

# Republic of the Philippines Province of Bohol MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

# OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 93<sup>RD</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024 AT JUAN M. RELAMPAGOS SESSION HALL, LOON, BOHOL -

### PRESENT:

Hon. Lloyd Peter M. Lopez, M.D.

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Hon. Timoteo L. Legitimas

SB Member

## **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24-007**

Series of 2024

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING PRIMARY TOURISM ENTERPRISES TO SECURE A TOURISM COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (TCC) AS ONE OF THE REQUISITES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MAYOR'S PERMIT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

### RATIONALE

Section 3 paragraph (g) of RA 9593 or the Tourism Act of the Philippines states that one of the objectives adopted by the State is to enhance the collection, analysis and dissemination of data which accurately measure the economic and social impact of the tourism in the country to facilitate planning in the public and private sector, and as spelled out in the said law's Implementing Rules and Regulations.

Section 38 of RA 9593 or the Tourism Act of the Philippines states that in order to ascertain the economic and social impact of tourism, all local government units shall provide an inventory of all the resources available to the Department of Tourism. They shall likewise periodically report to the Department on the status of tourism plans and programs, tourist arrivals and tourism enterprises, among others, within their jurisdictions.

Accreditation of all establishments catering to the tourism industry allows the monitoring of tourism enterprises to ensure quality service, high standards of operation for technical and security support and prevents fly-by-night operators of similar services to proliferate in the city;



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A Tourism Compliance Certificate ensures that establishments operating within Loon, Bohol that cater to the tourism industry comply with the minimum standards in the operation of the establishment concerned which shall ensure the safety, comfort, and convenience of the tourists.

Be it enacted by the 15<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. SCOPE.** This ordinance shall be mandatory for Primary Tourism Enterprises and optional for Secondary Tourism Enterprises.

- A. Primary Tourism Enterprises such as facilities and services that are directly related to tourism such as, but not limited to, travel and tour services: inbound travel agencies and tour operators, local tour operators and tour guides; tourist transport services whether for land, sea and air transport exclusively or drivers; accommodation establishments such as, but not limited to, hotels, resorts, apartment hotels, tourist inns, motels, pension houses, private homes used for home stay, ecolodges, condotels, services apartments, and bed and breakfast facilities; hotel and tourism estate management services; meetings, incentives, conventions, and exhibition organizers and facilities; sports and recreational facilities such as, but not limited to, dive shops, amusement parks, adventure and ecotourism facilities; foreign exchange dealers and such enterprises as may be identified by law.
- B. Secondary Tourism Enterprises operating in Loon, Bohol such as facilities and services that may be related to tourism such as, but not limited to, restaurants; specialty shops and department stores; sports facilities and recreational centers such as museums and galleries, theme parks, zoos; health and wellness facilities such as, but not limited to, spas, tertiary hospitals, ambulatory clinics, and medical concierge; rest areas in gas stations; agri-tourism trainers; outbound travel agencies; and such other enterprises as may be identified by law.

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

- a) Tourism Compliance Certificate a certificate attesting that the enterprise has complied with all the requirements set by this Ordinance.
- b) Accreditation the validation and assurance that operation of the enterprise has met the standards according to RA 9593 otherwise known as the Tourism Act of 2009.

**SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** All tourism enterprises are required to secure a Tourism Compliance Certificate from the Tourism Office upon payment of fee as stipulated in Chapter IV, Art. A Sec. 4A.01.4 (e) of the Revenue Code. Such Certificate shall be a prerequisite for the issuance of a Mayor's Permit.

### **SECTION 4. REQUIREMENTS.**

- a) For primary enterprises:
  - Duly accomplished monthly reports using the prescribed format such as Nationality Report, Occupancy Report, and other reports that may be required from time to time; submitted to the Tourism Office.
  - Updated DOT accreditation certificate. If this document is not available, the primary enterprise may be given a grace period of not more than one year form the data of effectivity of this ordinance to comply.
  - 3. Child Protection Statement prominently displayed.

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- b) For secondary enterprises:
  - 1. Updated DOT accreditation certificate(optional); and
  - 2. Child Protection Policy Statement prominently displayed.

**SECTION 5. CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS.** All reports submitted by primary and secondary tourism establishments shall be treated with utmost confidentiality and shall not be used as basis for assessment of taxes.

**SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE.** The Tourism Office shall, in addition to its existing functions, take a lead in the implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason any section of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby attest to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

FIDELINO P. CORFFICO, LLB, JD
Secretary to the Sanggunian

CERTIFIED:

LLOYD PETER M. LOPEZ, M.D.

Vice Mayor Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ELVI PETER L. RELAMPAGOS

Municipal Mayor

Date Signed: