

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS from the Minutes of the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton, Iloilo in its Regular Session held at the Municipal Session Hall last **June 27, 2001** at 2:00 in the afternoon.

PRESENT:	Hon. Jose Neil P. Olivares Hon. Francisca C. Espeleta Hon. Vicente B. Flores, Jr. Hon. Perfecto C. Sabio Hon. Felimon Gregorio M. Calvo Hon. Honorato P. Nad Hon. Edgar N. Javellana Hon. Mary Jean G. de los Santos	SB Member (Temporary Presiding Officer) SB Member (Asst. Floor Leader) SB Member (Floor Leader) SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member (ABC Representative) SB Member (K Representative)
ABSENT:	Hon. Jose V. Olivares, Jr. Hon. Jose F. Tiapon III Hon. Mario D. Balandra	Vice Mayor (O.B. - Acting Mayor) SB Member SB Member



ORDINANCE NO. 2001 - 92

**ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN IMMOVABLE
AND MOVABLE PROPERTIES OF THE MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT, DATES / DAYS AS PART OF THE
MUNICIPAL HERITAGE AND PROVIDING FOR
THEIR PRESERVATION, RESTORATION OR
COMMEMORATION RESPECTIVELY**

ON MOTION of the Committee on Culture, History, Arts and Tourism, namely: Hon. Jose Neil P. Olivares, Hon. Francisca C. Espeleta and Hon. Jose F. Tiapon and duly seconded by Hon. Vicente B. Flores, Jr.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton, Iloilo, an Ordinance to wit:

SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION.

There are various movable and immovable properties belonging to the Municipal Government of Oton which are considered vintage, and their antiquities represent not only the ancient times and culture in Oton but the different styles in old architecture and landscaping as well.

Days and dates which have been written in the historical records of Oton or those which have been practiced by way of celebrating festivities, or doing commerce in market day, deserve preservation or commemoration for they have withstood the passing of time and have marked milestones in the history of Oton.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined:

- a. **Immovable Properties** - those defined under Article 415 of the Civil Code of the Philippines especially under paragraphs (1) to (4), deemed to be public properties or properties for public use or, as the case may be, those found in the patrimonial property of the Municipality of Oton;
- b. **Movable Properties** - those defined under Article 416 of the Civil Code of the Philippines, owned by the Municipality of Oton and are considered vintage;
- c. **Municipal Heritage** - refers to municipal historical records, archives, days / dates and public properties with historical or cultural value inherited upon or made by the present generation.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION.

The following shall form part of the Municipal Heritage of Oton:

A. IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES:

1. **Oton Municipal Hall** - built in 1955, the Municipal Hall is an example of an old public edifice with a combined Spanish and American Architecture, as center of governance, its been the home and training ground of politicians / statesmen of Oton;
2. **The Municipal Lagoon** - as site where the flagpole stands, the lagoon fronting the Municipal Hall has been the venue of social, cultural or historical activities / programs; the place where the reviewing stand is installed every Opening Salvo of the Fiestas; the Local Chief Executive declares the Fiesta Celebration open and gives the mayoral message on this site;

3. *The flower esp* – placed at the center of Rizal Street, it is the remnant of 1929 plaza of Oton which was acclaimed as the most beautiful in the entire province then;
4. *The Monuments of Andres Bonifacio at Rizal Street and Jose Rizal and Jose Laurel at the Plaza,*
5. *The Veterans Memorial Monument at the Plaza,*
6. *Pair Statues of two (2) abreast youth* – remnant of the 1929 Plaza of Oton, these statues speak about the youth's dynamism, idealism and unity for a better Oton;
7. *The Plaza Murals along the ancient Rada Street* – depicts in sculpture the noble history and culture of Oton;
8. *The Amphitheatre and its landscape* – remnant portion of the plaza which was acclaimed one of the most beautiful public plazas in the world by the XXIV International Congress of Francaise du Paysage.
9. *The facade of the Oton Public Market,*
10. *The Batismo Bridge and its Premises* – site of the ancient Malay Port Trading with Chinese Merchants;
11. *The Mango Tree at the Plaza (along Rizal Street) and the Tamarind Tree at the Old Children's Park (now a parking area).*
12. *Landmarks or inscriptions and past Municipal Seal(s) attached or installed in public buildings or places.*
13. *Other Immovable Properties found to be part of the Municipal Heritage.*

B. MOVABLE PROPERTIES:

1. *The desks at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall* – made in hardwood, was used by former Local Chief Executives in presiding the Session and former Municipal Trial Court judges in hearing cases;
2. *The old wooden chairs and tables used before the renovation of the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall and the table of former Local Chief Executive* – these chairs and tables were used by Oton's great men and women in their official functions;
3. *The 1961 (Copyright 1959) Edition unabridged dictionary kept at the Vice Mayor's Office;*
4. *The safe vaults (caja de yero) at the Municipal Treasurer's Office;*
5. *The cabinet of archives at the Sangguniang Bayan Office;*
6. *The Historical and Cultural Mural placed at the lobby of the Sanggunian Session Hall and pictures on History and culture displayed at the Session Hall and Municipal Library and Historical Center.*
7. *And other similar movable properties which can be considered part of the Municipal Heritage*

C. DAY OR DATES:

1. *Monday* – the market day of Oton since time immemorial, also the day of heroism of Romeo Magbarua (Meung Ungi) and Municipal President Ricardo T. Carreon during the Japanese occupation.
2. *May 3* – Foundation Day of Oton since 1572
3. *April 16, 1942* – Japanese landing in Trapiche, Oton; reminds people to be vigilant in safekeeping the town / community.
4. *December 8* – Fiesta of Oton; Feast Day of the Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

SECTION 4. POLICIES.

- a. All movable and immovable properties duly declared as part of the Municipal heritage shall be preserved or be restored if found damaged. Improvements thereon / thereto may be introduced in a manner that it will not destroy nor contrast the design, but will blend and compliment with the original design or architecture.

- b. The façade of the Municipal Hall shall be preserved. It shall be restored in its original design if a portion thereof be found damaged.
- c. Trees enumerated under sub – paragraph (2), paragraph (A) of Section 3 hereof shall never be destroyed. Their branches may be cut and appropriate landscaping may be introduced thereto so they will blend with their surroundings;
- d. The 1987 – 2000 Municipal Seal of the Municipality attached on doors of Annexes "A" and "B" and on top of the façade of the Municipal Hall shall be preserved at the Library and Historical Center and be replaced with the present seal;
- e. Preservation and restoration of monuments enumerated under sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) of paragraph (A), Section 3 hereof shall be governed by Municipal Ordinance No. 2001 – 85;
- f. The old wooden chairs used by elected officials in the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall before its renovation shall be preserved and used at the Municipal Library and Historical Center;
- g. Additional Market Day may be added if the need arises, but Monday shall remain as Oton's Market Day;
- h. May 3 of Every year shall be the Foundation Day of the Municipality of Oton. It shall otherwise be known as "Kasadlawan Sang Oton" in Hiligaynon. The Local Chief Executive shall issue a Proclamation declaring this date as a Special Day of Observance in the whole Municipality. Relevant activities of programs shall be done during this date.
- i. December 8 shall remain as Oton's Municipal and Religious Fiesta. This is the feast day of its Patroness – the Lady of the Immaculate Conception, also the Patroness of the Philippines. The Pueblo in Oton was founded in honor of the Immaculate Conception. Typical cultures on Fiesta Celebration and relevant activities practiced long before and those routinely done, not against any law, rules or public policy, may continuously be done.
- j. The Offices of the Municipal Engineer and the General Services shall be the primary offices tasked in enforcing the provisions hereof.

SECTION 5. PENALTY CLAUSE.

- a. Any person who commits acts of destruction or vandalism over properties of municipal heritage, aside from restitution or restoration, pay a fine of not less than **Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00)** up to a maximum of **Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)** or **community service of eight (8) hours, or both fine or community service** at the discretion of the court. The Municipal Engineer, the Department Head of the General Services Office or the Tourism Officer shall estimate the degree of damage in order to fix the fine. Any of the Public Officers enumerated above shall supervise violators during restoration.
- b. Destruction or vandalism over monuments enumerated under sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) of paragraph (A) of Section 3 shall be governed by the Penalty Clause of Municipal Ordinance No. 2001 – 85.
- c. Any public officer violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be administratively liable.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days of posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Oton.

Copies of this Ordinance be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, MPDC, GSO, MEO, MBO, MTO, Acctg. Office, ABC, SK; and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information and guidance.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Attested:

[Signature]
FRANCISCO SABIDO
 Acting Temporary Presiding Officer

Concurred:

[Signature]
NICOLAS C. DAMASCO
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

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VICENTE B. FLORES, JR.
 Floor Leader

Approved:

[Signature]
JOSE V. OLIVARES, JR.
 Acting Municipal Mayor

Date Approved:

JUL 13 2001

Date Posted:

JUL 16 2001

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