



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Bohol  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LOON**

## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 108<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION HELD BY 7<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2000 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN AT SESSION HALL –

PRESENT : Hon. Raul P. Barbarona Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer

Hon. Rolando L. Paloso	SB Member
Hon. Clovis L. Nazareno	SB Member
Hon. Francisco R. Pechon, Jr.,	SB Member
Hon. Hermenegildo M. California	SB Member
Hon. Zenon R. Perez	SB Member
Hon. Felix M. Marcojos	SB Member
Hon. Nicolas M. Labastilla	SB Member
Hon. Buenaventura L. Orcullo	SB Member
Hon. Rosalio S. Sieras,	LnB President, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT : Hon. Yvonne T. Campoamor SKMF President, Ex-Officio Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 00-003  
Series of 2000

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“WHEREAS, it is the duty of the municipality to conserve its natural treasures including marine life such as corals and fishes;

“WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to promote sustainable tourism in its coastal and marine areas by protecting and conserving marine treasures which are tourist attractions;

“WHEREAS, the municipality desires to sustain the operation of sea patrols that would undertake prevention of destructive activities in our seawaters;

“NOW, THEREFORE, premises considered, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, in session assembled:

Section 1 – TITLE - AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A DOCKING FEE AT P50.00 PER COMMERCIAL DIVE-BOAT PER DAY REGARDLESS OF SIZE, OPPORTUNITY COST OR FEE OF P5.00 PER DIVER, AND BANNING THE USE OF ANCHORS WITHIN THE DIVE-SITES OF CABILAO ISLAND

Section 2 – DEFINITIONS – As used in this ordinance, the following are defined as follows:

- 2.1 Docking – refers to the situation wherein a dive-boat ties his boat to a buoy strategically located within the dive-sites of the municipal waters of Loon;
- 2.2 Commercial Dive-Boat – refers to boats hired for a fee by divers to convey them to and from the dive sites;
- 2.3 Divers – tourists who snorkel or dive underwater including those using SCUBA equipment, to enjoy the marine life of the sea;
- 2.4 Anchor – refers to steel, iron, or concrete and other heavy devices dropped to the sea to hold the boat and prevent it from being dragged by the current;
- 2.5 Opportunity Cost or Free – refers to the opportunity enjoyed by the person or tourist to dive and view the beauty of marine life in the municipal waters of Loon.

Section 3. – PROVISIONS

- 3.1 Dive-boats regardless of size and number of passengers, which stop within the municipal waters of Loon especially in the coast of Cabilao Island to engage in their business of conveying tourists to the dive sites of the municipality shall pay a fee of P50.00 per day to the municipality for the privilege of using a mooring buoy;
- 3.2 Divers shall be collected an opportunity cost or fee of P50.00 per diver per day for the privilege of enjoying the underwater sights and as their contribution to the fund to be used for BANTAY DAGAT purposes;
- 3.3 Barangay Treasurers duly authorized by the Municipal Treasurer shall collect the fees which shall be properly receipted and remitted, then placed in a Trust Fund for the exclusive use of the enforcement of fishery laws and Bantay Dagat program of the municipality;
- 3.4 The use of anchors by dive-boats and other boats is prohibited in the tourist sites of Loon especially within the seas of Cabilao Island in order to minimize the destruction of corals which may be damaged by the dropping and mooring of these devices;
- 3.5 Forty-percent (40%) of the funds collected through this ordinance shall go to the barangays where the diving activities were conducted, to be exclusively used by the barangays for Bantay Dagat and livelihood project purposes and through a mechanism to be designed by the Municipal Treasurer’s Office of Loon.

Section 4. – PENALTIES – Violators of this ordinance shall be fined P1,000.00 for the first offence, P1,500.00 for the second offense, and P2,000.00 for the third offense or imprisonment of ten days or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 5. – REPEALING CLAUSE – Provisions of previous laws found inconsistent hereto are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

Section 6. – EFFECTIVELY CLAUSE – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted Municipal Ordinance.

ATTY. RAUL P. BARBARONA  
Vice Mayor  
(Presiding Officer)

A T T E S T E D:

FIDELINO P. CORITICO  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

A P P R O V E D:

CESAR TOMAS M. LOPEZ, M.D.  
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: July 21 2000