MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 188
Series of 2003

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN BORACAY TO CONNECT WITH THE EXISTING SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

(EXPLANATORY NOTE:) The increase in the number of business establishments and households in Boracay imposes a great burden to our environment. Glaring among these burdens is the contamination of the pristine waters of Boracay, both sea and fresh water, due to the seepage of septic tanks most of which are substandard. With the available sewerage system put into place by the Philippine Tourism Authority, this Body finds it compelling to formulate this ordinance mandating the compulsory connection of business establishments and households to the aforesaid system.

SECTION 1. - Mandatory Connection for Water Waste Disposal to the Sewerage System. The following are required to make a water waste disposal connection with the existing sewerage system of Philippine Tourism Authority within sixty (60) days from effectivity of this ordinance:

a) All commercial buildings, property line and/or facilities within sixty-one (61) meters of any existing pipelines like resorts, hotels, bars and restaurants, lodging houses, dive shops and aqua sports operating within Boracay Island.

b) All residential and institutional buildings and/or structures within sixty-one (61) meters of the existing sewer pipelines, in accordance with Plumbing Code of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. - Denial of Connection. The following shall be denied sewerage connection:

a) All commercial, residential and institutional buildings outside the sixty-one (61) meters. It is mandatory however that the aforementioned structures shall maintain their own sewerage system in accordance with the structural and sanitation standards set by pertinent ordinance and policies and regulations formulated by the Municipal Engineer’s Office and the Municipal Health Office.

b) Laundry shops and other related establishments within sixty-one (61) meters using corrosive chemical substance unless provisions of Section 811 of the National Plumbing Code of the Philippines are complied.

c) Restaurants, cafes, lunch counter, cafeterias, bars and clubs or other establishments where grease may be introduced into the sewer system within sixty-one (61) meters and with existing grease traps.

SECTION 3. - Non-issuance/Cancellation of Business Permit. Failure of the owner or operator of any building and/or facilities to comply with this ordinance within the prescribed period shall be a ground for non-issuance or revocation thereof, as the case maybe, without prejudice to other penalties and sanctions as maybe imposed by other laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
SECTION 4. - FORMULATION OF IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Municipal Engineer’s Office is hereby mandated to formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this ordinance within 15 days from effectivity.

SECTION 5. - PENALTY. Failure to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall be fined TWO THOUSAND PESOS (₱2,000.00), cancellation or denial of business permit, as the case maybe, and/or imprisonment of not less than one (1) day but in no case more than six (6) months depending upon the discretion of the court.

SECTION 6. - EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval and proper publication.


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