along the national highway in Brgy. Bato towards the

direction of Naval, Biliran when he suddenly lost control of his driven motorcycle.

The victim swerved and fell on the side of the road which caused his instantaneous death, according to the report.

Remitera was also under the influence of liquor, the report added.

Police are investigating the incident.

(RONALD O. REYES)

e. The Center director or the Counselor-in-Charge, as the case may be, shall submit to the Committee a periodic progress report on the subject employee/s performance while under their care and custody.

D. Effects of Voluntary Submission for Rehabilitation

a. An employee who has voluntarily submitted himself/herself for rehabilitation and has manifested as satisfactory performance in the Center may be entitled to receive other monetary benefits as may be deemed appropriate by the Committee. Payment of which, however, shall be effected only after his/her successful rehabilitation.

b. A voluntarily-submitted employee who has substantial sick leave credits to cover his/her period of rehabilitation and who has manifested satisfactory performance while in the Center, shall given a performance rating equivalent to that of his rating on the preceding rating period.

E. Completion of the Rehabilitation Program

a. An employee who has undergone the rehabilitation program mentioned herein shall be deemed rehabilitated upon Certification of the Director of the treatment and rehabilitation center where he/she has been confined, copy of which shall be furnished the Committee and the Head of Office.

b. Based on the said Certification and upon the approval of the Local Chief Executive, the City Administrator shall immediately issue an order for an investigation to determine his/her administrative liability under existing rules. After he/she has been cleared, an immediate Return-to-Work Order shall be issued to the said employee.

c. The Return-to-Work Order must contain, among others, a warning that repetition of the habit sought to be corrected will be dealt with more severely in accordance with the provisions of the CSC Rules and Regulation.

d. Upon receipt of the said Order, the Subject-employee shall immediately report to his/her respective department and re-assume his post in the department. Subject-employee, though still has to report regularly for after-care and follow-up with a DOH-accredited out-patient facility for a period of eighteen (18) months.

F. Out-Patient Care and Counseling for Experiementer/Casual Users

An employee who has been found to be an experimenter or casual user must regularly comply with his/her scheduled sessions with his/her counselor from the DOH Accredited Out-Patient Center.

Failure to religiously comply with the above directive in the absence of a satisfactory written explanation as to his/her reason/s thereof may result to administrative sanction/s as the Committee may deem proper to impose.

G. Effect of Refusal to Undergo Rehabilitation, Out-Patient Care and Counseling, and After-Care Services.

An employee who has found to be on an experimenter, a casual user, or a drug dependent, as the case may be, and who refuses to undergo the required intervention may face disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Rule XIV - Discipline of the Civil Service Laws and Rules.

H. Effect of Pre-termination of Rehabilitation, Out-Patient Care and Counseling, and After-Care Services and Relapse

An employee who deliberately causes the pre termination of his required rehabilitation, Out-Patient Care and Counseling, and After-Care Services, as the case may be, may likewise face disciplinary sanctions in accordance with the above mentioned provisions of the Civil Service Law and Rules.

SECTION 7. SANCTIONS. Officials and Employees who violated the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the following:

a. Officers or employees who for the **second time** have been detected to be using dangerous drugs after completion of his/her treatment and/or rehabilitation or program or while undergoing treatment and/or rehabilitation may either be suspended or dismissed from the service subject to the Civil Service Laws, Rules, and Regulations.

b. Employees who are found, arrested/apprehended or charged in court for commission of any of the unlawful acts provided for under Art, II of R.A. 9165 will either be suspended/dismissed from the service depending on the gravity of the offense committed, subject to existing Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service, without prejudice to criminal prosecution.

c. Any employee found to have violated the provisions of the policy for a drug-free workplace shall not be considered for promotion, travel, grants, on-the-job schooling, and other related incentive benefits for a minimum period of three (3) years upon detection.

SECTION 8. EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. An employee assistance program shall be made available for employees who manifests performance problem that may indicate drug abuse and for those who may develop the habit. The program includes, among others, counseling, and referral services.


SECTION 9. CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATION. The drug-free workplace program shall be in accordance with existing laws and Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 10. AFFIRMATION AND COMMITMENT. All officials and employees of the City of Calbayog shall read this “**LGU CALBAYOG Drug-Free Workplace Ordinance**” and sign the Affirmation and Commitment to the same.

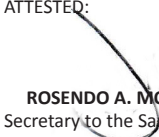
SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: September 30, 2019.

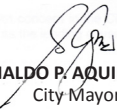
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


DIEGO P. RIVERA
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ROSENDO A. MORALES
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: October 22, 2019


RONALDO P. AQUINO, CPA
City Mayor

Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Calbayog City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALBAYOG HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 10, 2020 AT 09:45 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Diego P. Rivera	- City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Charlito L. Coñejos	- President Pro-Tempore
Hon. Christopher G. Corsiga	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (1st District)
Hon. Aquilina P. Sabi	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (2nd District)
Hon. Sylvan Josef B. Ayong	- Member
Hon. Marcial P. Aquino, Jr.	- Member
Hon. Cesar T. Sabenicio	- Member
Hon. Billy J. Martires	- Member
Hon. Minda D. Pasacas	- Member
Hon. Rosalia P. Chuca	- Member
Hon. Ariel M. Rosales	- Ex-Officio Member, Liga President
Hon. Joebert Vincent Anthony M. Genotiva-Ex-Officio Member, SK President	

ABSENT:

Hon. Rey James R. Uy	- Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Abbie Joy I. Yulo	- Minority Floor Leader
Hon. Alex R. Gelera	- Member

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06-005

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IMPOSITION OF REGULATORY FEE UNDER SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2012-29-043 ENACTED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2012 FROM: FIVE PESOS (PHP5.00) TO: TEN PESOS (PH10.00) PER CUBIC METER OF EARTH MATERIALS WHICH ARE REMOVED TRANSPORTED/DELIVERED IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG.


Sponsor: **HON. CHARLITO L. COÑEJOS**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog, that:

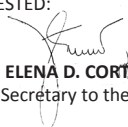
SECTION 1. To amend the imposition of regulatory fee under Section 3 of Ordinance Number 2012-29-043 enacted on September 3, 2012 from: Five Pesos (Php5.00) to: Ten Pesos (Php10.00) per cubic meter of earth materials which are removed transported/delivered in the City of Calbayog.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.
ENACTED: February 10, 2020.

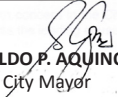
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


DIEGO P. RIVERA
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


MA. ELENA D. CORTADO
OIC-Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: Feb. 17, 2020


RONALDO P. AQUINO, CPA
City Mayor

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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Calbayog City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALBAYOG HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AT 10:20 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Diego P. Rivera	- City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Charlito L. Coñejos	- President Pro-Tempore
Hon. Christopher G. Corsiga	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (1st District)
Hon. Aquilina P. Sabi	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (2nd District)
Hon. Abbie Joy I. Yulo	- Minority Floor Leader
Hon. Sylvan Josef B. Ayong	- Member
Hon. Marcial P. Aquino, Jr.	- Member
Hon. Alex R. Gelera	- Member
Hon. Billy J. Martires	- Member
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Hon. Joebert Vincent Anthony M. Genotiva-	Ex-Officio Member, SK President
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ABSENT:

Hon. Rey James R. Uy	- Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Cesar T. Sabenicio	- Member
Hon. Ariel M. Rosales	- Ex-Officio Member, Liga President

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-08-011

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE RATES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF CALBAYOG ZIPLINE AND MALAJOG RIDGE NATURE PARK

Sponsor: **HON. CHARLITO L. COÑEJOS**

WHEREAS, the City Government of Calbayog has established the Calbayog Zipline and Malajog Ridge Nature Park at Barangay Malajog, Tinambacan District, Calbayog City;

WHEREAS, said facilities shall serve as an additional attraction in the City of Calbayog to further boost the tourism industry and revenue generation of the City Government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enact an ordinance to prescribe the rates and guidelines for the use of Calbayog Zipline and Malajog Ridge Nature Par;

WHEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “**Ordinance prescribing the rates and guidelines for the use of Calbayog Zipline and Malajog Ridge Nature Park.**”

SECTION 2. DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES.

a. Zipline - a recreational equipment consists of a cable stretched between points of different elevation, a pulley and a harness or bar attaching a rider who moves by gravity;

b. Trekking - hiking or walking at the Malajog Ridge Nature Park from the main entrance up to the exit including riding of boat going back to the main land;

c. Whole Adventure Course - this shall include trekking, use of the Zipline and riding of boat from the islet going back to the mainland.

SECTION 3. RATES. The prescribed rates for the use of the facilities shall be as follows:

1. Whole Adventure Course	
a. Zipline (Position)	
a.1 Seated	- Php 300.00 per head
a.2 Superman	- Php 350.00 per head
2. Trekking only	- Php 30.00 per head

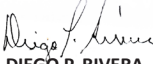
SECTION 4. GENERAL PROVISION. The guidelines and safety measures for the effective implementation of this ordinance shall be formulated by the City Tourism Officer with the approval of the City Mayor.

SECTION 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION. The Tourism Officer shall be authorized to grant promo rates during lean months and other season or occasions.

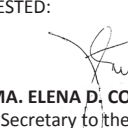
SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any ordinance or resolution found inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.
ENACTED: February 24, 2020.

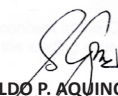
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


DIEGO P. RIVERA
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


MA. ELENA D. CORTADO
OIC-Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: March 02, 2020


RONALDO P. AQUINO, CPA
City Mayor

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALBAYOG HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON APRIL 13, 2020 AT 09:50 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Diego P. Rivera	- City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Charlito L. Coñejos	- President Pro-Tempore
Hon. Rey James R. Uy	- Majority Floor Leader
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Hon. Joebert Vincent Anthony M. Genotiva-Ex-Officio Member, SK President	

ABSENT:

Hon. Abbie Joy A. Irigon	- Minority Floor Leader
Hon. Minda D. Pasacas	- Member

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12-017

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND WEARING OF PROTECTIVE FACE MASKS IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES IN CALBAYOG CITY

Sponsor: **HON. CESAR T. SEBENICIO**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog in a session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. All persons/individuals when going out in public places or when outside their residences or traveling in a public or private vehicle, must at all times adhere to the physical distancing requirements of at least one (1) meter apart and the mandatory wearing of protective masks when transacting business of any nature in public places and establishments, like malls, groceries, pharmacies, market place, fish ports, retail/sari-sari stores, churches/chapels, restaurants, hotels, schools, public offices/agencies and other similar offices and establishments in Calbayog City.

SECTION 2. All private/commercial/industrial establishments offering good and/or services, enterprises, joints, companies and the like operating within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Calbayog when used in this ordinance, shall mean the establishments allowed to operate pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order No. 16 series 2020 by the Inter-Agency Task Force on COVID-19 dated March 26, 2020, to wit:

- Hospitals, medical institutions, diagnostic and lying-in clinics and medical laboratories.
- Public/Basic utility providers such as SAMELCO I, CCWD, cable television, telecommunications, internet providers, newspaper and radio network.
- Restaurants, food/snack houses, coffee shops, cafes, carinderias.
- Supermarkets and grocery stores, convenience stores, bakeries, pharmacies or drugstores.
- Funeral parlors and homes, morgues, and those offering funeral related services.
- Manufacturing and processing plants.
- Financial and lending institutions, banks and quasi-banks, money remittance and payment centers.
- Water refilling, and gasoline stations, petroleum and LGP stores.
- Courier services, goods delivery services, cargo forwarders and logistic companies,
- Other establishments allowed to operate by virtue of recent issuances.

SECTION 3. All business establishments in Calbayog City shall adopt a “**NO MASK NO ENTRY**” Policy.

SECTION 4. All business establishments shall be responsible to institute measures and assign personnel for the observance of physical distancing in their respective places. Likewise, government offices and agencies, churches/chapels, market place and fishports and other similar establishments are required to enforce this provision.

SECTION 5. All barangay officials shall also be responsible to strictly implement the provisions of this ordinance in their respective jurisdiction. Non compliance thereof shall be subject to administrative sanctions pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. Penalty Clause. If any person, establishment, school or public office or agency and other similar establishment or office fail to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, the penalty shall be as follows:

1) For individual offenders:


a) First Offense	- A fine of Five Hundred (P500.00) Pesos and community service of eight (8) hours to be determined by the barangay official where the violation occurred.
b) Second Offense	- A fine of Seven Hundred (P700.00) Pesos and community service of twelve (12) hours
c) Third and succeeding Offense-	A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and sixteen (16) hours of community service.

2) For owners of business establishments:


a) First Offense	- A fine of Two Thousand (P2,000.00) Pesos and Thirty (30) days suspension of business establishment.
b) Second Offense	- A fine of Three Thousand (P3,000.00) Pesos and Sixty (60) days suspension of business establishment.
c) Third and succeeding Offense-	A fine of Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesosand closure of business establishment.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.
ENACTED: April 13, 2020.


CERTIFIED CORRECT:


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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12-019

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING MEASURES AGAINST PANIC BUYING AND HOARD-
ING OF GOODS AND COMMODITIES.

Sponsor: HON. CESAR T. SEBENICIO

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog in a session duly assmbled, that:

SECTION 1. There shall be no panic buying for individual consumers during the duration of national emergencies and similar circumstances like calamities. Panic buying as used in this ordinance shall mean an act of buying more than the normal consumption or buying large quantities of a particular product or commodity due to sudden fear of a forthcoming shortage or price increase.

SECTION 2. Owners of business establishments like distributors, groceries, malls, pharmacies, drugstores and the like are prohibited from hoarding goods especially basic commodities, medicines and medical supplies during the entire duration of the national emergency. Hoarding shall mean the purchase of large quantities of a commodity by a speculator with the intent of benefiting from future price increase.

SECTION 3. Individual consumers, owners of business establishments, retailers and sari-sari store owners, restaurants and other food establishments, caterers, hotels and the like shall be allowed to buy goods according to quantities and amount specified below:

KIND OF GOODS	LIMIT FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSUMERS (Per Person Per Day)	LIMIT FOR CONSUMERS (Per Retailer, Sari-sari store, restaurant , hotel and the likes per day)
Canned sardines	6 cans	24 cans
Other canned goods (meat loaf, corned beef, tuna, etc)	3 cans of each kind	12 cans of each kind
Powdered milk	1.2 kilogram or 1 can	Maximum of 5 kilograms
Powdered milk (sachets)	Maximum of 12 sachets	5 ties (regardless of kind)
Milk Formula	1 box or 1 can	Maximum of 5 boxes or cans
Coffee instant	1 bottle or sachet, max of 500 grams	5 bottles or sachets (each containing 500 kilograms
Coffee refill	1 pack - 200 grams and above Maximum of 4 packs - below 200 grams	Maximum of 10 packs - 200 grams and above Maximum of 15 packs - below 200 grams
Coffee (3 n 1)	Maximum of 12 sachets	10 ties

Bread	3 packs	10 packs
Instant Noodles	6 pouches	48 pouches
Eggs	1 dozen	5 dozens
Cooking oil	1 liter	Maximum of 5 liters
Sugar	1 kilogram	Maximum of 10 kilograms
Rice	Maximum of 50 kilograms	150 kilograms(3 cavans)
Alcohol	1 Bottle - more than 500 ml Maximum of 3 bottles - below 500 ml	15 bottles (300 ml) 10 bottles (500 ml) 5 bottles - more than 500 ml
Hand sanitizers	3 bottles - 100 ml	10 bottles (100 ml)
Bathroom tissue paper	1 pack maximum 12 rolls	Maximum of 48 rolls
Kitchen towels	3 rolls or pack	Maximum of 10 rolls
Bath soaps	6 bars	Maximum of 24 bars of different kinds
Liquid Hand Soap	2 bottles - 500 ml	10 bottles (500 ml)
	3 bottles - below 500 ml	10 bottles (below 500 ml)
Disinfectant Solutions Clorox, Lysol, Domex and the like)	Maximum of 1 gallon	3 gallons (regardless of kind)
Face masks	10 pcs	100 pcs
Multivitamins/ Vitamins C	1 box or 1 bottle (100 pcs)	5 boxes or 5 bottles (each containing 500 pcs)

SECTION 4. All establishments shall be obliged to post the list of items and the limitations of the purchases at a conspicuous place in the store for consumer perusal.

SECTION 5. The business establishments aforementioned shall be subject for inspection by representatives from DTI or the BPLO upon report or complaint of over pricing or hoarding from a constituent or concerned citizen.

SECTION 6. Any person or entity found violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

1) For individual offenders:

- a) First Offense - A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)
- b) Second Offense - A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)
- c) Third and succeeding Offense - A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) and eight (8) hours of community service.

2) For owners of business establishments:

- a) First Offense - A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00)
- b) Second Offense - A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) plus closure for a period of sixty (60) days
- c) Third Offense - A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and total closure of business establishment.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

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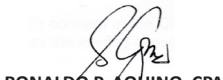
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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12-020

AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING ACTS AND ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
HEALTH WORKERS AND FRONTLINERS AND PERSONS SUSPECTED, PROBABLE AND
CONFIRMED INFECTED WITH COVID-19 VIRUS IN CALBAYOG

Sponsor: HON. CESAR T. SEBENICIO

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog in a session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE: This ordinance shall be known as the “Anti Covid-19 Discrimination Ordinance of 2020”.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS: The following terms as used in this ordinance shall be defined as follows:

1) Discrimination - consists of the following acts:

- 1. Deny access to public programs and services otherwise available to the public and access or entry to their respective barangays due the nature of their work.
- 2. Refuse admission or expel from public markets, supermarkets, groceries, bakeshops and convenient stores;
- 3. Refuse eatery or eject from usual accommodation in any lodging houses, apartment, motel, hotel, inn, dormitory and any other places of dwelling being rented out or offered to the public or for a fee or give inferior accommodation of servies by reason of his/her work as frontliner;
- 4. Deny access or admission to medical and other health services, health insurance or give inferior accommodation of services by reason of his/her work as front-liner;
- 5. Deny access to and/or use of private and public establishment, facilities, utilities, transportation services that are open to the general public;
- 6. Utter or post online slanderous or abusive statement which incite discrimination against a frontliner;
- 7. Subject any frontliner to any harassment or any threat of physical, mental and verbal violence, intimidation or other threatening disruptive behavior;
- 8. Any other act of discrimination which demean, impairs, mars, reduces or nullifies the enjoyment or exercise of a frontliner’s human and legal rights and basic freedom in the social sphere and other spheres.

2) Frontliners - consists of medical and non-medical personnel, whether from the private or public sector who are on the frontline in provision of essential services in the face of public health crisis such as

- a. Private and government doctors, nurses and other medical personnel and health volunteers
- b. Hospital workers, administrative staff, janitors and security personnel
- c. National and local government officials and employees in the exercise of front-line functions
- d. Members of the PNP, Armed Forces of the Philippines and other law enforcement personnel
- e. Emergency responders like the BFP, DRRMO and Barangay Health Emergency Response Team.
- f. Employees and personnel of establishments providing needed services.

3) Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARI) - is an acute respiratory illness with onset during the previous 7 days requiring overnight hospitalization. A SARI case should meet the ILI case definitions and any one of the following:

- a) shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing
- b) severe pneumonia of unknown etiology, acute respiratory distress, or sever respiratory disease possibly due to novel respiratory pathogens (such as COVID-19)
- 4) Influenza-like Illnesses (ILI)** - is a condition with sudden onset (within 3 days of presentation and fever should be measured at the time of presentation) of 38 degrees Celsius and cough or sore throat in the absences of other diagnosis.

5) Suspect case - is a person who is presenting with any of the conditions below:

- a. All SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) cases where NO other etiology fully explain the clinical presentation.
- b. ILI (Influenza-like Illnesses) or a condition with sudden onset (within 3 days of presentation and fever should be measured at the time of presentation) of 38 degrees Celsius and cough or sore throat in the absences of other diagnosis, case with any of the following:
 - i. with no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation and a history of travel to or residence in an area that reported local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptoms onset, or
 - ii with contact to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the two days prior to onset of illness of the probable/confirmed COVID-19 case until the time the probable/confirmed COVID-19 case became negative on repeat testing.
- c. Individuals with fever or cough or shortness of breath or other respiratory signs or symptoms fulfilling any one of the following conditions;
 - i. Aged 60 years and above
 - ii. With a comorbidity
 - iii. Assessed as having a high-risk pregnancy
 - iv. Health worker

6. Probable case - a suspect case who fulfills anyone of the following listed below:

- a. Suspect case when testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive.
- b. Suspect who tested positive COVID-19 but whose test was not conducted in a national or substantial reference laboratory or officially accredited laboratory for COVID-19 confirmatory testing.

7) Confirmed case - any individual, irrespective of presence or absences of clinical signs and symptoms, who was laboratory confirmed for COVID-19 in a test conducted at the national reference laboratory, a subnational reference laboratory, and/or DOH-certified laboratory testing facility.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITION: It shall be prohibited for any person and/or any establishment to discriminate frontline workers that cause humiliation, harm, harassment or stigma, as enumerated in Section 2 number 1 of the preceding provision.
It shall also be prohibited to discriminate persons previously suspected, probable and confirmed infected with COVID-19 virus if those persons were already pronounced cleared of quarantine and other protocol procedures and has been given a negative test result by competent authorities.

However, persons who are identified as suspect case, probable case and confirmed case by authorities shall be given enough and necessary medical assistance and cure subject to the rules and regulations defined and set in Administrative Order No. 2020-0013 dated April 9, 2020 of the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health.


SECTION 4. Filing Procedures. Persons who are considered victims of discriminate acts may report or submit written complaint to the barangay or the police station for immediate action. All barangay officials shall be responsible for immediate resolution or endorsement to proper authorities or courts of competent jurisdiction of any complaint arising from the above cited discriminate acts.

SECTION 5. Penalty Clause. If any person, establishment, school or public office or agency and other similar establismnt or offie is found to have violated the provisions of this ordinance, the penalty shall be a fine of Five Thousand (P5,000.00) Pesos or imprisonment of not less than six (6) months or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. If the offender is a public officer, the maximum penalty of both fine and imprisonment shall be imposed.


SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

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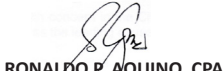
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ABSENT:

- Hon. Abbie Joy A. Irigon - Minority Floor Leader
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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12-021

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSTING, SHARING, AIRING, PUBLICATION
AND DESSIMINATION OF FAKE, FALSE, ERRONEOUS OR UNVERIFIED INFORMATION
ON COVID-19 CONTAMINATION IN CALBAYOG CITY

Sponsor: HON. CESAR T. SEBENICIO

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog in a session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “2020 Anti Fake News Ordinance on CoVID-19 of Calbayog City”.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is a declared policy of Calbayog City to promote the safety and welfare of every Calbayognon from infection and disease brought about by the Corona Virus 2019 (CoVID-19), and as such shall endeavor to develop measures for the containment of the same including among its priority the dissemination of accurate and reliable information for the proper guidance of the populace and to minimize if not totally eradicate their misinformation, panic and anxiety.

For this purpose, the government shall develop and implement necessary rules and regulations to control the spread of unverified facts, fake news, erroneous reports and unreliable information to the public.

SECTION 3. Coverage of the Ordinance. This Ordinance shall cover all persons natural or juridical, residing or sojourning in the City of Calbayog, who shall cause to post, share, report, air, publish or disseminate facts and information regarding persons, incidents of contamination, confinement and similar circumstances in the city that are not supported by valid or officia data or found fake, false or erroneous which tends to mislead, misinform or cause anxiety, fear and panic to other individuals or the public regarding CoVID-19.

SECTION 4. Prohibited Acts. The following acts shall be prohibited in relation to the dissemination of information knowing the same to be unverified or outright false related to CoVID-19 incidents in the City of Calbayog:

- 1. Posting or causing to post over social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the like) false, fake, erroneous or unverified information;
- 2. Sharing or causing to share posts over social media false, fake, erroneous or unverified information;
- 3. Issuing false, fake, erroneous or unverified information through comments made over social media accounts;
- 4. Spreading false, fake, erroneous or unverified information by word of mouth or through chat groups;
- 5. Reporting or causing to report over the radio false fake, erroneous or unverified information;
- 6. Airing or causing to air over the television false fake, erroneous or unverified information;
- 7. Making jokes regarding CoVID-19 incidents or contamination in the City of Calbayog.

SECTION 5. Exemptions. The following are exempted from liability under this Ordinance:

- 1. Journalists or broadcasters in the discharge of their duty to inform or to update the public regarding CoVID-19 in their radio or television programs, provided reports are delivered with caution, caveat or warning to the public that such report or information is tentative or subject to verification.
 - 2. Resource persons or interviewees on CoVID-19 updates of radio or television programs, provided information are delivered with caution, caveat, or warning to the public that such is tentative or subject for verification.
- Making jokes or claiming that the information is tentative or subject to verification is not an excuse and could not exempt other persons not mentioned above.

SECTION 6. Rectification. Any person found to have committed any of the prohibited acts enumerated under Section 4 hereof shall be required to rectify the same by airing or posting his **PUBLIC APOLOGY with explanation and the correct information**, via the media where the false, fake, erroneous or unverified information was issued, with disclosure of his personal circumstances to include his name, age, civil status, place of residence, place of work among others.

Such public apology shall be without prejudice to the filing of criminal, civil

and administrative cases against the violator of the same is warranted.

SECTION 7. Fines and Penalties.

(a) Any person found to have committed an of the prohibited acts as enumerated in Section 4 hereof shall be subject to the following fines and penalties:

First Offense	-	Fine of Php 1,500 or imprisonment of not more than ten (10) days at the discretion of the court
Second Offense	-	Fine of Php 3,000 or imprisonment of not more than twenty (20) days at the discretion of the court
Third and succeeding Offense:		Fine of Php 5,000 AND imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days at the discretion of the court

(b) In case the offender refuses to comply with Section 6 on Rectification hereof, he shall be required to pay a fine of Php 5,000 or the court may award additional damages at its discretion.

(c) For the purpose of this ordinance, the fines as stated above shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Barangay/City where the violator resides, who shall issue a correspondent Official Receipt. The Barangay/City shall consider the collected fines as Revenue, and will utilize them for programs or activities related to the promotion of health and safety of their people.

(e) Violators of this Ordinance who are non-residents of the city shall pay the fine to the Treasurer of the City, who shall issue an Official Receipt. The fines collected shall be considered as Revenue of the City, and will be utilized for programs or activities related to the promotion of health and safety of the people.

SECTION 8. Procedure on Implementation. The following procedures shall be observed in the implementation of this Ordinance:

- Any concerned citizen may reprt for violation of this Ordinance in the office of the Punong Barangay or Local Chief Executive (LCE) of the Barangay/City where the violator resides, together with the proof or affidavit in support of the report or complaint. In case violation was committed by a non-resident of the city, the report or complaint may be submitted to the office of the City Mayor or his representative;
- The violator shall be informed of such report and shall be required to immediately comply with Section 6 hereof on Rectification and pay the corresponding fine provided in this Ordinance;
- In case the violator refuses to comply with numbe 2 above, the Punong Barnagay or the LCE shall record the report and appropriate case shall be filed in the court against him;


SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All previous ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is found to be contrary to the Constitution or national laws, all other parts which are not affected shall continue to be valid and effective.


SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED: April 13, 2020.

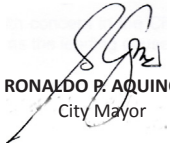
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ABSENT:

Hon. Abbie Joy A. Irigon	-	Minority Floor Leader, On Leave
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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13-023

AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING THE DISHONESTY OR UNTRUTHFUL, DECLARATION OF ANY PATIENT IN TIMES OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OR PANDEMIC, AND IMPOSING THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Sponsor: **HON. CHRISTOPHER G. CORSIGA**

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922 on March 8, 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19, and Presidential Proclamation No. 929 on March 16, 2020 declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of the said coronavirus, there are reports of affected patients who have been untruthful or dishonest with their travel history and health conditions so as to avoid discrimination for themselves and their families but to the damage and prejudice of health workers compromising their safety and that of the medical institution or facility;

WHEREAS, the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), the Philippine Medical Association (PMA), and the Philippine College of Surgeons (PCS) in a joint statement entitled as **“Public Health and Safety Prevails over Confidentiality of Medical Data,”** have recognized the fact that it is inequitable and counterproductive for COVID-19 patients or PUIs to conceal their true condition thereby possibly infecting health workers;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Calbayog City is herein compelled to adopt clear cut measures in order to protect health workers and hospital employees who are fighting this dreadful disease from the risk to their health and safety that may be brought to by the dishonesty or untruthful declaration of COVID-19 patients;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog in a session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the **“The Anti-Patient’s Dishonesty Ordinance of 2020.”**

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms - It is a declared policy of Calbayog City to promote the safety and welfare of every Calbayognon from infection and disease brought about by the Corona Virus 2019 (CoVID-19), and as such shall endeavor to develop measures for the containment of the same including among its priority the dissemination of accurate and reliable information for the proper guidance of the populace and to minimize if not totally eradicate their misinformation, panic and anxiety.

1) Health Workers - refers to any person who renders health care services to persons who sought or brought for medical attention, either directly or indirectly, such as, doctors, nurses, medics, hospital and clinic aides, laboratory technicians and other health professionals.

2) Hospital Employees - refers to persons, not necessarily health professionals, who are working in offices, hospitals, clinics, laboratories and diagnostic centers dealing with patients with COVID-19 related medical concerns.

3) Influenza-like Illnesses (ILI) - is a condition with sudden onset (within 3 days of presentation and fever should be measured at the time of presentation) of 38 degrees Celsius and cough or sore throat in the absence of other diagnosis.

4) Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) - is an acute respiratory illness with onset during the previous 7 days requiring overnight hospitalization. A SARI case should meet the ILI case definitions and any one of the following:

- shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing
- severe pneumonia of unknown etiology, acute respiratory distress, or severe respiratory disease possibly due to novel respiratory pathogens (such as COVID-19)

5) Suspect case/Patient - is a person who is presenting with any of the conditions below:

- All SARI (Severe Respiratory Infections) cases where NO other etiology fully explain the clinical presentation.
- ILI (Influenza-like Illnesses) or a condition with sudden onset (within 3 days of presentation and fever should be measured at the time of presentation) of 38 degrees Celsius and cough or sore throat in the absence of other diagnosis, case with any of the following:

- with no other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation and a history of travel to or other etiology that fully explains the clinical presentation and a history of travel to or residence in an area that reported local transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptoms onset. or
- with contact to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the two days prior to onset of illness of the probable/confirmed COVID-19 case until the time the probable/confirmed COVID-19 case became negative on repeat testing.

- Individuals with fever or cough or shortness of breath or other respiratory signs or symptoms fulfilling any one of the following conditions:

- Aged 60 years and above
- With a comorbidity
- Asserted as having a high-risk pregnancy
- Health worker

6) Probable case/Patient - a suspect case who fulfills anyone of the following listed below:

- Suspect case when testing for COVID-19 is inconclusive.
- Suspect who tested positive for COVID-19 but whose test was not conducted in a national reference laboratory or officially accredited laboratory for COVID-19 confirmatory testing.

7) Confirmed case/Patient - any individual, irrespective of presence or absence of clinical signs and symptoms, who was laboratory confirmed for COVID-19 in a test conducted at the national reference laboratory, a subnational reference laboratory, and/or DOH-certified laboratory testing facility.

SECTION 3. Policy of Honesty - Any person who shall be required by any medical clinic, hospital, health center/office, diagnostic center, laboratory, or any health/medical facility, whether public or private, to fill-up or accomplish information sheet data form, declaration or any similar document, shall be expected to observe honesty, state the truth and disclose all relevant information as may be required in the said form or document or as may be asked by the health worker, hospital employee or concerned public officer such as but not limited to nurse, physician or their assistants, medical officers or quarantine officers.

SECTION 4. Unlawful Acts - It shall be unlawful for any such person as mentioned in the immediately preceding paragraph, who may be a Confirmed Case, Suspect Case or Probable Case to knowingly and deliberately lie, commits dishonesty and/or without relevant information (such as but not limited to travel history, experience of symptoms, medical condition, etc.) during a state of public health emergency as declared by the National Government or a pandemic as declared by the World Health Organization.

SECTION 5. Prima Facie Evidence - Any omission of the required relevant information as required in the form of documents as provided in Section 3 hereof, of which a reasonable person is expected to have knowledge shall be *prima facie* evidence of the violation of this Ordinance.


SECTION 6. Penalties - Any perso who committed the unlawful acts under Section 4 hereof shall be liable to pay a fine in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and community service for thirty (30) days or imprisonment of at least six (6) months but not exceeding nine (9) months or both. In case of inability to pay fine, the offender shall be required to render additional thirty (30) days of community service or subsidiary imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause - If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions hereof which are not affected by the invalidity shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: April 27, 2020.

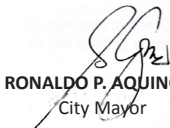
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APPROVED: April 27, 2020


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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Calbayog City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALBAYOG HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON JUNE 1, 2020 AT 9:35 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Diego P. Rivera	-	City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Charlito L. Coñejos	-	President Pro-Tempore
Hon. Rey James R. Uy	-	Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Christopher G. Corsiga	-	Asst. Majority Floor Leader (1st District)
Hon. Aquilina P. Sabi	-	Asst. Majority Floor Leader (2nd District)
Hon. Abbie Joy A. Irigon-Yulo	-	Minority Floor Leader
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Hon. Minda D. Pasacas	-	Member
Hon. Ariel M. Rosales	-	Ex-Officio Member, Liga President
Hon. Joebert Vincent Anthony M. Genotiva-Ex-Officio Member, SK President		

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15-026

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW CURFEW HOURS FOR MINOR FROM 6:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING TO 6:00 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY; AND ADULTS FROM 9:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING TO 5:00 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY UNDER THE NEW NORMAL CONDITION BY REASON OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ORDINANCE NO. 2002-40-108

Sponsor: **HON. CHRISTOPHER G. CORSIGA, M.D.**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog in a session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the New Curfew Ordinance of Calbayog City.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS: The following terms shall mean:

a. **Parent** refers to:

- Father or mother
- Judicially appointed guardian
- Surviving grandparent
- The oldest brother or sister, over twenty one (21) years of age, unless unfit or disqualified
- The child’s actual custodian, over twenty one years (21) of age, unless unfit or disqualified.

b. **Minor** - refers to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but incompetent.

Incompetent - includes persons who are hospitalized lepers, deaf and dumb who are unable to communicate, those who are of unsound mind, even though they have lucid intervals, and persons not being of unsound mind, but by reason of age, disease, weak mind, and other similar causes, cannot without outside aid, take care of themselves.

c. **Community service** - is a personal and voluntary service imposed as a compromise penalty for the violation of this ordinance, such as, cleaning of seashore, garbage collections, sweeping of streets, tree planting and other similar clean and green activities.

d. **BCPC** - Barangay Council for the Protection of Children

SECTION 3. OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES OF PARENT/S OR GUARDIANS - Parents or Guardians who are in actual custody or living together with the child are under obligation to supervise the conduct and activities of the child and see to it that the latter is already in their home before and during the curfew hours for children.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS - the following are hereby prohibited:

- Children below eighteen (18) years of age are hereby prohibited to loiter, wander, stroll, play or to remain or stay in public places within the territorial jurisdiction of the City without legal or justifiable reason from **6:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING TO 6:00 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING THE FOLLOWING DAY**, daily, save those falling under herein exceptions.
- It is unlawful for any parent or guardian of a minor child to knowingly permit by insufficient control allow the child to remain in any public places within the City of Calbayog during curfew hours.
- It is unlawful for any ADULT to loiter, wander, stroll, or to remain or stay in public places, beaches, shopping mall, night clubs and other similar entertainment establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of the City without legal or justifiable reason from **9:00 O’CLOCK IN THE EVENING TO 5:00 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY**, daily, save those falling under herein exceptions.

SECTION 5. EXCEPTIONS - the following acts or occasions shall be exempted from implementation of this ordinance:

- The child OR adult is involved in an emergency situation. This includes unforeseen circumstances, or the status or condition resulting therefrom requiring immediate actio to safeguard life, limb or property. The term also includes, but is not limited to fires, calamities, disasters, automobile accidents, or other similar circumstances.
- The child OR adult is engaged in an employment activity or school class, and is returning home from such activity or class, without detour or stop, provided, that he/she shall secure an employment or school certification for such purposes.
- The child OR adult is on the sidewalk directly abutting the place where he resides.
- The child OR adult is attending an activity sponsored by a school, religious, or civic organization, or by any public organization or agency, or by a similar organization or entity. As long as the activity is supervised by adults and the child is going to or returning home from such activity without detour or stop.
- The child is accompanied by his parent or guardian.
- The child is on a errand and has in his possession a written permission to do so from his parent or guardian. The ID and contact number of the parent or guardian must be attached to the permission for verification.
- The apprehension of children under this Ordinance shall be suspended on occasions of legal holidays, special holidays or special occasions sponsored by the City or the Barangay including the nights prior thereto.

SECTION 6. PENALTY CLAUSE - The following penalties shall be imposed upon the parent or guardian of the child or adult found to be in violation of this Ordinance, to wit:

a) **FIRST OFFENSE** - The child violating this Ordinance for the first time shall be brought to the Barangay having jurisdiction for proper recording and counselling by the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) before the child is turned over or released to his/her parent or guardian. Prior to the release, the parent or guardian shall be informed of the consequences in the event that their child is caught again for the same offense. The parent or guardian or the Adult violator shall pay a penalty of **Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)** or render a **community service of one (1) day** or both fine and community service at the discretion of the court.

b) **SECOND OFFENSE** - Both the children and the parent or guardian shall be required to attend counselling sessions, parenting education lectures and other interventions as may be prescribed and conducted by the BCPC. The Parent or guardian or the adult violator shall pay a penalty of **One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)** or render a **community service of two (2) days** or both fine and community service at the discretion of the court.

c) **THIRD AND SUCCEEDING OFFENSES** - The parent or guardian or the adult shall pay a fine of **Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)** or render a **community service of three (3) days** or both fine and community service at the discretion of the court. Moreover, the child shall be turned over to the City's Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) for other interventions or counselling.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS - All barangay officials shall be responsible to strictly enforce the pertinent provisions of this ordinance in their respective jurisdictions. Failure to comply herewith shall be subject to administrative sanctions.


SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE - Any ordinance of the City of Calbayog or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.


SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions hereof which are not affected by the invalidity shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

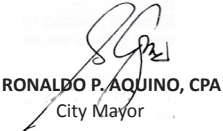
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APPROVED: June 5, 2020


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALBAYOG HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON JUNE 1, 2020 AT 9:35 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Diego P. Rivera	- City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Charlito L. Coñejos	- President Pro-Tempore
Hon. Rey James R. Uy	- Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Christopher G. Corsiga	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (1st District)
Hon. Aquilina P. Sabi	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (2nd District)
Hon. Abbie Joy A. Irigon-Yulo	- Minority Floor Leader
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Hon. Minda D. Pasacas	- Member
Hon. Ariel M. Rosales	- Ex-Officio Member, Liga President
Hon. Joebert Vincent Anthony M.	- Genotiva-Ex-Officio Member, SK President

ABSENT:
None

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15-027

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING BACKRIDING IN A SINGLE MOTORCYCLE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF.

Sponsor: **HON. CHRISTOPHER G. CORSIGA, M.D.**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog in a session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. COVERAGE - Backriding in a single motorcycle is hereby prohibited. A back rider is a rider behind the driver.

SECTION 2. EXCEPTIONS. - The following instances are hereby exempted from the prohibition of backriding, viz;

a. When the back rider is a female.

b. When the back rider is a minor child of the driver between the ages of ten (10) years old to seventeen (17) years old.

c. During health emergency cases.

d. Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Calbayog Public Order and Safety Office while in the discharge of their function and duties provided that they shall wear their official uniforms.

SECTION 3. Both the driver and the back rider should wear helmet pursuant to Ordinance No. 2008-36-040 as amended by Ordinance No. 2009-15-040.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES - Drivers and back riders who violate the provision of this ordinance shall be fined separately or individually according to the following:

a) First Offense - A fine of Two Hundred (Php 200.00) or four (4) hours community service to be determined by the barangay officials where the violation occurred.


b) Second Offense - A fine of Three Hundred (Php300.00) or six (6) hours community service to be determined by the barangay officials where the violation occurred.


c) Third and succeeding Offenses - A fine of Five Hundred (Php 500.00) or eight (8) hours community service to be determined by the barangay officials where the violation occurred.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

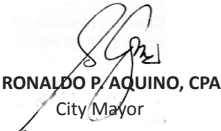
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ATTESTED:

MA. ELENA D. CORTADO
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APPROVED: June 05, 2020


RONALDO P. AQUINO, CPA
City Mayor

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALBAYOG HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON JULY 20, 2020 AT 1:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

Hon. Diego P. Rivera	- City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Charlito L. Coñejos	- President Pro-Tempore
Hon. Rey James R. Uy	- Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Christopher G. Corsiga	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (1st District)
Hon. Abbie Joy A. Irigon-Yulo	- Minority Floor Leader
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Hon. Minda D. Pasacas	- Member
Hon. Ariel M. Rosales	- Ex-Officio Member, Liga President
Hon. Joebert Vincent Anthony M.	- Genotiva-Ex-Officio Member, SK President

ABSENT:

Hon. Aquilina P. Sabi	- Asst. Majority Floor Leader (2nd District)
Hon. Marcial P. Aquino, Jr.	- Member

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-21-034

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES IN THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF FISHERFOLK, FISHING VESSELS, FISHING GEAR AND OTHER RELATED FISHING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE ARTICLES 4 (REGISTRATION PROCEDURES) AND 5 (FISHERY LICENSE) OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 2003-16-030 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CITY FISHERIES CODE OF CALBAYOG CITY.

Sponsor: **HON. CHRISTOPHER G. CORSIGA, M.D.**

WHEREAS, Article XIII Section 7 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect the rights of subsistence fisherman, especially of local communities, to the preferential use of communal marine and fishing resources;

WHEREAS, *Sections 149 and 151 of Republic Act Number 7160*, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, grant local government units (LGUs) the exclusive authority to grant fishery privileges in the municipal water and issue licenses for the operation of fishing vessels of three (3) tons or less for which purpose the Sanggunian concerned shall promulgate rules and regulations regarding the issuances of such license to qualified applicants under existing laws;

WHEREAS, *Section 19 of Republic Act Number 8550*, otherwise known as the *Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998*," as amended by the *Republic Act Number 10654*, mandates LGUs to maintain a registry of fisherfolk fishing vessels by type of gear and other boat particulars, for the purpose of determining priorities among them, of limiting entry into the municipal waters, and of monitoring fishing activities and/or other related purposes;

WHEREAS, the authority to undertake the registration of fishing vessels three (3) gross tonnage and below, previously performed by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) by authority of the Maritime Authority (MARINA) pursuant to Department Order Number 98-1180 of the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) and *MARINA Memorandum Circular Number 139*, has been devolved to the LGUs in line with their mandates under *Republic Act Number 7160* and *Republic Act Number 8550*, per Executive Order Number 305, Series of 2004;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog, that:

CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Title. - This ordinance shall be known as the ***"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES IN THE REGISTRATION AND THE LICENSING OF FISHERFOLK, FISHING VESSELS, FISHING GEAR AND OTHER FISHING RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"***.

SECTION 2. SCOPE. - The *Ordinance* shall cover all fisherfolk, their vessels, gear and other paraphernalia which are opening in the municipal waters of the City of Calbayog.

SECTION 3. POLICY. - It is the policy of the City of Calbayog to promote the proper management, conservation, development, protection, and utilization of its municipal waters and to regulate the utilizations of its coastal and fishery resources. These policies shall be achieved by registration and licensing, by limiting access to the fishery and aquatic resources of the City, by giving priority to the residents and by protecting the rights of the fisherfolk in the preferential use of municipal waters.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this *ordinance*, the following terms are defined as follows:

1) Admeasurement - means the measure of the volumetric capacity of the fishing vessel to determine its gross tonnage (GT).

2) CFLET - refers to the City Fishery Law Enforcement Team, created by virtue of *City Ordinance Number 2010-25-055*, for the purpose of developing and implementing livelihood projects for marginal fisherfolk, conserving and protecting the marine and aquatic resources within the City, and enforcing all existing fishery and aquatic laws.

3) Certificate of Fisherfolk Registration - means that the fisherfolk is listed in the fisherfolk registry.

4) Certificate of Number - serve as proof of identity of fishing vessel.

5) CFARMC (City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council) - refers to the multi-stakeholder body created at the city level to institutionalize the major role of the fisherfolk and other resource users in the planning and formulation of policies and programs for the management, conservation, protection and sustainable development of fisheries and aquatic resources.

6) BFARMC (Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council) - refers to the multi-stakeholder body created at the barangay level to institutionalize the major role of the fisherfolk and other resource users in the planning and formulation of policies and programs for the management, conservation, protection and sustainable development of fisheries and aquatic resources.

7) CTO - refers to the City Treasurer's Office.

8) Fisherfolk - refers to the person who are directly or personally and physically engaged in taking and/or culturing and processing fishing and aquatic resources.

9) Fisherfolk Cooperative - refers to a duly registered association of fisherfolk with the common bond of interest, who have voluntarily joined together to achieve a lawful common social or economic end, making equitable contributions to the capital requirement and accepting a fair share of the risks and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with universally accepted cooperative principles.

10) Fisherfolk Organization - refers to an organized group, association, federation, alliance or an institution of fisherfolk which has at least fifteen (15) members, as set of officers, a constitution and by-laws, an organizational structure and a program of action.

11) Fisherfolk Registration - refers to the act/process of enlisting fisherfolk for the purpose of determining priorities among them, of limiting entry into municipal waters and of monitoring activities/and for other purposes.

12) Fisheries - refers to all activities relating to that act or business of fishing, culturing, preserving, processing, marketing, developing, conserving and managing aquatic resources and the fishery areas, including the privilege to fish or take aquatic resources thereof.

13) Fishery Operator - refers to one who owns and provides the means including land, labor, capital, fishing gears and vessels, but does not personally engage in fishery.

14) Fishery Species - refer to aquatic flora and fauna including but not restricted to fish, algae, coenlenterates, mollusks, crustaceans, echinoderms and cetaceans.

15) Fishing - refers to the taking of fishery species from their wild state or habitat with or without the use of fishing vessels.

16) Fishing Gear - refers to any instrument or device and its accessories utilized in taking fish and other fishery species.

17) Fishing License - refers to a permit to fish within municipal waters granted to registered fisherfolk using specific types of fishing gears, vessel(s) and other fishing paraphernalia for a specific duration.

18) Fishing Vessels - refers to any boat, ship or other watercraft equipped to be used for taking of fishery species or aiding or assisting one (1) or more vessels in the performance of any activity relating to fishing, including, but not limited to, preservation, supply, storage, refrigeration, transportation and/or processing. For the purpose of this Ordinance, any watercraft used for fishing or in support to fishing operations in municipal waters weighing three (3) gross tonnage and below.

19) GT - means Gross Tonnage; includes the underdeck tonnage, permanently enclosed spaces above the tonnage deck, except for certain exemption. In broad terms, all the vessels closed-in spaces expressed in volume terms on the bases of one hundred cubic fee (that equals one gross ton)

20) Homeport - refers to the locality where the fishing vessel is registered.

21) License/Permit to Fish - refers to a permit to fish using specific types of fishing vessel(s) gear and other fishing paraphernalia for specified duration in municipal waters, granted only to registered fisherfolk.

22) Motorized Fishing Vessel - refers to a fishing vessel propelled by mechanical means

23) Municipal Waters - include not only streams, lakes, inland bodies of water and tidal waters within the municipality which are not included within the protected areas as defined under Republic Act Number 7586 (The NIPAS Law), public forest, timber lands, forest reserves or fishery reserves, but also marine waters included between two (2) lines drawn perpendicular to the general coastline from points, where the boundary lines of the municipality touch the sea at low tide and a third line parallel with the general coastline including offshore islands and fifteen (15) kilometers from such coastline. Where two (2) municipalities are so situated on opposite shores that there is less than thirty (30) kilometers or marine waters between them, the third line shall be equally distant from opposite shore of the respective municipalities.

24) New Entrants to Fishery - refers to the fisherfolk which are classified as a new generation of fisherfolk; (b) fisherfolk changing homeports; or (c) returning fisherfolk (those who have stopped fishing temporarily).

25) Tonnage Registration - refers to an act/process of enlisting a fishing vessel three (3) gross tonnage and below for the purpose of establishing its identity and ownership by assigning it a permanent number recorded in the registry of fishing vessels.

26) Voter's Certificate - serves as proof of residence in a locality.

CHAPTER II - REGISTRATION OF FISHERFOLK AND THEIR FISHING BOAT AND FISHING GEAR

SECTION 5. FISHERFOLK AND FISHING GEAR REGISTRATION. - All fisherfolk operating on a full-time or part-time basis shall be required to register themselves and their fishing gear with the City Government through City Agriculture Office in coordination with the City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (CFARMC). Registration shall cover new entrants to the fishery and returning fisherfolk.

No person shall be permitted to engage in fishery-related activities in the municipal waters unless they are listed in the registry of fisherfolk and issued a Certificate of Fisherfolk Registration (CFR).

Only duly registered fisherfolk, fishing gear and fishing vessel shall be qualified to secure and be issued a license pursuant to Chapter IV of this ordinance.

Registered fisherfolk shall carry with them their CFR and fishing license at all times when engage in fishing operations and present or surrender the same, whenever and wherever requested by the Philippine National Police (PNP) Maritime Group, CFARMC, CFLET personnel and other duly authorized law enforcers.

SECTION 6. REGISTRY OF FISHERFOLK. - The City Government through the City Agriculture Office with the assistance of the CFARMC shall keep a registry of fisherfolk and their cooperative/organizations. Gear types and specifications shall be incorporated in the Registry of fisherfolk in as much as the fisherfolk and his fishing gear and/or paraphernalia are registered simaltenously.

The registry shall be maintained for purposes of information generation, monitoring and regulation. It shall also serve as basis for determining preferential rights as to the use of its municipal waters.

The City Agriculture Office in coordination with the CFARMC shall maintain and update the registry of fisherfolk and their fishing gear with the assistance of BFARMC (Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council) and submit the updated registry to the office of the Mayor. The Barangay Councils shall be furnished a copy of the registry to be posted in barangay halls and in other strategic locations where it shall be open to the public for validation of the correctness and completeness of the list.

The City Agriculture Office shall regularly submit the list of fisherfolk registered and deleted/cancelled from the registry within the first quarter of the succeeding year to the MARINA Regional office, the PCG Station/Detachment and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

SECTION 7. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION. - Only fisherfolk who meets the following eligibility requirements shall be allowed to register:

a. A citizen of the Philippines;

b. Must be directly or personally and physically engaged in the taking of fishery and/or aquatic resources from the wild state or habitat with or without the use of fishing vessels;

c. A resident of the City for at least six (6) months; and

d. At least eighteen (18) years of age.

SECTION 8. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION (CFR). - A certificate of Fisherfolk Registration shall be issued as proof of registration of the fisherfolk subject to the submission of the following documents to the City Agriculture Office:

a. Duly accomplished Standard Fisherfolk Registration Form or Registry System for Basic Services in Agriculture (RSBSA).

b. Voter’s Certificate; and
c. Official receipt evidencing payment of the corresponding fisherfolk registration fee.

The City Agriculture Office shall assign a CFR control number to each registered fisherfolk, which shall correspond to a code specifying the City, Barangay, Year of registration and the fisherfolk number, consistent to the coding scheme under EO 305.

SECTION 9. PERIOD OF THE REGISTRATION AND VALIDITY. - Registration shall be done only once at any time of the year. The CFR issued to the fisherfolk shall be valid for as long as the fisherfolk continues to fish in the City. Registration for new entrants may be undertaken at anytime of the year except when a limited access scheme is in place as discussed in *Setion 29 of this Ordinance*.

SECTION 10. FISHERFOLK REGISTRATION PROCEDURES. - The following procedures shall be observed by the applicant fisherfolk;
a. The applicant fisherfolk shall first secure his Voter’s Certificate.
b. The applicant fisherfolk shall proceed to the City Agriculture Office to accomplish the Standard Fisherfol Registration Form.
c. The applicant shall submit the accomplished registration form together with his Voter’s Certificate to the City Agriculture Office who shall verify and evaluate the submitted documents.
d. The City Agriculture Office shall process the CFR and forward it to the City Mayor for approval before finally issuing the CFR to the fisherfolk.

CHAPTER III - REGISTRATION OF FISHING VESSELS 3GT AND BELOW

SECTION 11. REGISTRATION OF FISHING VESSELS. - All fishing vessels three (3) gross tonnage and below must be registered in the City Government through the City Agriculture Office.

SECTION 12. REGISTRY OF THE FISHING VESSELS. - The City Government through the City Agriculture Office with the assistance of the CFARMC shall keep a registry of fishing vessel 3 GT and below. The registry shall be for purposes of information generation, monitoring and regulation, establishment of identity and ownership of vessels, and maritime safety.

The City Agriculture Office shall maintain and update the registry of fishing vessels with the assistance of CFARMC and BFARMCs and submit the updated registry to the Office of the Mayor. The said office shall regularly submit the list of fishing vessels registered and deleted/cancelled from the registry within the first quarter of the succeeding year to the MARINA Regional Office, the PCG Station/ Detachment and BFAR.

The Barangay councils shall be furnished a copy of the registry to be posted in the Barangay halls and in the other strategic locations where it shall be accessible to the public for validation of the correctness and completeness of the list.

SECTION 13. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATION. - Pursuant to the Section 5.1 of the Implementing Guidelines of EO 305, only Filipino citizens, single proprietorships, partnerships and/or corporations and duly registered or accredited fisherfolk associations and cooperatives, are eligible to apply for registration of fishing vessels three (3) gross tons and below.

SECTION 14. GENERAL REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER (CN). - A certificate of number shall be issued as proof of identity of the fishing vessel subject to the submission of the following documents to the City Agriculture Office:

- a. A duly accomplished standard Registration Application under oath using a standard application;
- b. Certified Standard Tonnage Admeasurements Form;
- c. Clearance from the PNP Maritime Group Headquarters or local PNP certifying that the fishing vessel is not involved in any criminal offense;
- d. Official receipt evidencing payment of corresponding vessel registration fees; and
- e. Board resolution authorizing the official representative to register the fishing vessel (for juridical persons).

The City Agriculture Office in coordination with CFARMC shall verify and evaluate the submitted documents. Upon finding that the registrant has complied with all the documentary requirements and has paid the registration fee, the said office shall process and facilitate the issuance of the CN for approval of the City Mayor or his duly authorized representative.

SECTION 15. ISSUANCE OF A NEW CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER - The City government through the City Agriculture Office shall issue a new Certificate of Number in case the fishing vessel changes its homeport.

A change in homeport may occur in case the owner/operator decides to change residence or principal office, or sells or transfers ownership of the fishing vessel to a person or entity with domicile in another LGU.

The City Government shall issue a new CN in case the fishing vessel changes its homeport to Calbayog City as its new homeport upon filing for issuance of new CN supported by the following documents:

- a. The Original copy of the CN; and
 - b. Clearance to change homeport issued by the current homeport.
- Upon application for change of homeport from Calbayog City to another LGU, the City Government shall issue a clearance and shall delete the registration of such fishing vessel from its regiter. **No clearance** for the change of homeport shall be issued by the City under the following instances:
- a. There is an outstanding safety requirement, which the fishing vessel has to comply;
 - b. The fishing vessel is involved in a pending criminal or administrative case for violation of a fishery law or ordinance or a civil case regarding questions of ownership.

Upon approval of the change of homeport, all records pertaining to the vessel shall be transmitted by the previous homeport to the new homeport.

SECTION 16. RE-ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER - The City Government shall re-issue the Certificate of number in the following instances:

a. Sale or the change of ownership of the fishing vessel without change in homeports.

In case the fishing vessel is the subject of sale or transfer of ownership, the City Government shall re-issue the CN, containing the amended information on ownership upon application of the owner or transferee, and subject to compliance with the following requirements:

- 1. Duly notarized Deed of Absolute Sale;
- 2. Posting in the Barangay or City Hall for seven (7) consecutive days giving notice that the fishing vessel has been sold or transferred to a new owner;
- 3. Affidavit of Publication executed by the Barangay Captain or the City Mayor that said notice has been posted in the premises and that there are no oppositors to the fishing vessel’s sale, and
- 4. Original copy of the CN.

b. Change in the engine of motorized fishing vessel.
In case of replacement of fishing vessel engine, an application for the issuance of new CN shall be filed accompanied by the following documents.

- 1. Original copy of the CN;
- 2. Official Receipt of purchase of engine; and
- 3. Police Clearance that the engine purchase is not from a carnapped/stolen vessel;

c. Change of name.
The City Government shall re-issue a CN when an owner or operator desires to change the name of his fishing vessel, upon application filed with the City Agriculture Office, stating the reason for such.

An application for change of name will not be approved if the fishing vessel is involved in civil case regarding question of ownership or in a criminal or civil case for violation of a fishery law or ordinance.

Only applications with complete documentary requirements shall be accepted by the City Agriculture Office. The following are the documents that should be attached to the application:

- a. The original copy of the CN;
- b. The posting of a notice in the Barangay or City Hall on the change of name of the fishing vessel, for a period of seven (7) consecutive days;
- c. Affidavit of posting executed by the Punong Barangay or City Mayor that notice had been posted and that no opposition or claims were filed against the vessel during the seven-day period of posting.

SECTION 17. VESSEL MARKING OR COLOR CODING. - For easy identification of fishing vessels, all duly registered fishing vessels operating in the municipal waters shall be assigned an official number and name and shall be painted a mark/color pursuant to a coding system to be determined by the City Agriculture Office in coordination with the CFARMC and BFARMCs.

SECTION 18. DELETION AND CANCELLATION OF FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATION. - The fishing vessel registration shall be deleted or cancelled, after duly notifying its owner/operator and compliance with the requirements of due process, under the following circumstances:

- a. Change of ownership, homeport, technical specifications, or vessel name;
- b. Loss or decay of the fishing vessel;
- c. Involvement of the vessel in a marine/maritime incident;
- d. Such other lawful causes.

Under the foregoing circumstances, the owner/operator of the subject vessel shall immediately inform the City Government through the City Agriculture Office.

SECTION 19. TONNAGE MEASUREMENT. - The City Government with the assistance of BFAR, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) and the Philippine Coastal Guard (PCG) shall train and authorize a pool of inspectors to conduct inspection of the fishing vessels to determine its gross tonnage using a standard metric formula.

The inspection shall specify the correctness of the admeasurements in the standard tonnage measurement form.

SECTION 20. PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF CITY FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATION. - The registration issued by the City Government shall be valid for as long as the fishing vessel is still functioning or carries with it the same particulars when it was first registered.

CHAPTER IV - LICENSING

SECTION 21. LICENSING OF FISHING ACTIVITIES. - All fisherfolk shall be required to have a fishing license to be issued by the City Government before they can engage in fishing activities within municipal waterse. The fishing licenses shall cover the entire fishing unit which includes the fisherfolk, their fishing vessels and gear.

No person shall be allowed to engage in fishery-related activities in the municipal waters unless he obtains a fishing license.

SECTION 22. NON-TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES. - Fishery licenses issued by the City Government for fisherfolks, fishing gear and fishing vessels shall not be transferred.

SECTION 23. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A FISHING LICENSE. - Fishing license shall only be issued to fisherfolk:

- a. Who are duly registered with the City Government in accordance with Chapter II of this Ordinance;
- b. Whose fishing vessel is duly registered in accordance with Chapter III of this Ordinance; and
- c. Whose fishing gear is duly registered in the City in accordance with Chapter II of this Ordinance.

The City Government through the City Agriculture Office in coordination with the CFARMC and BFARMCs, however, may allow fisherfolk from other LGUs to secure a license, contingent on the status of fishery resources, provided that:

- a) These fisherfolks are registered in the LGU where they reside;
- b) Resident fisherfolk shall be given priority over the use of fishery resources, and
- c) Non-resident fisherfolk shall be imposed with fee double to that prescribed to resident fisherfolk.

SECTION 24. REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF FISHING LICENSE. - Applicants for fishing license shall submit the following documents to the City Agriculture Office:

- a. Duly Accomplished Fishing License Application Form;
- b. Certificate of Fisherfolk Registration (CFR);
- c. Certificate of Number (CN) of each fishing vessel owned, if applicant is an owner of a fishing vessel.
- d. Clearance from the PNP Maritime Group or in its absence the local PNP certifying that the fisherfolk is not involved in any criminal offense;
- e. Clearance from the Barangay where the applicant resides (Barangay Clearance);
- f. Official receipt evidencing payment of the corresponding license fees, and
- g. Applicans must undergo orientation/seminar on fishery laws, rules and regulations free of charge.

SECTION 25. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSE HOLDER. - The responsibilities of the license holder shall include the following:

- a) Carry the duplicate or certified true copy of vessel registration and fishing license during fishing operation;
- b) Provide information on type and quantity of fish catch (report/logbook of fish catch data), fishing area, landing points and other relevant information;
- c) Comply with all laws, policies, regulations, ordinances relating to fishing activities;
- d) Submit himself or herself to the administration processes in case of violation in the terms and conditions of the license; and,
- e) Pay the administrative fines, penalties, charges, and indemnity in case of violation of the terms and conditions of the license without prejudice to prosecution in a criminal case for any violation of law arising out of the same acts.

SECTION 26. VALIDITY OF FISHING LICENSES AND RENEWAL. - All registered fisherfolk, fishing vessels and fishing gear shall be issued a license upon initial application.

Fishing licenses issued by the City Government shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, renewable annually, upon favorable review and recommendation by the City Agriculture Office in coordination with the CFARMC and BFARMCs, unless the license holder violates any of the terms and conditions of the license, or unless the local government unit prescribes the limited access scheme as described in Section 29 of this Ordinance. Fishing license from the previous period shall be required to be presented for renewal of the license.

The fisherfolk who is unable to fish or whose vessel is undergoing repairs during a period of time inclusive of the date in which he is supposed to renew his license (date when the licenes expires) shall be exempted from renewing the same. He shall, however, renew his license/s immediately after he is able to fish or after his vessel is repaired.

SECTION 27. REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE. - The fishing license may be renewed if the terms and conditions accompanying the license are complied with by the license holder, and upon presentatio of the licenses covering the previous period.

SECTION 28. LICENSING PROCEDURES. - The following procedures shall be observed by the applicant:

- a) The applicant for a license shall get an application from the City Agriculture Office and accomplish the same. For purposes of facilitating the licensing process, the application for license covering the fisherfolk, fishing vessel and gear shall be integrated in one document known as the Fishing License Application Form.
- b) The applicant shall submit the accomplished form together with the required documents to the City Agriculture Office who shall evaluate and verify the information provided in the application form.
- c) The City Agriculture Office shall assess the fees and recommend the issuance of a license.

- d) The applicant shall pay the corresponding fees to the City Treasurer’s Office which shall issue the corresponding official receipt.
- e) The applicant shall submit the official receipt to the City Agriculture Office who shall process the license and forward the same to the City Mayor for signature before finally issuing the said fishing license to the licensee. The fishing license issued shall already cover those for the fisherfolk, the fishing vessel and/ or fishing gear and shall include the following information;

- 1. Name and Address of the fisherfolk
- 2. License Number
- 3. CFR Control Number
- 4. Name of Fishing Vessel (if fisherfolk has a vessel)
- 5. Certificate of Number (if fisherfolk has a vessel)
- 6. Vessel Admeasurements (if fisherfolk has a vessel)
- 7. Type of Fishing Gear allowed and period of utilization (months)
- 8. Expiration date of the license
- 9. Period of utilization of fishing gear (months)

SECTION 29. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF FISH CORRAIS, FISH PENS, FISH CAGES, FISH TRAPS AND OTHER STRUCTURES FOR THE CULTURE OF FISH AND OTHER FISHERY PRODUCTS.

- Fish pens, fish cages, fish traps and other structures for the culture of fish and other fishery products shall be constructed and shall operate only within established zones duly designated by City Government in consultation with the CFARMCs concerned consistent with national fisheries policies after the corresponding licenses thereof have been secured. The area to be utilized for this purpose for individual person shall be determined by the LGUs in consultation with the concerned CFARMC. Provided, however, that not over ten percent (10%) of the suitable water surface area of all lakes and rivers shall be allotted for aquaculture purposes like fish pens, fish cages and fish traps; and the stocking density and feeding requirement which shall be controlled and determined by its carrying capacity. Provided further, that fish pens and fish cages located outside city waters shall be constructed and operated only within fish pen and fish cage belts designated by the LGU and after corresponding licenses therefore have been secured and the fees thereof paid.

SECTION 30. REGISTRATION OF FISH HATCHERIES AND PRIVATE FISH PONDS, ETC. - All fish hatcheries, fish breeding facilities and private fishponds must be registered with the City Government through the City Agriculture Office Fisheries Division which shall prescried minimum standards for such facilities in consultation with the BFAR regiona office. Provided, that the City Agriculture Office Fisheries Division shall conduct a yearly inventory of all fishponds, fish pens and fish cages whether in public or private lands. Provided, further that all fishpond, fish pen and fish cage operators shall annually report to the City Agriculture Office Fisheries Division the type of species and volume of production in areas devoted to aquaculture.

SECTION 31. REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF POST-HARVEST FACILITIES. - All post-harvest facilities such as fish processing plants (fish drying, salting, smoking, pickling, etc. ice plants, cold storages, fish ports/landings and other fishery business establishments fish buying station, fish broker, alpor, fish dealer and fish vendors must register with and be licensed by the LGUs through the City Agriculture Office fisheries division which shall prescribe minimum standards for such facilities.

SECTION 32. LIMITED ACCESS SCHEME. The City Government, per recommendation of the City Agriculture Office in coordination with the CFARMC, may implement the limited access scheme in order to reduce fishing effort to a level that can sustainably be supported by fishery resources. Under this scheme, no new licenses shall be issued. Only existing fisherfolk shall be given licenses to fish or be allowed to renew their licenses.

The limited access scheme may be adopted only after determining available estimates of resource capacity of the municipal fishing grounds or sufficient basis to apply the precautionary principles, and an effective fisheries registration and licensing implementation. Limited scheme shall be implemented after due consultations with all stakeholders.

CHAPTER V - FEES

SECTION 33. FISHERFOLK AND FISHING GEAR REGISTRATION FEE. - The fisherfolk registration fee shall be collected once in the amount of One Hundred Pesos (Php 100.00).

SECTION 34. FISHING VESSEL REGISTRATION FEES. - There shall be collected the following one-time registration fees from the owner of each fishing vessel of three (3) GT and below being operated within the municipal waters of this City.

Type of Fishing Vessel	Standard Fees
Non-motorized	One Hundred Pesos (Php100.00)
Motorized (10 hp and below)	One Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php150.00)
Motorized (10.1 hp to 16 hp)	Two Hundred Pesos (Php200.00)
Motorized (16.1 hp and above)	Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php250.00)

SECTION 35. FISHING LICENSE FEE.- The fishing license shall be granted upon payment of the corresponding annual fees at a rate not exceeding those fixed hereunder. Registered fisherfolk from other LGUs who will be permitted to fish within the City waters, subject to the issuance of a special permit, shall pay a rate double to that prescribed to registered resident fisherfolk.

Type of Fishing Gears/Operators	Standard Fees
A. Fishing Gear Type and Classification:	
1. Hook and Lines	P100.00
1.1 Simple handline (kawil)	
1.2 Jiggs (undak, bundakan)	
1.3 Squid jig (pannoos)	
1.4 Multiple set long line (kitang)	
1.5 Bottom set long line (pampilpil)	
1.6 Troll Line (subid-subid)	
2. Gill Nets	P100.00
2.1 Crab entangle net (panmasag)	
2.2 Bottom Set Gill Net (Palubug, pambalanak, Pamburao, Pamagi)	
2.3 Drift Net/surface net (pambalo)	
2.4 Shrimp gill net (Pamasayan)	
2.5 Drift Gill Net (Paanod, Hanger, Pamo, Barangayan)	
3. Ring net	P100.00
3.1 Baby Ring Net (Tambugan, Ligkupan, Kubkuban, Bulisihan)	
4. Pots and Traps	P100.00
4.1 Squid pot (bobopannoos)	
4.2 Fish pot (bobo, pangal)	
4.3 Crab pot (bobo, bintol)	
4.4. Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) (payao, Arong)	
5. Manual Fishing	P100.00
5.1 Gleaning (Pamanti, panginhas)	
5.2 Spear fishing (pamana)	
5.3 Push net (Panudso, sudsud, pansimilya)	
5.4 Scoop net (Panarap, Panulo)	
6. Round-Haul Seine	P1,500.00

B. Fishing Nets:

1. Tambugan (Ring net)

P1,500.00

2. Barangayan (drift gill net)

P1,500.00

3. Hanger (drift gill net large)

P1,500.00

4. Pantihan (Bottom set gill nets)

P250.00

5. Payao, Bobo, Pangal, bintol, fish/crab pots

P50.00 per piece

C. Operation of Fish Pens/Fish Corraps:

1) Below 3 meters deep

P500.00

2) 3.1 m - 5 m.

P1,000.00

3) 5.1 m - 8 m. deep

P3,000.00

4) 8.1 m - 10 m deep

P5,000.00

5) 10.1 m - 15 m deep

P8,000.00

6) more than 15 m deep

P10,000.00

D. Operation of Seaweed Farm

P50.00 for 0-25 m² and P3.00 for every square meter in excess thereof.

E. Operation of Fish Cages

P100.00 for 0-10 m² and P5.00 for every square meter in excess thereof.

F. Operation of Mussel/Oyster Farm

P75.00 for 0-10 m² and P4.00 for every square meter in excess thereof.

G. Bangus fry and other fry concession

P100.00

H. Manual Gathering and spear fishing

P100.00

I. Fish Vendor (fresh and processed)

P300.00/annum

J. Fish buyer/alpor/dealer/broker/middleman

P1,000.00/annum

K. Live Fish/Crabs dealer supplier/buyer/operator

P1,000.00/annum

L. Fishpond

P250.00/hectare/annum

M. Hatching and other Breeding Facility

P1,000.00/annum

Provided,

That the fishery license and/or permit herein granted shall not be construed as to include gathering of endangered and threatened species.

which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 46. REPEALING CLAUSE. - Any other ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 47. EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: July 20, 2020

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

MA. ELENA D. CORTADO
OIC-Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: July 30, 2020

RONALDO P. AQUINO, CPA
City Mayor

2004 SCHEDULE OF FINES AND GUIDELINES IN ITS IMPOSITION

I. SCHEDULE OF FINE

A. For violation of TPZ and ULRZ/APD laws, rules and regulations.

I. Failure to secure locational clearance prior to the start of the project.

CONFORMITY WITH LAND USE 1/						
Project Type	CORFORMING			NON-CONFORMING		
	Minimum	Medium	Maximum	Minimum	Medium	Maximum
Industrial	P1000-2500	2501-4000	4001-5500	2501-4000	4001-7000	7001-10000
Agro-industrial	750-2000	2001-3500	3501-5000	2001-4000	4001-7000	7001-10000
Agricultural	700-1500	1501-3000	3001-4500	1501-3000	3001-6000	6001-9000
Commercial	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
Institutional	600-1200	1201-2400	2401-3500	1201-2400	2401-5000	5001-7000
Residential 2/	500-1000	1001-1500	1501-2000	1001-7000	2001-3000	3001-4000
Special Project	1000-3500	3501-6500	6501-10000			
				Minimum	Medium	Maximum
2. Violation of the terms and conditions of clearance and all other non-compliance with the requirements for locational clearance		500-2000	2001-3500	3501-5000		
1/ As per approved Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) or HLURB Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance.						
2/ Excludes single-detached family dwelling units.						

B. For violation of ULRZ/APD, laws, rules and conditions

	Minimum	Medium	Maximum
1. Selling without sales clearance	200-500	501-700	701-1000
2. Mortgaging without mortgage clearance	100-250	251-350	351-500
3. Failure to register existing rights	- do -	- do -	- do -

C. For violation of real estate laws, rules and regulations

	Minimum	Medium	Maximum
1. Failure to secure development permit	1000-3000	3001-6000	6001-10000
2. Unauthorized alteration of approved development plan	-do-	-do-	-do-
3. Non-compliance with approved development plan	-do-	-do-	-do-
4. Incomplete development	-do-	-do-	-do-
5. Non-development	-do-	-do-	-do-
6. Failure to register project	-do-	-do-	-do-
7. Selling without DP	-do-	-do-	-do-
8. Selling without CR	-do-	-do-	-do-
9. Selling without license (per unit/lot)	-do-	-do-	-do-
10. Violation of terms/conditions of development permit/license to sell	-do-	-do-	-do-
11. Failure to secure advertisement approval	-do-	-do-	-do-
12. Failure to secure mortgage clearance (per unit/lot)	-do-	-do-	-do-
13. Failure to redeem mortgage (per unit/lot)	- do -	-do-	-do-
14. Non-delivery of title	-do-	-do-	-do-

CHAPTER VI - PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

SECTION 37. PROHIBITED ACTS. - The following acts shall be prohibited:

1. Unauthorized fishing activities. No person, natural and juridical, shall engage in any fishing activity in municipal waters without registration papers and/or valid licenses from the City Government.

Any person found to be engaged in fishing without registration papers and/or valid license shall constitute a presumption that the person and/or vessel is engaged in unauthorized fishing.

2. Non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the license, consisting of any of the following:

- a. Use of gear other than that specified in the license;
- b. Alteration of the fishing vessel tonnage specified in the license;
- c. Failure to submit notification of transfer of ownership of the fishing vessel and/or gear.
- 3. False or fraudulent statements in the application thereof by the application or his representatives; and
- 4. Failure to submit notification of transfer of ownership of the fishing vessel and/or gear.

SECTION 38. PENALTIES. - Any person found guilty of violating Prohibited Acts Number 1-4 as set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be punished by the following:

- a. First Offense - a fine of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00)
- b. Second Offense - a fine of THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00)
- c. Third and Succeeding Offenses - a fine of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00), revocation of the license and imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

If the violation is committed by a juridical person, the manager or the person-in-charge in the management thereof shall be criminally responsible.

SECTION 39. IMPOUNDMENT. - Illegally gathered fishery species and/or the fishing vessels used shall automatically be subjected to impoundment procedures to be formulated by the City Agriculture Office.

The impounding area shall also be subject to the determination of the LGU through the City Agriculture Office, to be secured by personnel from the PCG, the Maritime Police, the CFLET and personnel detailed in the enforcement of maritime laws.

SECTION 40. FISHERIES INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE SERVICE. - For purposes of monitoring and regulating the importation of and exportation of fish and fishery/aquatic resources, the Fisheries Inspection and Quarantine Service in the City Agriculture Office fisheries division is hereby strengthened and shall have the following functions:

A. Conduct fisheries quarantine and quality inspection of all fish and fishery/aquatic products coming into and going out of the city by air or water transport, to detect the presence of fish pest and diseases and if found to harbor fish pests and diseases shall be confiscated and disposed of in accordance with environmental standards and practices;

B. Implement international agreements/commitments on bio-safety and bio-diversity as well as prevent the movement or trade of endemic fishery and aquatic resources to ensure that the same are not taken out of the city;

C. Quarantine such aquatic animals and other fishery products determined or suspected to be with fishery pests and diseases and prevent the movement or trade from and/or into the city of these products so prohibited or regulated under existing laws, rules and regulations as well as international agreements of which the Philippines is a State Party;

D. Examine all fish and fishery products coming into or going out of the city which may be a source or medium of fish pests or diseases and/or regulated by existing fishery regulations and ensure that the quality of fish import and export meet international standards; and

E. Document and authorize the movement or trade of fish and fishery products when found free of fish pests or diseases and collect necessary fees prescribed by law and regulations.

CHAPTER VII - TRUST FUND AND INCENTIVES

SECTION 43. TECHNICAL CAPACITY-BUILDING. - The LGU of Calbayog shall train technical personnel with the assistance of the MARINA and PCG and designate appropriate officers for the full discharge of this function.

SECTION 44. FORMULATION OF FORMS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS. - The technical personnel of the City Agriculture Office shall formulate the necessary and appropriate registration and licensing forms and coding system consistent with Executive Order Number 305 series of 2004, to effectively and efficiently implement the provisions of the same.

SECTION 45. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Should any part or parts of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALBAYOG HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON MARCH 16, 2020 AT 6:45 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Diego P. Rivera | - City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Charlito L. Coñejos | - President Pro-Tempore |
| Hon. Rey James R. Uy | - Majority Floor Leader |
| Hon. Christopher G. Corsiga | - Asst. Majority Floor Leader (1st District) |
| Hon. Aquilina P. Sabi | - Asst. Majority Floor Leader (2nd District) |
| Hon. Abbie Joy A. Irigón-Yulo | - Minority Floor Leader |
| Hon. Alex R. Gelera | - Member |
| Hon. Sylvan Josef B. Ayong | - Member |
| Hon. Marcial P. Aquino, Jr. | - Member |
| Hon. Cesar T. Sabenicio | - Member |
| Hon. Billy J. Martires | - Member |
| Hon. Minda D. Pasacas | - Member |
| Hon. Rosalia P. Chuca | - Member |
| Hon. Ariel M. Rosales | - Ex-Officio Member, Liga President |
| Hon. Joebert Vincent Anthony M. Genotiva | - Ex-Officio Member, SK President |

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11-016

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING RESOLUTION NUMBER 912 SERIES OF 2013 AND RESOLUTION NUMBER 760 SERIES OF 2004 OF THE HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD (HLURB) ON THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND SCHEDULE OF FINES AND GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ZONING LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Sponsor: HON. ALEX R. GELERA

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Calbayog, that:

SECTION 1. Resolution Number 912 series of 2013 of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) on the schedule of fees in the implementation of zoning laws, rules and regulations is hereby adopted. The schedule of fees are itemized in Annex A herewith which forms part of this ordinance (HLURB attachment page 1-8).

SECTION 2. Resolution Number 760 series of 2004 of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) on the schedule of fines and guidelines in the implementation of zoning laws, rules and regulations is hereby adopted. The schedule of fees are itemized in Annex B herewith which forms part of this ordinance (HLURB attachment page 1-11 letter A-G).

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in an newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: March 16, 2020.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

MA. ELENA D. CORTADO
OIC-Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: March 18, 2020

RONALDO P. AQUINO, CPA
City Mayor

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
15. Failure by the owner/developer to annotate 1000-3000 mortgage affidavit of undertaking		3001-6000	6001-10000
16. Failure to change/amend name of project	-do-	-do-	-do-
17. Unauthorized change or amendment in the name of the project	-do-	-do-	-do-
18. Failure to annotate contract to sell in the title	-do-	-do-	-do-
19. Imposition of realty taxes and other charges on vendee contrary to P.D. 957	-do-	-do-	-do-
20. Failure to register or secure title covering open spaces/common areas	-do-	-do-	-do-
21. Failure to submit sales status report	-do-	-do-	-do-
22. Failure of the developer, broker, salesmen to register or renew registration (per year)	200-500	501-700	701-1000
23. Failure of the developer to initiate the organization of HOA	1000-3000	3001-6000	6001-10000
24. Violation of other provisions of P. D. 957 and other related laws, including their implementing rules and guidelines	-do-	-do-	-do-

D. For violation of homeowner association (HOA) laws, rules and regulations

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
1. Non-registration (Sec. 30, P.D. 957)	500-1000	1001-3000	3001-5000
2. Failure to register amendment(s) to articles of incorporation and by-laws	-do-	-do-	-do-
3. Non submission of annual reportorial requirements:			
a. corporate financial records	-do-	-do-	-do-
b. updated list of members/information sheet	-do-	-do-	-do-
c. set of officers	-do-	-do-	-do-
d. board resolution/minutes of the meeting	-do-	-do-	-do-

E. Pursuant to Art IV, Sec. 30 of EO 946, Series of 1961 the HLURB is empowered to: “impose administrative fine not exceeding twenty thousand pesos (20,000.00) for any violation of its Charter and its rules and regulations.”

F. Pursuant to Art IV, Sec. 5 {q (1 and 2)} of EO 648, Series of 1981, the HLURB may cite and declare any person entity or enterprise in contempt of the Board in the following case:

- Whenever any person entity or enterprise commits any disorderly or disrespectful conduct before the board or in the presence of it members or authorized representatives actually engaged in the exercise of their official functions, or during the conduct of any hearing or official inquiry by the said board, at the place or near the premises where such hearing or proceedings is being conducted which obstruct, distract, interfere or in any other way disturb, the performance of such functions or the conduct of such bearing or proceeding;
- Whenever any person, enterprise or entity fails or refuses to comply with or obey without justifiable reason, any lawful order, decision, writ or process of the board. In connection therewith, it may in cases falling within the first paragraph hereof, summarily impose a fine of an amount not exceeding P2,000.00 and order the confinement of the violator for a period that shall not exceed the duration of the hearing or proceeding or the performance of such functions, and in case falling within the second paragraph hereof, it may, in addition to the administrative fine abovementioned impose a fine of P500.00 for each day that the violation or failure or refusal to comply continues, and order the confinement of the offender until the order or decision shall have been complied with;

G. Pursuant to Sec. 38 of PD 957, the HLURB may prescribed and impose (administrative) fines not exceeding ten thousand pesos (10,000.00) for violation of the provisions of the decree or of any rule or regulation there under. Fines shall be payable to the board and enforceable through writs of execution in accordance with the provision of the rules of court.

II. GUIDELINES IN THE IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

A. Grounds for Imposition

Where the existence of the following acts and omission are duly established, the fine fixed on the schedule of administrative, fines corresponding to such act or omission shall be imposed:

- Failure without just cause to secure any of the clearances, permits, licenses, or approval that are required by law or regulations to be secured from the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB);
- Failure to comply with any of the condition/s set forth in the clearances, permits, licenses or approval issued by the Board;
- Failure to complete development, non-provision of the required facilities, non-compliance with approved development plan or altering without approval in case of subdivision, condominiums and townhouses;
- Selling of lots in a subdivisions, farm lots and memorial parks, condominium units and townhouses without license to sell or advertising without approval and selling mortgaging, leasing or otherwise encumbering lands/properties within Urban Land Reform Zones or Areas for Priority Development without approval/clearances from the Board;
- Misrepresentation of facts and circumstances relative to the project at the time of application or monitoring; and
- Failure to obey or comply with the order issued by the Board after monitoring the existence of any violation;

7. Failure without just cause to register the homeowners association; submit its articles of incorporation, constitution and by-laws or any amendment/s thereto, annual reportorial requirements, i.e., corporate financial records, updated information sheet, or board resolutions and/or minutes of meetings; and, hold regular election/s as well as special or general assembly meetings that are required under the by-laws of the association, the law, or regulations of the Housing and Land Regulatory Board (HLURB);

8. Commission or omission of an acts amounting to surrender of the associations corporate rights, privileges or franchise; fraud or misrepresentation in the procurement of registration; and, serious misrepresentation of the association’s extend of legal capacity;

9. Employment without just cause of such devices or schemes as well as commission by the Board of Directors or officers of the homeowners association of any act or acts amounting to fraud and misrepresentation which may prove detrimental to public interest or that of the members of the association registered with the Board; refusal to comply with or defiance of any lawful order of the HLURB, its Regional Offices, or Arbiters; violation of any provisions of HLURB rules and regulations and those of the Corporation Code whenever applicable;

10. Exercise or misuse of a right, privilege, or franchise conferred upon the association by law, or in contravention of the same; continuous inoperation or inactivity for a period of at least five (5) years; and, failure to file required reports in appropriate forms as determined by the HLURB within the prescribed period.

11. In cases involving of violations of homeowner association, rules and regulations, liability for the fines imposed shall attack to the Board of Directors unless by the nature of the violation, liability therefor is imputable to a particular officer of the association.

B. General Circumstances to be Considered

In determining whether a fine/penalty shall be imposed as well as the nature/ extent/amount thereof, the following attending factors/circumstances shall be taken into consideration:

- The impact, notoriety, or gravity of the violation/s committed;
- The presence of circumstances indicating good or bad faith on the part of the violator;
- The presence or possibility of damage, prejudice or inconvenience to the members, neighbors and/or the community in general, or the larger physical, social, or moral impact of the commission or omission to the society.
- The implication of the continued existence of the violation on the attainment of the objectives/purposes enunciated in the law and regulations;
- The nature and frequency of violations.

C. General Rules in Imposing Fines/Penalties

In the imposition of fines/penalties, the following rules shall apply;

- In the absence of any mitigating or aggravating circumstances the “ Medium Range” of Penalties shall apply;
- Each circumstance shall be generally considered as of equal weight, i.e., one mitigating circumstances shall be equivalent to, and shall offset or cancel an aggravating circumstance, except in following cases;
 - Special Aggravating circumstance or repeated violation shall be offset only by two (2) mitigating circumstances.
 - Lack of foreknowledge, ignorance of the law, where any one of the circumstances mentioned in II D. 6, are absent, which shall be considered as a privileged mitigating circumstance that can be offset only by two (2) aggravating circumstances.

3. Within each range (minimum, medium, maximum) there shall be equal sub ranges based on project classification by land use intensity (e.g. R1, R2, C1, C2, 11, 12, etc) with those lowest in intensity being impose the minimum amount for each range and those highest in intensity, the maximum amount in the range;

4. Within each sub-range shall be “High” and “Low” periods with the applicability of the periods in question being dependent on the presence or absence of rules and regulations at the time the violation is committed;

5. To determine the extent of a period or a sub-range, the sum of the minimum and maximum amounts of each periods or sub-range shall be divided by the number of periods/sub-range to be created and the resulting quotient shall be considered as the extent of such period or sub-range, which shall then be reckoned from the minimum amount of the range or the maximum amount of the preceding sub-range, as the case may be.

D. Circumstances Justifying Exemption From Fine

The following circumstances shall be sufficient to exempt the violator from liability for fines.

- Where the proponent has secured zoning/locationa clearance and/or other permits from a local zoning administrator or building official and/or other local officials with apparent authority to issue the same, provided that:
 - Said permit is secured prior to establishment of the project;
 - Proponent subsequently voluntarily applies for proper clearance from the Board;
 - In case there are existing complaints, proper remedial measures shall be instituted.
- Where project is undertaken by other government agencies and/or corporations;
- Where the project is established in municipalities without town plans/zoning ordinances provided other permits justifying its existence have been secured;
- Where the property is located within an APD/ULRZ but is not occupied by qualified tenants, and is sold/mortgaged or encumbered under any of the following circumstances:
 - When the sale/mortgage is between members of the same family or relatives (up to third degree);
 - When the same arose out of partition among co-heirs and co-owners;
 - When the area of the property is less than one hundred (100) square meters;
 - When the sale/mortgage or other or other encumbrances was due to an immediate medical emergency which require medical expenses or to a need to defray funeral expenses of the immediate members of the families and extra-ordinary expenses in case of fire, flood and other natural calamities.
- Where non-completion of the development of a portion of the subdivision is beyond the control of the developer such as (deterioration of peace and order, occurrence of force majeure, or the area has been established to be illegally occupied; shortage or materials, extraordinary devaluation of the currency;

6. Lack of foreknowledge in the establishment of any land use/development project, and/or ignorance of the laws and regulations on locational clearance/ subdivision regulations provided that both of the following circumstances are also present:

- Either project location is a remote area, or responsible officials failed to disseminate information concerning pertinent requirements; or require the same.
- Existence of analogous facts/information that may warrant exemption from fine.

7. Where the association, or its board of directors, or authorized officers, has secured the association’s registration certificate; filed its articles of incorporation, constitution and by-laws, or any amendment/s thereto, submitted its annual reportorial requirements, i.e. corporate financial records, updated information sheet, or board resolutions under/or minutes of meetings; and, reported its regular election/s as well as special or general assembly meetings that are required under the by-laws of the association, the law, or regulations of the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) to the concerned Regional Office of the HLURB, provided that:

- Said registration certificate, articles of incorporation, by-laws, or amendments thereto, etc., was filed prior to the formal operation of the activities/business of the association, or the discovery of its violation by the Regional Office;
- The association before being cited for violation, has in fact and in truth previously applied for its registration, submitted its corporate records, etc.;
- There is/are pending case/s or action/s before HLURB Arbiters and/or the Board of Commissioners the subject matter of which are identical and directly relevant to those cited in the violations, and proper remedial measures have been established for the protection and preservation of the rights of the members during the pendency of such action;

8. Where the association was previously registered with, or has complied with the rules and regulations of registration of the Home Guarantee Corporation (HGC), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Presidential Commission on Urban Poor (PCUP), the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), or any other analogous government agency directly or indirectly tasked to register homeowners association, provided, their corporation records are subsequently transmitted and duly registered with the HLURB;

9. Where the association has submitted in advance substantial relevant documents for its registration or compliance with its reportorial requirements, etc., but has yet to secure, without had faith or misrepresentation on its part, other requirements being held or withheld by any judicial, administrative, local, or legislative agencies of the government, any contracting party;

10. Where registration, submission of reportorial requirement, and other compliance with the orders of the HLURB is beyond the control of the association such as when there exist deteriorating peace and order in their locality, occurrence of force majored, or the area has been established to be illegally occupied, shortage of materials, or extraordinary devaluation of the currency;

E. Mitigating Circumstances Justifying the Imposition of Minimum Range of Fines

The following mitigating circumstances shall warrant the Imposition of the Minimum Level of Fine:

- When the violation has minimal adverse impact on the adjoin areas or project or the rights of affected parties, if any;
- When the failure to do a required act was due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances not totally beyond the control of and brought by the violator;
- When the violation although not conforming does not pose any present danger to public health, safety, convenience and peace and order;
- When the violation can be easily rectified, i.e. the law/regulation/condition can still be complied with;
- Where there was negligence on the part of the violator in failing to immediately comply with the requirements of the law but no adverse consequences have been noted;

6. When the violation has minimal adverse impact on the great number of members of the association, the operation and management of the homeowners association as well as facilities of the subdivision, the financing institutions or originators which assists the association in the acquisition and development of the occupied lands of the members, and the whole community where the association is situated;

F. Aggravating Circumstances Warranting Imposition of Maximum Range of Fines

- Where the status/standing/experience and other qualifications of the violator is such that he may be presumed to be already aware of the pertinent requirements of the law and regulations;
- When the violators has a history of similar offenses or violation over several occasions;
- Where no remedial/corrective measures are made despite due notices, or even if measures are undertaken the same are still not adequate;
- Where owner/developer fails to complete the development of the project without just cause or despite the grant of extension;
- Where the association, through its directors or officers, fails to comply with the requirements of registration and other acts that it is instructed to observe without just cause or despite the grant of extension to fulfill the order;
- Where the violation has been established to be deliberately committed or complete without any or reasonable cause;
- When the project/transaction is subject of actual complaints and found or established to be valid after proper investigation.

G. Grounds for Reconsideration of Penalties/Fines

Amounting for reconsideration of an Order Imposing Penalties/Fines may be filed on any of the following grounds:

- The penalty or fine imposed is not in accordance with nor authorized by law or existing regulations;
- The fine imposed is excessive, unreasonable, oppressive or arbitrary;
- The findings of facts do not conform to the truth or do not provide sufficient basis for imposition of fine.

H. Effectivity

These guidelines shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD
2013 SCHEDULE OF FEES

1. ZONING/LOCATIONAL CLEARANCE

A. Single residential structure attached or detached

1. P100.00 and below	P288
2. Over P100,000 to P200,000	P576
3. Over P200,000	P720 + (1/10 of 1% in excess of P200,000)

B. Apartments/Townhouses

1. P500,000 and below	P1,440
2. Over P500,00 to 2 Million	P2,160
3. Over 2 Million	P3,600 + (1/10 of 1% of cost in excess of P2.M regardless of the number of floors)

C. Dormitories

1. P2 Million and below	P3,600
2. Over 2 Million	P3,600 + (1/10 of the cost in excess of P2.M regardless of the number

D. Institutional

Project Cost of which is:	
1. Below P2 Million	P2,880
2. Over 2 Million	P2,880 + (1/10 of 1% of cost in excess of P2M)

E. Commercial, Industrial and Agro-Industrial Project Cost of which is

1. Below P100,000	P1,440
2. Over P100,00 - P500,000	P2,160
3. Over P500,000	P2,880
4. Over P1 Million - P2 Million	P4,320
5. Over P2 Million	P7,200 + (1/10 of cost in excess of P2M

F. Special uses/Special Projects

(Gasoline Station, Cell Sites, Slaughter House, Treatment Plants, etc.)	
1. Below P2 Million	P7,200 (1/10 of 1% of cost in excess of P2M)
2. Over P2 Million	P7,200 + (1/10 of 1% of cost in excess of P2M)

G. Alteration/Expansion (affected areas/cost only) Same as the original application

2. SUBDIVISION AND CONDOMINIUM PROJECTS (under P.D. 957)

A. Subdivision Projects

1. Approval of Subdivision Plans (including townhouses)	
1. Preliminary Approval and Location Clearance (PALC)/Preliminary Subdivision Development Plan (PSDP)	
* Processing Fee	P360/ha. or a fraction thereof
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha. regardless of destiny
2. Final Approval and Development Permit	
* Processing Fee	P2,880/ha. regardless of density
Additional Fee on Floor Area of housing component	P3.00/sq.m.
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha. regardless of density
3. Alteration of Plan (affected areas only)	Same as Final Approval and Development
4. Certificate of Registration Processing Fee	
* Processing Fee	P2,880
5. License to Sell	
* Processing Fee	P216/saleable lot
Additional Fee on Floor Area of housing component	P14.4/sq.m.
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha. regardless of density
6. Certificate of Completion	
* Certificate Fee	P216
* Processing Fee	
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha. regardless of density
7. Extension of Time to Develop	
* Processing Fee	P504
Additional Fee (unfinished area of development)	P14.40 sq.m.
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha. regardless of density
* Application for CR/LS with DP issued by LGU shall be charge inspection fee	

B. Condominium Project

1. Approval of Condominium Plans/Final Approval and Development Permit

1. Preliminary Approval and Locational Clearance	
2. Final Approval/Development Permit	
* Processing Fee	P720
a. Land Area	P7.20/sq.m.
b. No. of Floors	P288/floor
c. Building Areas	P23.05/sq.m. of GFA
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha
3. Alteration of Plan (affected areas only)	Same as Final Approval and Development Permit
4. Conversion (affected areas only)	-do-
2. Certificate of Registration	
* Processing Fee	P2,880
3. License to Sell	
a. Residential	P17.30/sq.m. of saleable area
b. Commercial	P36/sq.m. of saleable area
Inspection Fee	P1500/ha
4. Extension of Time to Develop	
* Processing Fee	P504
Additional Fee (unfinished floor area for development)	P17.30/sq.m.
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha
5. Certificate of Completion	
* Certificate Fee	P216
* Processing Fee	
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/floor

A. Subdivision Projects

1. Approval of Subdivision Projects

1. Preliminary Approval and Locational Clearance	
* Processing Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P90/ha
b. Economic Housing	P216/ha
* Inspection Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P1,500/ha
b. Economic Housing	P1,500/ha

2. Final Approval and Development Permit

* Processing Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P600/ha.
b. Economic Housing	P1,440/ha

* Inspection Fee	
c. Socialized Housing	P1,500/ha
d. Economic Housing	P1,500/ha

(Projects already inspected for PALC application may not be changed inspection fee)

3. Alteration of Plan (affected areas only)	Same as Final Approval and Development Permit
4. Building Permit (floor area of housing unit)	P7.20/sq.m.

2. Certificate of Registration

* Processing Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P420
b. Economic Housing	P720

3. License to Sell (per saleable lot)

* Procesisng Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P24/saleable lot
b. Economic Housing	P72/saleable lot
Additional fee on floor area of housing component	P3.00/sq.m.

* Inspection Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P1,500/ha
b. Economic Housing	P1,500/ha

4. Extension of Time to Develop

* Processing Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P420
b. Economic Housing	P504
Additional Fee (unfinished area for development)	P2.88/sq.m.
* Inspection Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P1,500/ha
b. Economic Housing	P1,500/ha

5. Certificate of Completion

* Certificate Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P180
b. Economic Housing	P216
* Processing Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	
b. Economic Housing	
* Inspection Fee	P1500/ha

6. Occupancy Permit

* Processing Fee	
a. Socialized Housing	P6/sq.m.
b. Economic Housing	P7.20/sq.m.
* Inspection Fee (saleable floor area of the housing component	
c. Socialized Housing	P1,500/ha
d. Economic Housing	P1,500/ha

B. Condominium Projects

1. Approval of Condominium Plans

1. Preliminary Approval and Locational Clearance	P720
2. Final Approval and Development Permit	
* Processing Fee	
a. Total Land Area	P7.20/sq.m.
b. No. of Floors	P144/floor
c. Building Areas	P5.80/sq.m. of GFA
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha.
3. Alteration of Plan (affected areas only)	Same as Final Approval and Development Permit

2. Certificate of Registration

3. License to Sell	
a. Residential	P7.20/sq.m. of saleable area
b. Commercial	P10.65/sq.m. of saleable area
Inspection Fee	P1500/ha

4. Extension of Time to Develop	
* Processing Fee	P3.00/sq.m.
* Inspection Fee (unfinished area for development)	P1,500/floor

5. Certificate of Completion	
Certificate Fee	P216
* Processing Fee	
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/floor

4. INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION

1. Approval of Industrial/Commercial Subdivision

1. Preliminary Approval and Locational Clearance	
* Processing Fee	P432/ha
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha.

2. Final Approval and Development Permit		*Processing Fee	P504
* Processing Fee	P720/ha	Additional Fee (unfinished area for development)	
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha	a. Memorial Project	P1,440
(Projects already inspected by PALC application may not be charged inspection fee)		b. Cemeteries	P720/ha
		c. Columbarium	P5.80/sq.m. of GFA
3. Alteration of Plan (affected areas only)	Same as Final Approval and Development Permit	* Inspection Fee	
		a. Memorial Project	P1500/ha
2. Certificate of Registration	P2,880	b. Cemeteries	P1500/ha
		c. Columbarium	P1500/floor
3. License to Sell		5. Certificate of Completion	
* Processing Fee	P3.00/sq.m. of land area		
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha.		
4. Extension of Time to Develop			
		* Certificate Fee	P216
* Processing Fee	P504	* Processing Fee	
Additional Fee (unfinished area for development)	P14.40/sq.m.	a. Memorial Project	P1,440
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha	b. Cemeteries	P720/ha
		c. Columbarium	P5.80/sq.m. of GFA
5. Certificate of Completion		* Processing Fee	
		* Inspection Fee	
* Certificate Fee	P216	a. Memorial Project	P1500/ha
* Processing Fee		b. Cemeteries	P7500/ha
a. Industrial	P504	c. Columbarium	P1500/floor
b. Commercial	P720		
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha.	1. Advertisement Approval	P720
		2. Cancellation/Reduction of Performance Bond	P2880
5. FARMLOT SUBDIVISION		3. Lifting of Suspended License to Sell	P2880
		4. Exemption from Cease and/Desist Order	P216
1. Approval of Farmlot Subdivision		5. Clearance to Mortgage	P1440
		6. Lifting of Cease and Desist Order	P2880
1. Preliminary Approval and Locational Clearance		7. Change of Name/Ownership/Amendments of CRLS	p1440
* Processing Fee	P288/ha.	8. Voluntary cancellation of CRLS	P1440
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha.	9. Revalidation/Renewal of Permit (Condominium)	P60% of current processing fee
2. Final Approval and Development Permit		B. Other Certifications	
* Processing Fee	P1,440/ha.		
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha.	1. Zoning Certifications	P720/ha
(Projects already inspected for PALC application may not be charged inspection fee)		2. Certificate of Town Plan/zoning Ordinance Approval	P216
		3. Certificate of New Rights/Sales	P216
3. Alteration of Plan (affected areas only)	Same as Final Approval and Development Permit	4. Certificate of Registration (form)	P216
		5. License to Sell (form)	P216
2. Certificate of Registration	P2,880	6. Certificate of Creditable Withholding Tax (maximum of 5 lots per certificate)	P216/lot or unit
3. License to Sell		7. Other, to include:	
		a. Availability of records/public request	P288
* Processing Fee	P720/lot	b. Certificate of no record on file	P288
* Inspection Fee	P1,500/ha	c. Certification of with or without CRLS	P288
4. Extension of Time to Develop		d. Certified true copy of documents (report size)	
		* Document of five (5) pages or less	P43.20
* Processing Fee	P504	* Every additional page	P4.40
* Additional Fee on Floor Area of housing component and other development	P14.40 sq.m.	e. Photo copy of documents	P3.00
* Inspection Fee	P1500/ha	f. Other not listed above	P216
5. Certificate of Completion			
		8. Registration of Dealer/Broker/Salesman	
* Certificate Fee	P216		
* Processing Fee		1. Dealers/Brokers	P720
* Inspection Fee	P1500/ha	2. Salesman/Agent	P288
6. Memorial Park/Cemetery Project/Columbarium		9. Homeowners Association	
1. Approval of Memorial Park/Cemetery Project/Columbarium		1. Registration of HOA Examination/Registration	Regular HOAS
		* Articles of Incorporation	P940
1. Preliminary Approval and Locational Clearance		* By-Laws	P940
a. Memorial Project	P720/ha	2. Stamping of Books	P50/book
b. Cemeteries	P288/ha		
c. Columbarium	P3600/ha	3. Amendments	
		* Articles of Incorporation	P720
* Inspection Fee		* By-Laws	P720
a. Memorial Project	P1500/ha		
b. Cemeteries	P1500/ha	4. Dissolution of Homeowners Association	P720
c. Columbarium	P1500/ha		
2. Final Approval and Development Permit		5. Certification of the new set of Officers	P504
a. Memorial Project	P3.00/sq.m.	6. Other Certification	P216
b. Cemeteries	P1.50/sq.m.	* Inspection Fee	P1500/ha.
c. Columbarium	P7.20/sq.m. of land area		
	P3.00/floor	7. Research Fee	P50/docket
* Inspection Fee	P23.05/sq.m. of GFA		
(Projects already inspected for PALC application may not be charged inspection fee)		10. Legal Fees (CMP Project)	
a. Memorial Project	P1500/ha.		
b. Cemeteries	P1500/ha.	1. Filing Fee	P1440
c. Columbarium	P1500/ha.		
3. Alteration of Fee	Same as Final Approval/Development Permit	2. Additional Fee for claims (for refund, damages, attorney's fees, etc.)	
		1. Not more than P20,000	P173.00
2. Certificate of Registration	P2,880	2. More than P20,000 but less than P80,000	P576
3. License to Sell		3. P80,000 or more but less than P100,000	P864
		4. P100,000 or more but less than P150,000	P1440
* Processing Fee		5. For each P1,000 in excess of P150,000	P7.20
a. Memorial Project	P72/2.5sq.m.	3. Motion for reconsideration	P600
- Apartment Type	P28.80/unit		
b. Cemeteries	P28.80/tomb	4. Petition of Review	P2880
c. Columbarium	P72.00/vault		
* Inspection Fee		5. Prayer for Cease and Desist Order	1200
a. Memorial Project	P1500/ha		
b. Cemeteries	P1500/ha	6. Pauper-litigants are exempt from payment of legal fees	
c. Columbarium	P1500/floor	1. Those who gross income is not more than P6,000 per month and residing within M.M.	
4. Extension of Time to Develop		2. Those who gross income is not more than P4,000 per month and residing within M.M.	
		3. Those who do not own real property	
		7. Government agencies and its instrumentalities are exempted from paying Legal fees	
		8. Local government and government owned or controlled corporation with or without independent charters not exempted paying legal fees.	
		11. UPLC Legal Research Fee	
		Computation of Legal Research Fee for the University of the Philippines Law Center	
		(UPLR) remains at One Percent (1%) of every fee charged but shall in No Case Be Lower than P12.00	Covered by MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. Series of 2013 (October 2, 2013)

Northern...

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Mary Ann Avalon, former provincial health officer.

The eight grantees are Ric Arthur Estuaria; Nathalie Christine Legion; Lorraine Jonna Sorlado; Danrey Paul Manaog; Charisse Mercado; Patricia Angela Pelito; Ara Jasmine Poche; and Marielle Grace Tan.

Except for Solardo who is studying at Far Eastern University-Dr. Nicanor R. Reyes Medical Foundation and Pelito who is enrolled at University of Cebu, all the scholars are taking their medical courses at the RTR Medical Foundation in Tacloban City.

Governor Edwin Mariano Ongchuan, during the simple ceremony, asked the medical scholars to make good on their studies and for them to eventually help their poor Nortehanons.

“Carry on that dream of becoming doctors of medicine, with diligence and love for public service. For when you eventually become doctors, you will be serving our fellow Nortehanons,” he said.

The PGNS Medical Scholarship Program aims to increase the number of doctors and to address the health needs of the people by helping finance the medical education students in need and who will work in the Northern Samar Provincial Hospital and the district hospitals upon completion of their study and passing the physician licensure exam.

The service that they

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Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-NC/PA-TH-2020-12-0308
Case No. VIII-2020-0308

Application for **Issuance** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TRUCK FOR HIRE** service with prayer to adopt trade name as **LOGO LINE HAULING SERVICES**

EASTER KAYE G. LLOVIA,
Applicant/s
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TH** for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **FROM PALO, LEYTE TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1) unit/s**.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JANUARY 12, 2021** at **10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **15th** day of **DECEMBER, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **GIL D. MENGULLO**
Attorney IV

will provide to the health facilities of the province will depend on how many years they had availed of the medical scholarship.

The lack of doctors had long been a problem and a challenge to the province when it comes to addressing health and nutrition issues.

The eight students will be receiving benefits which includes tuition and other school fees (up to P100,000/semester)and a stipend, book allowance and uniform allowance worth P70,000 per semester.

Those taking medical internship and review for the physician licensure exam will receive review fees subsidy (up to P60,000) and the same amount of stipend, book allowance and uniform allowance

PCA...

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Brgy. Surok, this city, was thankful as his movement is limited due to the pandemic. He said that with the amount, his family can celebrate Christmas like others.

Another beneficiary, Maria Nelia Arre, 55, of Brgy. San Gabriel, said she is happy with the blessing, “May food packs na, may cash pa!”

According to the Office of the Agricultural Services (OPAS) chief Virgilio Capon, PCA identified the qualified beneficiaries-farmers who were not able to receive the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) worth P5,000.

The PCA is the implementing agency because it is intended for the coconut farmers.
(RDT/ PIA E. Samar)

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R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-12-20160243
Case No. VIII-2016-0243

Application for **Extension of Validity** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUJ** service

RAUL BALDON,
Applicant/s
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted-Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **PUJ Service** for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: **TACLOBAN CITY-BRGY. GUINTIGIAN & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1) unit/s** which Certificate is valid and subsiting until **JANUARY 10, 2021**.

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JANUARY 13, 2021** at **10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above

(P70,000).

Medical students who are part of the program will at least received assistance from the provincial government worth P1.5 million from their first year in medical school until their review.

Vice Governor Gary Lavin commended the scholars for subjecting themselves and embracing the conditions set forth under the return service agreement.

“As you sign your contracts, we place our trust and hopes in you. May you all succeed in this endeavor (as) Nortehanons, particularly the majority who need affordable health and medical services, will be rooting for you,” Lavin said to the scholars.

(ROEL T.AMAZONA)

Customer...

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technologies for customers to easily access important pieces of information. But since technology alone can hardly satisfy customer needs, properly trained service agents are helping meet those needs. This includes walking them through the company’s website, helping them choose their favorite style, and getting them connected to the concerned agents.

The difficulty of merging various sources of the customers’ profiles is a grave concern. Negative effects surface when data is widely spread all across systems. Even individual journeys of customers can be treated as multiple, as though numerous others are involved. Hence customers, once in a while, maybe asked to repeat their queries needlessly, otherwise vital information could get lost: an exasperating imbalance of experience. Supposedly, customer interac-

date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **22nd** day of **DECEMBER, 2020**.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ARMI ROSE C. TUMAMPOS**
Attorney IV



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE --- House Majority Leader and Leyte Rep. Martin Romualdez in his message stressed that this Yuletide season may not be the most joyous of our holiday celebrations due to Covid 19, but this may yet turn out as the most memorable by continue sharing your blessings with less fortunate brothers and sisters.photo by Ver Noveno

tions ought to be seamless, without friction through channels as customer information travels. To initially overcome this, the company could centralize data and its related processes in a single, CRM solution.

Another barrier to the company’s customer service is the lack of resources. Its limited number of sales agents is a handicap. This shortage, moreover, is aggravated by a poorer management system. They steal the customers’ trust in the company. Even if the number of sales agents is enough, they are often preoccupied with menial cases courtesy of software solutions. Not all cases are equal, and the valuable time of sales agents is being wasted on treating them equally although some complaints and queries may just be resolved easily.

Customer service here seems to deteriorate with the lack of budget, another barrier. Short of funds, the company may have difficulty to even properly investigate how long-term customer service operation could be improved, and this failure causes some sort of stagnation. It’s tantamount to allowing service quality to decline. To hurdle this and thus ensure good quality service, the company should plan every aspect of its budget, to include allocations for technology, product reliability, and employee skills training knowing that to neglect these areas is to lose customers to other company rivals that invest in all these.

So-called barriers to excellent customer service undoubtedly abound, and counting, depending on the

kind of business there is, and the place where it is at. Consider the way a service agent approaches a client—his/her attitude extremely counts. The agent-customer personal interaction contributes greatly to how this customer evaluates that experience. Companies find their competent service representatives to be most responsible for their happy client experience. Indifference on the part of sales agents, then, greatly ruins their expectations and experience.


This indifference can lead to another barrier to customer service—lack of attention, or none at all, to what the customer is saying. Its negative impact is such that the customer eventually feels the business is unimportant to the owner. This is the exact opposite of what they expect from the company and its service agents: they want understanding for their problem, and a solution to it. They want to be heard with their suggestions, feedbacks, compliments, complaints, and sentiments. They want a listener, a reaction, and a response to what they say.

When the company’s commitment to serve its customers subsidies, as shown by its agents sometimes, customer care likewise declines. At times, the customers’ orders require follow ups. If the service agent, or the company itself, lacks this essential commitment to help the customers all the way, then the latter’s concerns are not resolved, and neither are they satisfied. Better if an individual, or a group of persons, is permanently assigned to exclusively address and monitor

this situation, to make sure that necessary follow-ups with customers are consistently performed, so that this particular need is addressed.

But even if a team has been formed and delegated for a certain task, if it performs poorly and lacks proper coordination and teamwork—another barrier—it will still fail to implement good customer service. Sometimes, the company’s customer services require a series of interactions from a group of service agents. A client may have been served well enough during the first negotiation, but when referred to another agent, he got a disappointing interaction with him. Or maybe the team members had varying answers, interpretations, and customer treatment, thus diminishing the latter’s experience.

To some extent, customer issues are being bloated and overworked sometimes by the support staff, interpreted as something bigger than it is when, in fact, a big percentage of customer service issues have to do with just the basics of the products and services. Which means that they don’t necessarily necessitate extraordinary knowledge and skills from the service agents. This kind of reaction does harm than good to customers, for what’s required are simply enough knowledge of the service or product, attention to customer complaints, and a sort of intuition on the part of the agent to determine the real problem and its quickest, simplest remedy.



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Eastern Samar
Municipality of Salcedo

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

Introduced/Author'd by: Atty. Christian May L. Machica
Sangguniang Bayan Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-013
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A UNIFORM BARANGAY CLEARANCE FEE IN ANY BUSINESS-RELATED TRANSACTION & APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT SUBJECT TO THE REMITTANCE OF THE AFORESAID FEE TO THE CORRESPONDING BARANGAY.

Whereas, Republic Act No. 11032 otherwise known as “An Act Promoting Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Delivery of Government Services” was signed into law seeking to streamline and simplify the process of registration and running a business in the Philippines more easy and efficient;

Whereas, Section 11 of the said law provides that “Barangay clearances and permits related to doing business shall be applied, issued and collected at the City/Municipality in accordance with the prescribed processing time of said Act. Provided, that the share in the collections shall be remitted to the respective barangays;

Whereas, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2019-177 dated October 17, 2019 provide guidelines in the integration of the issuance of barangay clearance in the permitting processes of cities and municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it Ordained that:

Section 1.- Scope/Coverage. This ordinance applies only to the issuance of Barangay Clearance for business permit purposes and as a pre-requisite in the application for building permit within the Municipality of Salcedo.

Section 3. — Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms and/or phrases shall mean:

a) **Barangay Clearance** — refers to any and all documents issued by the barangays with or without corresponding fees relative to or in relation to the issuance of business permit and locational clearance issued by the municipality or any other permit as maybe required.

b) **Business Permit** — is a document that must be secured from the municipal government through the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) for a business to legally operate in the locality.

c) **Building Permit** — refers to a document issued by the Municipal Engineer’s Office to an owner/applicant to proceed with the construction, installation, addition, alteration, renovation, conversion, repair, moving, demolition or other work activity of a specific project/building/structure or portions thereof after accompanying principal plans, specification and other pertinent documents with the duly notarized applications are found satisfactory and substantially conforming with the National Building Code of the Philippines

Section 4. Authority to Collect Barangay Clearance Fee for Any Business Related Transaction and Application for Building Permit - The Municipal Treasurer or his/her authorized representative is given the authority to collect Barangay Clearance Fee subject to the remittance thereof to the corresponding barangay.

Section 5. Rate of Barangay Clearance Fee - There is hereby imposed a uniform and fixed amount of FIFTY PESOS (Php 50.00) as Barangay Clearance Fee for business related transactions and ONE HUNDRED PESOS (Php100.00) for building permit to be collected by the Municipal Treasurer and shall be integrated in the Order of Payment (ToP) for Business Permit and Building Permit, together with the other authorized fees and charges. The Municipal Treasurer shall remit the same to the subject barangay not later than seven (7) working days of the ensuing month with the list of the issued Building and Business Permit.

Section 6. Barangay Clearance Signatory - The Punong Barangays of all barangays within the municipality of Salcedo shall submit their respective electronic signature and barangay template/logo to the BPLO which shall be utilized exclusively for the issuance of approved Barangay Clearance.

Section 7. Other Regulations:

a. The BPLO shall upon receipt of any Application for Business Permit or the Municipal Engineer in case of Application for Building Permit, notify the concerned Barangay of any application for Business Permits and for Building Permit for approval or disapproval of issuing Barangay Clearance. If no action has been taken by the Barangay within three (3) working days upon notice on the application, the same shall be deemed approved.

b. Upon receipt of the Notice for the Application of Business or Building Permit, the barangay concerned shall immediately visit the location and conduct ocular checking to verify the status of the location subject of the application to determine compliance with applicable laws and other regulatory bodies. Each barangay shall be responsible to monitor and ensure that all business operations, and constructed is consistent of what was applied for. Inform in writing the BPLO of the Municipal Engineer, copy furnished the Municipal Mayor for immediate action in cases of any illegal acts committed by business/building owners/applicants.

c. The Joint Inspection Team (JIT) by implementing business-related regulations shall conduct an annual inspection or when necessary of all business enterprises to determine compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

d. The BPLO shall conduct a regular inventory of all business approved entities and shall have a list thereof posted in the Municipal Bulletin Board for transparency.

e. Delinquent and non-compliant business establishment shall immediately be acted upon by the JIT and BPLO for appropriate action in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.


Section 10. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any part or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof not affected shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. Any other ordinance, orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in general circulation and after it has been posted in two (2) conspicuous places of the municipality.


Enacted and Approved: December 28, 2020 at Salcedo, Eastern Samar.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Salcedo, Eastern Samar during its regular session on December 28, 2020.




BIBIANA A. TORRES
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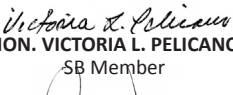
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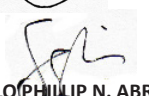
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Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved:



ATTY. MELCHOR L. MERGAL
Municipal Mayor

December 28, 2020
(Date Signed)

DAR continues its tradition of sharing this holiday season

TUNGA, Leyte – Some 40 households in a remote village in this town will somehow celebrate with joy on Christmas Eve as they received a bag of “pang-noche buena” items from the Department of

Agrarian Reform (DAR). With the help of barangay officials and teachers in the area, personnel of the Support to Operations Division of the DAR Regional Office-8, headed by

Regional Chief Admin Officer, Ma. Fe Castro, distributed on Wednesday, December 16, bags of “pang-noche buena” items in Barangay *see DAR /page 20 ...*

More than 60 children in Barangay Banawang, Tunga, Leyte receive toys and goodies from employees of Department of Agrarian Reform Regional Office 8 on December 16, 2020. (JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)

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He was killed during a 30-minute encounter in the vicinity of Barangay Happy Valley, San Isidro, Northern Samar on December 21.
His body was left behind by the retreating comrades, composed of around 60 rebels, according to the army report.
The government troops recovered one cellular phone, two bottles of dextrose and subversive documents inside a rebel camp in the area.
Meanwhile, two former

rebels also voluntarily surrendered to the First and Second Samar Provincial Mobile Force Company (SPMFC) of the Samar Police Provincial Office (SPPO) in Catbalogan City on December 21.
They were identified as alias Jai, 27, single and a resident of Calbayog City; and alias Unyang, 42, housewife, from Catbalogan.
“Her motivation of having to enjoy a peaceful and virtuous life led to her decision to cede to the arms of law and avail the program of the government,” the First SPMFC said on Jai’s

surrender.
Lieutenant Colonel Ma. Bella Rentuaya, spokesperson of Police Regional Office, said a total of 63 former rebels have surrendered in Eastern Visayas from January to December 23.
Another 15 rebels were also arrested while six were killed during the police operations.
Eastern Visayas, particularly the Samar Island, remained a hotbed of insurgency with the continued presence of NPA.
(RONALD O. REYES)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-NC/PA-TT-2020-12-0315
Case No. VIII-2020-0315

Application for **Issuance** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TOURIST TRANSPORT** service with prayer to adopt trade name as

NARDS RENT A CAR AND TOURS,
Applicant/s
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TOURIST TRANSPORT** Service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **FROM TACLOBAN CITY TO ANY TOURIST DESTINATION WITHIN REGION VIII** with the use of **TEN (10)** unit/s.
NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JANUARY 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.
At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.
This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **23rd** day of **DECEMBER, 2020.**

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ARMI ROSE C. TUMAMPOS**
Attorney IV

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

Case No. VIII-2020-0234

Application for **Consolidation with Extension of Validity** of Cases of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** service the **Issuance of Provisional Authority**

SOGOD BAY AREA TRANSPORT COOPERATIVE (SOBAYA),
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Consolidation of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **FILCAB** Service for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **SOGOD-TOMAS OPPUS & VICE VERSA** with the use of **ONE (1)** unit/s, as addition to the **SEVEN (7)** unit/s in the petition previously filed. Re: *Application for the Consolidation with Extension of Validity Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a FILCAB Service.*
NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JANUARY 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.
At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.
This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **22nd** day of **DECEMBER, 2020.**

(Sgd.) **GIL D. MENGULLO**
Attorney IV

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Department of Transportation and Communication
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING AND REGULATORY BOARD
Regional Office No. VIII
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R8-NC/PA-TH-2020-12-0310
Case No. VIII-2020-0310

Application for **Issuance** of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TRUCK FOR HIRE** service with prayer to adopt trade name

A-1 HANDLERS INC.
Rep by: **DEAN T. DY TEVES**,
Applicant/s
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant request authority for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a **TH** for the transportation of passengers and freights along the line: **FROM ORMOC CITY TO ANY POINT IN REGION VIII & VICE VERSA** with the use of **THREE (3)** unit/s.
NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **JANUARY 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.
At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.
This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.
WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this **15th** day of **DECEMBER, 2020.**

(Sgd.) **GIL D. MENGULLO**
Attorney IV

Leyte Gov. Petilla turned over vehicles to 2 hospitals and one municipality for their COVID-19 response

TACLOBAN CITY – The province of Leyte has turned over three emergency service vehicles to two hospitals and one town to augment their operations for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response.

Governor Leopoldo Dominico Petilla said that the three emergency vehicles turned over has the total cost of P10.15 million with the funding from the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

Petilla reported that his office has turned over 1-unit emergency service vehicle each to Dr. Manuel B. Veloso Memorial Hospital based in Palompon and Hilongos District Hospital in Hilongos town.

He added that emergency service vehicles which are DOH (Department of Health) standard has the cost of P4.6 million each.

The governor also reported that his office has also turned over 1-unit emergency service vehicle,

also DOH standard, amounting to P955,000 to Mayor Myra Georgina Arevalo for the local government unit of Palompon.

Petilla said that the turnover ceremony was witnessed by Dr. Lesmes Lumen of the Leyte Provincial; Director Olive Tiu, regional director of the Philippine Information Agency; board member Raissa Villasin(2nd district);Dr. Honorato Jervoso, chief of hospital of Dr. Manuel B. Veloso Memorial Hospital; Dr. Julius Dances chief of

hospital Hilongos District Hospital, and Engr. Arvin Monge, chief of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office; provincial administrator Atty. Edgardo Cordeño, Mayor Myra Georgina Arevalo and Sangguniang Bayan members of Palompon town.

The turnover ceremony was held at the ground floor of the Governor's New Building at Government Center in Barangay Candahug Palo town.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

Cop shot dead in Ormoc City

TACLOBAN CITY- Police are investigating the death of Corporal Ruffy Pepito who was shot by an unidentified gunman in Ormoc City Saturday evening, December 19, 2020.

Initial investigation disclosed that the 38-year-old policeman was buying an ice cream at a store along Barangay Libertad around 8:40 p.m. when the lone assassin disembarked from a sports utility vehicle (SUV) and suddenly fired at the

victim several times.

According to a witness, the suspect was wearing camouflage clothing and armed with a long firearm and immediately fled after the shooting.

The witness did not also notice the vehicle's plate number, police said.

According to the report, Pepito was assigned at the municipal police station in Silago, Southern Leyte.

(RONALD O. REYES)



Leyte Governor Leopoldo Dominico "Mic" L. Petilla turned over an evacuation center worth P 4,399,341.711 (standard) to Matalom Mayor Eric Pajulio last Dec.18. Also present to witness the turnover was Florida Garin, barangay chairwoman of Zaragosa where the facility is located.(GINA P.GEREZ)

DAR...

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Banawang, a village six kilometers away from the national highway, which crosses a river and a mountain.

Aside from the excited housewives who received the said items, some 60 children in the area also received goodies and toys for them to feel the spirit of Christmas.

But before distributing the Christmas presents, the DAR employees instill to the residents in the area, both adults and children, the importance of social distancing and

wearing of face masks to contain the spread of the dreaded coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), thus facemasks were likewise provided to those who were not wearing it.

A day before, the Legal Division of the same office, headed by Legal Chief, Atty. Christopher Ryan Rosal, opted to distribute food packs to 40 children living at the Tacloban City by-pass road.

The Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development and Sustainability Program (ARBDSP) Division, headed by ARBDSP chief, Melecia Ong, chose the 39 persons de-

prived of liberty (PDL) at the Tacloban City Jail's Women's Dorm as beneficiaries of hygiene kits.

Meanwhile, the Land Tenure Service (LTS) Division, headed by LTS Chief, Francis Diloy, distributed food packs and goodies today to children living in Barangay 74 also in Tacloban City.

Regional Director Ismael Aya-ay said, DAR-8 will continue its tradition of sharing something out of personal generosity especially to the less fortunate this season of giving with or without pandemic. (JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)

Rep. Noel...

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it starts. Even in public market I am hoping that the LGUs will have the initiatives to test the sellers and vendors for safety," Noel added.

In Eastern Visayas, where the An Waray party-list group have their political base, its COVID-19 cases have shown a spike.

As of Monday, COVID-19 cases of the region has now reached to 10,886 with 124 deaths.

Rep. Noel said that in his case, he has required his staff and employees at his restaurant to undergo swab testing twice a month to ensure that they are not carriers of the deadly virus and at the same time, they would not contribute to its spread.

The party-list solon, meantime, commended the LGUs in the region for doing well in ad-

ressing the pandemic despite of their 'meager income.'

"I am satisfied (on how the LGUs) are addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. They are trying their very best despite of their meager resources," he said.

The LGUs, for one, have allocated funds for the foods of their returning residents who are quarantined for at least 14 days as part of the health protocols.

Rep. Noel said that he hope that the national government will continue to aid in terms of financial assistance to the LGUs during this time of pandemic.

Several LGUs in the region have complained of draining resources as they are allocating funds to quarantine their returning residents reason why they have called for a moratorium on their return, as among the reasons.

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