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CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that at the special session duly constituted of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Province of Pangasinan, held on December 17, 2020 at Lingayen, Pangasinan, the following provincial ordinance was approved:

Authored by SP Member Margielou Orange D. Humilde-Verzosa

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 254-2020

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE REOPENING OF TOURISM IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 pandemic has been greatly felt by all sectors of society including tourism industry;

WHEREAS, tourism which also plays a significant factor in strengthening the economy has suffered during the period of travel restrictions and lockdowns;

WHEREAS, Pangasinan is endowed with variety of tourist attractions but it is important to curb the spread of Covid-19 while at the same time managing the reopening of the tourism industry and the recovery of the economy in the Province;

WHEREAS, it is necessary therefore for the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to set adequate health and safety protocols to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 for the reopening of tourism in the Province;

WHEREAS, Section 17 (a) (3) (xii) of RA 7160 provides that the Sanggunian shall approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of basic services and facilities towards tourism development and promotion programs;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Margielou Orange D. Humilde-Verzosa, duly seconded, it was –

Be it enacted by the Province of Pangasinan in session assembled:

Section 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE REOPENING OF TOURISM IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN AMID COVID-19 PANDEMIC”;

Section 2. THE PANGASINAN TOURISM RECOVERY COMMITTEE. The Provincial Tourism Recovery Committee shall continually convene to review and monitor policies, protocols, and guidelines and to recommend appropriate measures and programs to ensure a safe and responsible tourism in Pangasinan. Composition is as follows:



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Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

1. **Ridge and Reef Travel Corridor** - a tourism green lane where safe and seamless travel is provided with unified guidelines and protocols composed of the LGUs of Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, and Baguio City.
2. **Intra-Corridor Travel** - The first phase of reopening for tourism within the Ridge and Reef Travel Corridor, with restricted travel for leisure purposes, shall be within the member LGUs and their identified tourist destinations.
3. **Expanded Travel Corridor** – The second phase of reopening for tourism that includes new provinces or regions as tourist generating areas. The inclusion of new tourist generators is subject to relevant guidelines and assessment by members of the Ridge and Reef Travel Corridor. New destinations and tour programs may be introduced.
4. **Sub-National Inter-travel** – The third phase of reopening for tourism that includes inter-island travel with international airports as gateway to tourists. New destinations and tour programs may be introduced.
5. **Tourist generators** – Provinces or cities that allow leisure travel and provide guidelines and protocols that are similar to those imposed by tourist destinations within the travel corridor.



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6. **COVID-19 Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)** – is a real-time reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction test for the qualitative detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2 in upper and lower respiratory specimens (such as nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs, sputum, lower respiratory tract aspirates, bronchoalveolar lavage, and nasopharyngeal wash/aspirate) collected from individuals suspected of COVID 19 by their healthcare provider (HCP), as well as upper respiratory specimens (such as nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs, nasal swabs, or mid-turbinate swabs) collected from any individual, including from individuals without symptoms or other reasons to suspect COVID-19 infection (www.fda.gov LabCorp COVID-19 RT – PCR test EUA Summary-7/24/2020).
7. **Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT)** – is a test to detect the presence of viral proteins (antigens) expressed by the COVID-19 virus in a sample from the respiratory tract of a person. (www.who.int 4/8/2020).
8. **Online Visitor Registration System (OVR)** – a computer system used to upload tourist information needed for visitor management and contact tracing.
9. **QR-coded Tourist Pass (QTP)** – A machine readable code consisting of black and white squares, used to store information of tourists for reading by a smartphone or a scanner. The information stored is used exclusively for contact tracing.

Section 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF RIDGE AND REEF TRAVEL CORRIDOR. The Ridge and Reef Travel Corridor shall cover the following areas: City of Baguio and the Provinces of La Union, Pangasinan, Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte.

Section 5. GUIDELINES FOR PANGASINAN RESIDENTS:

- A. **Residents of Pangasinan Traveling within the Province for Leisure.** Residents of Pangasinan are allowed to visit public parks, spaces and tourist attractions for leisure purposes while following minimum health standards, subject however, to various local impositions and restrictions including health and safety protocols set by the LGU destination.

Persons below fifteen (15) years old, or those who are over sixty-five years of age shall not be allowed to travel. The following persons shall also be prohibited from tourist travel:

1. Pregnant women;
2. Persons with existing high-risk health conditions and co-morbidities;
3. Minors who have medical complexity, neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions, or who have congenital disease/s.



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Traveling Pangasinan residents shall be required to present the following during their visit to a local destination:

1. Valid ID (as proof of identity, residency and age)
2. Medical Certificate Issued by the RHU point of origin
3. Approval of Travel Registration from the Online Visitor Registration System (OVRS)

B. Residents of Pangasinan Traveling outside the Province (thru Ridge and Reef Travel Corridor) for Tourism

1. The resident-tourist can travel out of the province, but only within the areas covered by the Ridge and Reef Travel Corridor, on the dates indicated in the itinerary issued by a DOT-accredited tour operator or a booking with an accredited accommodation establishment.
2. The resident-tourist must present all pertinent details and documents and thereafter, be given a Tourist Return Pass (TRP) by his/her LGU Tourism Officer. Upon return, the TRP must be presented to the border officer for checking and verification purposes.
3. If the resident-tourist travels outside the province beyond 3-days or 72 hours, coming from high-risk areas, he/she must, upon returning to his/her place of residence, undergo an RT-PCR test at an accredited Testing Center and for those coming from low-risk areas, he/she must undergo at least ten (10) days or maximum of fourteen (14) days home quarantine upon his/her return.
4. The resident-tourist must strictly limit movement to essential travel while waiting for result.

Section 6. GUIDELINES FOR TOURISTS.

A. Tourists Allowed. For Phase 1 of the travel corridor, only residents of the provinces of La Union, Ilocos Sur, and Ilocos Norte, and the City of Baguio shall be allowed to travel to Pangasinan except:

1. Persons below fifteen (15) years old, or those who are over sixty-five years of age;
2. Pregnant women;
3. Persons with existing high-risk health conditions and comorbidities;
4. Minors who have medical complexity, neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions, or who have congenital heart disease;
5. Tourists from outside Region 1 and Baguio City (until the travel corridor shall be expanded during Phase 2 and 3);
6. Tourists from MECQ and ECQ areas within or outside Region 1.



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B. Travel Requirements.

1. Notice of Approved Registration from the galikayo.com temporary Online Visitor Registration System (OVRs);
2. Negative RT-PCR Test (issued 48 hours prior to arrival if staying for 3 or more days, or 72 hours prior to arrival if staying for 1-2 days only);
3. Medical Certificate issued 2-3 days prior to arrival from City/Municipal Health Office of point of origin;
4. Confirmed Booking or Tour Itinerary from Hotel/Accommodation Establishment or Tour Operator
5. Travel Authority from PNP
6. Valid ID (as proof of identity, residency and age)

C. Protocols to be Strictly Followed.

1. Before Travel

- a. A tourist must undergo RT-PCR Test within the last 48 hours prior to arrival if staying for 3 or more days in Pangasinan, or within the last 72 hours prior to arrival if staying for 1-2 days.
- b. Arrange travel with DOT-accredited, PTCAO-certified tour operator or travel agents, confirming pre-arranged transportation (if not using private vehicle), itinerary and accommodation. The tourism service provider must be a DOT-accredited establishment and possesses the necessary Certificate of Authority to Operate (CAO) or a Provisional Certificate of Authority to Operate (PCAO) by concerned agencies and the necessary permits issued by the LGU host destination.

If intended travel is strictly for hotel/resort staycation, tourist/s may book directly with accommodation establishments. However, visits to open tourist sites within the LGU host destination must be arranged with a DOT-accredited and/or PTCAO-certified tour operator or tour guide.

- c. Register to the galikayo.com temporary Online Visitor Registration System (OVRs). Each traveler, of any age, must have an individual visitor registry.
- d. An approval of registration shall be sent thru text and/or email. Save proof of approval for presentation to entry points.



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2. During Travel

- a. The tourist must have his/her documents, together with the approved registration notice.
- b. Tourists can only use pre-determined safe pit stops along the travel corridor for purposes of stopovers for eating and personal necessities. No side-trips or stop-overs will be allowed in areas not listed as safe pit stops, which must be a DOT-accredited or a PTCAO-certified establishment.
- c. Health protocols shall be conducted in every pit stop, such as temperature check and the filling up of the establishment's Health Declaration Form (HDF).

3. Upon Arrival

- a. Present Notice of Approved Registration and documents at the borders and at the Tourist One Stop Shop (TOSS) or LGU-designated areas.
- b. Upon clearance from the TOSS or the LGU Tourism Officer, tourist/s can immediately proceed to their pre-booked hotel/accommodation facility.

4. Upon Check-in

- a. Present Clearance from LGU Tourism Office to the accommodation front desk for check-in and whenever tourist goes in and out of the facility;
- b. Regular temperature check, other sanitation protocols and mandated SOPs for accommodation establishments shall be done and complied with whenever coming back from tourism establishments and tourist sites;
- c. Tourists will not be allowed to leave their accommodation establishment without their assigned tour guide or tour operator.

5. During Tours

- a. Tourists must log in and out of tourism establishments and tourist sites for contact tracing purposes. Health protocols such as temperature check and wearing of face masks and face shields shall be required.
- b. Tourists on staycation are only allowed within the premises of the hotel/resort and can only go out when arranged by a DOT-accredited tour operator or tour guide.



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- c. For transfers from a tourist attraction to an accommodation establishment and vice versa within an LGU, tricycles may be used but must be supervised and regulated by the LGU through the Tourism Office, ensuring safety and compliance to existing regulations on public transport. The LGU Tourism Office must formulate local guidelines and maintain an inventory of tricycles for this purpose, to be submitted to PTCAO for information and reference.

6. Exit and Transition to Next Province/City Destination

- a. Exiting tourist must log out at the TOSS or at the LGU-designated area.
- b. Temperature of tourists will be checked and recorded.
- c. Tourists exhibiting symptoms will be subjected to health protocols.

7. Protocols for Critical Health Care

- a. Re-tests using RT-PCR shall be required when the following occurs:
 - i. When tourist starts to manifest symptoms for COVID-19.
 - ii. When tourist deviates from the itinerary without coordination and/or cannot be contacted by tour operator or tour guide.
- b. If the test result turns out to be positive for the above circumstances, patient is turned over to host city/town health care officials who shall advise and recommend health management procedures depending on official diagnosis.
- c. Tourists shall cover the expenses arising from these necessary additional health protocol requirements.

8. During Re-entry to Hometown or Home Province

- a. Re-entries to point of origin or home province or town shall be subjected to the LGU's existing prescribed protocols and requirements such as mandated testing or mandated home quarantine.
- b. No LGU shall deny their own returning residents of re-entry when entering as positive with COVID-19. Proper health care management shall be provided by the local health care officials.



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Section 7. GUIDELINES FOR TOURISM ESTABLISHMENTS

A. Accommodation Establishments

1. Accommodation Establishments shall comply with DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2020-002-A: AMENDED HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE NEW NORMAL and Provincial EO No. 0059-2020: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN PANGASINAN. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation and suspension of DOT-CAO/PCAO.
2. Accommodation establishments shall ensure that during their guest's check-in, the guest's profile in the OVRS is updated to have gone through the TOSS. Subsequently, the guest is checked-in/out every entry/exit.

B. Restaurants

1. Restaurants and food establishments shall comply with the DOT Memorandum Circular No. 2020-004: GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE OPERATIONS OF DOT-ACCREDITED RESTAURANTS and Provincial EO No. 0059-2020: SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR THE MODIFIED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MGCQ) IN PANGASINAN. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation of business permit.
2. Restaurants and food establishments shall ensure that guest/s is/are checked-in/out every entry/exit.

C. Tourist Shops

1. Visits to public markets, shopping malls, and other crowded areas are discouraged to tourists. Tour operators, tour guides or the accommodation establishment representatives may assist in the purchase of local products, other goods and souvenirs.
2. Tourist shops shall comply with DOT, DTI and DOH issuances.
3. Tourist and souvenir shops shall ensure that guests are digitally checked-in/out every entry/exit.



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Section 8. GUIDELINES FOR TOURIST SITES

Public spaces such as parks, beaches, resorts and the like are open, subject to appropriate health protocols, carrying capacity and crowd control by their respective LGUs and/or operators/managers.

1. Beaches and Island Destinations (DOT AOs No. 2020-004 and 2020-007)
2. Nature and Farm Tourism Sites
3. Heritage, Culture and Arts Sites
4. Weddings and Small Events Destinations (DOT AO 2020-003)
5. Public Spaces
6. Pit stops

Section 9. GUIDELINES FOR TOUR OPERATORS AND TOUR GUIDES

1. Tour operators, travel agents, tour guides, and driver-guides shall conform and comply with basic ethical and professional standards set forth in their DOT accreditation with utmost hospitality standards when providing services to travelers. Non-compliance shall be grounds for revocation and suspension of accreditation and/or business license.
2. Tour guides and driver-guides shall serve as safety officers for guests, thus will have the responsibility to ensure that reminders and alerts on required safety protocols are aptly and timely given to guests.
3. Tour guides and driver-guides must undergo rapid diagnostic testing and present a negative result prior to deployment or once a week at least for active guides. It is strongly advised that a cycle of 4-day work and 10-day quarantine, be observed. In no case that a tour guide shall be deployed if manifesting COVID-19 symptoms.

Section 10. GUIDELINES FOR PROVINCIAL AND OTHER LGU TOSS

1. Tourist One Stop Shops or other LGU-designated areas and facilities shall comply with DOH-approved health protocol and sanitation standards.
2. TOSS attendants, security personnel and other frontline service providers must ensure utmost hospitality standards and due courtesy when dealing with guests.
3. TOSS and other facilities must have appropriate and easily readable signages, markers and reminders for guests and visitors.
4. An adequate space for parking and comfortable waiting areas must be provided.



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Section 11. GUIDELINES FOR TOWNS/CITIES

A. Readiness Criteria. Destination Towns/Cities must ensure at all times that provisions for readiness are adequate. The following are the basic readiness factors:

1. Functional **OVR**S
2. Operational **TOSS**
3. **TOE**s and **TRE**s DOT Accreditation and Compliance
4. DOT/PTCAO-approved Tour Programs and Packages
5. Efficient Border/Site Management System
6. Sufficient Information and Educational Campaign

B. Health Care Capacity must be adequate, following the criteria set by IATF and DOH:

1. Presence of Epidemiology and Surveillance Officer
2. Adequate Contact Tracing Personnel
3. Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams
4. Testing Laboratory Trained Testing Staff
5. Functionalization of Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit
6. Temporary Treatment and Monitoring Facility (TTMF)
7. Isolation Beds in the TTMF's
8. Ambulatory Transport Mechanism and Emergency Response Capacity
9. Transport Vehicle for COVID-19 Specimen
10. Funeral Home for COVID-19 Deaths

Section 12. SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

1. Local government units shall determine the carrying capacity of each destination and strictly implement the necessary regulations or other concrete measures. Likewise, adherence to the principles of responsible and sustainable tourism must also be ensured in public and private spaces and establishments.
2. Efficient waste management systems in tourist sites and related facilities, public spaces and the general community must also be ensured by the host local government unit.

Section 13. MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS. Branding requirements for marketing and promotions of the entire Ridge and Reef Travel Corridor program, projects and activities shall comply with approved design and specifications by RnR TC Technical Working Group.



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Section 14. TEMPORARY EXCLUSION OF DESTINATIONS. A particular destination town/city or specific tourist attraction may be temporarily excluded for the following reasons:

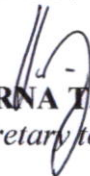
1. Destination is deemed not ready by the local government and DOT Regional Office as assessed using set readiness criteria.
2. Destination town/city experiences spike in COVID-19 positive cases to a high-risk level or localized outbreak as confirmed by the local government unit, Provincial IATF, IATF-EID or DOH Regional Office.

Section 15. PENALTIES. Component LGUs are encouraged to enact measures that shall enforce the guidelines in this Ordinance, with penalties for violations thereof.

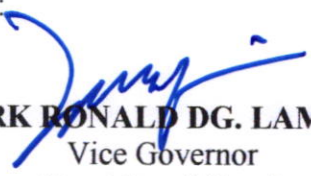
Section 16. REPEALING CLAUSE. All provisions of local ordinances, orders, and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 17. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and automatically ceases until further revoked.

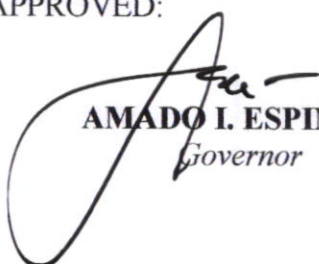
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