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DIALOGUE & DISTRIBUTION OF WATER PUMPS. Batac City Mayor Albert Chua (with microphone) holds a dialogue with the local farmers who received the 620 units of water pumps during the distribution held at the Imelda Cultural Center of this city. The water equipment was funded by the city government. (Photo courtesy of the Mayor's Office) See related story on Page 16

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Vintage bomb found in Laoag can pulverize one Sitio—Lt. Col. Lero

● *Another World War II vintage bomb is found in a riverbank at the city outskirts*

By Jun R. Guiang

LAOAG CITY, Jan. 19, 2021--P/Lt. Col. Rafael Lero, the city police chief, reported that the vintage bomb long displayed as decoration in front of the barangay hall at Brgy. Cavit, this city could “pulverize” one Sitio if mishandled.

The village of Cavit is situated a few meters away from the Laoag International Airport. Col. Lero described the vintage bomb as General Purpose (GP) type that could “wipe out one Sitio” if exploded. Sensing its danger, Police

Chief Lero quickly sought emergency assistance from the Ilocos Norte Police Office headed by Provincial Director P/Col. Christopher Abrahamo. The INPPO’s Explosive Ordnance Disposal rushed to the scene, cordoned the vicinity, and safely

retrieved the bomb. The presence of the recovered bomb was first relayed to Col. Lero on Monday, January 18 by Brgy. Chairman Jerry Alonzo of the aforesaid village. Alonzo remembered that the

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Mayor Abadilla vows to support the student needs in module printing

BANNA, Ilocos Norte, Jan. 23, 2021--Municipal Mayor Carlito A. Abadilla II vowed to continue supporting the town’s public elementary and secondary schools in their needs of printed learning modules in line with the DepEd policy of no face-

to-face classes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Abadilla expressed his full support to the students’ needs in his speech during the Multi-Council meeting held at the Session Hall, CNA Building (Pls. turn to page 3)

We will find solutions to mend our hard-hit economy—Gov. MMM

Ilocos Norte Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc has declared that vaccination and economic recovery programs are his top priorities for the province this year 2021.

Governor Manotoc wrote in his Annual Investment Program 2021 the following message:

“This year, we will remain steadfast in building a sustainable and resilient healthcare system for our constituents, especially in our ongoing battle against the virus.

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4 vehicles figure in a smashup

BACARRA, Ilocos Norte – At least four vehicles were involved in a road accident when the driver of an open tricycle or “kurung-kurong” failed to stop as it entered the national highway at Brgy. Buyon, this town on January 23, 2021.

The said kurung-kurong was speeding from the diversion road when it hit the side of an approaching van which caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle.

Two other vehicles, a Toyota Vios and an L-300 pick-up also figured in the accident when the kurung-kurong and the

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DA Sec. Dar turns over food subsidies, P15M checks for farmers, MMSU project

By Ma. Joreina Therese A. Blanco

BATAC CITY, Jan. 20 – Agriculture Secretary William Dar has personally turned over financial and food assistance to the groups of marginalized farmers and fisherfolk in Ilocos Norte last January 15.

The ceremonial turnover was held at the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) covered court in this city.

It was attended by the different mayors, and farmers’ cooperatives and zanjas

organizations. During the said event, Secretary Dar, a native of Ilocos Sur, was joined by 2nd District Representative Angelo Marcos Barba, Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc, Batac City Mayor Albert Chua, MMSU President Shirley Agrupis, and other local officials.

At least 25 beneficiaries from Paoay town and 50 from the adjacent municipality of

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Editorial:

Variant scare

The Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Genome Center (PGC) have confirmed last week the detection of the B.1.1.7. SARS-CoV-2 variant (UK variant) in the country, considered by health experts as the potent version of the coronavirus.

A public scare cropped up after the swab test specimen of a Filipino who arrived from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on January 7 yielded positive genome sequencing results.

In this regard, DOH ordered the intensive conduct of weekly genomic biosurveillance among incoming overseas passengers, local re-infected patients, and those with reported clustering of cases.

As a precautionary measure, the Philippine government quickly issued a travel ban to flight passengers with recent travel history in Britain and some other foreign countries and regions with cases of UK variant to prevent the new strain from spreading in the country.

In Ilocos Norte, Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc announced the suspension of home quarantine protocols for all returning overseas Filipinos (ROFs) due to the recent detection of the new UK variant in the country.

Indeed, the immediate action of the Governor aims to protect local residents from contracting the new variant of coronavirus while the local health authorities continued to exert all efforts to counteract the variant menace.

There's no attempt to be alarmist, but everyone must be on guard before it's too late.

The public must heed the government call for stricter observance of health standards and stricter implementation of quarantine protocols to further mitigate the risk of acquiring the deadly virus. (IS with a report from DOH)



WORD ALIVE

by Fr. Bel R. San Luis, SVD

Don't just read the Bible. Live it

A man once bragged that he had read the Bible from cover to cover several times. But someone remarked, "People who read the Bible from cover to cover, know only the cover." * * *

Just reading the Bible is not enough. What's most important is to ponder God's message or what He is telling you and apply it in everyday life. * * *

For instance, after reading Jesus' message to forgive not just seven times but 70 times 7 (meaning unlimited) or the Ten Commandments "Honor your father and mother," or "You shall not kill...steal," you should then put these into practice considering these as the will of God. * * *

There's a story about a priest and his friend, who owned a soap factory. As they were out taking a walk, the soap maker said cynically, "What good is religion? Look at all the troubles, violence, and miseries of the world after thousands of years

of preachings and exhortations about goodness, justice, and peace." * * *

The priest said nothing. They continued walking until they noticed children playing in a muddy canal. Then the priest said, "Look at those kids. You say that soap makes people clean, but see the dirt on those youngsters. Of what good is your soap?" * * *

The soap maker got peeved and sharply reacted, "But, Father, you ought to know that soap cannot do any good unless it is used."

"Ah exactly," replied the priest. "So, it is with Christianity and its teachings. They are ineffective unless they are used or put into practice." * * *

January 18-24 is National Bible Week and culminates today.

Let's remember that the teachings of God as contained in the Bible are there not as a burden or to restrict our freedom but rather serve to

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guide us and work for our own personal good and collectively as a nation. * * *

Take, for instance, God's command of fidelity to one's spouse. Some men feel restricted of their freedom to enjoy the company of other women or worse, grossly disregarding the vows they professed in marriage. Infidelity, however, inflicts deep emotional wounds, bitter quarrels, which leads to a broken family. * * *

Moreover, God's command "Thou shalt not steal," is imposed not only to restrict our greed or amass ill-gotten wealth but also the unabated violation of the commandment leads to the country's economic morass and eventual perdition. * * *

When you think about it, there's no other choice but to follow God's will since it shows us the path to eternal life and true happiness. Not following His will is like an atheist (non-believer) who, when he dies, is (Pls. turn to page 3)



THE ILOCANO EDUCATOR

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

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

(last of three parts)

(Continued from January 17, 2021)

Naimbag nga bigat, mga kabsat (Good morning, my fellow Ilocanos!)

Harking back on what we talked about last week, I have suggested four (4) items in our bucket list for us educators. As for those who are non-educators, these items apply to them, too, because they have the power to impact lives (albeit without a professional teacher's license) and they, too, are also purveyors and channels of learning.

Now that we are about to end our three-part series on our goals for 2021, I would like us all to be ready to expand our personal and professional horizons. A tall order it may seem at first, broadening our horizons is easily done in small, sure, and deliberate steps. With constancy and discipline, we could be able to do so without realizing that we are on the sure path to success.

We all have to realize that neither should we be so much in a hurry nor be as complacent as Juan Tamad or any wealthy royal wastrel wanting to while away time with no care in the world. Though we educators (and other specialized professionals as well as the average Joe or Jane) have unwritten yet firmly set standards in terms of achievements, credentials, and career progress, we must remember that we cannot

compare ourselves to our peers or especially our superiors or other fellow professionals. When we compare ourselves to others (and even to our friends), it is like comparing a Toyota Vios or a Honda City to a Land Rover or a Tesla S. Though we have some of our mentors or peers as our benchmarks, we must all remember that competing with ourselves is much better than competing with others, which may lead to regret, frustration, or even animosity.

How, then, should we expand our personal and professional horizons?

Let me share with you eight (8) tips on how we can expand our personal and professional horizons without sacrificing integrity, quality, and substance in our vocation as educators:

1. Reinvent ourselves. If ever we are known as the stiff-lipped, sardonic sage or the tenuous, tension-filled tyro, we must look at ourselves and deep within. It helps that we change for the better and gain confidence without sacrificing humanness and compassion towards the people we serve. We educators need to develop physical agility, emotional flexibility, constant presence of mind, and thick skin so that we are able to become a better version of us teachers. Reinventing ourselves also helps us with our image and our branding without coming across

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all dressed up in the coffin but has nowhere to go!

When Jesus' countrymen turned their backs on a hard teaching about giving his Body and Blood as spiritual food and drink, the Lord said to his apostles, "Do you also want to go?" Peter answered, "Lord, to whom do we go? You have the words of eternal life and we have come to believe in you."

If you live a selfish, worldly and vice-ridden life, you will end up in eternal perdition. As a witty man puts it, "You will party in Hell but you will be the barbecue."

But, providentially, there's hope of salvation, that is, if we REPENT, make reparation, and live a new life in Christ.

LAUGH WITH GOD. A small boy asked a friend why his 80-year-old grandma was always reading the Bible.

He replied: "Because she's cramming for her Final Exam!"

Note: The Bible should not be read only when one is in the "pre-departure area" but must be read constantly as guide to God's Kingdom.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Ans: Samson. He brought the house down.

Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible? A. Moses. Because he broke all 10 Commandments at once. (That is, when he threw down the stone tablet inscribed with the 10 Commandments)

What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds.

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Mayor ABadilla.....(page 1)

on Thursday, January 21.

DepEd district supervisor Jimmy Dorupan lauded the initiative of LGU Banna in printing the learning modules for the local students in this municipality.

In 2020, the local government allocated Php 4 million funds for the said module printing through the joint initiatives of Mayor Abadilla and the Sangguniang Bayan chaired by Municipal Vice Mayor Mary Chrislyn C. Abadilla.

One main concern raised during the said meeting was the assurance by the pupils and students of answering their modules by themselves.

Reports alleged that some parents have been answering their children's modules contrary to the DepEd's policy on blended education amid the pandemic.

LGOO IV Clifford Michael Agbayani informed the attendees that there will be a SGLG evaluation this year leveling up its criteria from 7 to 10.

The three additional

criteria are: Health Compliance and Responsiveness, Programs for Sustainable Education, and Youth Development.

Also present during the meeting was BFP-Banna head Heinrich Gudoy.

Moreover, a public hearing also tackled the prohibition of videoke operation and similar machines in this town during the student online class hours from 7:30 am - 5 pm, from Monday to Sunday.

It was likewise announced that the off-site registration for new voters will be conducted in the different barangays during Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

The schedule will vary upon the agreement of the Punong Barangay and the Comelec.

So far, the barangays of Caribquib, Caestebanan, and Imelda had done their off-site registration.

The new voter's registration is expected to end until September 30, the Comelec said. (LGU-BANNA)

We will.....(page 1)

"We will continue to find solutions to mend our hard-hit economy by recreating all-inclusive programs for various affected demographics that shall rehabilitate our economy."

He further emphasized that these investments will be in harmony with programs for the advancement of Ilocos Norte's agriculture, environment, education, and transportation sectors.

On January 13, Gov. Manotoc in his first press briefing this year told the local media that the Provincial Government, through the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, had approved a resolution authorizing the Governor to enter into a multilateral agreement with AstraZeneca Pharmaceutical Company for the advance purchase of 120,000 doses of AZD1222 vaccine for Ilocos Norte. The initial purchase will

benefit 60,000 targeted individuals.

Moreover, he urged small business owners to avail the Provincial Government's micro-financing assistance program. This initiative aims to provide cost-effective, fast approval financing with minimal requirements, and zero interest rate loans for qualified micro, small, and medium enterprises.

It was first launched in October 2020, to mitigate the economic impacts of COVID-19.

On the other hand, Gov. Marcos Manotoc said that all government-run hospitals in the province are under rehabilitation and improvement, including the Norte's flagship health facility, the Governor Roque B. Ablan Sr. Memorial Hospital.

"As a year of healing, we set our new roadmap and strive towards a brighter and safer future," Gov. Manotoc concluded. (pgin-cmo)

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as dense or superficial.

2. Develop more and more skills. As educators, we need to become versatile and flexible because having only one skill would result in further career agony. Being adept in technology- such as video editing, facilitating online classes, creating animated productions, or developing apps- is a surefire way of guaranteeing that we teachers would remain as relevant and abreast as we aspire to be.

3. Learn more than one language. It has been proven time and again that learning other languages other than our native tongue and English result in increased brain power and decreased risk of degenerative conditions associated with memory and thinking. The beauty of learning other languages, Philippine or international, makes us realize that there are a lot of differences in grammar, context, and tone and a lot of nuances among dialects. To set matters straight for those who confuse languages with dialects, the two terms are vastly different from one another because a language is a separate entity while a dialect is just a variety of

a language. Why don't we learn new languages and, who knows, we could be just as competent as the native speakers and even carve out a new career out of it?

4. Join professional organizations related to our passions. As educators, we all need to belong and be in the know- and know whom we need to know- as we drive on the road to our professional success. The organizations that we intend to join must be those that are credible, trustworthy, stable, and free from politics and bootlicking. There are some organizations that are dubious or, at worst, predatory and exploitative because they prioritize prestige and profit over professionalism and propriety. We must join organizations not to merely snag CPD points or to be in the spotlight but to develop our social, communication, and cognitive skills further.

5. Start side hustles. We cannot always cajole our respective schools, the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), or our respective local government units to raise our salaries annually because they have other

much more pressing matters to attend to. Because we are naturally flexible and adaptable, we educators must learn how to be entrepreneurial not only for survival but also for added skills development. There have been many teachers who have become successful entrepreneurs- such as Merle Alferez, Rosalind Wee, and Myrna "Mommy Negosyo" Tam-Natividad- and have never been more successful in their lives. No one is more responsible for our success than we ourselves.

6. Try applying for other work, especially for those out of work. It is better to be rejected after having tried than to not try at all. Fear must be conquered but without having to be devoured by it or having to pretend to be 500% fearless. If ever we become disheartened over rejection for a position, let us keep on trying. But if we choose the entrepreneurial route, let us be braver and more willing to take risks. As long as we keep on trying, success will be sweeter than honey.

7. Read more. We must not confine ourselves to just reading work-related literature. It is great to read other types of offline

and online literature that would stimulate us, such as research journals, professional magazines, and newspapers. Reading more empowers us because we gain more ideas and are able to become well-rounded.

8. Volunteer for worthy causes in our spare time. It feels great to receive blessings, but it feels much better to give our time, talent, and treasure (even just one is okay as long as it comes from our hearts) to the less-fortunate people in our community. For those who are still jobless, it is better to spend time volunteering than moping and self-pitying. This year, we have no excuse to be self-absorbed and close-minded towards the people around us who have suffered greatly from the effects of the pandemic.

Let us all usher in 2021 fully with open minds and clean hearts!#

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van crashed into them, respectively.

Police authorities said all parties of the 4-wheelers blamed the kurong-kurong driver for causing the accident.

He was rushed to the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Police, once again, reminded all motorists to observe road safety. (IS)

Vintage bomb.....(page 1)

bomb was already there, half-buried at the place and on public display as a mistaken scrap metal decoration since he was still a Grade 5 pupil.

Investigation showed that some construction workers on the roofing of a basketball court tried to remove the bomb from the place when they noticed that its propeller was intact.

Thinking that it was an active explosive, they got scared and reported it to the barangay officials.

Meanwhile, another vintage bomb was also reported on Jan. 23, 2021 after it was discovered by a barangay tanod

in a riverbank at Brgy. Zamboanga, this city.

The discovered vintage bomb was first relayed to the city disaster risk management (CDRRM) and later to the EOD (Explosives Ordnance Disposal) unit of the INPPO, Camp Juan, Laoag City.

Zamboanga Brgy. Chairman Elmer Lorenzo theorized the bomb might have been buried in the aforesaid riverbank by the withdrawing Japanese soldiers during World War II.

It was already the third similar bomb found in the area, the village chieftain said. (jun r. guiang w/ tri-media reports)

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**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:

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

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

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| 1st Offense - | 24 hours |
| 2nd Offense - | 48 hours |
| 3rd Offense - | 120 hours |

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.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Hon. Cecilia Araneta-Marcos
 Vice-Governor
 and Presiding Officer

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 Hon. Medeldorf M. Gaoat
 Member

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| 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:

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

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

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| 1st Offense | - | 24 hours |
| 2nd Offense | - | 48 hours |
| 3rd Offense | - | 120 hours |

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.

APPROVED:

[Signature]
 PROVINCIAL SECRETARY
 ILOCOS NORTE

[Signature]
 PROVINCIAL CLERK
 ILOCOS NORTE

APPROVED: 29 SEP 2020
[Signature]
 MUNICIPAL CLERK
 LAOAG CITY

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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,
Hon. Franklin Dante A. Respicio,	Member,
Hon. James Paul C. Nalupta,	Member,
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Hon. Elmer C. Faylogna,	ABC-IN, Ex-officio Member, &
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 beministerial; 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


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APPROVED: 20 NOV 2020
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