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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BULALACAO, ORIENTAL MINDORO  
HELD ON MAY 27, 2024 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. Enrico C. Villas          | Pangulo, Liga ng mga Barangay          |
| Hon. Aceron U. Calinog, Jr.    | IPM-Representative                     |

**ABSENT:**

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| Hon. Joejie R. Narciso      | Sangguniang Bayan Member-Leave |
| Hon. Francis Dave C. Cantos | SK Federation President        |

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## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24-05-386

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING FLOATING COTTAGE OPERATION IN  
THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL  
MINDORO**

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**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides the devolution of some Department of Tourism functions to local government units, namely, domestic tourism promotion and tourism standards regulation;

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**WHEREAS**, safety and security are vital to providing quality in tourism, more than any other economic activity, the success or failure of a tourism destination depends on being able to provide a safe and secured environment for visitors;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Bulalacao is on its way to being an agro-eco-tourism destination in the Province of Oriental Mindoro that collaborative hard works from both government and private sectors are applied and gathered together to deliver the best positive outcome, it has a municipal government that formulate a tourism master plan and adopt the same for implementation;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government of Bulalacao assures the safe, convenient, enjoyable, memorable stay and travel of foreign and local tourists, likewise, it promotes livelihood to its constituents;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to create rules and regulations, policies and safety protocols in the operation of floating cottages in all beaches and other pertinent bodies of water in this municipality to ensure the safety, and provide quality service and just and reasonable charges to people;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro, that:

**Section 1. Statement of Policy.** It is the policy of the Local Government Unit of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro to maintain orderliness in all public facilities in order to promote public safety and tourism development, conclusively, it shall regulate the operation of all businesses that offers floating cottage amenities.

**Section 2. Title.** This Ordinance is entitled as stated and shall be also known as "2024 Floating Cottage Operation Ordinance of Bulalacao".

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Beach/Bodies of Water** refers to any bodies of water within the municipality that are open for business operation which attracts and caters locals and visitors for relaxation/recreation, vacation and/or tourism.
- b. **Beach Resort** refers to all beach resorts operating within the municipality that attracts and caters locals and visitors for relaxation/recreation, vacation and/or tourism.
- c. **Floating Cottage** refers to both structures that need to be towed, and those that have their own means of movement and navigation. It is accommodation unit built on bamboo rafts, rather than within a hull, and the materials used for floating are drums and containers.
- d. **Operator** refers to the individuals who own and operating floating cottage business within the municipality.

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- e. **Guest** refers to any foreign or local tourist who is registered as paying occupant to any of the floating cottages within the municipality.
- f. **Lifeguard**- refers to an individual who is employed to any resorts, accommodations and attraction establishments within the municipality who must be stationed within the area near the bathing place which primary duty is to safeguard the bathers and prevent them from drowning. He/she must be physically fit and medically healthy, an expert swimmer who can use the safety equipment comfortably and confidently, and must be trained on life saving procedures by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and/or successfully completed the following Philippine Red Cross Training or any Philippine Coast Guard accredited equivalent training courses as such, to wit:
  - First Aid Course.
  - Basic-Life Support-Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course
  - Water Safety Course
  - Water search and rescue

**Section 4. Qualified Operators.** The following are the allowed individuals and/or groups who can operate floating cottage business in this municipality:

- a. Registered associations and cooperatives.
- b. A bona fide Bulalacaonon who has the capacity to operate floating cottage business.
- c. Local Government Unit.
- d. Beach Resorts owners.

**Section 5. Business Location of Floating Cottages.** The floating cottage business is allowed to operate in the following locations and situations:

- a. Must be located in any of the declared coastal barangay of the municipality.
- b. The area must be identified by the Barangay Local Government Unit by passing and/or enacting a zoning ordinance specifically for the purpose of establishing the location of the floating cottage operation.
- c. Only residents of the barangay are allowed to operate in the identified place of floating cottage business.

**Section 7. Permit Requirements.** The following requirements must be complied in order to operate floating cottage business:

- a. The operator must secure a business permit from the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) of the Local Government Unit.
- b. The operator must secure a Certification of Seaworthiness and Safety from the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) of the Local Government Unit.
- c. The MDRRMO shall set a checklist for the operators to comply for the requirement of seaworthiness of the floating cottage/s used in the business.

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d. The BPLO shall not issue the business permit without the Certification of Seaworthiness and Safety issued by the MDRRMO.

**Section 8. Regulatory Fees.** The following are the regulated fees to be charged in the floating cottage business.

- a. Small - For cottages that measures 8 meters in width and 8 meters in length, consists of 16 drums in maximum and has a maximum capacity of 40 persons - PhP1,000.00
- b. Medium - For cottages that measures 12 meters in width and 12 meters in length, consists of 17 to 25 drums and has a maximum capacity of 60 persons - 2,000.00
- c. Large - For cottages that measures 14 meters in width and 16 meters in length, consists of 26 and above drums and has a capacity of 61 but not more than 100 persons - 3,000.00

**Section 9. Operating Hours.** All operators are allowed to operate their floating cottage business from 6am to 9pm.

**Section 10. Operation Policies.** The following operation policies shall be strictly observed:

- a. Foods and/or drinks should not be thrown in the sea waters. Plates, food containers, cups, utensils and the like should not be washed in the sea waters.
- b. Operators shall orient the floating cottage occupants of safety measures.
- c. No floating cottage shall operate outside the designated area of operation.
- d. The operators shall legibly inscribe their business name and their designated number on the body of the floating cottage/s. They should also put the cottage fee and the maximum persons allowed in the floating cottage.
- e. The operators must ensure that the area of the floating cottage shall not affect the marine protected area, if there is any.
- f. Emergency hotlines like those of MDRRMO, PNP, Coastguard, BFP, Barangay Hotline, Hospitals and other offices and agencies stated in Section 4 of Municipal Ordinance No. 22-06-318 must be within the vicinity of the area and visible to the public.
- g. First aid kits and materials like ropes, ring buoys and the likes shall be available at all times.
- h. The operators shall deploy a duly certified lifeguard at all times. The lifeguard must be clothed in a manner that is easily identifiable.

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- i. The barangay must provide accommodation system for tourist in the following manner:
  - i. For walk-in guests, the barangay should provide schedule that would fairly benefit all the operators of floating cottage business.
  - ii. The guests who made reservation should go directly to the floating cottage they requested.

**Section 11. Role of the Local Government Unit.** In order to ensure the strict compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, the LGU shall conduct regular inspection of all the floating cottage business in this municipality which shall be led by Municipal Tourism Office and MDRRMO.

**Section 12. Penalties.** The following penalties shall be imposed for violations of this Ordinance:

- First Offense - PhP1,000.00
- Second Offense - 1,500.00
- Third Offense - 2,500.00

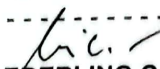


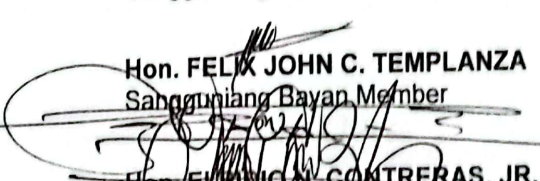
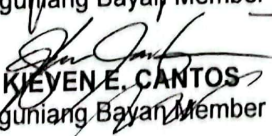
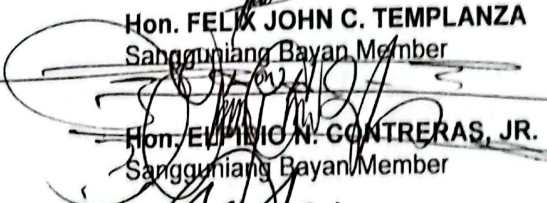
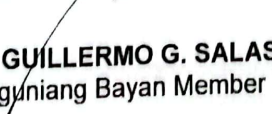
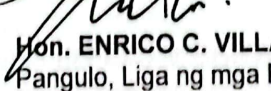

**Section 13. Repealing Clause.** All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

**Section 14. Separability Clause.** If any part or provision on this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force or effect.

**Section 15. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days of posting in bulletin board at the entrance of the municipal hall and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the Local Government Unit of Bulalacao.

**ENACTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

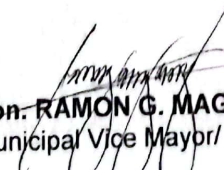
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**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECTED:**

  
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 Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED:**

  
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 Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

  
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 Date Signed: June 6, 2024