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Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on **March 29, 2023** at 9:00 in the morning.

PRESENT:	Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares	Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
	Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares	SB Member
	Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo	SB Member
	Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche	SB Member
	Hon. Ernesto Cordova Ticao	SB Member
	Hon. Lee Cereneo Alison – Bretaña	SB Member
	Hon. Grace Marie Escanlar-Cruz	SB Member
	Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr.	SB Member
	Hon. Vanessa Turita Salinas	SB Member
	Hon. Antonio Prias Masculino, Jr.	SB Member (LNB Representative)
	Hon. Ella Mae Seguisa Yeoh	SB Member (PPSK Representative)
ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:	None	
ABSENT:	None	

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 411

ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES IN THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND ALLEYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO AND IN THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGES FOR THE SAME.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of the proponent Hon. Antonio P. Masculino, Jr., Chair, Committee on Culture, History, Arts and Tourism, together with Hon. Lee Alison-Bretaña and Hon. Ma. Lorna T. Geonigo which was duly seconded by Hon. Rodolfo Z. Alconga, Jr.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton, Iloilo that:

SECTION 1. RATIONALE AND LEGAL BASES.

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, specifically Section 13, paragraph (c)(1), empowers the Sanggunian, to name the city, municipal, and barangay roads, avenues, boulevards, thoroughfares and bridges;

The Revised Guidelines by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) provides that the Sanggunians of component cities and municipalities may, in consultation with the National Historical Institute has authority to name streets, roads, schools & health facilities or any other public places or building within its and territorial jurisdiction.

The naming and renaming of local government units and facilities such as public plazas, bridges, schools, hospitals, health centers, street, structures and the like, which power was originally lodged in Congress, has been devolved to the concerned Sangguniang Panlungsod, Panlalawigan or Bayan as the case maybe, provided that certain requirements have to be met for the said purpose;

At present there are several streets, roads and alleys in the Municipality of Oton without names and signages which create confusion to visitors and even to the constituents of the place.

Problem arises due to lack of identification of the streets, roads and alleys such as in the the delivery of postal matters and even to the local treasury for the local revenue collection of the Municipality.

SECTION 2. PURPOSES. This Ordinance is enacted for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Road Naming standards intended to:

- a. offer guidance for the display of property address numbers and provide accurate road name signage and installation.
- b. provide direction, as needed, for accurate road name signage and installation.
- c. assist in the proper delivery of mail, packages/parcels, utilities, and other services
- d. facilitate expedient emergency response by medical, law enforcement, fire, rescue, and any other emergency services.

- e. provide property owners, emergency service providers, and the general public, with an accurate and systematic means of identifying and locating property;
- f. help promote the tourism and economic development of the Municipality.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance the following terms are defined, viz:

- a. Avenue – an often-broad street or road
- b. Alley – a narrow street, a thoroughfare through the middle of a block giving access to the rear of lots or building.
- c. Boulevard – a wide and usually important street that often has trees, grass or flower planted down its center or along its side, a broad often landscaped thoroughfare.
- d. Road – an open way for vehicles, people and animals to travel on.
- e. Private Road – is a road owned or controlled by private person/s or corporation rather than a road open to the public and owned by the government.
- f. Public Road – means any road or street under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority and open to public travel.
- g. Street – a road in a town that has houses or other buildings on one or both sides, a thoroughfare especially in a town or village that is wider than the alley.
- h. Street Signs – Signs that conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways.
- i. Labelling – an act of inscribing and affixing to something for identification or description.
- j. Naming – an act of giving name to a road/ street/alley that has not yet been named.
- k. Renaming – an act of changing the name of a named road/ street/alley with grounds that necessitate renaming.
- l. Classification of Roads based on the Philippine Statistics Authority
 - 1. National Primary
 - a. Directly connects Major Cities (at least around 100,000 people)
Cities within Metropolitan Areas are not covered by the criteria
 - 2. National Secondary
 - a. Directly connects Cities to National Primary Roads, except in Metropolitan Area
 - b. Directly connects Major Ports and Ferry Terminals to National Primary Road
 - c. Directly connects Major Airports to National Primary Road
 - d. Directly connects Tourist Service Centers to National Primary Roads
 - e. Directly connects Cities (not included in the category of Major Cities)
 - f. Directly connects Provincial Capitals within the same Region
 - g. Directly connects to Major National Government Infrastructure to National Primary roads or other National Secondary Roads
 - 3. National Tertiary
 - a. Other existing roads under DPWH which perform a local function
 - 4. Provincial Roads (Local Roads)
 - a. Connect Cities and Municipalities without traversing National Roads
 - b. Connect National Roads to Barangays through rural areas
 - c. Connect to Major Provincial Government Infrastructure
 - 5. Municipal and City Roads (Local Roads)
 - a. Roads within the Poblacion
 - b. Roads that connect to Provincial and National Roads
 - c. Roads that provide Inter-Barangay connections to Major Municipal and City Infrastructure without traversing Provincial Roads
 - 6. Barangay Roads (Local Roads) other Public Roads (officially turned over) within the Barangay and not covered in the above definitions.
 - 7. Expressways Highways with limited access, normally with interchanges; may include facilities for levying tolls for passage in an open or closed system.

8. Bypasses are roads or highways that avoid a built-up area, town or city proper to let through traffic flow without interference from local traffic, reduce congestion and improve road safety where a toll for passage is levied in an open or closed system.

SECTION 4. GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON THE NAMING OF THE UNNAMED AND RENAMING STREETS, ROADS AND ALLEYS – In considering proposal for naming or renaming streets the following general principles shall be taken into consideration:

- a. The act of naming or renaming will produce a strong positive image.
- b. Appropriate and with due regard to the street location and history.
- c. Have historical, cultural or social significance for the future generation.
- d. Commemorates places, people or event that have continued importance to the municipality and the nation.
- e. Have symbolic value that transcends its ordinary meaning or use and enhances the character and identity of streets.
- f. Have broad public support.

SECTION 5. GUIDELINES ON THE NAMING AND RENAMING OF STREETS, ROADS AND ALLEYS:

- A. In the naming of streets, roads and alleys it shall follow the guidelines governed by the national laws and the guidelines set forth by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.
- B. Prohibition against naming after a living person – As a general rule, naming after a living person shall not be allowed;
 1. As stated in Chapter 2, Section 13, 5d of the Local Government Code of 1991.
 2. As stated in the Revised Guidelines by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines on the naming and renaming of street, public schools, plazas, building, bridges and other public structures.
 3. As prescribed by Administrative Order No. 279, S-1991, Prescribing the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local government Code of 1991.
- C. Naming after a deceased person - No roads/ streets shall be named after a deceased person within ten (10) years of his death except for highly exceptional reasons (e.g. his death was due to assassination in the service of the country, he/she gave exceptional service to the nation, death while trying to save others, death was a result of his patriotism, and death while in performance of one's duty).
- D. Character of names
 1. A genuine indigenous, and non- hispanized spelling shall be used at all time, with reference to the naming or renaming of streets, the spelling of which does not conform to official Filipino orthography.
 2. Honorific titles like "Don" or "father" or "Jr" or "Sr" shall be deleted in naming or renaming of street for practical, aesthetic and historic-literary reasons.
 3. A street may be named after a family in a particular community whose members have historically contributed to the welfare of the Filipino people.
 4. The use of Filipino terminology shall be encouraged in naming or renaming of streets;
 5. Names of street shall be short and simple. However, those with no historical significance should be specified.
 6. Street with indigenous names should be retained. However, those with no historical significance should be replaced.
 7. Street bearing the names after religious personalities identified with national movements shall be retained or shall recommended for street names.
 8. Recommended street names shall be appropriate in terms of historical value and significance to the street intended to be named or renamed;
 9. No Street shall be named or renamed after a person if and when questionable propriety might arise from the said act of naming/ renaming after that person.
 10. Any change shall not be made more than once in every ten (10) years.

- E. Naming or renaming of roads – Roads can be named after the following:
1. President and national Heroes for primary roads;
 2. Senators and Congressman for secondary roads; and
 3. Local Official for tertiary roads.
 4. Private Citizens who have significant role in the society as mentioned in letter D no. 3.
- F. Names with historical significance
1. No name of Local Government Units, public streets with historical, cultural or ethnic significance shall be changed, unless by unanimous vote of the Sanggunian and in consultation with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).
 2. No public street shall be renamed if the original name was created by the act of Congress, or by a Proclamation of the President of the Philippines:
- G. For aesthetic unity – No street or roads shall be renamed if it is one of complex of related street names in one district and renaming one street would destroy aesthetic unity.
- H. Continuity – No portion of a street or road may be renamed if it would tend to disrupt the continuity of its present name and the whole length of one street shall have only one name.
- I. Infrastructure Projects for roads shall indicate the name of roads/streets based on DILG Guidelines/Memorandum Circular.

SECTION 6. CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES IN NAMING AND RENAMING STREETS, ROADS AND ALLEYS.

A. Request for a change of name – All request for naming or renaming of public streets shall be made in writing to any member of the Sangguniang Bayan for sponsorship. The request shall contain the following information.

1. The proposed name;
2. Reasons for the proposed name;
3. Written documentation, indicating community support for the proposed name;
4. Description/map showing location and boundaries of the public place;
5. If proposed to name public street, must include a description/map showing the location;
6. If proposing to rename a public street, include justification for changing an established name;
7. If proposed to name a public street after an outstanding person, include documentation of that person's significant contribution and good reputation in the Municipality or Nation's history

B. How to name/ rename

Step 1. File a resolution with the Local Sanggunian proposing the naming /renaming and endorsing the same to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)

Step 2: Endorse the adopted resolution to the NHCP, attach all necessary documentation and wait for their official position on the proposal in question.

Step 3: If the NHCP does not oppose the proposal, an ordinance effecting the name change may be filed and deliberated upon by the Sanggunian.

SECTION 7. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNAGES OF STREETS, ROADS, ALLEYS:

1. Municipal standard road name signs shall be required at all road intersections on public and private roads.
2. No one shall willfully, deface, alter, destroy or remove any road name sign on any road.
3. The composition, size and height of road name signs on named roads must comply with Municipal Road Standards and the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

4. The location of road name signs must be selected and approved by the Municipal Engineer.
5. Nonstandard Road name signs are not allowed.
6. Only those road names approved by and as listed in the Official Road Name List shall be displayed at public and private roadway intersections.
7. The Municipal Government may remove any road name signs displaying unapproved road names or road name signs that do not comply with the Municipal Road Standards.
8. The cost, manufacture and installation of Municipal standard road name signs on existing unnamed roads shall be the responsibility of the Municipality.
9. Municipal standard road name signs for new and existing public roads shall be recorded into the Municipal Road Log, which is the official list of road names.
10. Municipal standard road name signs for new and existing public roads in road improvement district and other road improvement projects may be included in the project's costs.
11. In addition to the name of the road, a "PRIVATE RD" sign may be added to the road name sign for private roads. The cost, manufacture, installation and maintenance of "PRIVATE RD" signs on shall be the responsibility of the Applicant.
12. The Municipal Government may remove any road name signs that do not comply with this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All signs permitted or required by this ordinance shall be provided by the LGU and shall remain of the LGU upon replacement.
2. An owner of a lot shall promptly notify the LGU of the removal of or damage to a street sign or post or other object upon which the sign was placed.
3. The LGU shall have the right from time to time to inspect all street, roads and alleys to ensure compliance with this ordinance.
4. No person shall obstruct, damage, remove, relocate, replace, or otherwise alter or tamper with any sign or post placed pursuant to this ordinance unless with the permission of the Technical Working Group embodied under Section 11 hereof.
5. Roads, streets, alleys, avenues, boulevards and thoroughfares located inside private subdivisions and /or townships are not covered by this ordinance except if donated to the Local Government Unit.
6. All signs on public roads or streets shall be furnished and installed by the municipality, at public expense. All signs on private roads shall be furnished and installed by the Municipality, at the owners' expense.

SECTION 9. SCOPE AND LIMITATION. All the thirty-seven (37) barangays in the Municipality of Oton shall be required to submit the names of their unnamed streets, roads and alleys in their respective maps and be forwarded to the Municipal Planning and Development Office to be incorporated in the Municipal Map

SECTION 10. OFFICIAL NAMING OF THE UNNAMED AND RENAMING STREETS, ROADS AND ALLEYS. For the identification of the exact name or official names, a consultative meeting with concerned parties involved shall be conducted to be led by the Technical Working Group.

SECTION 11. CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. A Technical Working Group shall be created, and the Local Chief Executive may appoint members from the Municipal. Planning and Development Office, Municipal Assessor's Office., Municipal Treasurer Office and Municipal Engineering Office to initiate the activities relative to this ordinance.

SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES - The Technical Working Group is hereby authorized to issue implementing guidelines within thirty (30) days from approval of this Ordinance for its effective implementation.

SECTION 13. BUDGET PROVISION. A budget shall be provided to ensure the fast and effective implementation of this ordinance which will be recommended by the Technical Working Group for proper appropriation.

SECTION 14. OTHER ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – Funds necessary for the implementation of the pertinent provisions of this ordinance shall be taken from the General Fund in the annual budget of the municipality. The LGU – Oton shall appropriate funds in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand (Php500, 000.00) as initial funding for effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the other provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.


SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE- This ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the Local Chief Executive.


SECTION 18. COPIES - This Ordinance shall be furnished to the Office of the Mayor; 37 Barangays, All Departments in the LGU, National Offices, and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information, guidance and review respectively.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Concurred: 
VANESSA T. SALINAS
Chair - Committee on Rules and Privileges


KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Attested: 
JOSE NEIL P. OLIVARES
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

Approved: 
SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.
Municipal Mayor

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