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SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MANGALDAN,  
PANGASINAN HELD AT THE SESSION HALL AT M.Y.D.C. ON MAY 12,  
2023.

Vice Mayor **Dr. Mark Stephen V. Mejia** called the session to order at  
exactly 4:30 P.M..

ROLL CALL

Present:

1. Hon. Mark Stephen V. Mejia ..... Vice Mayor/  
Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Aldrin O. Soriano ..... Councilor /  
Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
3. Hon. Fernando Juan A. Cabrera ..... Councilor
4. Hon. Joseph Emmanuel B. Cera ..... Councilor
5. Hon. Joselito G. Quinto ..... Councilor
6. Hon. Christopher G. Romero ..... Councilor
7. Hon. Joel C. Meneses ..... Councilor
8. Hon. Lovely Lian C. Maramba ..... Councilor
9. Hon. Rolly G. Abalos ..... Councilor - LIGA Pres.
10. Hon. Michael Ervin C. Lomibao ..... Councilor - SKF Pres.

On Leave:

1. Hon. Juvy O. Frialde ..... Councilor

Authored by **Councilor Aldrin O. Soriano**

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023 – 03

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SWIMMING AND OTHER  
RELATED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ALONG  
ANGALACAN RIVER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
MANGALDAN, PANGASINAN.

WHEREAS, Angalacan River is a 10-kilometer river tributary of Bued  
River and is located along twelve barangays in Mangaldan which include  
Barangays Guesang, Osiem, Landas, Navaluan, Embarcadero, Tebag, Nibaliw,  
Salaan, Palua, Pogo, Macayug, and Inlambo;

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Police Mangaldan Police Station has  
recorded four drowning incidents in 2022 along Angalacan River which include 15-  
year old and 12-year old students from Barangay Salay in October 2022, 14-year  
old student from Barangay Alitaya in October 2022, 29-year old and 48-year old  
residents of Barangay Macayug in December 2022;

WHEREAS, Article II Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution  
provides as one of state policies is the protection of life of the people;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers local government units, particularly "powers that are considered essential to promote the general welfare" of its constituents especially on health and safety, whereby, regulating swimming and other related recreational activities along Angalacan River to prevent drowning incidents, falls within this category;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office has initially prohibited swimming along the said river and that the said Office has posted several sign boards to remind the public on this order;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance aims to provide a legal basis on regulating swimming and other recreational activities along Angalacan River and to save lives- a power and action that the Sangguniang Bayan of Mangaldan is vested with as granted by none other than the Philippine Constitution and the Local Government Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion of Councilor Aldrin O. Soriano, duly seconded by all the members present, it was:

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to ordain Municipal Ordinance No. 2023 - 03 by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mangaldan, to wit:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MANGALDAN, PANGASINAN in session assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "*Angalacan River Swimming Regulation Ordinance*".

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** The Local Government of Mangaldan regulates swimming and related recreational activities along Angalacan River in order to protect the lives of its people and its tourists.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

- a. **Buoy** refers to a floating object that is anchored to warn of danger or to mark a location.
- b. **Dive** refers to the activity wherein the person plunges or causes to be plunged into water using head first.
- c. **Craft** refers to a boat, a barge, a canoe or any water instruments (under this ordinance) that may be used for rescue and emergencies.
- d. **Lifeguard/Certified Lifeguard** refers to an experienced swimmer who is trained in water safety, rescue, and life-saving techniques by the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) or thru a training certified by the Philippine Coast Guard.
- e. **Paddle** refers to an implement with a flat blade at one or both ends used to propel a canoe or any craft.



- f. **Person** refers to all natural persons, firms, partners, corporations, and all associations of natural persons, incorporated or unincorporated, whether acting by themselves or by a servant, agent or employee. All persons who violate any of the provisions of this ordinance, whether as owner, occupant, lessee, agent, servant or employee shall except as herein otherwise provided, shall be liable as principal.
- g. **Pole** refers to a long rod, which may either be a bamboo or wood (under this ordinance) used during emergencies.
- h. **Recreational Activity** refers to an exercise or event entered into or attended by an individual or persons with the purpose of refreshment by means of some pastime, agreeable expenditure of energy, or of the like.
- i. **Swimming** refers to the sport or activity of propelling oneself to move along in, or float in water by movement of or using bodily limbs.

**SECTION 4. BUOYS OR/AND RED FLAG INSTALLATION ON DANGER ZONES OR DEEP PARTS ALONG ANGALACAN RIVER.** Buoys with bright color or red flags on poles shall be installed on the danger zones or the deep parts of Angalacan River.

People or river-goers are prohibited from going in the areas or location along Angalacan River with these buoys or red flags. These buoys shall be properly and regularly monitored by the person-in-charge to be assigned by the Barangay Council, so that it will not be swayed along especially if there is a strong river current or during typhoon.

**SECTION 5. LIFEGUARD TOWER.** There shall be a Lifeguard Tower at a strategic location on the riverbank of the Angalacan River: one on the Northern part and another one in the Southern part. To identify these parts, the Embarcadero Bridge located along Binalonan- Dagupan Highway will be used as reference. These Lifeguard Towers should be equipped with equipment for rescue and first aid kits, such as craft, paddle, skis, pole, lifebuoy or rescue can, spinal boards.

**SECTION 6. LIFEGUARD OR CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD TO MAN THE LIFEGUARD TOWER.** There shall be one Lifeguard or a Certified Lifeguard at each Lifeguard Tower. This person reports directly to the Philippine National Police Mangaldan Police Station and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office of the Local Government Unit of Mangaldan.

**SECTION 7. MEDICAL RESPONDERS AT THE LIFEGUARD TOWER.** There shall also be Medical Responders at the Lifeguard Tower to aid in case of health emergencies during weekends or during holidays when the river is expected with bulk of river-goers.

The Medical Responders shall be equipped with medicines and equipment for first aid such as but not limited to saline solution, bandages, antiseptics, antihistamines, oxygen kits, splints, rescue blankets and first aid kits. They shall be reporting directly to the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office vis-à-vis Municipal Health Office.



Barangay Health Workers who underwent seminars and trainings on Basic First Aid conducted by the Philippine Red Cross or other legitimate health-related organizations, shall also be accredited by the Municipal Health Office and Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office to become Medical Responders at the Lifeguard Tower.

The Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office together with the Municipal Health Office, is not barred from accrediting volunteer groups or Non-Government Organizations who want to volunteer as medical responders or as watch personnel at the said location, however the said office is bound to verify the legitimacy of the said organization if they have the expertise or qualified personnel to volunteer as medical responders.

**SECTION 8. THE ANGALACAN RIVER TASK FORCE.** There shall be an Angalacan River Task Force to be established in the 12 barangays surrounding the said river which include Barangays Guesang, Osiem, Landas, Navaluan, Embarcadero, Tebag, Nibaliw, Salaan, Palua, Pogo, Macayug, and Inlambo.

The said Task Force shall be headed by the Punong Barangay and co-headed by the Chairperson on the Committee on Disaster Risk and Reduction Management at the Sangguniang Barangay.

The Barangay shall establish the said Angalacan River Task Force through an ordinance. The Barangay Ordinance Establishing the Angalacan River Task Force shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan for its review and approval.

**SECTION 9. SWIMMING TIME AT 7 AM - 5 PM IN THE DESIGNATED SWIMMING AREA.** There shall be a limited time allocated in swimming along Angalacan River which is only from 7 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon only.

However, the Angalacan River Task Force shall not only be roving or watching over the said river during the said time frame, but are expected to be at the location even before and beyond the said time frame.

**SECTION 10. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ANGALACAN RIVER TASK FORCE PER BARANGAY SURROUNDING THE ANGALACAN RIVER.** The following shall be the duties and responsibilities of the Angalacan River Task Force per Barangay.

- a. Implementing the provisions of this Ordinance and any other related laws regarding river management;
- b. Monitoring the Angalacan River activities in their respective jurisdictions;
- c. Attending seminars and trainings related to implementing local laws to further enrich his knowledge and skills;
- d. Attend Committee Hearings as may be invited by the Sangguniang Bayan ng Mangaldan;



- e. Submit Annual Report to the Department of the Interior and Local Government through the Municipal Local Government Operations Officer, and a copy of such report be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, and the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Mangaldan.

**SECTION 11. PROHIBITIONS.** The following shall be prohibited along Angalacan River in the Municipality of Mangaldan, Pangasinan:

- a. ***No Swimming for drunk persons.*** To be able to confirm if the person is drunk or not, Alcoholic Breathe Test may be conducted by health authorities; however this does not bar local authorities to apprehend violators if their being drunk has not been confirmed yet.
- b. ***No Swimming at danger zones or parts of Angalacan River with red flags and buoys.*** No person shall be allowed to swim at the danger zones along Angalacan River which can be located with red flag marks or buoys. The MDRRMO shall ensure that all deep parts of the river are identified and marked. Furthermore, the said office shall ensure that these deep parts are updated with tides and after typhoons onslaught.
- c. ***No Children shall be allowed to swim without any adult supervision or watcher.*** It is encouraged that adults who know how to swim should supervise any children who are swimming along the said river. If group of children are swimming at the same time, there shall be at least two adults to watch over them and supervise their swimming activity. It is the responsibility of the adult watcher to remind children not to swim or not to reach areas with buoys or red flag poles which are identified as danger zones.
- d. ***No Children shall be allowed within the vicinity of the Angalacan River during school hours.*** It is prohibited that children most especially students to roam around Angalacan River during school hours which is from 7 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Exception shall be given for students who are conducting scientific research or any legitimate academic studies about the said river. However, a letter from her thesis or study adviser shall be provided and be addressed to the Municipal Mayor through the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Officer.

- e. ***No use of motor boats or other recreational equipment without proper clearance from the MDRRMO, except Crafts.*** It is prohibited to use motor boats, or other recreational equipment without proper clearance from the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Office. This is to secure the buoys or red flag poles installed along the deep parts of the river.

Exception for this rule is given to fishermen using small crafts, or residents who will use crafts for safety purposes.



- f. **No Swimming outside the allowable time.** It is prohibited to swim along Angalacan River outside the allowable time which is from 7 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

**SECTION 12. MANGALDAN WATER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM.** There shall be a Mangaldan Water Search and Rescue Team to be directly supervised by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

The team shall be equipped with timely and relevant rescue equipment and apparatus. They shall be responsible in searching for the body or the cadaver of the person who is suspectedly drowned or any missing person along the river as reported to the authorities.

**SECTION 13. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WATER SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM.** The Mangaldan Water Search and Rescue Team shall be responsible for the following:

- a. Search for bodies which have been allegedly drowned along Angalacan River, and other rivers in the Municipality;
- b. Conduct risk assessment along Angalacan River, to determine which parts are deep;
- c. Shall keep themselves updated with the new protocols in the conduct of water search and rescue by attending to seminars and trainings;
- d. Shall share knowledge on basic water search and rescue to barangay task force or upon request of any individuals who are residents of Mangaldan.
- e. Shall ensure the equipment and tools are safely kept and marked by the custody manager.

**SECTION 14. PROTOCOL ON DROWNING INCIDENTS ALONG ANGALACAN RIVER.** The following shall be the protocol in cases of drowning incidents or suspected drowning incidents along Angalacan River wherein the Mangaldan Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Office, Philippine National Police Mangaldan Police Station, Bureau of Fire Protection Mangaldan Fire Station, Mangaldan Municipal Health Office, Mangaldan Public Order and Safety Office, and the respective Barangay Council through their respective Angalacan River Task Force:

- a. **The Lifeguard on-duty, the Angalacan River Task Force, and Medical Responders.** In case of a suspected drowning incident or confirmed drowning incident, the Lifeguard on-duty or the Angalacan River Task Force on-duty in the concerned barangay shall call and inform the Philippine National Police through its hotline. The PNP shall then inform the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office about such case. Medical Responders shall also prepare necessary equipment while waiting for the ambulance and other medical personnel to be deployed by the MHO.



Moreover, the said Angalacan River Task Force shall secure the perimeter in the area to manage the possibility of increased number of people going the said location or area.

- b. **Mangaldan Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.** Once the call has been received and recorded by the MDRRMO, the said office shall immediately call the Bureau of Fire Protection Mangaldan Fire Station and the Mangaldan Municipal Health Office. The said office shall also then activate the Mangaldan Water Search and Rescue Team to start the conduct of body search.
- c. **Philippine National Police - Mangaldan Police Station.** The PNP MPS shall immediately send police officers to assist in the body search by the WASAR team. Moreover, some police officers shall also be in-charge of managing the traffic or number of people in the area which might affect the rescue operations.
- d. **Bureau of Fire Protection Mangaldan Fire Station.** The BFP MFS shall immediately send fire marshals and officers to assist in the body search by the WASAR team.
- e. **Mangaldan Municipal Health Office.** The MHO shall immediately send nurses or other medical personnel to assist in case the missing body has been recovered. Municipal Ambulance shall also be sent to the location to transport the victim to the nearest hospital.
- f. **Mangaldan Public Order and Safety Office.** The POSO shall send Quick Response Team to assist in managing people traffic in the area. Ease on vehicular traffic shall also be secured by this office.

**SECTION 15. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENTS.** The Philippine National Police Mangaldan Police Station is responsible in collating reports from the barangay to other agencies such as the MDRRMO and MHO. They shall also include this in their blotter and that the release of the said report shall also be under their responsibility.

**SECTION 16. HOTLINE NUMBERS IN REPORTING DROWNING CASES.** The PNP Mangaldan Police Station Hotline shall be the official hotline number to be called in case of drowning incidents along Angalacan River which shall be used to report any disaster-related incidents in the Municipality. Moreover, it shall also be used to report suspected drowning incidents along Angalacan River.

The said official hotline numbers include: **09507708580** for mobile contact, and **075-656-7905** for telephone contact.

**SECTION 17. PENALTY.** The following penalties shall be imposed in failure to observe the provisions of this Ordinance:

First offense – reprimand and warning.

Second offense - for failure, despite notice, to comply, the concerned officer shall be meted a fine of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00).



Third offense - for failure, despite repeated demands to comply, shall be meted with five thousand pesos, or an imprisonment of not more than 15 days, or upon the discretion of the Court.

**SECTION 18. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS.** The amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) shall be appropriated for the initial implementation of this Ordinance from the Annual Budget of the Municipal Disaster Risk and Reduction Risk starting year 2024 and shall increase every year thereafter depending on the need and budget of the said office.

Moreover, Barangay Councils in the 12 barangays are also encouraged to appropriate budget for the Angalacan River Task Force to be included in their Annual Budget.

**SECTION 19. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION CAMPAIGN.** Proper information dissemination should be conducted to the public regarding the implementation of the Ordinance to be led by the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

Information Dissemination materials such as posters and other information bulletin which aims to inform the public about the prohibitions on these ordinance as well as the hotline number to be called in case of emergencies.

Furthermore, MDRRMO is not limited to tap various media organization and individuals to disseminate the said information to the public.

**SECTION 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any provision in this ordinance be declared unconstitutional by any competent court, the remaining provisions shall remain valid and legal.

**SECTION 21. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any ordinance, rules and regulations and executive issuances found inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 22. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality and likewise in the website and social media platforms of the Sangguniang Bayan and the Local Government Unit of Mangaldan as well as upon compliance with the publication requirements.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
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