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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

September 16, 2026

MR. EDGAR G. PEREZ, II, J.D.
Secretary
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Tandag City, Surigao del Sur

Sir:

Pursuant to pertinent provisions of R.A. 7160, we are respectfully submitting herewith copies of Ordinance No. 2026-28 enacted by the City Council of Bislig City captioned **“AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PRIMARY TOURISM ENTERPRISES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF BISLIG TO SUBMIT MONTHLY TOURIST ARRIVAL REPORTS TO THE CITY TOURISM OFFICE ON OR BEFORE THE FIFTH (5TH) DAY OF THE SUCCEEDING MONTH, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**, for its review and approval.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ROSENDO R. CAMPOS, M.P.A.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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AN ORDINANCE ENACTED DURING THE 59TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF BISLIG, HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026 AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL, BISLIG CITY, SURIGAO DEL SUR.

Present:

HON. CONRAD C. CEJOCO
City Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

Regular Members:

Hon. Pedrito R. Sulapas	- Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Alfredo J. Carmelo	-do-
Hon. Bernadeth May R. Almanon-Balondo	-do-
Hon. Jonas A. Cacayan	-do-
Hon. Paul E. Vicencio	-do-
Hon. Victor B. Alvar, Jr.	-do-
Hon. Romeo F. Cacayan	-do-
Hon. Reynaldo V. Dominguez	-do-
Hon. Winston Y. Sia	-do-
Hon. Apolio C. Alvar	-do-

Ex-Officio Members:

Hon. Eladio A. Galano	- President, Liga ng mga Barangay
Hon. Florio S. Josafat, Jr.	- Indigenous Peoples Representative

On Sick Leave:

Hon. Ana Mae M. Agusa	- SK Federation President
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-28

Authored by:

Hon. Paul E. Vicencio

Sponsored by:

Hon. Bernadeth May R. Almanon-Balondo
Hon. Apolio C. Alvar Hon. Eladio A. Galano
Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall exercise powers necessary and appropriate for the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, tourism plays a vital role in promoting economic growth, cultural and heritage preservation, environmental awareness, employment generation, and community development in the City of Bislig;

WHEREAS, the City of Bislig is endowed with diverse tourism resources and attractions that significantly contribute to local economic growth, employment generation, environmental stewardship, and cultural preservation;

WHEREAS, accurate and timely tourism statistics are essential for tourism planning, policy formulation, infrastructure development, destination management, investment promotion, disaster risk reduction, and the formulation of evidence-based programs and projects;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the Tourism Act of 2009, recognizes the importance of tourism statistics and the participation of tourism enterprises in providing data necessary for tourism development;

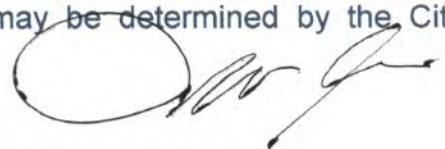
WHEREAS, the City Government of Bislig, through the City Tourism Office, seeks to establish a systematic and reliable mechanism for collecting tourist arrival data from tourism enterprises operating within its jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bislig in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title — This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Bislig City Tourism Statistics and Tourist Arrival Reporting Ordinance of 2026**".

SECTION 2. Coverage — This Ordinance shall apply to all Primary Tourism Enterprises operating within the territorial jurisdiction of Bislig City, including but not limited to:

1. Hotels
2. Resorts
3. Inns
4. Pension Houses
5. Hostels
6. Homestays
7. Tourist Inns
8. Apartelles
9. Accommodation establishments
10. Other tourism-related enterprises such as Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions (MICE) facilities, Function Halls, private and barangay-owned sites and as may be determined by the City Tourism Office.



SECTION 3. Mandatory Monthly Submission — All primary tourism enterprises shall submit to the City Tourism Office a Monthly Tourist Arrival Report on or before the Fifth (5th) Day of the succeeding month, covering all tourist arrivals recorded during the immediately preceding month. Every covered establishment shall submit the prescribed report regardless of the number of tourist arrivals recorded. In cases where no tourist arrivals were recorded during the reporting period, the establishment shall submit a Zero Tourist Arrival Report within the same prescribed period. The owner, operator, manager, or duly authorized representative of the covered establishment shall be responsible for ensuring the timely and accurate submission of the required report and shall be held liable for any failure, refusal, or neglect to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, without prejudice to the imposition of the penalties prescribed herein.

SECTION 3-A. Required Monthly Tourism Data Submission — To ensure the systematic collection, analysis, and reporting of tourism statistics, all covered Primary Tourism Enterprises shall submit the following data, as applicable to their operations, using the prescribed forms issued by the City Tourism Office:

I. Meetings, Incentives, Conferences/Conventions, and Exhibitions (MICE) Facilities — Every establishment hosting MICE-related activities shall report the following information for each event conducted during the reporting period:

1. Name of Event
2. Number of Hours or Duration of the Event
3. Classification of Event (Local, Regional, National, International)
4. Number of Attendees, disaggregated into:
 - a. Domestic/Local; and
 - b. Foreign;
5. Whether the event included an Exhibition (Yes/No)
6. Number of Exhibitors
7. Number of Exhibition Visitors
8. Name of Organizer or Organizing Institution.

II. Tourist Attractions (Same-Day Visitors)

Operators or managers of tourist attractions shall report the following visitor information:

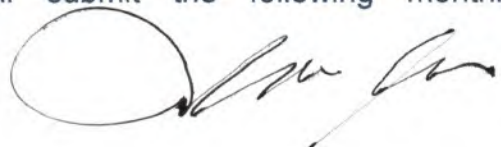
1. Total Number of Visitors
2. Place of Residence, disaggregated into:
 - a. Domestic; and
 - b. Foreign;
3. Sex, disaggregated into:
 - a. Male;
 - b. Female;

III. Accommodation Establishments (Overnight Visitors)

Accommodation establishments shall submit the following monthly operational and guest statistics:

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SP Ordinance No. 2026-28 "An Ordinance requiring all Primary Tourism Enterprises operating within the City of Bislig to submit Monthly Tourist Arrival Reports to the City Tourism Office on or before the fifth (5th) day of the succeeding month, prescribing penalties for non-compliance and for other purposes"

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1. Total Number of Available Rooms;
2. Total Number of Guests Checked-in;
3. Total Number of Guests Staying Overnight;
4. Total Number of Rooms Occupied;
5. Guest Profile by Sex, disaggregated into:
 - a. Male;
 - b. Female;
6. Guest Place of Residence, disaggregated into:
 - a. Domestic; and
 - b. Foreign.

The City Tourism Office may prescribe additional reporting fields, forms, classifications, and guidelines consistent with the Department of Tourism standards to improve the quality, accuracy, and reliability of tourism statistics.

SECTION 3-B. Special Reporting Requirement During Long Weekends, Holiday Periods, and Peak Tourism Seasons — To enable the City Tourism Office to monitor tourism movements in real time, facilitate the timely generation of tourism statistics, and support planning, visitor management, public information, emergency response, and other tourism-related decision-making, all operators, managers, or duly authorized representatives of Tourist Attractions and Accommodation Establishments covered by this Ordinance shall submit a Daily Tourist Arrival Report for each day of every declared long weekend, holiday period, and other peak tourism seasons as may be identified by the City Tourism Office.

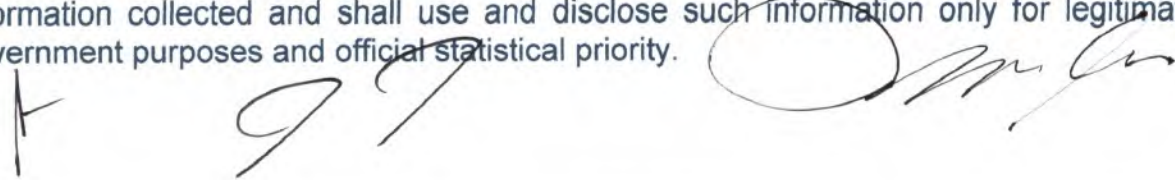
The Daily Tourist Arrival Report shall contain the tourist arrival data recorded for the day and shall be submitted to the City Tourism Office on the same day, not later than six o'clock in the evening (6:00 PM), using the prescribed reporting forms and through such submission channels as may be designated by the City Tourism Office.

Failure to submit the required Daily Tourist Arrival Report within the prescribed period shall constitute a violation of this ordinance and shall be subject to the penalties provided under Section 6 hereof. The City Tourism Office may issue supplemental guidelines identifying the specific dates covered by this reporting requirement, the reporting forms, submission procedures, and other measures necessary for the effective implementation of this section.

SECTION 4. Data Privacy and Confidentiality — all information collected and submitted pursuant to this ordinance shall be processed in accordance with RA 10173, otherwise known as the DATA PRIVACY ACT of 2012, its implementing rules and regulations, and other applicable laws.

Reports submitted to the City Tourism office shall contain only the data necessary for tourism statistics, planning, monitoring, research, and policy formulation. Personally identifiable information of individual tourists on guests shall not be required unless authorized or required by law.

The City Tourism Office shall ensure the confidentiality and security of all information collected and shall use and disclose such information only for legitimate government purposes and official statistical priority.

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SECTION 5. Compliance Requirement for Business Permit Renewal — A Certification of Compliance issued by the City Tourism Office shall form part of the documentary requirements for the renewal of a business permit of any Primary Tourism Enterprise covered by this Ordinance. The City Tourism Office shall coordinate with the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) to verify compliance with reporting requirements.

SECTION 6. Penalties — Failure to submit the required Monthly Tourist Arrival Report within the prescribed period shall subject the establishment to the following penalties:

- a. First Offense – Written Warning;
- b. Second Offense – Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00);
- c. Third Offense – Fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00);
- d. Fourth and Succeeding Offenses – Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for every offense and issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliance. Each month of non-submission shall constitute a separate and distinct violation.

SECTION 7. Administrative Sanctions — Without prejudice to the penalties provided herein, repeated failure to comply with this Ordinance may be considered by the BPLO during the processing of permits and licenses in accordance with existing laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 8. Implementing Office — The City Tourism Office shall serve as the lead implementing agency and shall:

- a. Develop reporting templates and forms;
- b. Maintain a tourism statistics database;
- c. Monitor compliance;
- d. Issue Certifications of Compliance;
- e. Submit consolidated reports to the City Government and the Department of Tourism when necessary; and
- f. Formulate implementing guidelines consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause — If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause — All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules, and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity — This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting in three conspicuous areas within the City's public places and in the official website page of the Local Government of Bislig City.

ENACTED this 1st day of September, 2026.

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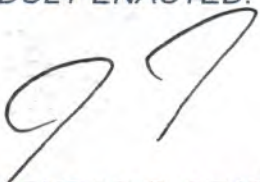
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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

ROSENDO R. CAMPOS, MPA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:


ATTY. CONRAD C. CEJOCO
City Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

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FLORENCIO C. GARAY
City Mayor

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OF THE 10TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BISLIG HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2026, 2:30 P.M. AT SP SESSION HALL, POBLACION, BISLIG CITY, SURIGAO DEL SUR

Attendees:

Hon. Paul E. Vicencio	-	Chairman
Hon. Bernadeth May R. Almanon-Balondo	-	Member
Hon. Eladio A. Galano	-	Member

Absent:

Hon. Apolio C. Alvar	-	Member
Hon. Conrad C. Cejoco	-	Member

Other Attendees:

Hon. Jonas A. Cacayan	-	SP Member
Ms. Lorelei Teresa D. Lim	-	Tourism Operations Officer II
Ms. Theresa C. Bucong	-	Tourism Operations Officer I
Mr. Glenn Claude Reformado	-	License Inspector II, BPLO
Mr. Ronel LMV C. Calo	-	LMO-II, PABEU Chief, DENR Bislig
Mr. Roderick P. Cordero	-	Representative, SURSECO-I
Mrs. Anna Luz Merced Manabe	-	Owner, Tuslob Beach Resort
Mrs. Ruelaine Willimann	-	Co-owner, Ocean View Park
Mr. Delvin Paul Marcojos	-	Manager, Paper Country Inn
Mr. Archie Javier	-	Representative, Adel Beach Resort
Mrs. Geraldine O. Saren	-	Owner, Gee's Homestay
Mr. Jackie Lu	-	Manager, Jaz Viajeros Inn

(See attendance sheet for other attendees...)

PROCEEDINGS:

Hon. Paul E. Vicencio, Committee Chair called the Public Hearing of the *"Proposed Ordinance Requiring All Primary Tourism Related Establishments (TREs) to Submit Monthly Tourist Arrival Reports to the City Tourism Office On or Before the 5th Day of the Succeeding Month, Prescribing Penalties for Non-Compliance, and for Other Purposes"* to order.

The opening prayer through audio-visual presentation was then delivered and it was followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem conducted by Ms. Rosie A. Maghilum.

After acknowledging the presence of the committee members and the invited guests, Tourism Operations Officer I, Theresa C. Bucong from the City Tourism Office presented the proposed ordinance and explained its purpose, relating that the main issue being addressed is the need for consistent, complete, and reliable tourism data to properly manage, plan, and develop tourism programs and activities in Bislig City. Based on the records of their office, she said that the compliance rate among tourism attractions was only 37% in 2024, and then it increased to 50% in 2025. However, she continued that during the first half of 2026, the compliance rate was only 40%, citing that establishments submit their reports only 3-4 times within the entire year hence, the problem is not only on the number of establishments submitting their reports but also the consistency, completeness, and regularity of the data being submitted.

The Chair explained that this requirement was not originally established as an ordinance since tourism establishments were already required to submit their reports to the City Tourism Office but unfortunately, there are instances of non-compliance and that only a few establishments have submitted their reports, and even among those who do, the submissions are not made regularly. For this reason, he said that the City Tourism Office has reached the point wherein it is necessary to institutionalize the requirement through an ordinance and once it becomes a local law then the concerned establishments will be required to follow and comply with it. He added that if all establishments had complied consistently and regularly, without failure to submit their required reports then there is no need to enact this ordinance. As observed, only a few establishments comply while their submissions are often irregular hence, the Tourism Office and the LGU are compelled to establish a more formal and enforceable mechanism to ensure compliance and support proper management and development of tourism in the city.

During the Open Forum, For. Ronnel Lemuel Michael Val G.Calo of the DENR - Bislig announced that in terms of management, their agency is concerned with matters within its particular jurisdiction particularly on the management, monitoring, evaluation, and assessment of ecotourism sites which includes tourism-related enterprises and their compliance with environmental requirements, particularly those concerning the facilities and operations of tourism sites. He added that DENR is also concerned with monitoring and the compliance of establishments with environmental requirements and other applicable regulations.

On this basis, For. Calo implied that since it is still a draft ordinance, he pointed out the following observations and recommendations for consideration of the committee in finalizing the subject measure, to wit:

- Notices that some sections are not yet included in the ordinance such as the *Definition of Terms* Section, which is normally included in ordinances, particularly on the definition of "*Primary Tourism Establishment*" to clearly understand which establishments are covered by the proposed ordinance.
- Inconsistencies in the provisions regarding the submission of tourism data. The title and some portions of the proposed ordinance appear to require tourism establishments to submit their reports *every 15th day of the month*. However, on *Section 3A*, which refers to the *required monthly tourism data submission*, and on *Section 3B*, which provides another deadline, the specific provision, clearly stating that the submission should be made "*on or before the 15th day of the month*" was not reflected. He said that it appears to be an inconsistency between the title or the stated requirement and the specific provisions under Section 3. The exact deadline for the submission of the tourism data should be clearly indicated and made consistent throughout the proposed ordinance.
- On *Section 4*, after the title "*All Tourism Collected*," he suggested adding the word "*Data*" so that it will read "*All Tourism Collected Data*".
- On *Paragraph 3*, the word "*confidentially*" should be corrected to "*confidentiality*."
- On *Section 3B*, last paragraph of the second page, the phrase "*penalties provided under Section 5 thereof*" is inconsistent since Section 5 pertains to "*Compliance Requirement for Business Permit Renewal*" hence, the phrase "*Section 5 thereof*" should be corrected to "*Section 6 thereof*" to ensure consistency and accuracy of Section 6 (*Penalties*).
- On the second *whereas* clause, it was suggested to include "*cultural and heritage preservation*" in the provision to make the statement more comprehensive and recognize the importance of protecting not only the tourism resources but also the cultural and heritage assets of Bislig, not to mention that it would make the title clearer and more consistent with the provision.

The Chair appreciate the time and effort exerted by For. Calo in reviewing thoroughly the proposed ordinance and identify the necessary corrections and suggestions. He then assured For. Calo that all his comments are well noted and that the appropriate revisions will be incorporated in the ordinance.

On the other hand, Ms. Geraldine O. Saren of Gee's Home Stay requested the committee's consideration in reducing the proposed penalties as follows: 1) *Php1,000.00 to Php500.00*; 2) *Php3,000.00 to Php1,500.00*; and, 3) *Php5,000.00 to Php3,000.00*.

Meanwhile, Ms. Annaluz M. Manabe of Tuslob Ferolino Beach Resort announced that she had no objection to the proposed penalties in fact, she believed that it is necessary since it is unfair to those establishments that consistently submit their monthly reports while others failed to do so. She continued that implementing penalties would encourage all tourism establishments to comply with the monthly reporting requirement, citing that reducing the penalties too much may result in some establishments opting to pay the penalty rather than comply with the reporting requirements, particularly if they can afford to pay the fine. She then suggested that if possible, the penalties should be increased since higher penalties may encourage establishments to take the reporting requirements more seriously and ensure the timely and regular submission of their monthly reports.

The Chair clarified that the committee is not primarily concerned with the penalties, as it does not expect or intend for any of the tourism establishments to violate the ordinance. He explained that penalties are merely intended as a measure to ensure compliance with the reporting requirements. While penalties may be reduced, if deemed necessary, he expressed that there is no need to increase them, emphasizing that the primary objective is to encourage all tourism establishments to comply with the reporting requirements and ensure that their reports are submitted regularly and on time.

Mr. Archie Javier of Adel Beach Resort sought clarification on the application of penalties for repeated non-compliance with the monthly submission of required tourist data. He then cited a situation where a staff member responsible for preparing or submitting the required report goes on leave or resigns without properly turning over the necessary data or informing the management that the monthly report has not yet been submitted to the Tourism Office. Consequently, the establishment may receive a Notice of Violation and be required to pay the corresponding penalty. He then asked whether the establishment would still be subject to another penalty if a similar situation occurs again involving another staff member, despite having already paid the penalty for the first violation. He further sought clarification on whether the penalties would continue to accumulate for every subsequent failure to submit the required monthly report on time, particularly when the non-compliance results from circumstances such as staff resignation or leave. He then emphasized that the clarification would help tourism establishments understand how penalties would be imposed in cases of repeated non-compliance and circumstances beyond their immediate control.

In response, Tourism Operations Officer II, Lorelei Teresa D. Lim explained that their office is already requesting the contact nos. of the owner or authorized representative for each tourism establishment. However, some establishments provide only the contact no. of a staff member hence, in cases where the concerned staff member goes on leave or resigns, the Tourism Office has no means of determining whether the establishment has already submitted its required monthly report. She said that if establishments provide the contact no. of the owner then their office can directly notify and follow up with the owner any pending monthly submission, thereby ensuring that the establishment is properly informed of its reporting obligations.

On the clarification raised by Mr. Javier, Ms. Lim stated that it is clearly provided under Section 6 (d), Fourth and Succeeding Offenses, *which imposes a fine of Php5,000.00 for every offense and the issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliance.*

She further cited the provision stating that each month of non-submission shall constitute a separate and distinct violation. Accordingly, if an establishment continues to fail to submit its required monthly report, each month of non-submission shall be considered a separate and distinct violation and shall be subject to the corresponding penalty.

Mr. Delvin Paul Marcojos of Paper Country Inn stated that he had reviewed the proposed ordinance and raised a concern regarding the submission of monthly reports. He suggested that clear guidelines be established specifying where tourism establishments should submit their reports. He noted that, at present, most establishments submit their reports through messenger or email. He therefore recommended establishing an official Group Chat (GC) or designating a specific online platform where all tourism establishments can submit their monthly reports. He explained that this would provide a clear, uniform, and organized system for submission, making it easier for the City Tourism Office to monitor and keep track of reports received. He added that having a designated platform would minimize confusion regarding where reports should be submitted and ensure that all submissions are properly documented and monitored.

Regarding the submission of reports to the Tourism Office, Ms. Lim explained that most tourism establishments currently follow the official Bislig Tourism account, which serves as the official social media account of their office while some establishments also submit their reports through email. She clarified that their office remains flexible in receiving submissions and that the establishment may submit their reports through any of the available official channels. She further stated that their office is willing to provide assistance and call them for any questions regarding the submission of their reports.

The Chair stated that the Tourism Office is willing to assist tourism establishments, whether before or after regular office hours, from Monday to Friday. He encouraged establishments with concerns about the submission of reports or who need assistance in accessing the reporting system to visit the Tourism Office during working days. He emphasized that the office is more than willing to provide guidance and assistance on how to access the reporting system and properly submit the required reports, thereby ensuring that records are kept updated. He further noted that, with the assistance being readily available from the Tourism Office, there should be no reason for any establishment to be unable to access the reporting system or submit the required reports.

On Section 5 (*Compliance Requirement for Business Permit Renewal*) particularly on the issue of non-compliance, Ms. Ruelaine Willmann of Ocean View Park (OVP) implied that the certification covered by the ordinance would serve as an official documentary requirement for Primary Tourism Enterprises. While the Bislig Association of Tourism-Related Enterprises (BATRE) is primarily focused on tourism-related businesses in fact, her establishment is a member, she noted that there are various organizations in the city that also represents tourism and business establishments. She then queried whether a tourism establishment covered by the ordinance but is not a member of BATRE would still be required to comply with the reporting requirements and be subject to the penalties provided under Section 6. With this, she emphasized the need to clarify whether non-BATRE members would likewise be penalized for non-compliance and whether a BATRE membership has any bearing on the coverage, compliance requirements, and enforcement of the proposed ordinance.

Ms. Lim explained that as provided under the 2018 Tourism Code, all Primary Tourism Establishments are required to become BATRE members. Since the provision has not been actively implemented for some time, she said that there is a need to revisit and strengthen its implementation, explaining further that the proposed ordinance is intended to reactivate and enforce the relevant provisions of the existing Tourism Code, particularly those concerning Primary Tourism Establishments and their responsibilities in supporting the city's tourism programs and development. She added that the proposed measure does not seek to impose an entirely new requirement, but rather to strengthen and ensure the implementation of an existing policy established under the City's Tourism Code.

The Presiding Officer clarified that whether or not an establishment is a member of BATRE, any tourism establishment covered by the proposed ordinance shall be required to comply with its provisions. He emphasized that BATRE membership is not the sole basis for determining coverage but rather, the determining factor is whether the establishment falls under the classification of a Primary Tourism Enterprise covered by the ordinance. If an establishment is covered, it shall be required to comply with the reporting requirements and other applicable provisions, including the corresponding penalties for non-compliance.

Regarding the implementation of the ordinance, Lawigan Resort Association, Inc. (LARAI) President Annaluz Manabe implied that once the ordinance is enacted and takes effect then it should be strictly enforced, citing those tourism establishments that fail to submit the required tourism data should not be allowed to renew their business permits through the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO). On the enforcement of business permit requirements, she brought out a beach resort in Lawigan wherein accordingly, it has not secured or renewed its business permit since 2024 and yet continues to operate up to the present. She then asked the BPLO representative on what action/s were taken against an establishment that continues to operate without the required business permit.

In response, Mr. Glenn Claude Reformado from the BPLO stated that once the ordinance takes effect, it will be properly and strictly enforced. He continued that the Tourism Office is responsible for maintaining the official list of tourism establishments, and identifying/recommending which establishments are covered by the requirements of the ordinance. Based on the official listing and recommendation of the Office, he said that the concerned establishments shall then be required to comply with the prescribed tourism data submission and other requirements under the ordinance which is intended to ensure that all covered tourism establishments are properly monitored and that the ordinance is implemented consistently and fairly.

Regarding the non-compliant establishment, Mr. Reformado confirmed that the first notice had been issued, followed by a second notice and, subsequently, a final demand letter. He said that the pertinent documents were already submitted to the City Legal Office for appropriate action for the closure of establishments that remain non-compliant. As of this meeting, he said that the documents pertaining to the closure of the establishment was not yet returned and that their office has been continuously following up on the matter, and once the necessary documents have been returned and finalized then they will proceed in complying whatever appropriate action may be advised.

In this regard, Mr. Jackie Lu of Jaz Viajeros Inn brought out his concern on the frequency of garbage collection for accommodation establishments. He acknowledged that garbage collection falls under the jurisdiction of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) however, he requested that the aforesaid concern be considered in the context of tourism establishments. He emphasized that accommodation establishments such as inns are commercial establishments and should not be treated in the same manner as regular households in terms of garbage collection. With this, he requested that, if possible, garbage from inns and similar accommodation establishments be collected more frequently rather than only once a month or at lengthy intervals, explaining further that accommodation establishments inevitably generate food waste and other garbage from guests who bring or consume food within the premises. If garbage is left uncollected for an extended period, it may produce unpleasant odors and create sanitation and health concerns. She then appealed for appropriate consideration and action to ensure a more regular and suitable garbage collection schedule for tourism-related establishments.

The Presiding Officer noted the matter, assuring that the foregoing concern will be properly communicated to the City ENRO for appropriate action, stressing further that garbage collection is indeed an important factor for the tourism sector particularly those accommodation establishments.

As there are no more questions and clarifications raised, the Presiding Officer announced that the “Ordinance Requiring All Primary Tourism Enterprises Operating within the City of Bislig to Submit Monthly Tourist Arrival Reports to the City Tourism Office On or Before the Fifth (5th) Day of the Succeeding Month, Prescribing Penalties for Non-Compliance, and for Other Purposes” will then be calendared under Second Reading. He then thanked everyone for coming and adjourned the public hearing at 4:15 p.m.

We hereby certify to the correctness of the above-mentioned Minutes.



PAUL E. VICENCIO
Chairman



BERNADETH MAY R. ALMANON-BALONDO
Co-Chairman



ELADIO A. GALANO
Member

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PUBLIC HEARING

ATTENDANCE SHEET

SUBJECT : Proposed Ordinance requiring all primary tourism related establishments (TREs) to submit monthly tourism arrival reports to the City Tourism Office on or before the 5th day of the succeeding month, prescribing penalties for non-compliance, and for other purposes. (Author: Hon. Vicencio) TN2026-10-752

COMMITTEE : Tourism Development

DATE : August 26, 2026 (Wednesday) at 2:00 p.m.

VENUE : SP Legislative Session Hall , Poblacion, Bislig City

NAME	DESIGNATION	OFFICE/AGENCY	SIGNATURE
1. HON. CONRAD C. CEJOCO	Vice Mayor	VMO	
2. HON. PEDRITO R. SULAPAS	City Councilor	SPO	
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22. Jeta B. Bler	OWNER	U.T. Bler Beach Resort	Jeta Bler
23. Carmen Laborda	owner	Laborda Beach	Carmen Laborda
24. Gbreyan S. Espin	Farm manager	COATJC	Gbreyan S. Espin
25. SHARWIN Z. REQUINA	MANAGER	ALMANSKI MT. RESORT	Sharwin Z. Requina
26. MURSA C. BUENY	FOO -1	Tourism	Murda C. Bueny
27. MICHAEL D. CHER	PURDI	TOURISM	Michael D. Cher
28. Sherel G. Marivales	manager	white Palace Inn	Sherel G. Marivales
29. MONIQUE FRANCES MARIE L. CALUY	FT 1	CENRO BISLIG	Monique Frances Marie L. Caluy
30. RONNEL KENNETH MICHAEL VAL	G. CALD LMO-II/PAPER	do-	Ronnel Kenneth Michael Val
31. GRACE VIDUYA	OWNER	KAWA KAWA SA LMOG	Grace Viduya
32. CHRISTIAN VIDUYA	OWNER		Christian Viduya
33. Ruebaine Willimann	owner	OVP	Ruebaine Willimann
34. AMELITO M. CREMAN	REP.	CREMAN GUESTHOUSE	Amelito M. Creman
35. Geraldine O. Soren	owner	GEE'S Homestay	Geraldine O. Soren
36. Jeanrose P. Abueva	Representative	Violys Lodging	Jeanrose P. Abueva
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38. Delwin Paul Marojus	Manager	Paper Country Inn	Delwin Paul Marojus
39. Jenny Rose Cannon	Admin	Delymar Event Center	Jenny Rose Cannon
40. Marylene P. Telenik	Representative	Mark Inn	Marylene P. Telenik
41. JAMES C. LAPINIG	REPRESENTATIVE	OFBR	James C. Lapinig
42. Diana may Lorada	Representative	Puting Balai	Diana may Lorada
43. Venera D. Lim	Tourism officer	Can Tourism	Venera D. Lim
44. EDGAR M. FANTIG	OWNER	PEOPLE'S INN	Edgar M. Fantig
45. Juliet L. Saganub	Representative	Ola de Paz	Juliet L. Saganub
46. VANESA M. LIMILAN	ISD	SURVIZO 1	Vanessa M. Limilan
47. ROBERTICK P. WORDERO	ISD		Robertick P. Wordero
48. Archie Duran	Representative	Adul Beach	Archie Duran
49. Cathy Anas		Resort	Cathy Anas
50. Engr. Fern A. Bareso	Representative	LS's Travellers Inn	Engr. Fern A. Bareso
51. Jackie LM	Manager	JAZ XIAGAR SIM	Jackie LM
52. PROFUNDOS, GERALD CORDERO	LICENCE INSPECTOR II	BPLO	Profundos, Gerald Cordero
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