

Republic of the Philippines Province of Sorsogon

CITY OF SORSOGON



Office of the Sangguniang Ranlungsod

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON JUNE 23, 2020.

PRESENT:

HON, MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

BACON DISTRICT

EAST DISTRICT

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda Hon. Hilario D. Dioned Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla

Hon. Joven G. Laura

WEST DISTRICT

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino

Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion

ABSENT:

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon Hon. Erwin J. Duana

Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III

Hon. Danilo A. Deladia – home quarantine

Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo

Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon- on official business

Resolution No. 143, Series of 2020

(Author: Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda)

RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE ACCREDITATION OF ALL PRIMARY TOURISM ENTERPRISES (PTEs) IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON SUCH AS HOTELS, RESORTS, INNS AND OTHER SIMILAR ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS UNDER RA 9593 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE TOURISM ACT OF 2009 AND BE CONSIDERED AS PRIMARY REQUIREMENT IN THE ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS PERMIT OR RENEWAL THEREOF

WHEREAS, the Global Tourism Code recognizes the important dimension and role of tourism as a positive instrument towards the alleviation of poverty and the

improvement of the quality of life of all people while safeguarding the natural environment to satisfy equitably the needs and aspirations of the present and future generations;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act 9593, otherwise known as, the Tourism Act of 2009, provides that, "the State declares tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socioeconomic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment, and to continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos";

WHEREAS, Section 17 of R.A. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, grants to local government units, such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities, as are necessary, appropriate or incidental to efficient and effective provision of tourism facilities and other tourist attractions, including the acquisition of equipment, regulation and supervision of business concessions and security services for such facilities;

WHEREAS, it is hereby the declared policy of the City Government of Sorsogon to pursue a tourism development, that is, sustainable, transparent, inclusive and does not exploit, in any form any person regardless of age, sex, religion and status in life, as the city possesses natural, cultural, historical, man-made and special interests tourists' attractions;

WHEREAS, in its primordial concern to make the city a prime destination for both local and foreign tourists, the adoption of the New Sorsogon City Tourism Code could pave the way for the realization of a sustainable tourism development within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon.** Jo Abegail C. Dioneda, duly seconded by **Hon.** Lorenz S. Abenion, resolved as it is hereby resolve to require the accreditation of all Primary Tourism Enterprises (PTEs) in the City of Sorsogon such as hotels, resorts, inns and other similar accommodation establishments before the Department of Tourism in compliance with the provisions under RA 9593 otherwise known as the Tourism Act of 2009 and be considered as primary requirement in the issuance of business permit or renewal thereof.

DATE APPROVED: June 23, 2020

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

DAN G. ALCALA

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:

MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer