



Republic of the Philippines
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 **October 26, 2023** at 9:00 in the morning.

PRESENT:

Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares
Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche
Hon. Ernesto Cordova Ticao
Hon. Lee Cereneo Alison – Bretaña
Hon. Grace Marie Escanlar-Cruz
Hon. Vanessa Turita Salinas
Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr.
Hon. Antonio Prias Masculino, Jr.
Hon. Ella Mae Seguiza Yeoh

SB Member
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SB Member (MC 6)
SB Member (LNB Representative)
SB Member (PPSK Representative)



ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares
Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo

Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer (MC 6)
SB Member (MC 6)

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 426

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING ZERO OPEN DEFECATION IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO.**

AS PROPOSED AND ON MOTION of Hon. Jimmy R. Olivares, Chair Committee on Health and Sanitation, together with Hon. Ernesto C. Ticao and Hon. Ella Mae S. Yeoh which was duly seconded by Hon. Lee Alison - Bretaña;

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

SECTION 1. RATIONALE

Improper excreta disposal is the principal factor in the transmission of gastrointestinal infections including intestinal parasitism. It has been responsible for contamination of water supply sources which resulted to outbreaks of diseases, such as cholera and gastroenteritis. Aside from infections, improper and unsanitary excreta disposal brings about unsightly conditions and foul odors which are definite nuisances to any community;

The Zero Open Defecation Program (ZODP) is presently being promoted by the Department of Health and other partner agencies in the country such as United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Bank-Water and Sanitation Program (WB-WSP), Plan International, etc. as one of the major strategies for scaling-up rural sanitation development;

To promote greater social equity, the focus of sustainable sanitation is on the poorest population groups and the poorest barangays, with sensitivity to gender and cultural norms.

By year 2016, as set in the Department of Health National Sustainable Sanitation Plan (NSSP), at least 60% of all barangays have declared Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) status and all barangays nationwide by year 2022:

SECTION 2. LEGAL BASES

The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, accords every local government unit power and authority to promote the general welfare within its jurisdiction, including the promotion of health and safety of its constituents;

SECTION 3. TITLE. – “This Ordinance shall be known as "Oton Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Ordinance”.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

a) **Zero Open Defecation** - this refers to when no feces are openly visible or exposed to the environment. Achieving ZOD might involve the use of any form of toilets that prevent exposure of feces to the environment with provision for moving up the sanitation ladder.

b) **Verification** - the means of spot checking the ZOD status of the barangay/s in selected households and in the community to assess whether they have truly achieved ZOD status.

c) **Certification** - the official confirmation and recognition of Zero Open Defecation status issued by the Verification and Certification Team.

d) **Sanitation** - refers to the hygienic and proper management, collection, disposal of human excreta (feces and urine) and domestic wastewater to safeguard the health of individuals and communities. This is usually concerned with preventing diseases by hindering pathogens or disease-causing organisms found in excreta and wastewater from entering the environment and coming into contact with people and communities.

e) **Sustainable Sanitation** - is the process of empowering families and communities to partner with local governments and other stakeholders to address sanitation issues and problems using affordable, appropriate and dynamic sanitation technologies and supported by enabling legal/regulatory framework, management systems, technical assistance from various sources and access to financing mechanisms with a system of rewards and incentives for the protection of the environment and people's health.

f) **Water borne diseases** – are illnesses caused by microscopic organism like viruses and bacteria that are ingested through contaminated water or by coming in contact with feces.

SECTION 5. OBJECTIVES. It is the objective of this ordinance to promote sustainable sanitation thru Zero Open Defecation for all residents of the Municipality of Oton.

By 2024, the following should be achieved:

(a) This Municipality shall have its local sustainable sanitation plans and budgets in place under the Province-wide Investment Plan for Health (PIPH) and Municipal-wide Investment Plan for Health (MIPH);

(b) All barangays declared Zero Open Defecation status:

(c) All bodies of waters in the municipality designated as Water Quality Management Areas; and,

(d) Achieving 100% of the population in the municipalities with sanitary toilets.

By 2028, the following should be achieved:

(a) Universal access to safe and adequate sanitary facilities.

(b) Proper hygiene practices are accepted norms within families and communities; and.

(c) Sustainable sanitation are institutionalized.

SECTION 6. REGULATORY CLAUSE.

1. Every household in the Municipality of Oton shall have its own toilet.
2. No person shall dispose his or her excreta or defecate outside the proper toilet or in public places as per Municipal Ordinance No. 1999 - 71.
3. It shall be the responsibility of every household to construct its own sanitary toilet. The LGU may assist only if the indigent resident is qualified to be an indigent beneficiary.

SECTION 7. ORGANIZING THE VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM:

- A. There shall be an established Municipal Verification Team composed by the following :
- Chairman – Municipal Health Officer (MHO)

Vice Chairman – Sanitation Inspector

Members:

- (a). Designated Medical Officer, Region VI (DMO)
- (b). Staff, Iloilo Provincial Health Office
- (c). Two (2) Doctors from Municipal Health Office (MHO)
- (d). Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) Staff
- (e). Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC)
- (f). Municipal Agriculture and Cooperative Office (MACO)
- (g) Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)
- (h) Nurse III
- (i) 2 Midwives
- (j) Liga ng mga Barangay President
- (k) Barangay Health Workers (BHW) President

B. The LCE may designate other LGU employees as member of the VC Team. He shall issue an Executive Order relative thereto.

SECTION 8. STEPS ON THE VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF BARANGAY ZOD STATUS.

The verification and certification shall involve the following activities:

1. Barangay Officials shall submit letter-request with the ZOD Report to the municipal Verification Team when ZOD status has been achieved by the barangay. At this stage, every single household should have been checked by the Barangay Officials concerned and/or the ZOD Task Force or Barangay Sanitation Task Force to ensure that they are on ZOD status and this information should be described in the ZOD report.

2. The Municipal Verification Team shall visit the barangay to verify the claim using the ZOD Verification Form. The Team could do sampling at least 10% of the households in the barangay.

3. If the barangay has confirmed to have attained ZOD status based on the information gathered, the Municipal Verification team shall declare the barangay ZOD status and provide certification with reward such as cash award if available.

4. The Certified ZOD Barangay/s and the number of barangays that declared ZOD status shall be reported by the Municipal Verification Team to the Provincial level. Then, Provincial to Regional level for recording and monitoring purposes, program planning and for possible giving of citation and rewards.

5. ZOD status and its improvement shall be monitored every six (6) months by the Sanitary Inspectors and the data reported to the Municipal Health Office. The ZOD status can be revoked if the barangay does not sustain its status according to the criteria set.

6. The Municipal Health Office shall provide the barangays with the sample/template of the following:

- (a) Barangay letter-request for verification and certification of Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) status;
- (b) ZOD Report template; and,
- (c) ZOD Verification form.

There shall be created a Barangay ZOD Task Force in every barangay preferably composed of the following: the Punong Barangay as Chairman with Kagawad Chair Committee on Health, BHW and midwife assigned by LGU as members. The Barangay may designate additional members to the task force coming from volunteer groups or CSO's in the barangay at their discretion.

SECTION 9. SUSTAINABILITY. For the program to be sustainable, the following shall be observed:

- a. The municipality shall have its Annual Operation Health Plan which includes the purchase of toilet bowls and other materials.
- b. The proposed budget of the municipality shall include provisions allocating certain budget for the purchase of toilet bowls and other materials, amounting to Two Thousand Pesos per beneficiary (1 toilet bowl, 2 bags cement, 2 sanitary pipes, and 2 sanitary elbow).
- c. Advocacy thru information and education campaign.
- d. Pre-marriage Counseling - During the pre-marriage counseling, the construction of sanitary toilet shall be required.
- e. There shall be a Barangay Task Force created that will monitor households that have no sanitary toilets.

SECTION 10. BUDGET. The Municipality shall allocate funds from its Annual / Supplemental Budget of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) for the purchase of toilet bowls and other materials, incentives and Zero Open Defecation program under the Municipal Health Office allocation.

SECTION 11. MONITORING AND EVALUATION. The Barangay ZOD Task Force created shall monitor households that have no sanitary toilets. Barangay officials thru the Barangay Health Board shall submit report to the Municipal Health Board as to the accomplishment of sanitary toilet in every household and the same shall be submitted to the Provincial Health Board.

SECTION 12. DISTRIBUTION SCHEME FOR ZOD PROGRAM:

A). Target Beneficiaries:

1. 1st Priority - Households without toilets
2. 2nd Priority - Households sharing toilets
3. 3rd Priority – Household with unsanitary toilet

B). Identification of Recipients/Beneficiaries

1. The Barangays, through their respective Punong Barangays, shall submit Sangguniang Barangay resolutions with target beneficiaries to the Rural Health Officer.
2. Beneficiaries identified by the Punong Barangays shall be validated by the Municipal Rural Sanitation Inspectors. Once qualified, it shall be endorsed by the Municipal Health Officer to be approved and endorsed by the Local Chief Executive to the Project Management Committee.
3. The Project Management Committee, upon receipt of the resolution, shall validate if the list of beneficiaries have met the criteria. The committee shall make a recommendation to the Mayor for approval.
4. An orientation on Zero Open Defecation Movement shall be conducted by the Municipal Health Office together with the Local Chief Executive, Municipal Health Officers, Midwives, Rural Sanitary Inspectors and Punong Barangays prior to actual implementation.

C). There shall be a commitment form to be signed by the beneficiary who shall construct his/her sanitary toilet within 15 days upon the receipt of the materials from the province or municipal government. The commitment form shall be witnessed by the MHO and the Punong barangay concerned. Failure on his part will authorize the MHO or the ZOD task force to recover the materials and give to the next qualified beneficiary.

SECTION 13. INCENTIVES. Barangays that have reached 100% ZOD status will receive Five Thousand Pesos (P5, 000.00) as incentive.

SECTION 14. PENALTY CLAUSE.

A. Penalties for households that have no sanitary toilets are hereby imposed as follows:

1. First Offense – Counseling and possible inclusion in the ZOD program;
2. Second and succeeding Offenses - Fine of P500.00 and one (1) day imprisonment and retrieval of materials if ZOD beneficiaries;

B. Penalties for persons who dispose human excreta in public places or outside the proper toilet shall be meted a fine of Five Hundred pesos (P 500.00).

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portion thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect at the end of its posting for a minimum period of three (3) consecutive weeks or on the day following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the territorial jurisdiction of Municipalities, whichever occurs later.

SECTION 18. COPIES. This Ordinance shall be furnished to the Office of the Mayor; MPDC, MHO, MENRO, Municipal Administrator, Legal Officer, Liga ng mga Barangay, 37 barangays, MLGOO, BHW Association, MSWDO, DOH, Provincial Health Office DOH, Regional Office MACO and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information, guidance and review respectively.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Kerry Ann T. Lacificar
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 Secretary to the Sanggunian

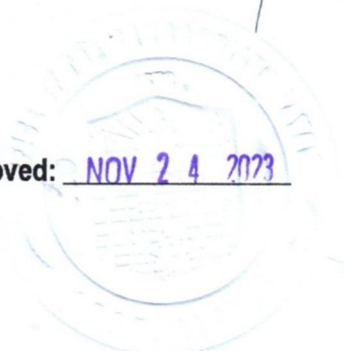
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JIMMY R. OLIVARES
 Vice Chair - Committee on Rules and Privileges

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VANESSA T. SALINAS
 Temporary Presiding Officer

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SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.
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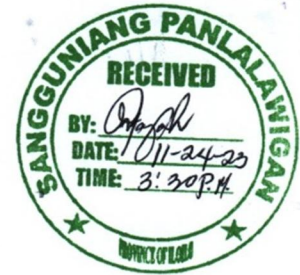
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OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR



November 24, 2023

HON. CHRISTINE S. GARIN
Vice Governor and
The Honorable Members
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo
Iloilo Provincial Capitol
Iloilo City

Thru: **ATTY. RAUL S. TIOSAYCO, JR.**
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Iloilo

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully forwarding to your good Office the copy of **ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 426 - AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING ZERO OPEN DEFECACTION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO.**

This is for your information **and review.**

Very truly yours,

KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian
