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**BREAKING GROUND FOR A NEW JUSTICE HALL BLDG.** Supreme Court Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta (holding shovel), together with Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc (left), leads the groundbreaking rites for the construction of the new state-of-the-art Hall of Justice building located in Brgy. 2, Laoag City. Other special guests (also shown in the above photo) at the Jan. 15, 2021 groundbreaking event include the CJ's wife Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals Fernanda Lampas-Peralta, Supreme Court Administrator Jose Midas Marquez, Deputy Court Administrator Raul Bautista Villanueva (not in photo) and Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon. (Photo courtesy of Laoag City government)

# CJ Peralta's promise for a new Justice Bldg coming to reality

•PGIN donates a 3-K sq.m. lot for the new court edifice that will replace the old structure of the Marcos Hall of Justice

By Excel Guiang

**LAOAG CITY** – Supreme Court Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta, a pure Laoageño, has promised a year ago in one of his official visits at the old edifice of the present Marcos Hall of Justice that before he retires as the high magistrate, a new Hall of Justice building will be constructed in Laoag City, his birthplace.

The Chief Justice's promise is now one step closer to fulfillment when he returned home in Laoag last January 15, 2021, and led, together with Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc and

other provincial-city officials, the groundbreaking rites for the construction of the proposed new Hall of Justice building project to replace the decades-old Marcos Hall of Justice.

The new Justice Building

will be erected in a sprawling lot located at Barangay 2 just beside the Provincial Agriculture Office.

The site, a 3,000-square-meter lot was formally donated

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## Ilocos Norte tally: 138 COVID cases active, Laoag' 103 tops the list

• Gov. MMM declares the Capital city under GCQ; PGIN doubles efforts to battle the contagion

The Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) has reinforced its anti-COVID-19 efforts amid the new surge in positive cases in the province.

Based on the January 13 DOH data, Ilocos Norte recorded 138 active cases with the following breakdown: 103 in Laoag City, 18 in Batac City, and 9, 6, and 2 in Nueva Era, Bacarra, and Sarrat towns, respectively.

On January 11, Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc declared General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in Laoag

through an Executive Order to abate the further spread of the virus.

He said that the GCQ in the province's capital city of Laoag will last "indefinitely."

He appealed to all Laoag City residents to "keep party gatherings small and as infrequent as possible."

"We are hoping to limit leisure and non-essential travel and minimize all sort of gatherings," he added.

Earlier, the PGIN's

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## Health expert allays people's fear of COVID-19 vaccine

By Ma. Joreina Therese A. Blanco

**LAOAG CITY, Jan. 15** – While unnumbered people are hesitant to get vaccinated against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) for fear that the shot is unsafe, an anti-COVID-19 government expert in Ilocos Norte allayed their worry telling the good side of it. "They are safe dahil

lumagpas sila sa phase 1 and phase 2 clinical trials. They are effective because most can prevent the occurrence of the severe form of the disease. Plus, most also prevent the occurrence of infection," Dr. Florina Corpuz, the province's resident expert, explained.

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## Gov. Manotoc sees "new, better era" of the judiciary in I. Norte

By Blessing Angel V. Agliam

The Supreme Court, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte and City Government of Laoag, is set to construct the new Hall of Justice in the Capital City of Laoag.

Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, SC Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta, and Mayor Michael Marcos Keon led the groundbreaking ceremony held at the new site in Barangay 2, Santa Joaquina, Laoag City last January

15. "Congratulations on this plot of land. This marks a new and better era for the judiciary here in Ilocos Norte." Gov. Manotoc told the limited crowd that observed physical distancing and other health protocols.

Records showed the Sangguniang Panlalawigan had authorized then-Governor now Senator Imee R. Marcos to donate

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**WORD ALIVE**

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

**Gap between Sto. Niño piety & conduct**

Today (January 17), the feast of the Sto. Niño in the Philippines is immensely popular among Filipinos. Rich and poor, young and old alike maintain a strong, if not fanatical, devotion to the Holy Child. Colorful fiestas and processions are held in His honor.

The celebration this year, however, will not be as grandiose as the festivities of the past years. This is to avoid huge gatherings like street dancings and jampacked churches, that can cause the spread of the deadly coronavirus.

On the feast of the Sto. Niño today, big and mini statues are dressed endearingly in various forms and attires. There's a Sto. Niño clad as a fireman, doctor, or policeman (not with an extended hand, of course, receiving a tong!). There is also a Sto. Niño clothed in green, representing the green US dollar bills Filipinos dream of having.

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 In today's gospel, Jesus teaches: "Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it" (Mark 13,15).

Like a child – what does that mean? What is it about a child that Jesus liked and valued so much?

The emphasis is on being childlike, not childish; hence, Christ-like.

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 One endearing quality about the child is its innocence and simplicity. When I was in grade school, I used to play with all kinds of kids in the neighborhood. My parents would warn me not to mingle with "dirty" kids from the depressed areas. But I didn't see any difference or mind it if they came from a poor or rich family.

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 Children are honest and straightforward. "Hindi plastic." A mother was once entertaining a priest in their house.

(Note: Fr. San Luis hails from Laoag City. He served as President of Divine Word College of Laoag in the 1980s. His new turf is the Christ The King Seminary in Quezon City. Thank you, Father Bel for sharing your weekly column for the Ilocos Sentinel.—Editor)

She bragged how she instilled on her children the love of reading the Bible. She called her five-year-old daughter. "Dear, would you get the book that we all love to read?"

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 The child ran to the parents' bedroom and forthwith came bringing a book. "Here it is, Mama," the young girl said.

When the mother saw it, she turned red with embarrassment. It was the catalogue of fashion wear! The child handed the book because she saw it innocently "as the book everybody loved."

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 The other quality a child possesses is his spirit of dependence and trust. This is shown, for instance, when a toddler crossing the street puts its hand in the hand of the father and mother.

This dependence is true also with God. It requires true faith and a healthy fear.

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*Editorial:*

**Close collaboration in vax purchase**

Many Local Government Units (LGUs) in the country race against time in the vaccine-buying spree abroad and a lot of them have already allotted millions of pesos from their funds to procure the anti-COVID-19 shots for their constituents. Sad to say, the poorer LGUs are left behind in the frantic purchase due to financial constraints.

Probably, these LGUs have no option but to wait for the massive inoculation program of the national government. Either they are too dependent on national aid since they have no sufficient money in their coffers to purchase the foreign-manufactured vaccines.

Be that as it may, the Department of Health (DOH) had reminded all LGUs that the national government adheres to the principle of equity where delivery of services prioritizes the vulnerable and the disadvantaged sectors of the populace.

It's understandable that not all rich LGUs can give free vaccinations to each and every constituent in their localities.

Reports had said that the wealthy LGUs had already a signed deal with the overseas pharmaceutical companies offering COVID-19 vaccines.

The DOH, together with the National Task Force against COVID-19, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), had agreed that any LGUs cannot procure and roll out COVID-19 vaccines on their own. Hence, they must collaborate with the national government through the NTF and the DOH in a tripartite agreement involving the local governments and pharmaceutical companies.

Therefore, the efforts of LGUs must be aligned with the vaccine initiative of the national government which integrates and consolidates all resources.

The lead national agencies against COVID-19 were quick to appreciate the initiatives of the LGUs in their willingness to spend for vaccines. Vax Czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. noted that LGUs' close collaboration with the central government is paramount in the collective efforts towards the right track.

The Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) issued by the FDA does not cover the commercial use of any purchased vaccines. This means that manufacturer cannot sell directly to the LGUs nor to any entity unless their deals have the National Government's approval.

The central government hopes to receive from the foreign firms the first delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine next month of February, which will initially be used to inoculate the country's frontliners before rolling out its vaccination program to the general population.

The state-run mass immunization program is already put in place, thus, we expect its smooth-sailing implementation throughout the country. (IS)



**THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR**

by Eduardo Teodoro "Jet" B. Ramos, Jr.

**Our goal for 2021: to learn more and expand our horizons**

(second of three parts)

(Continued from January 10, 2021)

Last week, we discussed the importance of looking back at the year that was. It would be a mortal sin to not reflect on the hits and misses that our educational stakeholders have committed, whether deliberately or inadvertently. Why we are up on our feet about the state of education during the pandemic is not because of canards that have spread but because we base the state of education on our own present, pervading experiences as students, teachers, administrators, or parents of students.

We have also talked about learning more, but in terms of cerebral development. This time, we would also like to emphasize that learning more is also about enhancing our attitudes, behaviors, and values. We educators may be underrated and underpaid most of the time, but we have so much value that we need to become a brilliant diamond, not the bottom of a glass or a faux pearl, by pursuing further education and by learning by working with all types of stakeholders.

As we learn, we must grow both in faith and age. Here is my bucket list for us teachers as we journey through our vocations and pass through muddy terrain, sharp stones, bulging boulders, and less-than-pacific waters:

The first in our bucket list as teachers is for us to pursue graduate studies. This is one of the best ways to learn about our craft. In my case, I intend to go

back to school and earn a doctorate. I must admit that I have been set back by my insecurities and my busyness that I have almost forgotten to apply for a doctorate. If we want to learn more in terms of our field and to improve on our strategies and techniques, then we must push ourselves and pursue advanced degrees. It is sad to note, though, that there are many educators who pursue advanced degrees, especially doctorate degrees, just to advance in their careers and just to prove to everyone that they are high and mighty. As a result, they unwittingly become perpetrators of academic bullying and purveyors of academic elitism.

The second in our bucket list is to start working as a team, regardless of our differences and competencies. Arrogance, dominance, and politics have no place in the academe because we are all competent, equal, and deserving of respect and autonomy. We are used to seeing some teachers lord it over like king lions and queen bees, and younger and older teachers are guilty of this major travesty. As a result, their fellow teachers tend to cower in fear of them or become defiant altogether. Even deans, department heads, and other superiors are especially guilty of this. Instead of promoting synergy, they sap so much energy that they unknowingly cause enmity and disunity.

The third in our bucket list for this year is to start listening instead of injecting one's opinions and

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**HONEST TRIKE DRIVER.** Laoag City Mayor Michael Marcos Keon (2nd from right) presents a Certificate of Commendation and incentive money to Paul Icel Irinco Ludovice, the honest tricycle driver of Brgy. 20, San Miguel, Laoag City, who turned over to the police a wallet containing P120,000 cash left in his tricycle by his passenger. The rightful owner (his passenger) later claimed the money and thanked the driver for his honesty. Also shown in the above photo includes Laoag police chief P/ Lt. Col. Rafael Lero and councilor Handy Lao. (Photo courtesy of Laoag City Government)

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The absence of dependence is shown concretely when a man has no more time for God. Work and pursuit of money take His place or when he believes that he can do and get everything he wants with the power of his wealth and intelligence.

**GAP BETWEEN PIETY & CONDUCT**

What bears examining is that such pious acts should have a deeper internal effect on daily life, that is, they should be translated in the devotees' deeds and moral conduct.

Concretely, if after the

grand festivities, devotees go home and continue to be unkind, harsh, and unjust to their fellowmen or are engaged in corrupt practices and vices, their pious acts are defective, inconsistent, and merely ritualistic.

Hence, there is a need to bridge the gap between pious devotions and day-to-day life and conduct.

Vatican II in the chapter "The Church Today" states: "Nor are they any less wide of the mark who think that religion consists in acts of worship alone. "This split between the faith

which many profess and their daily lives deserves to be counted among the more serious errors of our age."

Let's continue to cultivate a childlike piety and develop the virtues of innocence, humility, honesty, and filial trust in the Lord.

"Unless you become like little children, you cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven."

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The FAMILY that prays together stays together.

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Provincial Health Office hired contact tracers to augment the need for manpower of the different local government units.

PHO chief Dr. Josephine Ruedas urged the Laoagenos who had contacts with suspected COVID-infected individuals to cooperate and participate in the expanded-targeted testing.

She said that swab test results can now be released within 24 hours after the test.

Further, Dr. Norman

Rabago, the provincial health consultant who spearheads Laoag's more systematic and organized pandemic response, said that one of the strategies to compel people to submit themselves to swab testing is to require them to present an RT-PCR result once they go out of their lockdown area.

The majority of recorded cases were asymptomatic. The first batch of quarantined patients was discharged earlier this week. (pgin-cmo)

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She also amplified the need to get inoculated against COVID-19 as vaccines from pharmaceutical companies across the globe are now made available.

"Vaccines will help prevent clinical disease and severe disease. Pag napabakunahan tayo, mapoprotektahan tayo and mapoprotektahan din ang ating kasama," Dr. Corpuz further said in Taglish (Tagalog-English).

In view of this, Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc reported that they have ordered 120,000 doses of vaccine from AstraZeneca, a British-Swedish pharmaceutical firm.

AstraZeneca is cheaper than Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech, and costs Php 610 for two doses.

It has a 70 percent efficacy rate compared to other vaccines with 94 percent and 95 percent, respectively.

Once the vaccine from AstraZeneca is available, the first batch of recipients will be the frontline workers, senior citizens, and other vulnerable groups.

"We have to prioritize them especially the healthcare workers, the frontliners, because they

have the responsibility of taking care of the COVID-19 patients," the health expert further stated.

Now that local government units are allocating funds for the procurement of vaccines for their residents, Dr. Corpuz assured that everyone will be given free access to the vaccine.

She said that while shots against COVID-19 have yet to arrive in the country, we still need to strictly adhere to the minimum health standards such as wearing of face mask, face shield, and observing physical distancing.

"Actually kahit nabakunahan na kayo, you will still have to maintain our minimum health standards," the lady doctor advised.

Meanwhile, during the Network Briefing News hosted by Presidential Communications Operations Office Secretary Martin Andanar, an information campaign on the importance of vaccination against COVID-19 was emphasized by Senator Christopher "Bong" Go to allay fear on inoculation and encourage the people's cooperation. (Ma. Joreina Therese A. Blanco/PIA Ilocos Norte)

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insisting that one is right all the time. We teachers may be beacons of best behavior and undying professionalism, but such cannot be an excuse for being a pushy pedant or a sanctimonious superior towards the people we serve and the people we work with. We all need to learn how to be empathetic towards our colleagues and most especially our students by lending our ears with sincerity. We must listen not to eventually harp on someone's personal or academic issues but to seek to understand as much as we can be understood.

The fourth in our bucket list is to keep on reading about issues in society and especially in education. We may not instantly fathom what is happening around us, but reading would help us keep our perspectives as open and objective as possible without finger-pointing or pillorying others for their roles in certain educational issues. We must couple

our reading with concrete action, such as research, reform implementation, and revision of our programs and even our curricula.

It is very important that we learn from the people around us because we teachers are expected to be well-rounded, well-versed, and well-informed.

For 2021, my utmost wish is for us all to be more resilient, steely, and optimistic as the pandemic ends (or will gradually end, as dictated by God and by fate).

Next week, I will discuss the eight tips on how we can expand our professional and personal horizons as teachers. (to be continued)

If you have suggestions in terms of the education-related topics that you want me to feature, please feel free to send me an email to edteo.ramos@yahoo.com or to coachjet.inspirations@gmail.com and I will reply to you as soon as I receive your email.

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for the aforesaid project by the provincial government of Ilocos Norte in 2013 during the term of then Governor now Senator Imee Marcos as authorized by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan at that time.

The Chief Justice in his brief speech during the groundbreaking ceremony said that he hoped the new Justice Building will inspire the judges, court employees, lawyers, and prosecutors to serve with efficiency and integrity.

It was learned that CJ Peralta is due for early retirement on March 27 this year upon reaching his 69th birthday. He envisioned that he will spend his retirement years in his hometown of Laoag to have more time with his mother Catalina Madarang Peralta, a public school teacher. His late father former Judge Elviro Peralta served at the Court of First Instance in Digos

City, Davao del Sur, and Manila.

The total funding of the Justice Building project was not mentioned in details but CJ Peralta assured no derailment in the construction of the project.

Meanwhile, court employees at the Marcos Hall of Justice expressed excitement over the rise of the new Justice edifice saying that the present building which houses the different Regional Trial Court branches; city, and municipal courts, and prosecutor's offices, is already old and any repair work will be more costly.

They added that the new site in the western section of the city is more conducive to judicial works since the present location facing the Laoag plaza is surrounded by noisy busy streets and business establishments. (excel d. guiang with tri-media report)

**Gov. Manotoc.....(page 1)**

to the Supreme Court a 3,000-square-meters lot owned by the Provincial Government in Barangay 2, Santa Joaquina, Laoag City, in 2013.

Three years later, PGIN officially donated the parcel of land to the Supreme Court to facilitate the transfer of the old courthouse to the new site.

"The executive and legislative branches recognize the importance of the judicial branch. As the Governor, I would like to pledge my continuing support and uphold the judiciary here in Ilocos Norte," Governor Manotoc said.

On the other hand, Chief Justice Peralta expressed optimism that the most-awaited new Hall of Justice building will

contribute to the efficiency of the judicial system in the province.

He said, "I see this as a one-step towards the realization of the judiciary's goal of providing our local judges and employees a conducive work environment that will further improve the judicial and administrative functions of the Laoag Trial Court."

Aside from Chief Justice Peralta, the other special guests who attended the groundbreaking event were Court of Appeals Associate Justice Fernanda Lampas-Peralta, Court Administrator Jose Midas Marquez, and Deputy Court Administrator Raul Bautista Villanueva.— (Blessing Angel V. Agliam, PGIN-CMO)



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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 55TH REGULAR  
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 THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL,  
 LAOAG CITY, AT 10:12 IN THE MORNING, MONDAY, 21  
 SEPTEMBER 2020.**

Present:

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| Hon. Cecilia Araneta-Marcos,           | Vice-Governor<br>and Presiding Officer, |
| Hon. Medeldorf M. Gaoat,               | Member,                                 |
| Hon. Domingo C. Ambrocio, Jr.,         | Member,                                 |
| Hon. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo,           | Member,                                 |
| Hon. Rodolfo Christian G. Fariñas III, | Member,                                 |
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| Hon. Aladine T. Santos,                | Member,                                 |
| Hon. Saul Paulo A. Lazo,               | Member,                                 |
| Hon. Portia Pamela R. Salenda,         | Member,                                 |
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| Hon. Handy T. Lao,                     | PCL-IN, Ex-officio Member,              |
| Hon. Elmer C. Faylogna,                | ABC-IN, Ex-officio Member, &            |
| Hon. Rafael Salvador C. Medina,        | PPSK-IN, Ex-officio Member.             |

Absent:

NONE.

**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 035-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8 AND 9 OF PROVINCIAL  
 ORDINANCE NO. 016-2020, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE  
 SALE, SERVING AND DRINKING OF LIQUOR IN PLACES OF  
 ENTERTAINMENT, BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND PUBLIC  
 PLACES IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE AND PROVIDING  
 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, Provincial Ordinance No. 016-2020, an Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Serving and Drinking of Liquor in Places of Entertainment, Business Establishments and Public Places in the Province of Ilocos Norte and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof, was enacted in 06 January 2020;

WHEREAS, there is a need to rationalize the imposable penalties in order not to aggravate the adverse effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, to provide graduated penalties as well as an option to render community service to those who are economically-disadvantaged;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordained, that:

**SECTION 1. SECTION 8. TOTAL BAN OF SELLING, DISPENSING AND DRINKING OF LIQUOR DURING CALAMITIES, is hereby amended to read as follows:**

**“SECTION 8. TOTAL BAN OF SELLING AND DISPENSING OF LIQUOR DURING CALAMITIES – The selling, serving or dispensing of liquor and other alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited during a calamity, natural or manmade. This prohibition shall automatically cease upon the cessation of the calamity and declared by the concerned government agency.**

**SECTION 2. Insertion of a new Section 9. A new Section 9 is inserted to read as follows:**

**“SECTION 9. REGULATING THE SALE, SERVING AND**

**CONSUMPTION OF INTOXICATING DRINKS DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.** The sale, serving or dispensing of liquors and other intoxicating drinks is strictly prohibited during the State of Public Health Emergency (COVID 19 pandemic), between 10:00 P.M. until 4:00 A.M. the following day or as maybe provided for in an Executive Order issued by the Provincial Governor.”

**SECTION 3.** Section 9 (which shall now be numbered Section 10) PENALTIES, (b) Others, is amended to include a graduated scale of penalties, to read as follows:

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| <b>1st Offense -</b> | <b>Php1,000.00</b>   |
| <b>2nd Offense -</b> | <b>Php3,000.00</b>   |
| <b>3rd Offense -</b> | <b>Php5,000.00 or imprisonment of fifteen (15) days, or both upon the discretion of the Court.</b> |

**In case of insolvency, the person liable shall undergo community service depending on the severity of offense, as follows:**

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| <b>1st Offense -</b> | <b>24 hours</b>  |
| <b>2nd Offense -</b> | <b>48 hours</b>  |
| <b>3rd Offense -</b> | <b>120 hours</b> |

**Under the supervision of the Social Welfare and Development Officer of the city/municipality where the violator resides.**

**The foregoing penalties shall also apply to violations of Sections 7, 8 and the new Section 9 of Provincial Ordinance No. 016-2020.**

**SECTION 4. ADJUSTMENT OF SECTION NUMBERS.** Section Numbers are hereby modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any law, ordinance or executive order or portion thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, is hereby deemed repealed or modified.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect on the day following its publication and/or posting pursuant to Section 511 of RA 7160.

(Voting Profile -  
 Voting in favor: Members Gaoat, Ambrocio Jr., Crisostomo, Fariñas III, Respicio, Nalupta, Santos, Lazo, Salenda, Nicolas, Faylogna, Lao and Medina;  
 Voting against: None;  
 Abstentions: None.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Provincial Ordinance No. 035-2020.

ATTESTED:

CECILIA ARANETA-MARCOS  
 Vice-Governor  
 and Presiding Officer

MILDRED NIRMLA R. LAMOOSTE  
 Provincial Board Secretary

APPROVED 29 SEP 2020  
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 2900 Laoag City

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN  
 ELEVENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 55TH REGULAR  
 SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, HELD AT  
 THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL,  
 LAOAG CITY, AT 10:12 IN THE MORNING, MONDAY, 21  
 SEPTEMBER 2020.**

**Present:**

Hon. Cecilia Araneta-Marcos,	Vice-Governor and Presiding Officer,
Hon. Medeldorf M. Gaoat,	Member,
Hon. Domingo C. Ambrocio, Jr.,	Member,
Hon. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo,	Member,
Hon. Rodolfo Christian G. Fariñas III,	Member,
Hon. Franklin Dante A. Respicio,	Member,
Hon. James Paul C. Nalupta,	Member,
Hon. Aladine T. Santos,	Member,
Hon. Saul Paulo A. Lazo,	Member,
Hon. Portia Pamela R. Salenda,	Member,
Hon. Donald G. Nicolas,	Member,
Hon. Handy T. Lao,	PCL-IN, Ex-officio Member,
Hon. Elmer C. Faylogna,	ABC-IN, Ex-officio Member, &
Hon. Rafael Salvador C. Medina,	PPSK-IN, Ex-officio Member.

**Absent:**

NONE.

**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 036-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FURTHERMORE PROVINCIAL  
 ORDINANCE NO. 022-2020, ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING  
 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS, ISSUANCES  
 AND DIRECTIVES ISSUED IN RELATION TO PROCLAMATION NO.  
 922, "DECLARING THE PHILIPPINES UNDER STATE OF PUBLIC  
 HEALTH EMERGENCY BY REASON OF THE CORONA VIRUS  
 INFECTIOUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)", IN THE PROVINCE OF  
 ILOCOS NORTE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan enacted on April 24, 2020, Provincial Ordinance No. 022-2020, *an Ordinance imposing penalties for violation of Executive Orders, Issuances and Directives issued in relation to Proclamation No. 922, "Declaring the Philippines under State of Public Health Emergency by reason of the Corona Virus Infectious Disease 2019 (COVID 19)," in the Province of Ilocos Norte and for other purposes;*

WHEREAS, reports from the Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office show that most violations and apprehensions recorded since the declaration of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) were caused by alcohol intoxication;

WHEREAS, there is a need to impose penalty to persons violating the Liquor Ban during a State of Health Emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, Beit Ordained, that:

**SECTION 1. INSERTION OF A NEW SECTION 6.** A new Section 6 is inserted, to read as follows:

**"SECTION 6. REGULATING THE SALE, SERVING OR DISPENSING OF INTOXICATING DRINKS DURING THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19.** The sale, serving or dispensing of liquors and other intoxicating drinks

**is strictly prohibited during the State of Health Emergency due to COVID-19 on certain hours as may be provided for in an Executive Order issued by the Provincial Governor.**

**Penalty for violation of the foregoing Section shall be as follows:**

<b>1st Offense</b>	-	<b>P1,000.00</b>
<b>2nd Offense</b>	-	<b>P3,000.00</b>
<b>3rd Offense</b>	-	<b>P5,000.00 or imprisonment of fifteen (15) days or both, upon the discretion of the Court.</b>

**In case of insolvency of the person liable, he/she shall undergo community service depending on the severity of offense as follows:**

<b>1st Offense</b>	-	<b>24 hours</b>
<b>2nd Offense</b>	-	<b>48 hours</b>
<b>3rd Offense</b>	-	<b>120 hours</b>

**under the supervision of the Social Welfare and Development Officer of the city/municipality where the violator resides."**

**SECTION 2. RENUMBERING SECTION 6.** The replaced Section 6 shall now become SECTION 7.

**SECTION 3. RETROACTIVITY.** The new Section 6 shall have a retroactive effect provided that the penalty or fine shall have not yet been served or paid.

**SECTION 4. ADJUSTMENT OF SECTION NUMBERS.** Succeeding Section numbers are hereby modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any law, ordinance or executive order or portion thereof not consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, is hereby deemed repealed or modified.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect on the day following its publication and/or posting pursuant to Section 511 of RA No. 7160.

*(Voting Profile -  
 Voting in favor: Members Gaoat, Ambrocio Jr., Crisostomo, Fariñas III, Respicio, Nalupta, Santos, Lazo, Salenda, Nicolas, Faylogna, Lao and Medina;  
 Voting against: None;  
 Abstentions: None.)*

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the above-quoted Provincial Ordinance No. 036-2020.

ATTESTED:

*Cecilia Araneta-Marcos*  
**CECILIA ARANETA-MARCOS**  
 Vice-Governor  
 and Presiding Officer

*Mildred Nirmla R. Lamoste*  
**MILDRED NIRMLA R. LAMOSTE**  
 Provincial Board Secretary

**APPROVED** 29 SEP 2020  
 DATE  
*Matthew J. Marcos Manoto*  
**MATTHEW J. MARCOS MANOTO**  
 PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 62ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, LAOAG CITY, AT 10:23 IN THE MORNING, MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2020.

**Present:**

Hon. Cecilia Araneta-Marcos,	Vice-Governor and Presiding Officer,
Hon. Medeldorf M. Gaoat,	Member,
Hon. Domingo C. Ambrocio, Jr.,	Member,
Hon. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo,	Member,
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Hon. Rafael Salvador C. Medina,	PPSK-IN, Ex-officio Member.

**Absent:**

Hon. Rodolfo Christian G. Fariñas III, Member.

**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 042-2020**

**THE 2020 REVISED QUARRY ORDINANCE OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE.**

SECTION 1. a. Short Title. – This ordinance shall be known and cited as, ***“The Quarry Ordinance of the Province of Ilocos Norte”***.

b. Statement of policy and objectives. – The present generation must conserve the natural resources of the province and preserve a balanced ecology for the benefit of future generations. Accordingly, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PGIN) must regulate the extraction of sand and gravel and other mineral resources as defined herein for commercial, industrial and other purposes to ensure economic and environmental sustainability.

Pursuant to the above-stated policy, this Ordinance seeks to achieve the following:

- (i) To provide rules and guidelines in the evaluation of applicants and the issuance of Governor’s Quarry Permit for sand, gravel, boulders, pebbles and earth/aggregates and other mineral resources;
- (ii) To monitor the extraction, disposition, processing and use of quarry resources such as but not limited to sand, gravel, boulders, pebbles/ decorative stones, limestone, ordinary earth/mountain soil;
- (iii) To prohibit certain acts in connection with the extraction, excavation, commercial or non-commercial disposition, gathering, processing and stockpiling of sand, gravel, boulders, pebbles, earth/aggregate and other quarry resources and to impose the corresponding penalties for violations thereof;
- (iv) To ensure the promotion of a balanced ecology and the preservation of a healthful environment through responsible quarrying.

**SECTION 1-A.** Applicability of this Ordinance. This Ordinance shall apply to all applicants of permit whether new or renewal.

**SECTION 2. Definition of terms.** – As used in and for purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall bear the corresponding meanings:

- (i) Council (PQC) - shall mean the Provincial Quarry Council (PQC) created under this Ordinance;
- (ii) Delivery receipt – A document showing the details of every transaction in any quarry activity including information about the status of the permittee’s quarry operations. It shall contain, among others, information as to the source of the material, name of permit holder, permit number, allowable volume as indicated in the permit, actual volume currently being transported, destination of the materials, description of the hauling vehicle, etc.;
- (iii) EMB-DENR, RO1 – means the Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Regional Office 1, San Fernando City, La Union;
- (iv) EMB-PENRO, Ilocos Norte – means the EMB-DENR personnel embedded with the PENRO, Ilocos Norte;
- (v) Fees – shall refer to the:
  - (a) filing fee;
  - (b) processing fee;
  - (c) inspection/verification fee; and
  - (d) registration fee {Section 54, P.O. No. 2020-001}; or
  - (e) fixed charge to be levied and collected by the Provincial Government based on a per cubic meter of ordinary stone, sand, gravel, earth and other quarry resources extracted from public lands or from the beds of seas, lakes, rivers, streams, creeks and other public waters within the Province of Ilocos Norte. In no case shall the same be based from finished products, sourced products, crashed products and the like;
- (vi) Quarry Permit – refers to a document granted by the Provincial Governor to a qualified person for the extraction and utilization of sand, gravel, boulders, earth, pebbles for building and construction materials, decoration, landscaping and other quarry resources on public or private lands;
- (vii) Permittee – one to whom a permit is issued pursuant to this Ordinance;
- (viii) PMRB – shall mean the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board;
- (ix) PQO (Provincial Quarry Office) – shall mean the Provincial Quarry Office;
- (x) PTO – Provincial Treasurer’s Office;
- (xi) Quarrying – is the process of extracting, removing and disposing sand and gravel and other quarry resources found on or underneath the surface of private or public land. It shall include dredging and/or other similar activity with or without commercial disposition;
- (xii) Quarry Resources – refer to any common rock or other mineral substances such as but not limited to andesite, basalt, conglomerates, coral sand, diatomaceous earth, diorite, decorative stones, such as pebbles of different colors used for landscaping and other ornamental/aesthetic usage, gathered or extracted from seashores, mountains, riverbeds, cliffs and islands/islets, stones/boulders, gabbro, granite, limestone, marbles, marl, red burning clays for pottery and bricks, rhyolite, rock phosphate, sandstone, serpentine, shale, tuff, volcanic cinders and volcanic glass. Provided that such quarry resources do not contain metals or metallic constituents and/or other valuable minerals in economically workable quantities; Provided, further, that non-metallic minerals such as kaolin, feldspar, bull quartz, quartz or silica, sand and pebbles, bentonite, talc, asbestos, barite, gypsum, bauxite, magnesite, dolomite, mica, precious and semi-precious stones and other non-metallic minerals that may later be discovered to be of economically workable quantities shall not be classified under the category of quarry resources;
- (xiii) River bed – bed of creeks, streams, bedrocks, etc. found covered by water during its highest flood without causing inundation;

**SECTION 3.** The Provincial Quarry Council (PQC); Creation and Membership.

a. Creation and Composition – There is hereby created a Provincial Quarry Council of the Province of Ilocos Norte the membership of which is as follows:

Chairman	-	Governor
Vice Chairman	-	Vice Governor
Members:		

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- a. The Provincial Administrator
- b. The Provincial Treasurer
- c. The Environment & Natural Resources Officer, PGIN
- d. The President, ABC Federation of Ilocos Norte
- e. The Chairman, SP Com. On Environment & Natural Resources
- f. PENR Officer, DENR
- g. The Provincial Director, PNP
- h. Head, Inspection Team of the PQO pursuant to an EO of the Governor.

## b. Functions:

1. To serve as the adviser of the Provincial Governor pertaining to quarry matters as regulated and governed by this ordinance;
2. To endorse MGB/PMRB-reviewed applications for CSAG/ISAG/GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE GRATUITOUS permits and recommend to the Governor the issuance of other quarry permits or licenses as may be required by the province PROVIDED the proper SANGGUNIANG RECOMMENDATION/S has already been secured and made part of the application;
3. To monitor the implementation of the rehabilitation programs of the permittees as prescribed by the DENR-issued ECC/CNC;
4. To ensure compliance of the provisions of this ordinance, it may motuproprio create fact-finding committees within the PQC based on official reports from the PQO or other complainants made under oath against permittees and LGU officials and employees who by the nature of their appointment or designation are tasked in the implementation of the Revised Quarry Ordinance of the Province of Ilocos Norte and national laws; if warranted by the result of its investigation it shall cause the filing of administrative and/or criminal case/s;
5. To recommend to the Provincial Finance Committee and/or to the Committee on Ways and Means of the SangguniangPanlalawigan of Ilocos Norte the enactment of legislative measures for the maximization of quarry resources as a source of revenue for the concerned LGUs;
6. To exercise and perform such other powers and functions as may be provided by law, Executive Order, Provincial Ordinance, Provincial Resolution and other rules and regulations;
7. That all PQC actions shall be embodied in a PQC Resolutions passed by a vote of simple majority of its members;
8. The PQC may formulate its own internal rules to govern its proceedings.

**SECTION 4.** Provincial Quarry Office –

a. There is hereby created a Provincial Quarry Office of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte (PQO-PGIN) to be headed by the Provincial Administrator. The Head of the PQO shall have the following functions:

1. The head of the PQO shall act as the Council Secretary of the PQC;
2. All resolutions issued and approved by the PQC shall be prepared by the Council Secretary who shall certify as to its correctness and to be attested by the PQC Chairman or in his absence, the Vice Chairman;
3. The staff and personnel of the PQO shall be designated by the Provincial Governor;
4. Other functions of the PQO:
  - a. To provide technical support to the council;
  - b. To accept applications for Governor's Permit for Quarry Operations and to determine compliance of all documentary requirements provided for under RA 7942 and under this Ordinance; this function of the PQO shall be ministerial; any doubt concerning applications shall be referred to and resolved by the PQC in the exercise of its discretion;
  - c. To act as the depository of all records pertaining to quarry permits and other operations of permittees except those related to the payment of fees, collections and other matters related to their financial obligations to the PGIN which is exclusively within the functions of the PTO;

- d. To perform other functions germane to and related to the compliance of the permittee of the terms and conditions of the Quarry Permit/ECC/CNC; to perform other functions pursuant to Executive Order/Memorandum issued by the Provincial Governor or Provincial Ordinance or Resolution.

**SECTION 5.** Permit Required – No person or entity shall extract quarry resources within the territorial jurisdiction of Ilocos Norte unless he is a holder of a valid permit duly issued by the Provincial Governor.

**SECTION 6.** Qualifications and Disqualifications of Permit Applicant:

## A. Qualifications:

- a. Applicant must be a bona fide resident of the Province of Ilocos Norte or whose principal office/business address is in Ilocos Norte with a valid business permit issued by competent authority in the Province;

If the applicant is a juridical person or entity engaged in business, the application shall be accomplished and filed by a representative duly authorized through a board resolution;

- b. Financially capable to undertake quarrying operation/s, unless otherwise provided herein, e.g. Private Gratuitous Permit.

## B. Disqualification/s:

- a. A front or a dummy for another who is otherwise disqualified or as an act of circumvention of the immediately succeeding paragraph;
- b. Conflict of Interest – National and local elective officials, appointive officials of local government units including their relatives within the 3rd civil degree of consanguinity or affinity, shall not be allowed to apply for quarry permits within their political territorial jurisdictions;
- c. Those declared as disqualified by the PQC due to reasonable and justifiable grounds.

**SECTION 7.** QUARRYING OPERATIONS.

## A. Filing and Processing of Application for Issuance of Governor's Permit –

The Governor's Permit to extract sand, gravel, quarry, mines and other mineral sources as defined herein shall be filed with the Provincial Quarry Office which shall process all quarry and mining permit applications and shall determine compliance of all the necessary requirements under this Ordinance, including proof of payment of the corresponding fees as defined under this ordinance, to the Provincial Treasurer.

## B. Deliberation –

The Head of the PQO as the Secretary of the Council, shall prepare the agenda for the monthly meeting of the council or as the need arises, for the latter to deliberate and to issue council resolutions/actions on all applications for Governor's quarry permit, subject to whatever prior action /advice of the PMRB, as the case may be.

## C. Issuance of Governor's Permit (Chapter VIII, Sec. 72, Revised IRR of RA 7942, Philippine Mining Act of 1995)

## Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit (CSAG Permit) –

Upon the recommendation of the PMRB and the PQC, a CSAG Governor's Permit shall be issued for the extraction, removal and disposition of sand and gravel and other loose and unconsolidated materials which are taken in their natural or original state without undergoing processing covering an area of not more than 5 has. for a term of 1 year, renewable for like period but not to exceed 25 years in such quantities as may be specified in the permit, subject to the submission of the following requirements:

1. Application Form (MGB Form No. 8-3, 8-4);
2. Survey Plan executed by a Deputized Licensed Geodetic Engineer
3. Two (2) Sangguniang Endorsements (Barangay/Municipal/City/Provincial)
4. Zoning Certification;

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5. Mayor's Certification;
6. Certificate of Projection from MGB;
7. Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

**Industrial Sand & Gravel Permit (ISAG Permit) –**

Upon the recommendation of the SangguniangPanlalawigan to the Regional Director, MGB-DENR, RO1 and issuance of an ECC, the PMRB, and the PQC, an ISAG Governor's permit shall be issued to qualified applicants for the extraction, removal and disposition of sand and gravel and other loose and unconsolidated materials that necessitates the use of mechanical processing covering an area of more than 5 has. but not to exceed 20 has. at any one time for a term of 5 years renewable but not to exceed 25 years. The permittee should have the technical and financial capability and shall be allowed to operate only until after the processing machinery or crushing equipment shall have been installed by the permittee. Provided further, that failure of the permittee to install the required equipment within a period of 1 year from the grant of the permit may cause the revocation of the permit. The application shall also be subject to the submission of requirements as provided in the immediately preceding provision.

**Gratuitous Permit –**

**a. Government Gratuitous Permit**

Upon the recommendation of the Regional Director, MGB-DENR, RO1 and issuance of ECC/CNC, as the case may be, the PMRB and the PQC, a Governor's Permit for Government Gratuitous Permit shall be applied by any government entity/instrumentality/LGU in need of quarry, sand and gravel or loose/unconsolidated materials or other quarry resources as defined herein, with the corresponding program of work in the construction of building and/ or infrastructure for public use or other purposes for a period coterminous with the construction stage of the project but not to exceed 1 year, in public or private land covering an area of not more than 2 has. The applicant shall submit a project proposal stating where the materials are to be taken and shall be used, and the estimated volume needed;

**b. Private Gratuitous Permit**

Upon the recommendation of the Regional Director, MGB-DENR, RO1 and issuance of ECC/CNC, as the case may be, the PMRB and the PQC, any landowner may apply for a Governor's Private Gratuitous Permit for the extraction, removal and utilization of quarry, sand and gravel or loose/unconsolidated materials from his land for a non-renewable period of 60 calendar days, provided that there is an adequate proof of ownership and that the materials shall be for personal use and without commercial disposition;

In no case can any of the gratuitous permits, government or private, herein granted, be alienated or assigned to other persons;

The actual operation under a private gratuitous permit can be delegated when the grantee does not have the capacity to perform the objectives of the permit;

**Earth-Moving Permit –**

Upon the recommendation by the Regional Director, MGB-DENR, RO1 and issuance of an ECC/CNC, as the case may be, and upon the recommendation of the PQC, a Governor's Permit may be issued for earth-moving operations on private lands for personal use or commercial purposes subject to the following requirements:

1. Letter of Intent (maximum 2 has.)
2. Sketch Plan of Area & Vicinity Map
3. Title/Tax Dec./Proof of Ownership
4. Barangay/Municipal/City/Provincial Clearances
5. List of Equipment to be used
6. Volume to be extracted

**Desilting/Dredging Permit with Commercial Disposition –**

Upon the recommendation of the Regional Director, MGB-DENR, RO1 and the PQC, a Governor's Permit for desilting/dredging may be issued for desilting/dredging of waterways with heavily built-up sediments, alluvial deposits and other related mineral residues within river channels and its tributaries in the Province of Ilocos Norte, with commercial disposition, is subject to the following requirements:

1. Letter of Intent;
2. Survey Plan;
3. Dredging/desilting Work Plan;
4. ECC;
5. Environmental Protection and Enhancement Program.

In addition, the applicant must also attach:

1. Valid license of his drivers;
2. Number and Inventory of the vehicles/heavy equipment to be used, plus photocopies of current LTO Official Receipts/Certificates of Registration (ORs/CRs), if applicable, that will be used by the permittees in their operation.

**SECTION 8. Terms and Conditions of the Governor's Permit –**

The Governor's Permit is a privilege and therefore, nontransferable. Only 1 permit shall be granted to an applicant in an LGU at any 1 time under such terms and condition as provided herein;

(i) A permit shall be nontransferable. However, if a permittee opts to enter into an operating agreement, it shall be effective upon approval by the Governor; provided, that the operator possesses all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications of a permittee as required in this ordinance and other existing laws and after payment of applicable fees.

(ii) Permit Subject to Specific Conditions –

Permits issued by the Governor under this Ordinance shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The Governor may suspend or revoke the permit granted when in his opinion public interest so requires or when the SangguniangPanlalawigan, after an investigation conducted, recommends for the revocation of the permit on legal and valid grounds;
- b. False declaration, misrepresentation, falsification or any statement that constitutes perjury made prior to or after the issuance of the permit shall void the same;
- c. Permits issued may be revoked if quarrying activities in a particular area shows the possibility of inflicting serious damage to existing private or public infrastructures like destruction of foundation of bridges, roads, buildings, residential structures, etc. unless prior clearance of the agency or owner concerned has been obtained; the permittee shall assume full responsibility for any damage caused to third persons due to his quarrying activities;
- d. Extraction of quarry resources shall be confined within the area specified in the permit. All permittees must place markers (e.g. flag lets) on every corner of his permit area; extraction in excess of the allowed quantity specified in the permit or extraction done outside the permit area are grounds for the revocation of the permit; Allowable operating hours shall be from 8am to 5pm, Mondays to Saturdays only;
- e. Sand and Gravel Tax shall be paid in advance before extraction is made;
- f. In case of gratuitous permit, the machineries and equipment of the government unit/entity concerned shall be used in their operation; project proposal where the material is to be used and the estimated volume needed; materials taken if disposed commercially will subject the official concerned criminally liable under appropriate laws;

**SECTION 9. Mandatory use of Delivery Receipts –**

i. Delivery Receipts (DRs) shall be color coded. DRs that are used from quarry site to stockpile shall bear a different color/code from that of the DRs used from stockpile to the end user. Details of the Delivery Receipts shall be posted on the delivery trucks.

ii. The mechanics in the mandatory use of Delivery Receipts shall be contained in the Implementing Rules to be formulated by the PQO in coordination with the Provincial Treasurer's Office. Penalties for violations under this section are provided for under Provincial Ordinance No. 2013-01 (Provincial Tax Code);

iii. Mismatch on the submitted DRs from the monthly reports and/or from the

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actual volume on stockpile is a prima facie evidence of violation.

**SECTION 10. PROHIBITED ACTS, PENALTIES AND PERSONS LIABLE.**

**A. THE FOLLOWING ACTS ARE ILLEGAL –**

1. Making perjurious statements, false claims or representation of material facts in connection with the application;
2. Quarrying without a valid permit, with an expired permit or fake permit;
3. Quarrying beyond prescribed hours;
4. Quarry operations using unregistered/unstickered trucks;
5. Quarrying outside the permit area as described in the Area Status Clearance Certificate;
6. Stockpiles on public lands, on the beds of seas, lakes and other public waters, at the quarry site areas or at a distance of less than 1 kilometer from the river banks;
7. Quarrying within 1 kilometer near bridges and other public structures, and in case of dikes, within 50 meters;
8. Increasing the height of the sidings of the dump box over and beyond the standard specifications of the said trucks;
9. Failure to trim down the sand and gravel within the same height as the sidings of the dump box;
10. Failure to post the details of the Delivery Receipts on the delivery trucks;
11. Quarrying in excess of the quantity or volume allowed under the permit;
12. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC);
13. Violation of or refusal to comply with the rules and orders promulgated by the Council;
14. Diversion without justifiable reason from the road network designated as ingress and egress by the Barangay Council of a barangay where a permit area is located;
15. Haulers with water dripping from any of its body or with extracted aggregates falling from the hauling vehicle due to the failure to provide a canvass cover or net cover; All haulers, processors, traders, dealers and retailers in the trading of quarry resources shall be required to secure a sticker to be issued by the PTO to be placed permanently on the windshield of the vehicle used for quarrying and transportation which shall be valid for one (1) year;
16. The acts of circumventing the Disqualification under Section 6 hereof, such as but not limited to lease contracts, operating agreements, use of dummies and the like (as amended by PO 035-2018);
17. Any act analogous to the foregoing as determined by the PQC; An "analogous act" is any act that violates, undermines or subverts, directly or indirectly, the policies, objectives and mandatory provisions of this ordinance.

**B. PENALTIES –**

1. 1st VIOLATION: FINE of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00);
2. 2nd VIOLATION: FINE of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) AND SUSPENSION OF THE GOVERNOR'S PERMIT FOR NOT LESS THAN 60 DAYS;
3. 3rd VIOLATION: FINE of not less than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) AND Imprisonment of not less than 30 DAYS AND REVOCATION of the Governor's Permit.

**C. PERSONS LIABLE –**

1. The person actually committing the act prohibited shall be held liable.

If the offender is an employee of a permittee or any business entity, the permittee, owner, president, manager and chief operating officer thereof shall be deemed as co-conspirators and shall be dealt with accordingly. This rule shall also apply even if the offender is not an employee if tools, equipment or other property of the permittee were used in the commission of the offense;

2. Imposition of the penalty shall not be a bar to the recovery of the commercial value of the sand/gravel, etc. illegally extracted, and the amount of incidental and legal expenses incurred by the government in each particular case;

3. The Heavy equipment and/or delivery trucks used in illegal quarrying activities shall be impounded and shall only be released upon the recommendation of the Provincial Quarry Council.

**SECTION 11. Submission of Reports.** – Every permittee shall submit a monthly report to the Council, indicating the quantity or volume of sand and gravel or boulders extracted from the permit area on a day-to-day basis, including the daily sales supported by receipts.

(i.) Every report shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days after the calendar month to which it pertains.

(ii.) The report shall be sworn to by the permittee before a notary public who shall certify that the permittee has read the report, that its contents are complete, true and correct based on his own knowledge and authentic records, and that the permittee is mindful of the fact that any falsehood contained in the report shall expose him to administrative, civil and/or criminal prosecution.

A report without the required certification shall be deemed a non-compliant report and shall not be received by the Council.

(iii.) Failure to comply with this Section, or submission of a falsified report, shall make the offender liable for a fine in the amount of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00) every day until the permittee is able to prove due compliance; and, revocation of the permit and imprisonment for a period of six (6) months to one (1) year on the second violation.

(iv.) A report that does not tally with the government record shall be prima facie evidence that such report was falsified.

(v.) The Council shall not be denied access to the books of accounts, ledgers, records, receipts and reports pertaining to quarry operations, including stockpiles, equipment, vehicles and premises of every permittee during business hours. The failure or refusal to submit, on the part of a permittee or any person who has custody of such books of accounts, ledgers, records, receipts, and reports to the Council within a reasonable time, after a formal demand therefor has been made, shall be deemed as an abandonment of the permit and the same shall cease to be effective and considered cancelled without the necessity of any formal proceeding. The Council shall immediately issue a notice of cancellation to the permittee.

(vi.) The Council shall institute the appropriate criminal, civil and/or administrative complaint for violations under this Section.

(xiv) All Mayors are required to submit a monthly report, under oath, that there are no illegal quarrying activities in their respective jurisdictions, as far as their personal knowledge is concerned.

(xv) District Engineers of the two (2) Engineering Districts of the Province shall submit a monthly report, under oath, to the PQC, that the aggregate requirements of infrastructure projects implemented under their respective offices were legally sourced.

(xvi) The reports referred to in this Section shall be submitted to the Vice Governor, who shall then furnish copies to the appropriate committees of the SangguniangPanlalawigan.

**SECTION 12. Office of the Provincial Treasurer.**

**(i) Duty of the Provincial Treasurer –**

It shall be the duty of the Provincial Treasurer to collect the taxes and fees and other charges as defined under this ordinance;

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(ii) Ledgers of Permit Holders:

The Treasury Department of the Provincial Government of Ilocos Norte is hereby mandated to maintain a separate ledger for each quarry permittee. Said ledger shall reflect all the financial transactions between the PGIN and the permittee. These ledgers shall be made available to the PQC and the Oversight Committee on quarries at any time.

**SECTION 13.** Issuance of a Building Permit/Certificate of Occupancy

(i) Building officials shall issue building permits only to persons, natural or juridical, upon showing of proof of pre-payment of the fees imposed by the Provincial Tax Code on quarrying issued by the Office of the Provincial Treasurer, in case of contractors-permittees, otherwise, proof of purchase of sand and gravel from legitimate sources, e.g. hardware/construction supply.

The evaluation, assessment and computation of the amount due to the Province shall be based on the program of works submitted by the applicant.

(ii) No Certificate of Occupancy shall likewise be issued unless the Office of the Provincial Treasurer issues a certification showing the actual volume of aggregates used in the project and that the excess not covered by the pre-payment as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph has been duly paid.

**SECTION 14.** Sharing of the Proceeds of Quarry Fees and Taxes –

The proceeds of quarry fees shall be distributed by the Office of the Provincial Treasurer as follows:

1. Province – 30 %
2. Cities and Municipalities where extraction is made – 30%
3. Barangays where extraction is made – 40%

**SECTION 15.** Jurisdiction.

(i.) The Provincial Governor of Ilocos Norte shall have primary and exclusive jurisdiction over all administrative cases involving violations of this ordinance, punishable by a fine, suspension or revocation of the quarry permit, the proceedings of which shall be summary in nature;

(ii.) The regular courts of justice shall have primary and exclusive jurisdiction to hear cases involving acts that are punishable by imprisonment.

(iii.) The decision of the Provincial Governor in case of suspension or revocation/cancellation of the quarry permit shall be immediately executory.

**SECTION 16.** Compliance to Provincial Ordinance No. 032-2015 – All permittees must execute an undertaking to comply with Provincial Ordinance No.032-2015, otherwise known as the “Corporate Social Responsibility Ordinance of 2014” consisting of the delivery of sand, gravel and other quarry resources and filling materials to sustain environment and provide meaningful support and services to the province, including but not limited to road maintenance. Non-compliance shall be a ground for non-renewal of the permit.

**SECTION 17.** Assistance of the Department of Public Works & Highways – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) through its 1st and 2nd Engineering Districts, shall provide the Office of the Governor, details of all ensuing projects in the Province of Ilocos Norte awarded to contractors. The details shall contain, among others, the name of the contractor(s), program of works, project duration and other information that would determine the sand and gravel requirement of the project.

A Memorandum of Agreement between the PGIN represented by the Provincial Governor and the DPWH, to be represented by the District Engineers of the 1st INED and the 2nd INED shall be executed, providing among others, that the DPWH shall not release the final/last payment for a particular project to the contractor without presenting a clearance from the Office of the Provincial Treasurer that payment of Provincial Fees and Taxes has been made by the contractor and/or its supplier of aggregates or other quarry resources based on the details of the project as required in the immediately preceding paragraph;

**SECTION 18.** Rewards System to Apprehending Officers. – Persons who actually apprehended violators of this Ordinance or any other laws relating to quarry operations are entitled to forty percent (40%) of the actual fine collected. The Provincial Treasurer shall prepare the check corresponding to the amount in favor of the apprehending officer(s) whose name/s appear in the citation ticket immediately upon collection of the fine.

**SECTION 19.** Deputation of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), PNP, LGU officials, etc. – Elected barangay, municipal and city officials in sand and gravel permit areas, and Provincial officials, elected or appointed, may obtain accreditation as Deputy/Special Environment and Natural Resources Officer, pursuant to DENR DAO No. 2008-22. The Liga ng mga Barangay, League of Cities and Municipalities shall endorse the names of the officials whose deputation is sought. The Council shall endorse to the DENR the names of provincial officials and employees to be deputized.

**SECTION 20.** Implementing Rules. – An Oversight Committee from within the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Ilocos Norte shall be formed and shall be constituted by the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee on Environment, Chairperson of the Committees on Laws, Ways and Means, Barangay Affairs and Public Works. Upon request by the PQC and/or motu proprio, the Oversight Committee may introduce amendments to this Ordinance or formulate other legislative measures to better improve quarry operations in the province.

The Council/PQO and the SP Oversight Committee on Quarries formed under this Ordinance shall jointly formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance, if necessary, to ensure that the policy behind it is strictly adhered to and that its objectives are attained.

**SECTION 21.** Separability Clause. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional, illegal or ultra vires by competent court, other provisions not so affected thereby shall remain effective and enforceable.

**SECTION 23.** Repealing Clause. – Provincial Ordinance Nos. 2013-01, 031-2018, as amended, and 010-2019, as amended, are hereby expressly repealed. Executive Order No. 238-14 dated June 20, 2014, Executive Order No. 418-17 dated January 13, 2017 and other memoranda and issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

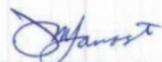
**SECTION 24.** Effectivity. – This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province.

(Voting Profile -  
 Voting in favor: Members Gaoat, Ambrocio Jr., Crisostomo, Respicio, Santos, Lazo, Salenda, Nicolas, Lao, Faylogna and Medina;  
 Voting against: None;  
 Abstentions: None.)  
 (Members Nalupta was out of the Session Hall during the voting.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Provincial Ordinance No. 042-2020.

ATTESTED:

  
**CECILIA ARANETA-MARCOS**  
 Vice-Governor and  
 Presiding Officer

  
**MILDRED NIRMLA R. LAMOSTE**  
 Provincial Board Secretary

  
**MATTHEW J. MARCOS MANOTOC**  
 PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

APPROVED 20 NOV 2020  
 DATE

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**ELEVENTH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 69TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, BANGUI, ILOCOS NORTE, AT 9:00 O'CLOCK A.M. MONDAY, 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020.

**Present:**

Hon. Denton Lawrence G. Garvida	Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding Chairman,
Hon. Joy R. Soriano	SB Member,
Hon. Florencio G. Sales, Jr.	SB Member,
Hon. Diosdado I. Garvida	SB Member,
Hon. Doddie M. Gaces	SB Member,
Hon. Susan B. Faylogna	SB Member,
Hon. Rogerick C. Balbag	SB Member,
Hon. Florante L. Garvida	SB Member,
Hon. Anthony N. Campañano	SB Member,
Hon. Ruben G. Alupay, Jr.	LMB Vice-President, and
Hon. Justine Philip M. Meneses	SKF President.

**Absent:**

NONE

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11-06-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 84, SECTION 85, SECTION 86 AND SECTION 87 OF THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10-01-2019, ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT CODE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANGUI, ILOCOS NORTE PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS.**

Be it **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bangui, Ilocos Norte in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. Section 84 to the above mentioned Ordinance shall be amended and read as follows:**

**Section 84. Prohibited Acts.** The following Acts are prohibited.

**a.) Prohibited Act under the code:**

- 1) Throwing, of any kind of garbage, carcass, waste matter, or refuse in any drainage outlets, irrigation, Water Bodies such as creeks, rivers, and any other tributaries, and in the sea;
- 2) Littering, scattering, dumping, throwing of garbage, rubbish or any kind of waste in any place such as forestlands, farmlands, shorelines, mountains, hills or causing or permitting the same;
- 3) Improper dumping of construction and demolition wastes in public domains;
- 4) Scavenging or pilferage of waste materials intended for proper disposal by the authority;
- 5) Noncompliance with the requirements of this municipality on the provision of garbage containers or receptacles;
- 6) Receptacles not properly marked and secured as imposed by this municipality;
- 7) Non observance of the time allocated and allowed location for the collection process;
- 8) Indiscriminate dumping of biodegradable wastes in public places;
- 9) Allowing animals like dogs and cats, and the like to stray and dwell on and scatter garbage;
- 10) Acquisition of uncontrolled waste materials that would lead to breeding grounds for vectors or disease carrying rodents, insects like mosquitoes and the likes;
- 11) Defecation and urinating in public places such as roads, sidewalks, parks, farmlands, shorelines, drainage outlets, canals, irrigation, creeks, rivers, and any other tributaries, and in the sea.

**b.) This Municipality shall adopt and incorporate Republic Act 9003 Section 48 prohibited acts.**

- 1) Littering, throwing, dumping waste matter in public places, such as roads, sidewalks, canals, esteros or parks, and establishment, or causing or permitting the same;
- 2) Undertaking activities or operating, collecting or transporting equipment in violation of sanitation operation and other requirements or permits set forth

- in or established pursuant to this Act;
- 3) The open burning of solid waste;
- 4) Causing or permitting the collection of non-segregated or unsorted waste;
- 5) Squatting in open dumps and landfills;
- 6) Open dumping, burying of biodegradable or non-biodegradable materials in flood-prone areas;
- 7) Unauthorized removal of recyclable material intended for collection by authorized persons;
- 8) The mixing of source-separated recyclable material with other solid waste in any vehicle, box, container or receptacle used in solid waste collection or disposal;
- 9) Establishment or operation of open dumps as enjoined in this Act, or closure of said dumps in violation of Sec. 37;
- 10) The manufacture, distribution or use of non-environmentally acceptable packaging materials;
- 11) Importation of consumer products packaged in non-environmentally acceptable materials;
- 12) Importation of toxic wastes misrepresented as "recyclable" or "with recyclable content";
- 13) Transport and dumping in bulk of collected domestic, industrial, commercial and institutional wastes in areas other than centers of facilities prescribed under this Act;
- 14) Site preparation, construction, expansion or operation of waste management facilities without an Environmental Compliance Certificate required pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1586 and this Act and not conforming with the land use plan of the LGU;
- 15) The construction of any establishment within two hundred (200) meters from the open dumps or controlled dumps or sanitary landfills; and
- 16) The construction or operation landfills or any waste disposal facility on any aquifer, groundwater reservoir or watershed area and or any portions thereof;

**SECTION 2. Section 85 to the above mentioned Ordinance shall be amended and read as follows:**

**Section 85. Fines and Penalties.** The following fines and penalties that shall be imposed upon the following:

**a.) Prohibited Acts under Section 85 (a) shall be penalized as follows:**

- 1) First Offense - Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) or an imprisonment of three (3) days to one (1) week. Or both at the discretion of the court;
- 2) Second Offense - One Thousand Pesos (P1000.00) or an imprisonment of one (1) to six (6) weeks, or both at the discretion of the court;
- 3) Third Offense - Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment of two (2) months to six (6) months, or both at the discretion of the court;
- 4) In addition, under standard procedures from the preceding sections, Business Establishments, Corporations, and any entity and the like, ground for suspension or cancellation of permit to operate;

**b.) This Municipality shall adopt and incorporate RA 9003 Section 49 for Fines and Penalties for Section 84(b) of this Ordinance**

- a) Any person who violates Sec. 48, paragraph (1) shall, upon conviction, be punished with the fines of not less than Three hundred Pesos (P300.00) but not more than (P1,000.00) or render community service for not less than one (1) day to not more than fifteen (15) days to an LGU where such prohibited acts are committed or both;
- b) Any person who violates Sec. 48, pars. (2) and (3), shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than Three hundred pesos (P300.00) but not more than One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one (1) day to not more than fifteen (15) days, or both;
- c) Any person who violates Sec. 48, pars. (4), (5), (6) and (7), shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than One thousand pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than Three thousand pesos (P3,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than fifteen (15) days but not more than six (6) months, or both;
- d) Any person who violates Sec. 48, pars. (8), (9), (10) and (11), shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) plus an amount not less than five percent (5%) but not more than ten percent (10%) of his net annual income during the previous year.
- e) The additional penalty of imprisonment of a minimum period of one (1) year, but not to exceed three (3) years at the discretion of the court, shall be imposed for second or subsequent violations of Sec. 48, paragraphs (9) and (10).
- f) Any person who violates Sec. 48, pars. (12) and (13), shall, upon conviction,

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be punished with a fine of not less than Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) but not more than Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days but not more than three (3) years, or both;

g) Any person who violates Sec. 48, pars. (14), (15) and (16), shall, upon conviction, be punished with a fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) but not more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one (1) year but not more than six (6) years, or both.

If the offense is committed by a corporation, partnership, or other juridical entity duly organized in accordance with law, the chief executive officer, president, general manager, managing partner or such other officer-in-charge shall be liable for the commission of the offense penalized under this Act.

If the offender is an alien, he shall, after service of the sentence prescribed above, be deported without further administrative proceedings.

The fines herein prescribed shall be increased by at least ten percent (10%) every three (3) years to compensate for inflation and to maintain the deterrent function of such fines.

**SECTION 3. Section 86 to the above mentioned Ordinance shall be amended and read as follows:**

**Section 86. Violations under the Ordinance.** The following procedure shall be observed in case of violation of Section 84 (Prohibited Acts under the Ordinance):

**1. Issuance of Citation Tickets/Receipts.**

Any person caught and committing any of the prohibited acts mentioned in Section 84 hereof shall be immediately apprehended and issued a citation ticket/receipt indicating the prohibited act and its corresponding fine, which the offender shall pay or serve upon the discretion of the court. However, any person found committing act(s) in violation of Section 84 (4) be deemed to have committed the crime of theft as defined and punished in the Revised Penal Code and shall be prosecuted immediately in accordance with paragraph 2 hereunder.

**2. Prosecution in Court.**

Any offender who refuses to pay the fine found to have violated Section 84(4) hereof, shall be prosecuted accordingly in proper court. Furthermore, all apprehended offender's subject for prosecution:

In the event of prosecution, it shall be the duty of Bangui PNP Environmental Desk Officer or any public officer in charge with the enforcement of the code violated, as the case maybe, to prosecute the case. Subject to the basic requirements of due process, the proceedings to be adopted by the court shall be summary in nature in accordance with the Revised Rules in Summary Procedures as promulgated and adopted by the Court of Law.

**SECTION 4. Section 87 to the above mentioned Ordinance shall be amended and read as follows:**

**Section 87. Violations for civil/criminal proceedings.** For violation of Section 84 of this Ordinance, both administrative and civil/criminal proceedings maybe instituted.

**1.) Commencement of Violation**

**a.) Complaint Violation**

Actions shall be commenced by any person or by the local government unit concerned, through its deputized agents, by filing a written complaint initially with the ESWM Office. The ESWM Office shall determine whether the complaint is in the nature of an administrative, civil or criminal complaint and shall accordingly make the recommendations relative thereto.

**b.) Violation Caught *in flagrante delicto***

In all cases of violations where the violator is caught in the act of committing an offense or prohibited act by the ESWM enforcers, they shall be issued a citation ticket/receipt or apprehended. The complaint shall be prepared/accomplished and filed accordingly with the ESWM office by the apprehending officer and that all necessary procedures for other penalties shall be applied.

**2.) Inspection by the ESWM Office to verify and determine the**

**violation committed**

The ESWM Office may conduct on-site inspection to determine and confirm the allegations or report contained in the complaint and that probable cause exist and, further a violation has been committed.

**3.) Notice to Violator**

Upon determination of probable cause, the ESWM Officer shall issue a Notice to Sue to the violator. Indicating, among others, the type and nature of violation committed, penalty, and giving the concerned violator thirty (30) days within which to correct, rectify or cease and desist from committing the violation complained of.

**4.) Charge Sheet**

In the event that the violator does not take any appropriate actions after the lapse of thirty (30) days and despite being sent with the required Notice, the necessary charge sheet shall be filed before he proper court of competent jurisdiction and before MESWM Board, for civil/criminal and administrative cases, respectively. The filling of the case with the regular courts shall be pursuant to the Revised Rules on Civil/Criminal Procedure.

**5.) Hearing of Administrative Case**

A Hearing Officer designated by the MESWM Board shall hear the administrative case filed with the Board. The Hearing Officer shall conduct the hearing continuously until the same is terminated in accordance with the schedule agreed by the parties but in no case shall be more than (60) days from the date of initial hearing, unless officer shall make due to justifiable reasons. Thereafter upon termination, the Hearing Officer shall present the findings and recommendations and submit the same to the MESWM Board for appropriate action.

**6.) Nature and Procedure**

Subject to the basic requirements of due process, the proceedings in the administrative case shall be summary in nature. The technical rules of evidence in courts of law shall not bind the designated Hearing Officer. The Rules of Court shall not apply in such proceedings except in a supplementary character, whenever applicable.

**SECTION 5. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstance shall be not be affected by such declaration.

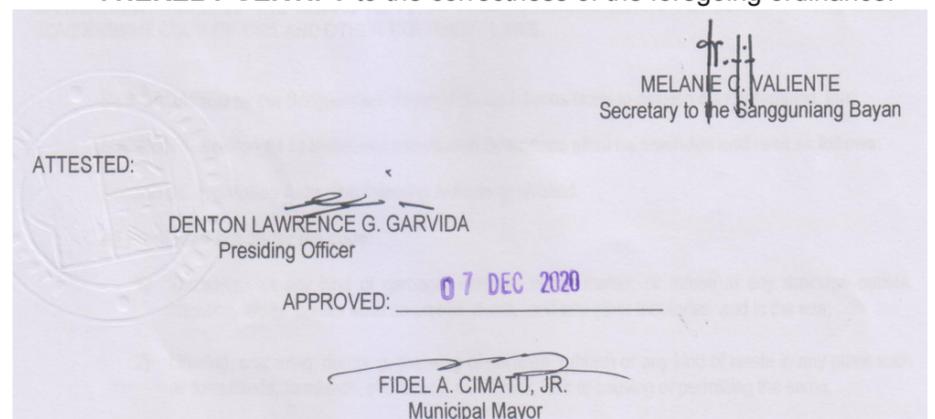
**SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** All Ordinances, Executive Orders, Rules and Regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect after a copy hereof is posted in a bulletin board at the entrance of the municipal hall and in at least two (2) conspicuous places within the jurisdiction of the municipality within fifteen (15) days and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the province.

**ENACTED** upon motion of Honorable Sales duly seconded by Honorable Gaces with the following voting profile:

**In favor:** (10) Hon. Soriano, Hon. Sales, Hon. D. Garvida, Hon. Gaces, Hon. Faylogna, Hon. Balbag, Hon. Campañano, Hon. F. Garvida, Hon. Alupay, Hon. Meneses  
**Against:** N o n e  
**Abstain:** N o n e

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.



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RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)  
 Republic of the Philippines  
**Local Civil Registry Office**  
 Province of Ilocos Norte  
 Municipality of Badoc

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **SEVERINA BATARA ARELLANO** has filed with this office a petition for Change of his First Name from **SEVERINA FILOMENA** to **SEVERINA** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **SEVERINA FILOMENA BATARA** who was born on **November 8, 1963** at **Badoc, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Bartolome Batara** and **Emiliana Gamayo**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 18, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **IRIS GAYLE S. BATALLONES**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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RA Form No. 10.1 (LCRO)  
 Republic of the Philippines  
**Local Civil Registry Office**  
 Province of Ilocos Norte  
 Municipality of Banna (Espiritu)

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **ELMER Y. MAULIT** has filed with this Office a petition for Change of First Name from **"RUSTUM ELMER"** to **"ELMER"** in his Certificate of Live Birth, born on October 30, 1957 at Banna, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are Gabriel Maulit and Esperanza Yoro.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 25, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **JUDY RABAGO MADES**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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 & January 18-24, 2021\* Ilocos Sentinel

**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **NICOLAS ANDRES** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1403-A, Psd-01-032145, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 2012000215, situated at Brgy. Ricarte (Now), Nalasin (before), Batac, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold unto Josephine Marie Celestino Laus in an instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Antonio R. Cajigal; Doc. No. 232; Page No. 48; Book No. LXXVI; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **Renato Francisco B. Calaramo** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 18, Ccs-01-001375 (AR), VLT being a portion of lot 300107 and 300108, Cad 578, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. C-16587 has been adjudicated by his heir Marilou G. Calaramo represented by Maren G. Calaramo by virtue of Special Power of Attorney as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Erme S. Labayog; Doc. No. 317; Page No. 64; Book No. LXIX; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **MARIO M. ALCANTARA** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 12314, Cad-398, situated at Brgy. 16 Quiling Sur, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, Philippines, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. P53328 has been adjudicated by his heir Judy O. Alcantara and simultaneously sold unto John Carlo M. Nery as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Julius Harvey P. Balbas; Doc. No. 334; Page No. 63; Book No. X; Series of 2021.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **CRESENCIO CASTRO** pertaining to his shares of two (2) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 5588 and 5589, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. 021-2014000261 and 021-2010000609, both situated at Barrio Mang-ngato, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by his heirs and simultaneously sold the aforesaid parcels of land unto Currimao Land Corporation duly represented by its President Steven C. Go as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Antonio R. Cajigal; Doc. No. 37; Page No. 09; Book No. LXIX; Series of 2019.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH QUITCLAIM**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **ALFREDO C. FERNANDO** pertaining to his share in a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 23315-part, situated at Brgy. 23, San Matias, Laoag City, covered by Tax Declaration No. 17-0024-00536 has been adjudicated by his legal heir **FELIPA F. MANUEL** unto herself and simultaneously quitclaimed all rights and interest over a portion of the above-described lot to the extent of 439 square meters in favor of Jimmy Quilon and Edwin Fernando Faustino as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Antonio R. Cajigal; Doc. No. 296; Page No. 61; Book No. LXXIII; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **SPOUSES AMBROCIO MIGUEL and FIDELA MIGUEL** consisting of three (3) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 16977, 17143 and 16583, covered by OCT Nos. P-33856, P-33690 and P-33760, respectively; that the first two (2) parcels are located at Brgy. 6 Sta. Rita, and the last parcel is located at Brgy. 10 Cabaguan, all in Paoay, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by sole heir **LUIS R. GAJETON** and simultaneously sold all aforesaid properties unto **ARNOLD V. TABIJE** as per Deed of Adjudication with Sale executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 91; Page No. 20; Book No. CDX; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **BASILISA SABAS** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 38073-D, Psd-01-048144, covered by TCT No. T-5341, situated at Brgy. #32 Palongpong, Batac City, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by legal heir **BRYAN JONEL SABAS** and simultaneously sold unto **RICK D. AGULAY** as per Deed of Adjudication with Sale executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 142; Page No. 30; Book No. CDIX; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **DAVID RODRIGUEZ ANCHETA** pertaining to a Safety Deposit Box deposited at Metrobank, Rizal St., Laoag City has been adjudicated by his legal heirs as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Isidro Corpuz; Doc. No. 204; Page No. 41; Book No. CCXXVII; Series of 2016.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **SPOUSES FERDINAND S. GARGANTA SR. and JESUSA FONTANILLA** pertaining to a parcel of land described as Lot 41196-B, Cad 398, OLT, situated in Brgy. Palongpong, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, covered by T.C.T. No. E-8916 has been adjudicated by their legal heirs and simultaneously sold unto **Vic Batulan Orcino** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Antonio R. Cajigal; Doc. No. 339; Page No. 69; Book No. LXXV; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND QUITCLAIM**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **ELISEA BALICOCO** pertaining to a parcel of land described as Lot No. 26203-B-8, Psd-1-007643 of Laoag Cadastre, situated at Brgy. 53, Rioeng, Laoag City, covered by T.C.T. No. T-18011 has been adjudicated by her legal heir and spouse **ROGELIO GARCIA** and simultaneously quitclaimed all rights and interest over the above-described parcel of land in favor of **Teresita Garcia Cayetano** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. Juan Conrado A. Respicio II; Doc. No. 25; Page No. 05; Book No. DLXIV; Series of 2019.

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 Province of Ilocos Norte  
 Municipality of Bacarra

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of R.A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **RODRIGO C. CABREROS** has filed with this office a petition for Change of his First Name from **ANDRES RODRIGO** to **RODRIGO**, born on **November 21, 1955** at **Bacarra, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Carlina Cubangbang** and **Benjamin Caberos**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 22, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **CLEMENTE S. GALIZA, PH.D**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

January 4-10  
 & January 11-17, 2021\* Ilocos Sentinel

**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH AGREEMENT OF PARTITION**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late Spouses **MARIANO CLEMENTE** and **DOLORES CLEMENTE** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 1494, situated in the Barrio of Labucaon (now Brgy. Ablan, Batac, Ilocos Norte, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. O-4576 is the subject of Deed of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate with Agreement of Partition executed by legal heirs **VENUS R. CLEMENTE, VENEROSE C. RAMOS, VANESSA C. GALACGAC, VINNYPET C. ANIS, HEIRS OF GEMINI R. CLEMENTE** duly represented by Ma. Vanessa H. Clemente, GIANN R. CLEMENTE and GENESON R. CLEMENTE before Notary Public Atty. Windell D. Chua; Doc. No. 479; Page No. 97; Book No. CVXXIII; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **BASILISA SABAS** consisting of three (3) parcels of land designated as Lot Nos. 38087-A, 38087-B and 38091, covered by TD Nos. 05-032-01767, 05-032-01768, and 05-032-01769, respectively; all situated at Brgy. #32 Palongpong, Batac City, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by legal heir **BRYAN JONEL SABAS** and simultaneously sold all aforesaid properties unto **RICK D. AGULAY** as per Deed of Adjudication with Sale executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 468; Page No. 95; Book No. CDX; Series of 2020.

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**Notice of Publication**

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In compliance with Section 5 of R. A. No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **LUZVIMINDA CANDAROMA RIEGO** has filed with this office a petition for Change of First Name in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LOVISMINDA CANDAROMA** from **LOVISMINDA LUZVIMINDA** who was born on **June 15, 1954** at **Batac, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Domingo Candaroma** and **Atanacia Yap**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this office not later than **January 24, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **LORLYN FLODELIZ P. ULIT**  
 City Civil Registrar

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Marcos Keon, Dingras Mayor Jeoffrey Saguid, Provincial Agriculturist Norma Lagmay, DA-Regional Field Office I OIC Regional Executive Director Nestor Domenden, ken BFAR Region I OIC Regional Director Rosario Segundina Gaerlan.

K a b a y a t a n n a , nagserbi pay a Kangrunan a Sangaili ni Sec. Dar iti pannakarambak ti maika-43 nga anibersario ti MMSU ket iti mensahena, impetteng ti sekretario a magagaran daytoy a makikinnammayet manen iti nadakamat nga unibersidad tapno maipatungpal dagiti kalikagum dagitoy para iti sektor ti agrikultura.

“As an influential member of the academic community, MMSU serves as an exemplary model to its peers, especially in its strong collaboration with government agencies like the DA in attaining shared long-term goals. With the partnership, we at the Department of Agriculture has developed with the MMSU, and the significant outcomes this partnership has brought to society, we are confident that MMSU will continue to be a great leverage for the DA in advancing our mandate for wider socio-economic impact,” segun ken ni Dar.

Iti sabali a bangir, immatongan ni Sec. Dar ti panaglukat ti kaunaan a Landbank Agri-hub iti

probinsia ti Ilocos Sur, partikular idia y ili ti Sta. Maria para iti nabibiit a serbisio para kadagiti agingdeg iti nasao a lugar malaksid pay kadagiti 10,000 a mannalon ken manggalap manipud ili ti Sta. Maria, Burgos, ken San Esteban.

Babaen ti Landbank agri-hub, agbalin a nabibiit ti panaglukat iti account a dumanon laengen iti 10 agingdeg 15 a minutos bayat a dagiti dadduma pay a serbisio ket ti panag-withdraw, panagproseso iti utang ken AR bonds.

Kadua ti DA Secretary iti pannakabendision ken inagurasion ti agri-hub da Sta. Maria Mayor Brigido Camarillo, Jr., First Vice President Ma. Belma Turla ken dagiti manager ti Landbank North Luzon Branch.

S i n a r u n g k a r a n pay ni Sec. Dar dagiti nagduduma a proyekto ti DA-National Tobacco Administration (NTA) idia y Brgy. Silag, Sta. Maria ken nakitaripnong kadagiti mannalon ti tabako tapno denggen na dagiti arungaing dagitoy.

Malaksid kadagiti nadakamaten nga aktibidad, bimmisita pay ni Sec. Dar iti disso a pakaipatakderan ti Ilocos Sur Research and Experiment Center (ISREC) idia y San Juan, ken iti NTA Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita building idia y Narvacan. (*Rafis Ilocos Region*)

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 Ilocos Norte  
 Laoag City

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **ELIZABETH OCOL AGNGARAYNGAY** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from “**JUAN, AMANDO JR.**” to “**AMANDO JR.**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **JUAN, AMANDO OCOL, JR.** who was born on November 24, 1950 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are **AMANDO OCOL** and **PILAR ALEJO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 25, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **JEAN PASCUA MANUEL**  
 City Civil Registrar

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 Ilocos Norte  
 Laoag City

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In Compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, notice is hereby served to the public that **LUCIA MATIAS JUAN** has filed with this Office a petition for change of first name from “**PERSEVERANDA**” to “**LUCIA**” in the Certificate of Live Birth of **PERSEVERANDA JUAN** who was born on June 25, 1960 at Laoag City, Ilocos Norte and whose parents are **MANUEL JUAN** and **NEMESIA MATIAS**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 25, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **JEAN PASCUA MANUEL**  
 City Civil Registrar

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION WITH SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **SPOUSES AMBROCIO MIGUEL** and **FIDELA MIGUEL** pertaining to a parcel of land designated as Lot No. 17230, Cad. 445-D, covered by OCT No. P-33689, located at Brgy. 6 Sta. Rita, Paoay, Ilocos Norte has been adjudicated by sole heir **LUIS R. GAJETON** and simultaneously sold unto **ARNOLD V. TABIJE** as per Deed of Adjudication with Sale executed before Notary Public Atty. Da Vinci M. Crisostomo; Doc. No. 95; Page No. 20; Book No. CDX; Series of 2020.

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**DEED OF ADJUDICATION AND ABSOLUTE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that the intestate estate of the late **ANTONIO DOMINGO** and **LIBERATA DOMINGO EDER** pertaining to a parcel of land described as Lot No. 2770, situated in Brgy. 10 San Vicente, Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, covered by ARP No. 03-014-00145 has been adjudicated by legal heir and simultaneously sold unto **MADELYN SAGARIO EDER** as per instrument executed before Notary Public Atty. **CANDIDA DOROTHY SWERTE D. BUMANGLAG**; Doc. No. 183; Page No. 36; Book No. VI; Series of 2020.

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Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), for each province, city and municipality.

These VTs, he said, will also be crossed-posted to ensure the impartiality of the validation process. “This time around mayroon tayong VTs na established at cross-posted, meaning, kung taga-Quezon City sila hindi sila puwede mag-validate sa QC, dapat nasa Taguig City sila o alin mang ibang lungsod,” he explained.

He said their LGU of assignment during the validation must not be their original LGU of designation or residence. VTs will be composed of a representative from the DILG; the PNP; the BFP; and, one representative from a civil society organization (CSO) or the local media.

VTs for Component Cities and Municipalities

may be cross-posted within their respective provinces while for Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) may be cross-posted within the region.

To reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other health risks, Malaya said that DILG Regional Directors are also enjoined to consider the minimization of travel in the cross-posting of the VTs.

Among the validation requisites are the actual removal of road obstructions; enactment of an enabling ordinance; conduct of an inventory of road obstructions; crafting and implementation of a displacement plan; rehabilitation of cleared roads; creation of a grievance mechanism; as well as the Tricycle Route Plan.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

In compliance with Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9048, a notice is hereby served to the public that **CLAIRE MONNETTE PAGTULINGAN ESTEBAN** has filed with this office a petition for Change of his First Name from **CLARIE** to **CLAIRE MONNETTE** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **CLARIE P. PAGTULINGAN** who was born on **September 25, 1969** at **Badoc, Ilocos Norte** and whose parents are **Rodrigo Pagtulingan** and **Virginia Pagdilao**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **January 25, 2021**.

(Sgd.) **IRIS GAYLE S. BATALLONES**  
 Municipal Civil Registrar

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said.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency, Gualberto said the city’s plans of procuring COVID-19 vaccine complements the national government’s COVID-19 vaccination drive.

“We need to closely coordinate with the national government as to our plans of purchasing our own COVID-19 for the people of San Fernando,” the mayor said. (*Joanne Namnama P. Dilim/PIA La Union*)

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1st District Representative Representative Deogracias Victor Savellano, and Ilocos Sur Sangguniang Panlalawigan Agriculture Committee Chair Efren Rafanan.

Both FMRs directly support the mango commodity which is among the priorities under the PRDP and also benefit other commodities like rice, corn, and tobacco.

The completed Sinit FMR and the ongoing Cabugao FMR are expected to increase the take-home income of farmers within the influence area given reduced transportation costs, reduced post-harvest losses, and increased accessibility. (*April M. Bravo/PIA Ilocos Sur with reports from DA-RFOI*)



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## ILOCOS SUR



## LA UNION



## PANGASINAN

## Ilocos Sur gov't, DA inaugurate farm to market road in Sinait

SINAIT, Ilocos Sur, Jan. 10 (PIA) – The provincial government of Ilocos Sur and the Department of Agriculture (DA) inaugurated the 6.18-kilometer rehabilitation of Tubigay-Baracbac-Nagculluoban Farm to Market Road (Sinait FMR) here recently.

The Sinait FMR is the very first infrastructure proposal of the province of Ilocos Sur under the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP).

It has a total project cost of Php76,529,718 and will benefit 1,665 people within the rural influence area.

The FMR started on April 24, 2017 and was completed on November 14, 2019.

Meanwhile, the

provincial government and the DA also led the groundbreaking ceremony to start the construction of the 15.48-kilometer rehabilitation of Pug-os-Nagculluoban Farm to Market Road (Cabugao FMR) in Cabugao town.

The Cabugao FMR is the longest and largest implemented infrastructure subproject under the PRDP in the Ilocos Region.

It has a total subproject cost of Php199,703,775.25 and is expected to service seven barangays.

Its target completion date is on December 16, 2021.

The inauguration and groundbreaking ceremony were spearheaded by DA Secretary William Dar, Ilocos Sur Governor Ryan Luis Singson, Ilocos Sur

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## ILOCOS SUR

## LANDBANK to open new Agri-Hub in Ilocos Sur town

STA. MARIA, Ilocos Sur, Jan. 13 (PIA) – State-run Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) will open in this municipality its first Agri-Hub in the province on Friday, January 15.

The LANDBANK Sta. Maria Agri-Hub will provide financial and technical services to the bank's clients, especially to more than 10,000 farmers and fisherfolk in the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Burgos, and San Esteban.

LANDBANK's Agri-Hubs are strategically located in the top rice-producing provinces in the country and designed to provide a wide array of services.

This includes banking services such as account opening, withdrawals, and check encashments; lending services such as the processing of loan applications; and agrarian services such as processing of AR bonds and handling of agrarian-related concerns from landowners, bondholders, and Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs).

The LANDBANK Sta. Maria Agri-Hub will also offer LANDBANK's

various digital banking platforms, including the Digital Onboarding System (DOBS) which simplifies the account opening process for new clients to only 10-15 minutes.

Expected to lead the blessing and inauguration rites set on Saturday, January 16 are Department of Agriculture Secretary William Dar, Sta. Maria Mayor Brigido Camarillo, Jr., Burgos Mayor Nathaniel Escobar, San Esteban Mayor Ray Elaydo II, and LANDBANK North Luzon Branches Group Head First Vice President Ma. Belma Turla.

The LANDBANK Sta. Maria Agri-Hub is the 5th Agri-Hub to open nationwide, along with four newly opened Agri-Hubs located in Calabanga, Camarines Sur; Barotac Viejo, Iloilo; Sual, Pangasinan; and Echague, Isabela.

LANDBANK now has a total network of 411 branches and 65 branch-lite units, composed of branch-lites, Agri-Hubs, LEAFs, tellering booths, and FX booths across all 81 provinces.

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## Sangguniang Panlungsod pushes for P63-M COVID-19 vaccine fund

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Jan. 16 (PIA) – The Sangguniang Panlungsod of this city has recommended to the Local Finance Committee an amount of Php63 million to purchase coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine for the residents.

The allocation of funds was proposed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod as stated under City Resolution No. 21-014.

In an official Facebook post of the Sanggunian, it informed that on Tuesday during the regular session presided over by City Vice Mayor Alfredo Pablo Ortega, majority of the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod who were present during the session approved the said resolution.

"The Sangguniang Panlungsod remains vigilant and proactive in responding to the COVID-19 health crisis by passing various ordinances and resolutions that aim

to protect and secure the residents of San Fernando City from the dangers brought by the COVID-19 pandemic," the post read.

With this, City Mayor Hermenegildo Gualberto expressed his gratitude to the members of the city's legislative body for their support to his COVID-19 vaccine initiative.

Earlier, Gualberto announced that some Php21 million from the city's savings on the previous years will be used to procure vaccines which will be provided for the residents for free.

He said this will be supported by a supplemental budget.

"For us to achieve our goals, it is really essential for both the Legislative and Executive branch of the City to work together towards one common goal – that is to make the people of San Fernando's lives better, safer, and more comfortable," Gualberto

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## LA UNION

## La Union gov't to donate ambulance to PNP

SAN FERNANDO CITY, Jan. 12 (PIA) -- The Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) will donate two units of ambulance to the Philippine National Police (PNP).

This was announced by Governor Francisco Emmanuel R. Ortega III when he attended as guest in the Monday flag raising ceremony of the Police Regional Office 1 (PRO1) on January 11 at the PRO1 grandstand this city.

In his message, Ortega, also the Regional Peace and Order Council chairperson, underscored that peace, order, and safety are the enablers of local economic development.

"Safety, peace, and order are building blocks to our goal on Transformative Governance and in building a Stronger La Union," the governor said.

As a manifestation of its support to the PNP, Ortega informed that the two units of ambulance which the PGLU will donate will be given to the PRO1 and La Union

Police Provincial Office.

"This shall strengthen emergency support services of the police force especially during this time of crisis recovery," he said.

He added, "We have utmost confidence to embark on this challenging journey on crisis recovery because we are a peaceful, safe, and orderly community - thanks to the efforts of all peace-keeping units stationed in our province and the region."

Meanwhile, he thanked the men and women of PRO1 led by PBGen. Rodolfo Azurin for their commitment in preserving and promoting peace and order in the province.

For his part, Azurin said the PRO1 will continue in working closely with the PGLU and will strengthen collaboration with the local government on resolving various social issues such as on illegal drugs, criminalities, and terrorism. (Joanne Namnama P. Dilim/JPD/PIA La Union)

## DPWH completes flood control project in Pangasinan

BUGALLON, Pangasinan, Jan 16 (PIA) - The Department of Public Works and Highways in Pangasinan's Second District Engineering Office completed the construction of another flood control project here.

District Engineer Edita Manuel announced the completion of the Agno River Basin Flood Control Project - Construction of River Bank Protection along Barangay Salasa in Bugallon town.

Manuel said the newly-built 188.50 linear meter flood-mitigation structure aims to dramatically diminish or lessen the entry of flood waters in Barangay Salasa and neighboring barangays.

"This flood mitigation project will not only serve in controlling the inundation of the surrounding barangays but it is also planned to have a concrete pavement that may be used by light vehicles envisioning it to be a future recreational area and possibly a tourist destination area," Manuel said in a statement.

Meanwhile, several other projects are on-going for the 2nd Engineering District which includes the concreting of roads in the towns of San Jacinto and Mangaldan and the construction of multi-purpose buildings in the towns of Mangatarem, Basista, Manaoag and San Fabian. (Venus May H. Sarmiento/PIA Pangasinan)

## PANGASINAN

## Pangasinan cities allocate funds for CoVID-19 vaccine

PANGASINAN, Jan 15 (PIA) - Cities in the province of Pangasinan have allocated funds for the purchase of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) vaccines once a Food and Drugs Administration (FDA)-approved vaccine becomes available.

In the chartered city of Dagupan, the city government announced towards the end of December 2020 that it is ready to purchase vaccines against Covid-19 with a budget of PHP10 million as initial funding.

Mayor Marc Brian Lim said he has sent a letter to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) signifying the city's intention to buy vaccines the moment an FDA-approved vaccine becomes available in the country.

"We wrote the IATF that we are ready to buy. For as long as they would announce the availability of an approved vaccine, we are ready to buy," Mayor Lim said.

On January 8, 2021, the City Information Office of Dagupan announced that Mayor Lim has signed a tripartite agreement with British pharmaceutical firm AstraZeneca and national government representatives - vaccine czar Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., and Health Secretary Francisco

Duque III - for an initial allocation of 40,000 doses of Covid-19 vaccine once FDA approves its use in the Philippines.

In San Carlos City, the local government is planning to set aside P10 million to P20 million for the purchase of said vaccines.

Mayor Julier 'Ayoy' Resuello said the city would join the purchase of the League of Cities of the Philippines, depending on the budget of each city.

"Priority recipients of the vaccines will be the front-liners. We want to ensure that our health workers are safe and protected habang ginagampanan ang duties nila," Resuello said in an interview.

In western Pangasinan, Mayor Arth Bryan Celeste of Alaminos City have also convened the city's Finance Committee for the allocation and process of purchase for the vaccines.

"The City's Finance Committee held a meeting for the possible procurement of the COVID-19 vaccine for Alaminos. We're still looking into this but first, we want to share a little bit about the vaccination (to our city mates) and why it is necessary to keep our whole community safe," Celeste said in a post. (Venus May H. Sarmiento/PIA-Pangasinan)

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**THE NEWLY PROMOTED POLICE OFFICERS TAKE THEIR OATH.** Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Director P/Col. Christopher Abrahanofficiated the simultaneous mass oath-taking, donning, and pinning of ranks of the newly promoted PCOs and PNCOs of the Ilocos Norte Police Provincial Office held on January 15, 2021 at Camp Valentin S. Juan, Laoag City. (Photo courtesy of INPPO)

## “2021, manamnama nga agbalin a OneDArful year” - DA Sec. Dar

NAGBANAG a kadagupan a dumanon iti 75 a mannanon ti mais ken mangngalap ti immawat iti sag-P3,000 a cash ken P2,000 a gatad ti food subsidy kas iti bagas, karne ti manok, ken itlog iti naangay a ceremonial distribution ti CFSMFF.

Mismo a ti Sekretario ti nangidaulo iti pannakaipaima dagiti naduma-duma a proyekto ti Department of Agriculture para iti probinsia ti Ilocos Norte ken pannakaibunong ti Cash and Food Subsidy for Marginal Farmers and Fisherfolk (CFSMFF) iti covered court ti Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) idiaiy siudad ti Batac.

Kadagupan a gatad dagiti nagduduma a proyekto ti naipaay kadagiti benepisario a pakairamanan ti sag-P5 million a Cattle Feedlot Fattening Projects para kadagiti local government units ti Laoag City ken ili ti Dingras; P4 million a gatad ti Massive Malunggay Seedling Production para iti MMSU; P3,758,000 a gatad dagiti makinaria kas iti maysa a 4-wheel tractor, 20 a pump and engine sets; ken ti Modernized Urban Agriculture (iti sidong ti Urban Agriculture Program) para iti siudad ti Laoag.

Malaksid iti daytoy,

Naipaima pay kadagiti tallo a grupo dagiti mannanon ti tallo a tseke para iti marketing support iti sidong ti Kadiwa ni Ani at Kita a bukuklen dagiti sumaganad: sag-P5 million para iti Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives ken Bacarra Zanjera Farmers and Irrigators Association, bayat a P1 million para iti Bagnos Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

Iti panagbetla ti sekretario, impagunam-gunamna nga ita a tawen 2021 ket agbalin a “OneDArful year” gapu iti pannakapasayaat ken pannakapadur-as pay dagiti nagduduma a programa ti DA tapno ad-adda a matulungan dagiti mannanon ken mangngalap, agramanen dagiti amin a Pilipino iti panawen ti pandemia.

Ti nasao nga aktibidad ket dinar-ayan a mismo da Ilocos Norte Gov. Matthew Joseph Marcos Manotoc, MMSU Pres. Dr. Shirley Agrupis, Batac City Mayor Albert Chua, Laoag City Mayor Michael

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## DILG grants one-week extension of road clearing ops deadline

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has granted a one-week extension of the deadline of the Department’s Road Clearing Operation 2.0 (RCO 2.0) following the requests by local government units (LGUs) to give them more time to clear roads of obstructions.

DILG Undersecretary and Spokesperson Jonathan Malaya said that upon the request of local chief executives, the deadline for RCO 2.0, which was supposed to be today, will instead be on January 22, 2021 with the validation starting January 25, 2021.

“We extended the deadline for RCO 2.0 because these are extraordinary times; we are in a pandemic and LGUs have a lot on their plate. We understand the request so the Department granted it,” he said.

The DILG announced last year the resumption of RCO 2.0 on November 16, 2020, giving the LGUs 60 days to comply with President Rodrigo Duterte’s directive to rid streets of illegal obstructions and ‘to return roads and major thoroughfares to the people.’

Malaya said that with the extension of the deadline, the DILG is giving LGUs more time to ensure full compliance with the program issued through DILG

Memorandum Circular 2020-145. “This is, in a way, a little help to the LGUs as so that they have more time to comply with the President’s directive.”

In 2019, 101 out of 1,245 LGUs nationwide were found non-compliant of the road clearing directive of the President and were issued show cause orders. Fifteen of these were filed with administrative cases by the DILG.

“The RCO 2.0 remains to be one of the major programs of the DILG, kaya naman, we aim to maintain the same standards as before,” he added.

Through DILG Memorandum Circular 2020-145, DILG Secretary Eduardo Año said RCO 2.0 is different, depending on the quarantine classification of a certain area. Full implementation of the RCO 2.0 is enforced in areas under MGCQ and the New Normal or Post Quarantine Scenario. Partial implementation is executed by LGUs under GCQ while in areas under MECQ and ECQ, the RCOs is suspended.

Validation Teams The DILG Spokesperson said that prior to the start of the validation period on January 25-February 5, 2021, the DILG shall create Validation Teams (VTs), in coordination with the

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