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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BULALACAO, ORIENTAL MINDORO
HELD ON MAY 15, 2023 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23-05-353

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS,
POLICIES AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS IN ALL RESORTS,
ACCOMMODATIONS AND ATTRACTION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO**

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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;

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to create rules and regulations, policies and safety protocols in all resorts to ensure the safety and provide quality services;

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WHEREAS, the Local Government of Bulalacao assures the safe, convenient, enjoyable, memorable stay and travel of foreign and local tourists;

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 safeguard the life, health, property and the general welfare of the people, towards this ends, it shall regulate the operation of the resort by providing safety protocols.

Section 2. Title. This Ordinance is entitled as stated and shall be also known as 2023 Rules and Regulations in all Resorts, Accommodations and Attraction Establishments Ordinance of Bulalacao.

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

- a. **Resort** refers to all swimming pool and beach resorts operating within the municipality that attracts and caters locals and visitors for relaxation/recreation, vacation and/or tourism.
- b. **Accommodations** refers to any lodging to paying guests including hotel businesses, hostels, pensions, bed and breakfast, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks, and recreational rental businesses within the municipality.
- c. **Attraction establishments** refers to any place/s within the municipality that provides pleasant environment and atmosphere conducive to comfort, healthful relaxation and rest, offering foods, sleeping accommodations, swimming and other recreational facilities open to the public for a remuneration.
- d. **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 whose 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 in life saving procedures by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction 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
- e. **Guest** refers to any tourist or traveler who is registered as paying occupant to any resorts, accommodations and attraction establishments within the municipality.

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f. **Tourism Progressive Accreditation System** refers to an accreditation system of the Department of Tourism which has three-stage quality for journey for tourism enterprises that makes it more inclusive and motivates the stakeholders to maintain and improve the quality of their property's facilities and services. The three levels of this accreditation system are as follows:

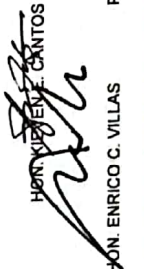
- Basic Registration – only a valid permit is required.
- Regular Accreditation – the accreditation will be valid for two years.
- Premium Accreditation – the tourism enterprises will be rated for quality by Third-Party evaluators with a validity of three years.

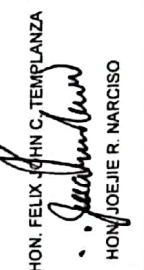
g. **Minimum Health Protocol** refers to the guidelines of the updated health and safety protocols institutionalized by the Department of Health and/or Department of Tourism in the operation of resorts, accommodation and attraction establishments to a certain period of time.

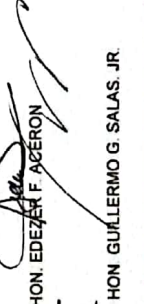
Section 4. Rules and Regulations. The following rules and regulations shall be observed, upheld, and respected:

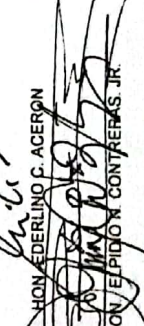
- Comply with Department of Tourism Progressive Accreditation System.
- Implement minimum health protocols.
- Tourism establishment must submit their guests arrival data with corresponding relevant demographics for statistical purposes.
- Resort must at all times deploy a duly certified life guard. One life guard is required for every 20 meters length of swimming area and must be clothed in a manner that is easily identifiable.
- 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.
- First aid kits and materials like ropes, ring buoys and the likes shall be available at all times.
- If the resort allows night swimming, the swimming area must be well illuminated.
- Night swimming on beach resorts will be allowed till 7:00 pm while on accommodation and attraction establishments will be allowed till 9:00 pm.

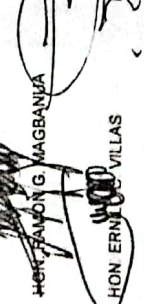

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- i. For beach resorts, there must be a designated and manageable swimming area with considerations to the depth and width of the area, available facilities and trained lifeguard or emergency responders.
- j. There must be visible markers that would serve as indicators for the boundary of the swimming area.
- k. There must be at least a simple public address system so that announcements, reminders, and warnings will be delivered and heard easily.
- l. Safety signage shall be placed in strategic and highly noticeable area.
- m. Pool-side shall be made of non-skid surface and flooring materials to prevent accidents and injuries resulting thereof.

Section 5. 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 the swimming pools and beachfront facilities of the hotel and resort which shall be led by Municipal Tourism Office, MDRMO and Municipal Engineering Office.

Section 6. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed for violations of this ordinance.

- a. Any resort owner or operator who fails to employ the required number of certified lifeguards as specified under Section 4 of this ordinance shall be punished with a fine of not more than PhP2,500.00 and suspension of the operating permit of the facility for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days.
- b. In event of serious injury or death of any resort guest while using the swimming pool or while swimming in the lake, river or sea fronting a resort which failed to employ the required lifeguard and other safety protocols under this ordinance, such resort owner or operator shall be liable upon the discretion of the Court of Justice.

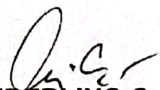
Section 7. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.


Section 8. 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 9. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted this 2nd day of May 2023 Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

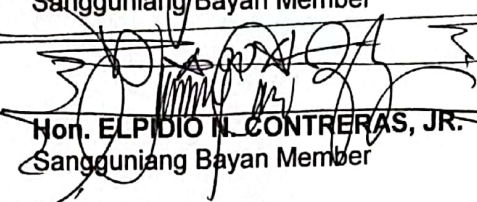
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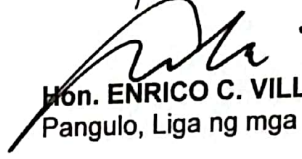

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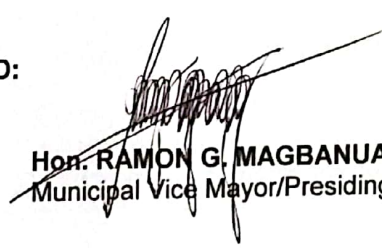

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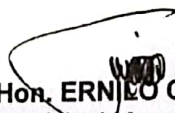
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


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Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


Hon. ERNILDO C. VILLAS
Municipal Mayor
Date Signed: July 4, 2023