

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 97TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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. Ricky U. Masamayor	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

ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 15-004
Series of 2015

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CABILAO ISLAND LAKE ECOPARK (CILE) AS A PUBLIC AMUSEMENT PARK AND ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF LOON AND SETTING GUIDELINES FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the lake in Pantudlan is an emerging tourist destination in Cabilao Island;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Loon has invested on the development of the site following the recommendations in the Municipal Tourism Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the scenic location, which is highlighted by the presence of a thick mangrove forest as well as wild and migratory birds, shows promise of being transformed into a venue for an ecotourism enterprise;

WHEREAS, the lake and its resources need to be protected as a showcase not only for tourism development but also for nature conservation, ecosystem research, and community livelihood;

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

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be entitled “An Ordinance Establishing the Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark (CILE) as a Public Amusement Park and Economic Enterprise of the Local Government Unit of Loon and Setting Guidelines for Its Development and Management”, otherwise known as the Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark Ordinance.

Section 2. Definition of Terms. The following terms, as used in this ordinance, are defined, to wit:

- 2.a. *Ecosystem* – a community of animals, plants and microorganisms that are interrelated together with its physical and chemical environment. It is also the interrelationship among living organisms inhabiting a particular area and of these

organisms with their environment. It is characterized by the description of populations; the abundance of individual species; relationships between species; activity of organisms; physical and chemical characteristics of environment; flows of matter and energy; and description of changes of these parameters with time.

- 2.b. *Mangrove forest* – a dense thicket of tropical evergreen trees or shrubs having stiltlike intertwining aerial or prop roots that grow below the highest tide levels in swampy areas
- 2.c. *Ecotourism* – a form of sustainable tourism within a natural and cultural heritage area where community participation, protection and management of natural resources, culture and indigenous knowledge and practices, environmental education and ethics as well as economic benefits are fostered and pursued for the enrichment of host communities and the satisfaction of the visitors.
- 2.d. *Carrying capacity* – the maximum number of people that may visit a tourist destination at the same time, without causing destruction of the physical, economic and socio-cultural environment, and without resulting in an unacceptable decrease in the quality of visitors' satisfaction.
- 2.e. *Ecosystem research* – any systematic investigation that involves gathering of data and information to advance knowledge or establish facts about an ecosystem or any community of animals, plants and microorganisms that are interrelated together with its physical and chemical environment.
- 2.f. *Ecopark or ecological park* – a park that allows all of the natural landscape to have ecological value and aims to inform about and protect the ecosystem that characterizes it
- 2.g. *Amusement park* – a commercially operated park that has amenities for entertainment or enjoyment
- 2.h. *Economic enterprise* – any project or activity that produces income
- 2.i. *Migratory bird* – a bird that travels from one place to another at regular times often over long distances

Section 3. Description of the Site. – The Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark's main features are the brackish water lake and the mangrove forest around it. Both have a combined area of 27 hectares. The lake has an area of 1.5 hectares and depth of three (3) meters at its deepest part. As an amusement and nature park, the entire area shall have the following components:

- 3.a. Visitors' center with toilets and product display areas;
- 3.b. Parking area and utility facilities;
- 3.c. Boardwalks and kiosks or structures for viewing; and
- 3.d. Docking platform for kayaks and *bigiw*, small non-motorized boats with outriggers.

Amenities that may be needed in the future shall be added provided that these do not disturb the ecosystem of the lake and its environs.

Section 4. Purposes and Functions of the Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark. The Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark shall have the following purposes and functions:

- 4.a. To provide a place for leisure and amusement activities, for example, boat paddling, kayaking, hook-and-line fishing, bird watching, nature appreciation, photography and other activities;

- 4.b. To promote local craftsmanship and provide alternative livelihood for the island residents through the sale of locally produced products;
- 4.c. To serve as showcase for ecotourism, nature conservation, and ecosystem research and learning; and
- 4.d. To generate revenue for the Local Government Unit of Loon and its partners in the development and management of the ecopark.

Section 5. Cabilao Island Ecopark Management Council. - There shall be created a Cabilao Island Ecopark Management Council to be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Municipal Mayor

Vice Chairperson: Municipal Vice Mayor

Members: District 8 Councilor of the Sangguniang Bayan
Chairperson or Representative, SB Committee on Environment
Chairperson or Representative, SB Committee on Tourism
Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Municipal Action Officer for Tourism and Cultural Heritage
One (1) representative each of Cabilao's five barangay councils (Punong Barangay or Kagawad)
One (1) representative of people's organizations
One (1) representative of resort owners
One (1) representative of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office

- 5.b. The Council shall regularly assess the facilities of the Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark, monitor its overall performance as an amusement park and economic enterprise, and recommend courses of action for its maintenance and further development.
- 5.c. With the help of experts, the Council shall determine the carrying capacity of the park and enjoin its implementation in order to protect the natural resources from overexploitation and conserve its biodiversity.
- 5.d. Should there be any need for a memorandum of agreement with research institutions as well as non-government agencies or people's organization, particularly as regards the management of the ecopark, this shall be authorized and approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.
- 5.e. The Secretariat of the Council shall be the Municipal Tourism Office. The Council shall meet regularly at least four times a year, the schedule of which shall be agreed upon by its members.

Section 6. Source of Funds. – The budget for the development and management of the ecopark shall be charged to local funds including user's fee and other fees to be imposed. Other sources, like grants and public-private partnerships, shall be explored. Any agreement executed between the parties involved shall be approved by the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 7. Entrance Fees, Donations and Other Revenues

- 7.a. The general admission fee to the ecopark shall be Twenty Five Pesos (P25.00) and Fifteen Pesos (P15.00) for adults and children below 12 years old, respectively, regardless of the number of hours spent thereat. Children who are below three (3) years old are free of charge.

- 7.b. The general admission fee shall be inclusive of the use of the parking area and toilets.
- 7.c. Minimum rentals for the use of the amenities are as follows:
 - 6.d.1. boat with paddle - P 100 per hour or portion thereof
 - 6.d.2. kayak with oars - P 150 per hour or portion thereof
 - 6.d.3. fishing rod with lure - P 50 per hour or portion thereof
 - 6.d.4. binoculars - P 20 per hour or portion thereof
- 7.d. The charges and fees for amenities and facilities that may be constructed in the future as well as other gadgets and paraphernalia that may be purchased shall be set by the Sangguniang Bayan.
- 7.e. Proceeds for the entrance and user's fees shall be treated as trust fund. Donations shall be used solely for supplies, materials and services that are needed for the ecopark's operation, maintenance and repair.

Section 8. Revenue Sharing Scheme. - The following revenue sharing scheme shall be followed:

- 8.a. 40 percent - Local Government Unit of Loon
- 8.b. 20 percent - Pantudlan Barangay Local Government Unit
- 8.c. 30 percent - Accredited people's organization
- 8.d. 10 percent - Equally divided among the four other Cabilao barangays, namely, Cabacungan, Cambaquiz, Looc and Talisay, through their respective Barangay Local Government Units.

The authorized people's organization shall have the discretion as regards how much of its share will it allocate for the wages or honoraria of its members who are directly involved in the ecopark's management.

Section 9. Livelihood Opportunities. - The Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark shall provide livelihood opportunities for local producers of delicacies and souvenir items, kayaking or rowing instructors, owners of private parking lots, operators of lodging accommodations and homestays, and others. They, however, must be accredited and issued ID cards by the Office of the Mayor, and required to pay business permit fees.

The gift shop shall accept items for sale on consignment, provided that a ten-percent (10%) mark-up on the price of every product or souvenir item sold shall go to the coffers of the Local Government Unit.

Section 10. Allowable Acts and Practices. - The following acts and practices shall be allowed at the Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark and vicinity:

- 10.a. Construction of strategic infrastructure in support of tourism;
- 10.b. Regulated planting of trees at the multiple-use area;
- 10.c. Collection of garbage; and
- 10.d. Other acts that enhance the tourism value of the place and promote the protection and conservation of its natural resources.
- 10.e. Regulated admission of guests and activities in the area especially during the migratory season of birds

Section 11. Prohibited Acts. - The following acts shall be prohibited at the Cabilao Island Lake Ecopark and vicinity:

- (1) Specific Prohibitions-
 - 11.a. Planting of exotic species of trees and other plants;
 - 11.b. Release of exotic fish, birds and other fauna on the lake;

- 11.c. Installation of fish corrals and cages;
- 11.d. Parking beyond the designated areas;
- 11.e. Peddling of food and souvenirs at the boardwalks, viewing decks and other areas that are not designated for such activity;
- 11.f. Eating at the boardwalks and viewing decks;
- 11.g. By standing in the park's facilities.
- 11.h. Bird hunting;
- 11.i. Cutting of trees;
- 11.j. Littering and dumping of garbage;
- 11.k. Bringing in of prohibited drugs, guns and explosives, and other deadly weapons.

Section 12. Penalties. - Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance, especially the prohibited acts, shall be fined, as follows:

First Offense	P 1,000.00
Second Offense	P 1,500.00
Third Offense	P 2,000.00
Succeeding Offenses	P 2,500.00

Prohibited Acts defined under the Revised Penal Code or Special Laws shall be penalized accordingly.

Personnel and staff violating their work ethics shall be suspended or their services terminated depending on the gravity of their violations as determined by the Cabilao Island Ecopark Management Council.

Section 13. Repealing Clause. - Any existing ordinance that is inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 14. Effectivity Clause. - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting in strategic places within the Municipality of Loon.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

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MENRO - 

Looc - 

Cabaanagan - 

Pantudlan - 

Talisan - 

Cambaguia - 