



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 March 27, 2025 at 9:00 the morning.

<p><b>PRESENT:</b></p> <p>Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares                  Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares                  Hon. Ma. Loma Tumambo Geonigo                  Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche                  Hon. Ernesto Cordova Ticao                  Hon. Grace Marie Escanlar-Cruz                  Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr.                  Hon. Vanessa Turita Salinas                  Hon. Paul Mediavilla Buenafe                  Hon. Hyacinth C. Gardose</p> <p><b>ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:</b> None.  <b>ABSENT:</b> Hon. Lee Cereneo Alison – Bretaña</p>	<p>Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer                  SB Member                  SB Member                  SB Member                  SB Member                  SB Member                  SB Member                  SB Member (LNB Representative)                  SB Member (PPSK Representative)</p> <p>SB Member (MC 6)</p>
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 475**

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE COLOR CODING AND NUMBERING OF FISHING VESSELS IN THE COASTAL BARANGAYS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON, ILOILO.**

**AS PROPOSED AND MOVED** by Committee on Agriculture, Food Security and Aquatic Resources through its chair Hon. Lee C. Alison Bretaña together with Hon. Dennis Q. Geroche and Hon. Jimmy R. Olivares and duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy R. Olivares, be it

**ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN NG OTON, THAT:**

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as “Color Coding and Numbering of Fishing Vessels.”

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Oton; that:

- a) Fishing vessels shall be color coded and numbered for easier identification of municipal fishing vessel IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON AND IN THOSE from other coastal towns
- b) This ordinance is important so as to achieve the food security as the overriding consideration in the utilization, management, development, conservation and protection of fishery resources in order to provide the food needs for the people;
- c) This ordinance is necessary to limit access of outsiders to the fishery and aquatic resources of the Municipal Waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Oton for the exclusive use and enjoyment of the people;
- d) This ordinance will ensure conservation, protection and sustained management of the municipal fishery and aquatic resources within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality;

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a) **Fishing** – taking of fishery species from their wild state or habitat with or without the use of fishing vessel.
- b) **Fishing Vessel** – any boat, ship or other watercraft equipment to be used for taking of fishery species or aiding or assisting one of more vessels in the performance of any activities relating to fishing, including, but not limited to: preservation, supply, storage, refrigeration, transportation and / or processing.
- c) **Municipal Fishing** – refers to fishing within the municipal waters using fishing vessels of three (3) gross tons and below, or fishing not requiring the use of fishing vessels.
- d) **Municipal Waters** – include not only streams, lakes, inland body of water and tidal waters within the municipality which as not included within the protected areas as defined under RA 7586 (NIPAS Law), public forest, timber lands, forest reserve or fishery reserve but also marine

waters included within two (2) lines drawn perpendicular to the general coastline including offshore islands and fifteen (15) kilometers from such coastline.

- e) **Municipal Color** – the color assigned to the municipality and shall be adopted by all fishing boats within the area.
- f) **Commercial Fishing Boat License (CFBL)** - refers to a license/permit issued by BFAR for fishing vessel/boat with minimum capacities more than three (3) gross tons (GT) to be used for fishing operation in Philippine territorial waters/seas, exclusive economic zone, and in the high seas.

**SECTION 4. REGISTRATION OF FISHING VESSELS.** All fishing vessels three (3) gross tons and below shall be registered with the Municipal Agriculture and Cooperatives Office (MACO), the latter will adopt the guidelines on how to implement the registration following the mandatory provisions of the Municipal Fishery Code. (Executive Order No. 305 within its area of jurisdiction).

**SECTION 5. REGISTRY OF FISHING VESSELS.** The Municipal Agriculture and Cooperative Office (MACO) shall keep a registry of fishing vessel three (3) gross tons and below. The registry shall be for the purpose of information, monitoring and regulation, establishment of identity of owners of vessel and marine safety. The MACO shall also keep records of fishing vessel more than three (3) gross tons registered with BFAR, specifically owned by the residents for information and monitoring purposes.

**SECTION 6. A. COLOR CODING AND ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTRATION NUMBER OF FISHING VESSELS.** The COLOR CODE ASSIGNED TO FISHING VESSELS IN Oton shall be Neon Yellow by virtue of Provincial Ordinance of Iloilo, as color for all boats that will be operated in the municipality aside from the registration number that will be assigned after the registration of municipal fishing vessels. Each registered fishing vessel shall be assigned with registry number following the designated Code by the Provincial Ordinance of ILOILO as "ILO-D1-16-0001" up to number of registered unit. The Municipal Registry Code (MRC) of the fishing vessel which shall be inscribed on both sides of the "stern" (back), and "Bow" (front) of the fishing vessel shall be allocated for the Safety Security and Environmental Numbering (SSEN) System of the Philippine Coast Guard.

6. b. Illustration:



6. c. Dimensions / Font of the Letter and Numbers:

- 1 inch width per letter or number
- 6 inches height
- One (1) meter length
- Black font style (Arial Bold)

**SECTION 7. SANCTIONS.** Fishing vessel owners shall not be issued permits by the Municipal Agriculture and Cooperative Office (MACO) / LGU, should they refuse to comply with the prescribed color coding of their fishing vessels.

**SECTION 8. PENALTY CLAUSE.** Any person violating this ordinance shall be meted a fine of two thousand five hundred pesos (Php2, 500.00) or imprisonment of five (5) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any existing Ordinance or any of its provision/s which are inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. COPIES.** This Ordinance shall be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, MACO, MFARMC- Bantay Dagat, 6 Coastal Barangays, FOSFA, MTO, MBO, Actg. Office, MPDC, Liga ng mga Barangay, MTC, OTON PNP, SEAFDEC; Coastguard Region VI (Oton Office); Regional Maritime Unit VI, BFAR and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information, guidance and review respectively.

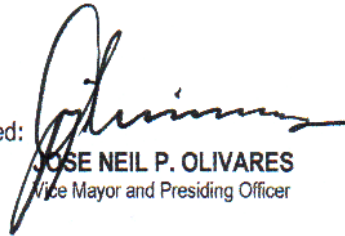
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

  
**KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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

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

Approved:   
**SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.**  
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: APR 08 2025

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