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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO HELD AT THE S.B. SESSION HALL, TIGBAUAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON MARCH 13, 2019 AT 1:50 P.M.

- PRESENT:**
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| HON. VIRGILIO T. TERUEL, | Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer |
| HON. DENNIS T. VALENCIA | - S.B. Member |
| HON. JOHN GERSHWIN C. TUERES | - S.B. Member |
| HON. ARIEL I. BERNARDO | - S.B. Member |
| HON. SUZETTE MARIE HILADO-BANNO | - S.B. Member |
| HON. JULIUS T. LEDESMA | - S.B. Member |
| HON. MA. GERRYLIN SANTUYO-CAMPOSAGRADO | - S.B. Member |
| HON. DYOSSA MARIE TERUÑEZ | - SKMF President |

- OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**
(To attend a Meeting together with the barangay officials at the BIR Office, Plazuela,, Diversion Rd. Iloilo City, to discuss Brgy. tax concerns with the BIR Officials.)
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| HON. JERRY T. TUARES | - Liga President |
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- ABSENT:**
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| HON. NERI T. CAMIÑA | - S.B. Member |
| HON. RICKY T. NULADA | - S.B. Member |

Municipal Ordinance No. 2019 –005

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TIGBAUAN ECO-TOURISM PARK LOCATED IN BARANGAY SUPA, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Sponsored by: HON., Atty. MA. GERRYLIN SANTUYO CAMPOSAGRADO, SB Member and Chairperson, Committee on Tourism, Culture & Arts

Seconded by: Hon. Dennis T. Valencia, Hon. John Gershwin T. Tueres, Hon. Ariel I. Bernardo, Hon. Suzette Marie Hilado-Banno , Hon. Julius T. Ledesma and Hon. Dyossa Marie Teruñez.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection, and conservation of the municipality’s environment and natural resources and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of the present and future generations;

WHEREAS, it is a mandate of the state to promote a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible, participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitable for a local community;

WHEREAS, considering its huge potential for revenue generation, there is a need to identify and develop these potential areas in our locality for tourism purposes and appropriate funds therefor;

WHEREAS, there are a lot of growing trees in the proposed eco-tourism park, including the century-old trees which had already become a heritage to the Municipality of Tigbauan, which can be developed into an eco-tourism destination and can become a significant source of business opportunities for the people and the municipality, while protecting its natural state;

Be It Enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tigbauan, Iloilo, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This ordinance shall be known and cited as “**TIGBAUAN ECO-TOURISM PARK ORDINANCE**,” located in Brgy. Supa, Tigbauan, Iloilo.

SECTION 2. Declaration Of Principles And Policies

2.1. Operating Principles. - Consistent with the provisions of the Tourism Code of The Municipality of Tigbauan and other related laws and issuances, the Local Government Unit of Tigbauan takes a major responsibility in partnership and cooperation with concerned government agencies and the private sector, for the improvement, security, administration and management of tourism destinations.

2.2. Declared Policies. - The municipality shall administer the heritage resources in a spirit of stewardship for the inspiration and benefit of the present and future generations consistent with the provisions of the Municipal Tourism Code and other related laws and issuances in order to ensure adherence to the principles of conservation and protection of the natural environment including its biodiversity.

SECTION 3. Objectives. – The Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park is purposely established to:

1. Develop and promote responsible, community- based ecological tourism as the core management strategy in the development of an ecological area;
2. Develop and promote responsible green tourism as the main objective in the development of area;
3. Ensure the conservation of the biodiversity and the preservation of the said area;
4. Develop tourism products and programs that will generate employment and livelihood for the local residents, consistent with the preservation and maintenance of the ecology;
5. Ensure that the quality of local tourism programs and activities are educational and enriching for tourists and visitors through the provision of orientation, educational and tour programs by tour operators, residents of Barangay Supa, the surrounding barangays of Cansilayan, Bugasongan, Buyu-an, Bagacay and Danao, and the LGU - Tigbauan together with the DOT and the DENR; and
6. Guarantee that in the development and promotion of the local tourism industry, the LGU of Tigbauan shall ensure that the needs of local residents in the area of water supply, food, energy and local construction materials are first secured and met.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.- As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases are hereby defined:

1. **Bio-diversity conservation**- refers to the practice of preserving the variety of species, habits and ecosystems, and genetic diversity of the place, including terrestrial, marine and other aquatic ecosystems, and the ecological complexes which they are a part of;
2. **Community-based tourism**- refers to a form of tourism where the local community and its residents have substantial control over and involvement in the development and management of the local tourism industry and a greater portion of the economic gains remain within the community;
3. **Eco-tourism or Green Tourism** - refers to a form of sustainable tourism within a natural area where community participation, protection and management of natural resources, cultural 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 satisfaction of visitors;
4. **Responsible Eco-tourism** - refers to a form of sustainable tourism in which both the tourism sector and the tourist take responsibility in the protection, respect, and conservation of the natural environment and the local culture and ways of life, and where community participation as well as economic benefits are fostered and pursued for the well-being of the local people in Barangays enumerated and visitors;
5. **Sustainable Tourism Development**- refers to the management of all resources in a way that simultaneously meets the needs of tourist and host city; protects the opportunities for the future; fulfills the economic, social and aesthetic needs; and preserves natural integrity, essential ecological processes, biological diversity and a system that supports and perpetuates life;

SECTION 5. Scope and Coverage. – This ordinance shall cover the whole area of the lot owned by the LGU Tigbauan, containing an area of 111, 398 square meters, more or less, situated in Barangay Supa, Tigbauan, Iloilo. The technical description and its boundaries had already been identified by the Land Mgt. Services, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

SECTION 6. Tourism Master Plan for the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park. – The LGU Tigbauan, Iloilo thru the Municipal Planning and Development Office, The Municipal Engineering Office, the Municipal Tourism Office in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), shall be responsible for the formulation of the **Tourism Master Plan for the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park** that shall be complemented by a set of guidelines for its implementation. The tourism development plan shall ensure the preservation of the eco-tourism zone as the identified tourist attraction to include the following components:

1. Vicinity Map and Master Plan;
2. Carrying capacity of the eco-park;
3. Specific site assessment;
4. Identification of strategic sub-areas or parks;

5. Product development for local income generation;
6. Capacity-building for the local community so residents therein can be able to manage economically viable and responsible, community-based eco-tourism business enterprises; and
7. Marketing strategies that reflect the natural, social and environmental integrity of the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park and its local residents.

SECTION 7. Formulation of Guidelines and Standards.- The Tigbauan Tourism Council, in coordination with the Department of Tourism and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall formulate a local tourism standards in the context of the environmental protection as integrated in the development of eco-tourism plans.

The standards shall:

1. Raise the capacity of all stakeholders and ensure that best practices are followed;
2. Ensure optional use of water and energy;
3. Reduce waste and pollution through the encouragement of recycling and environmentally-sound solid waste management schemes, with a principle of zero-waste management as possible;
4. Prevent vandalism in the facilities of the eco-tourism zone; and
5. Encourage the use of local products and services and support the employment of local people.

SECTION 8. Creation of Technical Working Group (TWG). - The Technical Working Group for this Ordinance shall be composed of the following concerned government agencies and stakeholders:

Chairman: Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairman: Municipal Vice Mayor

Members:

1. SB Chair, Committee on Tourism
2. SB Chair, Committee on Environment
3. The Tourism Officer or the Designated Representative
4. The MENRO or the Designated Representative
5. Department Head of Municipal Agriculture Office (Agriculture)
6. Department Head of Municipal Engineering Office (Engineering)
7. Department Head of Municipal Assessors Office (Assessor)
8. Department Head of Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO)
9. Department Head of Municipal Treasurer's Office
10. Punong Barangay of Brgy. Supa or his representative
11. Punong Barangay of Brgy. Cansilayan or his representative
12. Punong Barangay of Bugasongan or his representative
13. Punong Barangay of Brgy. Buyu-an or his representative
14. Punong Barangay of Brgy. Bagacay or his representative
15. Punong Barangay of Brgy. Danao or his representative
16. Liga ng mga Baragay President
17. Two (2) Representatives from the Business Sector

SECTION 9. Functions of the Technical Working Group (TWG)- The TWG shall:

1. Prepare the Master Plan for the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park
2. Prepare a work plan for the preparation of the Ecotourism Management Plan
3. Formulate the Eco-tourism Management Plan
4. Consult with local communities and stakeholders of eco-tourism sites.
5. Formulates policies, programs and projects towards the fulfillment of the provisions of this Ordinance.
6. Approve and oversee the implementation of the Ordinance.
7. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Ordinance.
8. Attend regularly in all meetings of the committee and participate actively in all deliberations about this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Maintenance of Cleanliness.

- (a) The Barangays of Supa, Cansilayan, Buyu-an, Bugasongan, Bagacay and Danao shall provide manpower responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of the area.
- (b) Donations may be accepted for the construction of foot walks, benches, sheds and other facilities.

SECTION 11. Fees and Charges.— The following fees shall be paid by the tourist of Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park:

- a) Entrance - Fee P10.00
- b) Environmental Fee - P10.00

The fees and charges may be earmarked for the maintenance and improvement of the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park.

SECTION 12. Scientific Research In Eco-System Development. – There shall be conducted in the area a scientific research to fully develop the place and maintain the ecological balance in nature through the recommendation of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

Researchers shall also coordinate with the concerned Barangay where the study is to be specifically conducted.

SECTION 13. Communication System. – All Barangays involved in this ordinance shall come up with an Inter- barangay communication system to ensure safety of entry and exit of guests and visitors.

SECTION 14. Eco-Tourism Area Management.

14.1. Creation of the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park Development Office

There shall be created the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park Development Office to be headed by the Park Development Officer who shall act as the Park Manager to implement all programs and projects for the management and development of the park.

There shall also be appointed/designated two (2) Park development assistants to assist the Park manager in the implementation of the programs and projects in the development of the park.

14.2. The following are the governing rules in the park:

- a) There must be signages to be installed, to include trail directions, maps and information of the destinations and its corresponding ecotourism products.
- b) Everyone must strictly comply with requirements on sanitation, waste and pollution, and safety of all related ecotourism activities.
- c) There shall be provided an area to plant more trees as part of their social-environmental responsibility of guests, visitors and other corporate partners.

SECTION 15. Signages. – Signages should be stable and immovable and should be strategically located along the green tourism site. Materials to be used for signage are Plain G.I sheet with still frames to insure durability. It should reflect basic information like trail directions, maps and information of the destinations and its eco-tourism products.

SECTION 16. The Tree Park. - The Tree Park shall be designed to integrate with the Green Tourism Park. The area covered by the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall form part of the Tree Park. As the forest matures, wildlife is expected to inhabit the place, enhancing the biodiversity in the area. Growing trees shall be identified, recorded, and propagated.

SECTION 17. The Activity Area. - There shall be an activity for holding big events and activities. Strong general evidences show that when people have access to parks, they exercise more. Regular physical activity has been shown to increase health and reduce the risk of a wide range of diseases. Physical activity also relieves symptoms of depression and anxiety, improves mood, and enhance psychological well-being.

SECTION 18. Herbal Medicine Mini Park. - Herbs are amazingly useful plants in the landscape, even if you're not ready to use them medicinally. Most herbs are really not very difficult to grow, many have lovely flowers and/or interesting foliage and they can easily be integrated into your perennial beds or any traditionally landscaped area. A lot of herbs are very adaptable to our climate and type of soil. This mini park shall showcase different varieties of medicinal plants traditionally used in the country.

SECTION 19. Orchidarium. - The orchidarium may be let to any private individuals or associations who are passionate to the growing and propagating of orchids. Orchids of different varieties grow well with a green thumb and a passionate floriculturist. This can be a good hobby or a lucrative business at the instance of the grower.

SECTION 20. Butterfly Garden. - There shall be constructed a butterfly garden that can be made to sustainable with a passionate butterfly lover. Most butterflies live for only a few weeks in their glamorous, winged stage of life. Most of their lifespan is spent in other stages: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, then adult (with wings). A well-maintained and managed Butterfly Garden shall be made one of the main attractions in the eco-park.

SECTION 21. Botanic Garden. - The Botanic Garden shall contain plants with their scientific names and common names. This garden may be useful to students, adults and researchers and shall be one of the main attractions of the park. It has to be attended to daily by a responsible care-taker. This can also be let to an interested group, association or individual entrepreneur who are passionate to plant propagation.

SECTION 22. The Century Tree. - The "TALUTO" is known to locals to have been growing in the area for almost over a century. Trees identified to have lived for more than 100 years shall be declared as century trees.

Important tree species which have not yet reached 100 years but are considered ecologically, historically or culturally valuable or belonging to rare species, or are adjacent or near water source, spring or well and whose cutting or destruction will disrupt or destroy the water source, shall be declared as **heritage trees** and shall receive the same protection under this local legislative measure.

Henceforth, the "Taluto" inside the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park is hereby declared a Century Tree and cutting thereof, is hereby strictly prohibited.

SECTION 23. Heritage Site.- Fronting the "Taluto" is an area which was once utilized by our forefathers as their evacuation site during the Japanese Period. It has become a witness to the struggles and sufferings of the Tigbaueños during World War II. This area is hereby declared as a Heritage Site to give recognition of its vital role in the history of Tigbauan as a town.

SECTION 24. Natural Spring.- Right beside the "Taluto" is a natural spring where water comes out of the side of the mountain. Water from this area freely flows out of its natural source, and is now being utilized by Barangay Supa as a source of their water supply. This natural spring, if fully developed in the future, can be a potential source of water supply in the surrounding communities.

SECTION 25. The Solid Waste Management Area. - There shall be identified a Solid Waste Management Area to contain the non-biodegradable and residual wastes of the Municipality of Tigbauan. These wastes must be properly packed to avoid contamination and pollution. This will house the Material Recovery Facility of the Municipality of Tigbauan funded by the Environmental Mgt. Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

SECTION 26. Prohibitions. – All trees located in the area shall be protected from:

- a.) Dumping of any waste or products detrimental to the protected area, or to the plants and animals or inhabitants therein;
- b.) Collection, gathering or mere possession of natural resources from the entire green tourism area;
- c.) Cutting of trees, grazing animals and gathering of wildlife, flora and fauna, are prohibited;
- d.) Converting forested areas into riceland;
- e.) Destruction and disturbance of natural resources;

SECTION 27. Penalty Clause. –In violations of this ordinance the offender/s shall be penalized as follows:

- 1. Pay with a minimum fine of two-thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or assessed value of damaged incurred the green tourism area, whichever is higher;
- 2. Confiscation of illegal collected flora and fauna resources;
- 3. Requiring them to replant trees depending on the extent of damaged they caused.

Where the violator of this Ordinance does not contest his/her apprehension and elect to pay the fine imposed under the preceding paragraph, the enforcement officer shall forthwith issue citation ticket to the person apprehended without resort to the Court. The citation ticket shall state:

- (a) the name, signature, age and address of the person apprehended;
- (b) the material facts obtaining in the commission or omission of the crime defined and penalized under this Ordinance;
- (c) the amount of fine which is payable in favor of the LGU Tigbauan; and
- (d) notice requiring the person apprehended for extra-judicial settlement of his/her violation by paying the prescribed amount of fine at Office of the Municipal Treasurer within seventy-two (72) hours from issuance therefor, otherwise, appropriate complaint shall be filed against him/her before the Court of law.

SECTION 28. Income.–All income generated from this project will be disbursed by the Municipal Treasurer's Office for the development of the Tigbauan Eco-Tourism Park only.

SECTION 29. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Municipal Tourism Office shall be the lead department to formulate the implementing rules and regulations, in cooperation with the MENRO in consultation, the DOT, the DENR, and other concerned government agencies, and stakeholders, within thirty (30) days from the approval of this ordinance.

SECTION 30. Funding. – The LGU Tigbauan shall allocate funds for the implementation of this ordinance. An initial funding of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) shall be appropriated for the preparation of the Master Plan and other site preparations. Further projects for the development of the park shall be included in the regular budget of the succeeding years.

SECTION 31. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 32. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances, executive orders, and issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 33. Effectivity Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a newspaper or general circulation or in the official website of LGU-Tigbauan, Iloilo.

ENACTED. March 13, 2019.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MARLENE TAYO-NAVA
S.B. Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VIRGILIO T. TERUEL
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ATTY. SUZETTE TENEFRENCIA-ALQUISADA
Municipal Mayor

(Date signed)

HON. VIRGILIO T. TERUEL, LAWYER
Municipal Vice Mayor

Sangguniang Bayan Members:

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		Hon. Dyossa Marie Teruñez (SKMF-Pres.)

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