



Republic of the Philippines
 PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
 City of Tuguegarao
 NINTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 76th REGULAR SESSION OF THE NINTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2024, (TUESDAY), 9:00 A.M., AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	-do-
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	-do-
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Jude T. Bayona	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes	-do-
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	-do-
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	-do-
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	-do-
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
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CITY RESOLUTION NO. 78-09-2024

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF MANDATORY ACCREDITATION OF PRIMARY TOURISM ENTERPRISES AND VOLUNTARY ACCREDITATION OF THOSE IDENTIFIED UNDER THE SECONDARY CATEGORY

Sponsors:	Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan
	Hon. Tirso V. Mangada
	Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano
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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the Tourism Act of 2009 titled “An Act declaring a national policy for tourism as an engine of investment, employment, growth and national development, and strengthening the Department of Tourism and its attached agencies to effectively and efficiently implement that policy,” was approved last May 12, 2009;

WHEREAS, in compliance to Section 17 (4), in relation to (2) (xi) of R.A. No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, that grants local government units the power to deliver and/or regulate basic services and facilities including primary and secondary tourism enterprises, the Department of Tourism has devolved its licensing regulatory powers over the operations and maintenance of aforesaid establishments;

WHEREAS, the regulation of Tourism enterprises by local government units are still governed by the Tourism Code of 1980, with its related implementing rules and regulations even if they have subsequently been revised in 1992 for accommodations and tourism related establishments or secondary tourism enterprises, 1995 for travel and tour agencies, and 2000 for frontline and transport services;

WHEREAS, Section 14 (C) in subchapter II-A of RA 9593 instructs the Office of Tourism Standards and Regulations to develop and enforce a comprehensive system of mandatory accreditation of primary tourism enterprises and voluntary accreditation of secondary tourism enterprises in accordance with prescribed guidelines and standards;

WHEREAS, the following is the list of Primary and Secondary Tourism Enterprises:

PRIMARY TOURISM ENTERPRISES

- 1. Accommodation Establishments**
 - a. Hotels
 - b. Resorts
 - c. Apartment Hotels
 - d. Mabuhay Accommodations (tourist inns, motels, pension houses and bed and breakfast, among others)
 - e. Homestays
- 2. Travel and Tour Services**
 - a. Travel and Tour Agencies
 - b. Travel Agencies
 - c. Tour Operators
- 3. Tourist Transport Operators**
 - a. Tourist Land Transport Operators
 - b. Tourist Water Transport Operators
 - c. Tourist Air Transport Operators
 - d. Motorized Bancas
- 4. Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE)**
 - a. MICE Organizers
 - b. MICE Facilities/Venues
- 5. Adventures/Sports and Ecotourism Facilities**
- 6. Tourism Frontliner**
 - a. Tour Guides

SECONDARY TOURISM ENTERPRISES

- 1. Tourism-Related Enterprises**
 - a. Restaurants
 - b. Tourism Training Centers
 - c. Target Shooting Ranges
 - d. Department Stores/Shopping Malls/Tourist Shops/Specialty Shops
 - e. Farm Tourism Camps
 - f. Galleries/Museums
 - g. Tourism Entertainment Complexes
 - h. Tourism Recreation Centers
 - i. Zoos
 - j. Rest Areas/Restrooms
 - k. Surfing Camps
- 2. Health and Wellness Services**
 - a. Ambulatory Clinics
 - b. Spas
 - c. Tertiary Hospitals
- 3. Tourism Frontliner**
 - a. Tourism Trainers
 - b. Surfing Instructors

WHEREAS, local government units, private section industries and other tourism stakeholder will be consulted by the Department of Tourism (DOT) in the formulation and promulgation of the new rules



and regulations governing the operation and activities of all tourism enterprises including, but not limited to, a national standard for licensing accreditation and classification of tourism enterprises, prescribing therein minimum levels of operating quality and efficiency for their operation in accordance with recognized international standards, imposing reasonable penalties for violation of accreditation policies;

WHEREAS, the DOT shall conduct regular training and continuing education to enhance the capability of LGUs and their tourism officers in partnership with the private sector to properly implement the regulatory provisions of Tourism Act of 2009;

WHEREAS, DILG issued MC No. 2019-17 reiterating Republic Act No. 9593 or the “Tourism Act of 2009,” Rule 8, Chapter 1, Section 122 Accreditation which states that LGUs have to ensure that all PTEs have complied with and have obtained DOT accreditation before operations;

WHEREAS, the DOT issued Accreditation Guidance No. 2023-004 for the Clarificatory Guidelines on the Imposition of Mandatory Accreditation Prior to Issuance of Business Permits wherein for the newly established PTEs, the prerequisite for accreditation by the DOT is the license or permit to operate while for the existing PTEs, the pre-requisite for the license or permit to operate from the LGU is the accreditation by the DOT;

WHEREAS, LGUs have the power to ensure the efficient delivery of services and enforce standards for the operation and maintenance of tourism enterprises following the DOTs prescribed minimum level of quality and efficiency consistent with local and international standards;

WHEREAS, the people of Tuguegarao City will economically, culturally and socially benefit from the multiplier effect of the strong and vibrant tourism industry.

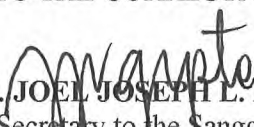
NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that a resolution is approved to support the DOT in carrying out its mandate of enforcing the mandatory accreditation of primary tourism enterprises by the year 2024 by requiring the primary tourism enterprises to secure first accreditation from the said Department prior to the renewal of its license and encourage the voluntary accreditation of those classified under the secondary category as embodied in Tourism Act of 2009.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that this resolution be forwarded to the BPLO for appropriate action and adoption and to the Chair of the Committee on Tourism for inclusion in the ordinance that may be passed for the promotion and development of the local tourism industry.


On joint motion, **CITY RESOLUTION NO. 78-09-2024** was **APPROVED**.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


DR. JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
City Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer
Date: Feb. 2, 2024

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