

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 95TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (SB) OFFICE, LOON, BOHOL-

PRESENT:

Hon. Elvi Peter L. Relampagos,	Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Nilo P. Branzuela,	SB Member
Hon. Lydia L. Almasa,	SB Member
Hon. Kristel P. Tecson,	SB Member
Hon. Romel C. Legitimas,	SB Member
Hon. Zaide Y. Coritico,	SB Member
Hon. Damaso C. Pasilbas,	SB Member
Hon. Edwin R. Ladeza	SB Member
Hon. Pedro M. Literatus, Jr.,	LnB President, Ex Officio Member

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Ricky U. Masamayor,	SB Member
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 15-003

Series of 2015

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANNUAL HOLDING OF SIDLAKASILAK FESTIVAL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL BY MAKING SEPTEMBER 8 A SPECIAL NON-WORKING DAY EFFECTIVE UPON TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Loon launched in 2000 a week-long festival of lights known as SidlaKasilak, such name derived from the vernacular word "Sidlak" or light, which has multifarious meanings, like hope, inspiration, enlightenment, triumph, success, deliverance, among others, which are descriptive of a people who have withstood the test of time and, in particular, survived the devastation caused by the 2013 earthquake;

WHEREAS, a "Balik-Loon" season, from August 30 to September 15 every year has been declared pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 04, Series of 1997;

WHEREAS, Section 121, paragraph "g" of the Administrative Code of Loon, mandates the observance of Sidlakesilak from August 31 to September 8 of every year;

WHEREAS, Sidlakesilak is a recognized festival in the Province of Bohol and has become the most anticipated annual event among Loonanons, here and broad, together with their visitors as well as tourists;

WHEREAS, the annual Sidlakesilak season which culminates every September 8, and which happen to be the feast of our Lady of Light, has enhanced and awakened the participation of the different sectors of society and strengthened the sentimental bond that unites all Loonanons;

NOW, THEREFORE, premises considered, be it ordained by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol on session duly assembled:

Section 1. SIDLAKASILAK FESTIVAL.- There is hereby declared an annual celebration of SidlaKasilak Festival, otherwise known as the Festival of Lights in the Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol, from August 30 to September 8.

Section 2. PROGRAM/ACTIVITIES. - The Sidlakasilak or Festival of Lights shall showcase, among others, socio-cultural programs like the practice of celebrating “Paghiusadya Year” or grand homecoming of all Loonanons every fifth year of the festival. This will instill and enrich cultural awareness and pride of place among Loonanons, and promote the local tourism industry. It may feature any of, but not limited to, the following events:

- a. Competitions that involve lights, such as street dancing and other performances, lighting of houses and streets, and others;
- b. Exhibits on arts, photographs, food, handicrafts and other products of local producers and artists;
- c. Personality and talent showcase or competitions;
- d. Homecoming and reunions of alumni, clans and families; and
- e. Other activities that may be proposed by the SidlaKasilak Executive Committee.

Section 3. COMMITTEE. - The Local Chief Executive shall organize a SidlaKasilak Executive Committee to be composed of , but not limited to, the following:

- a. Municipal Mayor as chairperson;
- b. Municipal Vice Mayor;
- c. Representative of the local parish church;
- d. Representative of each administrative district of the LGU;
- e. Representatives of public and private schools;
- f. Representatives of the different sectors, e.g. youth, women, business, Pos, NGOs, and others;
- h. Members of the Municipal Tourism Council; and,
- i. Members of the Municipal Council for Cultural Heritage and Arts.

The members of the SidlaKasilak Executive Committee shall be assigned duties and responsibilities based on their capabilities. They shall also organize a secretariat from among themselves.

Section 4. NON-WORKING DAY. It is hereby provided that every 8th of September will be a special non-working day after it has been declared as such through the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation.

Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. – Any existing ordinance that is inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and posting copies thereof in strategic places within the Municipality of Loon.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

FIDELINO P. CORITICO, LLB
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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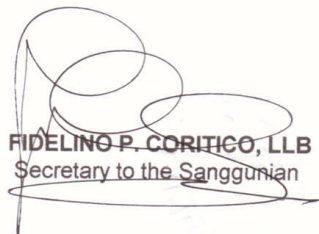
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Municipal Mayor


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