

Republic of the Philippines  
 Province of Iloilo  
 Municipality of Tigbauan  
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 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO HELD AT BENJAMIN MELLIZA HALL ON FEBRUARY 28, 1994 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Hon.	Jose P. Torrefranca, Jr. ....	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
"	Ma. Bernardita Taasan ....	Councilor
"	Rene Ledesma ....	"
"	Agaton Tumabotabo ....	"
"	Jose Edgar Gaton ....	"
"	Andres Triste ....	"
"	Remedios Torato ....	"
"	Jessie Terre ....	"
"	Cornelia T. Teruel ....	"
"	Dante Glarino ....	ABC President
"	Marlon C. Torrento ....	President, Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga S.K.

ABSENT:      NONE

**Municipal Ordinance No. 94-001**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES ON CODE OF CONDUCT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, PURSUANT TO DILG MC. 93-125.

SPONSORED BY:      Honorable Councilor Andres Triste

CO-SPONSORED BY:      Hon. Councilor Jessie G. Terre

SECONDED BY:      Honorable Councilor Jose Edgar Gaton

WHEREAS, it is imperative that this municipality shall adopt safety precautionary measures that will guarantee the protection and preservation of lives of its inhabitants during local celebration such as festivals/fiesta, fairs, carnivals, procession and similar assemblies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tigbauan, Province of Iloilo, that:

**SECTION 1. Title.** This is known as an Ordinance Adopting The Policies And Guidelines On Code Of Conduct Of Public Safety In The Municipality Of Tigbauan, Province Of Iloilo, Pursuant To DILG Mc. 93-125.

**SECTION 2. Definition of Terms.** For purpose of this ordinance the following terms are defined:

1. Festival/Fiesta - a time of celebration marked by special observance especially on occasion marked with religious ceremonies.
2. Fair - gathering of buyers and sellers at the stated time and place for trade or a competitive exhibition (as of farm products) or sale of a collection of articles for a charitable purpose.
3. Carnival - a boisterous merrymaking or a travelling enterprise offering a variety of amusement.

4. Parade - a ceremonial formation and march (as of troops) a pompous display of exhibition.
5. Procession - a group of individuals moving along in an orderly open ceremonial way.
6. Assembly - a gathering of persons.

### SECTION 3. Policies & Guidelines On Public Safety

Any individual, group or organization intending to hold any celebration in the Municipality of Tigbauan or in any of its Barangay shall observe the following policies and guidelines on public safety:

- I. On Road and River Safety
  - a.) A repair of potholes and diggings and other excavations a month before the actual festivities;
  - b.) Clearing of sidewalks from obstructions;
  - c.) Designation of specific areas for ambulant vendors;
  - d.) Installation of appropriate traffic signs and enforcement of traffic ordinance;
  - e.) Proper placement of streamers, buntings and other materials installed on alleys and roadways;
  - f.) Checking of the worthiness of bancas and other transport crafts
  - g.) Clearing of the river of obstructions like water lilies, garbage and other flotsam and debris;
  - h.) Monitoring of the loading capacity of watercraft vessels to ensure safety of passengers
  - i.) Use of steel barges towed by tugboats in fluvial parades
- II. On Review of Design of Floats, Platform, Towers, Stages Pagodas
 

There shall be:

  - a.) Structural soundness and safety;
  - b.) Proper enforcement of maximum load capacities.
- III. On Electrical Installation and Other Makeshift Connections for Lighting and Sound System
  - a.) Installation for electrical wirings for floats, platforms, towers, stages, street lights and sound system shall be supervised by a licensed electrician to ensure that no incidence of electric shocks or fires will occur.
  - b.) Combustible decorative materials should not be combined with electric bulbs, nor balloons be inflated or used as decorations near electric light bulbs or lighted candles.
- IV. On handling of Firecrackers and Other Pyrotechnic Displays:
  - a.) There shall be proper regulations on the use of firecrackers during festivals, fiestas, and other similar celebrations;
  - b.) Handling of firecrackers shall only be done by authorized persons during celebrations;
  - c.) Persons handling firecrackers shall be prohibited to board bancas/boats participating in fluvial parades;
  - d.) Places (s) shall be designated where pyrotechnic materials will be exploded during celebrations.
- V. On Fire Safety and Readiness to Respond to Emergencies:
  - a.) Fire trucks and/or other fire-fighting equipment including local paramedic teams shall be on full alert status during celebrations.

VI. On Medical and First Aid Teams:

There shall be:

- a.) Distribution of medical station in properly designated places in the locality;
- b.) Fielding of first aid teams/personnel knowledgeable on the application of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and similar techniques including the application of first aid to take care of fractures and wounds;
- c.) Availability of medical vehicles assigned to transport accident victims from accident site to designated medical stations, health clinics, centers or nearest hospitals.

VII. On Sanitation and Hygiene Equipment

There shall be:

- a.) Supervision by local sanitary inspections of makeshifts/temporary eating places, e.g. carinderias, turo-turo catering to the people;
- b.) Provision on latrines/portable restrooms including garbage and trash receptacles on strategic places in the locality;
- c.) Cleaning/Clearing of clogged drainage and sewers to prevent the breeding of rodents or harmful insects such as mosquitoes, cockroaches, etc.

VIII. On Crimes and Criminal Elements:

There shall be:

- a.) Fielding of crowd control personnel or marshals to avoid the incidence of panic and stampedes during shows and exhibitions;
- b.) Assigning of police personnel to be on the lookout for criminal elements such as pickpockets, drug pushers/users, gyps, etc.

**SECTION 4. Responsibility For Public Safety:** Public safety shall be the primary responsibility of the Municipal Mayor, the Station Commander, and the Chairman of the Festival Organizer. As such, there are their roles and responsibilities:

**THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR**

- 1.) Ensure that the provisions of the Code of Public Safety are effectively disseminated and implemented by all concerned;
- 2.) Require the festival organizer to submit a detailed action plan for the local celebration before issuing the required permit, and
- 3.) Coordinate the activities of all sectors involved in the planning, preparation and conduct of local celebrations.

**THE POLICE STATION COMMANDER**

- 1.) Maintain peace and order in the locality;
- 2.) Provide protection and ensure safety of all persons from criminal elements;
- 3.) Monitor movements of people and deploy police officers where festivities are being held;
- 4.) Oversee the smooth flow of traffic of people and vehicles; and
- 5.) Provide other emergency safety measures to cope with any eventuality during local celebrations.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS

- 1.) Ensure that all safety precaution as contained in the Code of Public Safety are strictly observed in the planning, preparation and actual conduct of local celebrations;
- 2.) Designate marshals to guarantee safety and orderliness during parades, processions, and similar activities;
- 3.) Coordinate closely with the Mayor and the Police Station Commander before and after celebrations; and
- 4.) Prepare a detailed action plan for the local celebration to be submitted to the Office of the Mayor, copy furnished the Police Station Commander.

For violation of this provision the official/person concerned may be meted administrative disciplinary action without prejudice to the filing of the appropriate civil or criminal action.

**SECTION 5. – Issuance of Permits.** Any individual, group, or organization intending to hold any local celebration shall secure a permit from the Office of the Mayor at least fifteen (15) days before actual conduct of the affair. The request for issuance of a permit shall be accompanied by a detailed action plan for the celebration. For violation of this provision, the penalty of two hundred (P200.00) pesos shall be imposed.

**SECTION 6. – Penal Clause.** Any person or organizer of any group or organization violating policies and guidelines on public safety of this ordinance shall be punished with a fine of not less than three hundred (P300.00) pesos and not more than five hundred pesos (P500.00) pesos and an imprisonment of not less than three (3) days and not more than five (5) days or both at the discretion of the Honorable Court without prejudice to the filing of appropriate civil or criminal action.

**SECTION 7. – Repealing Clause.** Any ordinance, rule, regulation or part thereof, inconsistent with or in conflict with any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 13. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this ordinance is declared null and void, the other part not so declared shall remain valid and enforceable.

**SECTION 14. – Date of Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect one month after its approval and posted in three (3) conspicuous public places in the Municipality of Tigbauan, Province of Iloilo.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

ENACTED. FEBRUARY 28, 1994.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have quoted correctly the foregoing approved Municipal Ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan.

ATTESTED:

MARLENE T. TAYO  
SB Secretary

CONCURRED:

JOSE P. TORREFRANCA, JR.  
Vice- Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

CELSO T. LEDESMA  
Municipal Mayor