



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CY 2025 – 13th REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN TIGBAUAN, ILOILO HELD AT THE S.B. SESSION HALL, TIGBAUAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON MARCH 26, 2025 AT 9:50 IN THE MORNING

PRESENT:

HON. LUGEN T. ORTILANO,	-	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
HON. ADRIAN S. CAMPOSAGRADO	-	SB Member & Temp. Presiding Officer
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HON. JOEL L. SAYSON	-	SB Member
HON. ANA ROWENA A. PERERA	-	SB Member
HON. GAYLORD T. TRASPORTO	-	Liga President
HON. FLORENCE JOY V. CABALONGA	-	SKMF President

ABSENT: NONE

Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-002

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION, PRESERVATION, REFORESTATION, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MANGROVE FORESTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Moved by: HON. ANA ROWENA PERERA, Vice Chairperson, Committee on Environmental Protection, Housing, Land Utilization, Zonification, Assessment & Expropriation and Member, Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction & Management & Science & Technology);

Sponsored by: Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction & Management & Science and Technology
Chairman: Hon. Adrian S. Camposagrado
Vice Chairman: Hon. Jerry T. Tuares
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Chairman: Hon. Neri T. Camiña
Vice Chairman: Hon. Ana Rowena Arias-Perera
Members: Hon. Reynaldo E. Tumabotabo, Hon. Julius T. Ledesma and Hon. Norberto T. Turalba

Seconded by: Hon. Neri T. Camiña, Hon. Reynaldo E. Tumabotabo, Hon. Julius T. Ledesma, Hon. Norberto T. Turalba, Hon. Jerry T. Tuares, Hon. Joel L. Sayson, Hon. Gaylord Traspoto and Hon. Florence Joy V. Cabalonga

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the **Mangrove Forest Ordinance of Tigbauan.**

SECTION 2. COVERAGE – This ordinance shall cover all coastal barangays in the Municipality of Tigbauan.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES –

3.1. To provide for the rehabilitation, preservation, reforestation, and sustainable development of Mangrove Forests in the Municipality of Tigbauan:

- 3.2. To profile all mangrove forest areas in the Municipality of Tigbauan;
- 3.3. To establish and declare Mangrove Forest Protected Areas (MPA) in the municipality of Tigbauan to ensure sustainable development and for the protection of mangrove forests for the preservation of life of the present and future generations;
- 3.4. To encourage all residents, especially those living in the coastal barangays to develop and maintain mangrove forests for their protection against storm surges and other calamities;

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS – The following terms are being defined for the purpose of this ordinance:

- A. **“Aquatic Pollution”** - refers to the introduction by humans or machines, directly or indirectly, of substances to the aquatic environment that result or are likely to result in such deleterious effects as to harm living and non-living aquatic resources, pose potential and/or real hazard to human health, hindrance to aquatic activities such as fishing and navigation, including dumping/disposal of waste, noxious or harmful liquid, gaseous or solid substances, from other human-made activities.
- B. **“Mangroves”** - shall refer to specific species of trees and shrubs that have adapted to live in salty, coastal environments, particularly in the intertidal zone (the area between high and low tide).
- C. **“Mangrove Forest”** - refers to ecosystems dominated by mangrove trees and shrubs, along with other plants and animals that live in the intertidal zone.
- D. **“Mangrove Forest Protected Area”** - refers to a designated area where mangrove ecosystems and crucial coastal habitats are actively conserved and protected to maintain their ecological integrity and the benefits they provide.
- E. **“Reforestation”** - shall refer to the planting of mangrove trees along the denuded coastal areas.
- F. **“Squatting”** - refers to an act of occupying an unoccupied area of land, usually for residential or other purposes that the squatter does not own, rent, or otherwise have lawful permission to use.

SECTION 5. MANGROVE FOREST PROTECTED AREA – The Local Government Unit of Tigbauan, through the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office shall profile and create a list of all Mangrove Forest areas in the Municipality of Tigbauan to be updated annually. These areas shall automatically be declared Mangrove Forest Protected Areas under this ordinance. Upon declaration, these valuable ecosystems shall be protected and safeguarded from threats like deforestation, pollution, and unsustainable development.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED ACTS – It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following acts, to wit:

- A. Cutting, gathering, burning, or destroying mangroves, trees, and other forms of vegetation naturally growing on established Mangrove Forest Protected Areas;
- B. Dumping or emptying solid and liquid wastes into the Mangrove Forest Protected Area, feeder rivers and streams causing aquatic pollution;
- C. **Squatting on beach forest and its reserves without expressed or implied permission from LGU after the approval of this ordinance;**
- D. Gathering of sand, gravel, and other aggregates;
- E. Intentional and unintentional destruction of planted trees, including those done by stray animals.

SECTION 7. REGULATED USES OF MANGROVE FOREST PROTECTED AREA –

- A. People in the coastal barangays occupying public lands are allowed to temporarily maintain their residence if already existing upon the approval of this ordinance, provided that they shall be organized to help and cooperate in the implementation of this ordinance. Existing squatters shall be given a period of thirty days (30) days from the date of approval of this ordinance to get involved in the implementation of the ordinance. Violation may be a ground for the revocation of the expressed or implied consent for squatting.

- B. Existing beach resorts may be allowed to continue with their operations, provided that they shall help in the conservation of mangroves, trees, and other forms of vegetation in the area;
- C. Preferential use of the area shall be given to fisherfolks associations to encourage fishing activities for livelihood, protection, and conservation of natural resources;
- D. The establishment of eco-parks shall be encouraged for tourism and livelihood, provided that conservation, development and cleanliness and sanitation shall be observed;
- E. Activities for educational, research, and scientific purposes shall be encouraged at all times.

SECTION 7. PROMOTION OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MANGROVE FOREST PROTECTED AREA – All coastal barangays in the Municipality of Tigbauan shall be required to preserve and maintain the established Mangrove Forest Protection Area within their territorial jurisdiction, in the following manner:

- A. Maintain a local seedling/planting material production facility for mangrove species. Small, backyard nurseries shall be established to enable communities to produce sufficient numbers of healthy mangrove seedlings for planting;
- B. Encourage and motivate all stakeholders to support and engage in the conservation of mangrove forests and plantations;
- C. Protective structures, including breakwaters and barriers, may be constructed in areas with strong wave action and are highly prone to erosion;
- D. Assisted regeneration of mangroves through active planting of seedlings shall be required in areas of extensive historic clearing and destruction with highly dependent communities vulnerable to typhoons and low food security;
- E. Fences and signage shall be erected to help protect young trees from boat traffic, fishing and gleaning activities, and domestic and wild animals;
- F. Partnerships with local government, schools and technical support and specialist groups shall be encouraged to enhance the scale and scope of mangrove rehabilitation;
- G. Engagement, mobilization, and training shall be conducted to empower local communities in mangrove rehabilitation projects.
- H. Counterpart funding shall be encouraged from communities and partner organizations, to maximize resources and underpin the collaborative approach to rehabilitation projects
- I. Restoration of protective and productive greenbelts shall be seen as a means of securing better livelihoods for coastal communities through increased resilience against natural disasters and higher fisheries productivity.
- J. Mangrove Eco-parks may be established to protect mangroves, provide a means of income and pride to local communities, and serve as powerful educational and awareness-raising tools.

SECTION 8. TIGBAUAN MANGROVE DAY – The Local Government Unit and Barangay Councils shall celebrate the Tigbauan Mangrove Day on July 26 of every year in accordance with World Mangrove Day. Different activities such as, but not limited to, lectures, clean-up drives, and tree-growing activities shall be dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of mangrove ecosystems and promoting their sustainable management, conservation, and use.

SECTION 9. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT SHALL ENSURE THE ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING OF THIS ORDINANCE –

- A. Upon implementation of this ordinance, the LGU of Tigbauan shall support the communities for the successful implementation of community-based mangrove and beach forest rehabilitation projects;
- B. Conduct/sponsor free seminars and training for the production of seedlings and other planting materials;
- C. Give recognition and/or commendation to individuals, associations, and business establishments that have helped in the promotion and observance of this ordinance;

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this ordinance, the necessary rules and regulations shall be issued by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office for the proper and effective implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS FOR BUSINESS PARTNERS –

11.1. Any individual who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall pay an administrative fine of:

First offense:	Php 500.00
Second offense:	Php 1,000.00
Third offense:	Php 2,500.00

11.2. Any private associations, aggrupation, or corporations which shall violate any of the prohibited acts stated above shall be imposed a fine of:

First offense:	Php 1,000.00
Second offense:	Php 2,000.00
Third Offense:	Php 2,500.00

SECTION 12. ENFORCEMENT –

12.1. The **Tigbauan Mangrove Forest Management Council** shall be created. It shall be composed of the Municipal Mayor, the MENRO, the Liga ng mga Barangays, the Association of Barangay Kagawads on Environment, and representatives from the Tigbauan People's Council.

12.2. The **Special Task Force on BANTAY KALIKASAN**, as created by an Executive Order of the Municipal Mayor, shall be given an additional task of enforcement and monitoring of this ordinance.

12.3. **Barangay Bantay Kalikasan** shall be established in all barangays to include the Barangay Kagawad on Environmental Protection, Environmental Youth Icons, Volunteers and other associations.

12.4. A **Barangay Mangrove Forest Association** shall be organized to be composed of residents living within the declared Mangrove Forest Protected Area before the approval of this ordinance. They shall lead the implementation of this ordinance.

12.5. Thirty (30) percent of the collected fines shall be released to the barangay concerned, another thirty (30) percent to the Bantay Kalikasan as incentives for the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION. The Local Government Unit through the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office shall identify the annual budget necessary or incidental to the implementation of this ordinance subject to the availability of funds and usual budgeting, accounting and auditing rules. It shall be included in its Annual Investment Program and the Office's Annual Budget.

The Barangay Councils are also hereby mandated to include in their annual barangay budgets the necessary or incidental fund for the implementation of this ordinance subject to the availability of funds and usual budgeting, accounting and auditing rules.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any ordinance, rule or regulation, or executive order which may be inconsistent herewith is hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held or declared to be invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in effect.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect on the day following its approval and publication, upon compliance with the requirements of the Local Government Code of 1991.

APPROVED. March 26, 2025.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

MARLENE TAYO-NAVA
S.B. Secretary

ATTESTED:

ADRIAN S. CAMPOSAGRADO
SB Member & Temp. Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

ATTY. VIRGILIO T. TERUEL
Municipal Mayor

(Date signed)

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