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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 6TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MALAY, AKLAN (2013-2016) HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL, POBLACION, MALAY, AKLAN ON FEBRUARY 25, 2014.

Present:

- Hon. Wilbec M. Gelito, Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
- SB Member Natalie C. Paderes
- SB Member Jupiter Aelred G. Gallenero
- SB Member Rowen T. Aguirre
- SB Member Frolibar S. Bautista
- SB Member Danilo G. Delos Santos
- SB Member Manuel S. Delos Reyes

Absent:

- SB Member Leal B. Gelito (OB)
- SB Member Paterno S. Sacapaño Jr.
- SB Member Abram L. Sualog, Liga President (OB)

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 330
Series of 2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 314, SERIES OF 2012 (AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF REEFWALKER OR HELMET DIVING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MALAY, DESIGNATING AN AREA OF OPERATION AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.)

SECTION 1. **RATIONALE.** Tourism plays a primordial role to a sustainable economic subsistence. It is essentially our commitment to conserve and preserve the environment, protect the welfare of our people and uphold the mandate of the law. This legislative act is formulated to further regulate helmet diving activity in the Island of Boracay to safeguard those who enjoy the world's premier tourist destination.

SECTION 2. **AMENDMENT.** Section 2 of Municipal Ordinance No. 314, Series of 2012 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Declaration of Policy/Guidelines, Requirements for Diving Platform. It shall be mandatory for every reefwalker/helmet diving operator to strictly follow these guidelines."

- a. There shall be only one common platform to be used exclusively by the reefwalker/helmet diving operators with license to operate. The common platform shall be positioned in the diving area identified by the Local Government Unit.
- b. Only members of LGU-accredited reefwalker/helmet diving association can moor or anchor in the common platform. Any reefwalker/helmet diving operator applying for a permit/license to operate or the renewal thereof must secure an endorsement from the LGU-accredited association.

- c. The helmet diving platform must be equipped with a fire extinguisher, first aid kit, ring buoy, life jacket, 2-way radio, extra oxygen set and trash can.
- d. The helmet diving platform must publish or post a set of safe diving procedures, emergency, evacuation, and rescue procedures. The safe diving procedures must be kept at the dive site, readily available to all.
- e. Serving of foods and drinks to the guests in the diving platform is strictly prohibited. Every helmet diving operator is enjoined to maintain cleanliness at all times.
- f. The time allowed for the operation of reefwalker/helmet diving is from sunrise to sunset only. Diving outside the allowed time is strictly prohibited."

SECTION 3. **DATE OF EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and proper publication.

ENACTED. JANUARY 14, 2014.

APPROVED. FEBRUARY 25, 2014.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the afore-quoted Municipal Ordinance.


CONCORDIA S. ALCANTARA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


WILBEC M. GELITO
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


JOHN P. YAP
Municipal Mayor

APPROVED. SP RESOLUTION NO. 099, 2. 2014, dtd. 5-21-14