

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 23-47 (GENERAL)

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MANDATING OWNERS OF HOTEL, RESORT, APARTELLE, PENSION HOUSE, TOURIST INN, AND TRANSIENT HOUSE; MEETING, INCENTIVE, CONFERENCE, AND EXHIBITION (MICE) FACILITIES; AND OTHER SIMILAR ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS TO SUBMIT RESPECTIVE TOURISM STATISTICAL DATA TO THE CITY TOURISM, CULTURE AND THE ARTS OFFICE (CTCAO).

WHEREAS, Section 37 of Republic Act No. 9593 otherwise known as "The Tourism Act of 2009" provides that local government units, in consultation with stakeholders, are encouraged to utilize their powers under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, to ensure the preparation and implementation of a tourism development plan, the enforcement of standards and the collection of statistical data for tourism purposes. They shall, insofar as practicable, prepare local tourism development plans that integrate zoning, land use, infrastructure development, the national system of standards for tourism enterprises, heritage and environmental protection imperatives in a manner that encourages sustainable tourism development;

WHEREAS, Section 38 of the same Act provides that in order to monitor the resources of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and to ascertain the economic and social impact of tourism, all Local Government Units (LGUs) shall provide an inventory of all the resources available to the DOT and shall likewise periodically report to the same department on the status of tourist arrivals within their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, to further enhance and increase the outcome of the LGU's efforts to promote tourism in the City of General Trias, it is important to monitor the tourist arrivals on all accommodation establishments, travel agencies, museums, galleries and all identified tourism sites and attractions;

WHEREAS, the tourist arrival statistical data present the real tourism status of the City and gauge the economic impact and viability in evaluation of tourism events, celebrations or activities, and considered as basic requirement to support proposals for tourism development projects particularly in accessing possible financial resources and partnerships;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Kyle Jassel J. Salazar duly seconded by SP Member Clarissel J. Campaña-Moral,

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, that:

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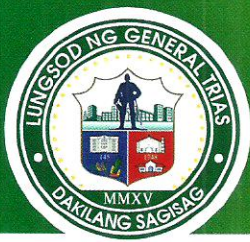

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Continuation...page 2 of City Ordinance No. 23-47 (General):

ESTABLISHMENTS SUBMISSION OF RESPECTIVE TOURISM STATISTICAL DATA ORDINANCE.

Section 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "ESTABLISHMENTS SUBMISSION OF RESPECTIVE TOURISM STATISTICAL DATA ORDINANCE".

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. **Accommodation Establishment - an establishment (local kind-of-activity unit) providing overnight lodging for holiday spenders and other travelers in rooms or some other units;**
- b. **Apartelle - also known as apartment hotel, is any building or edifice containing several independent and furnished or semi-furnished apartments, regularly leased to tourists and travelers for dwelling on a more or less long-term basis and offering basic services to its tenants similar to hotels;**
- c. **Hotel - an establishment whose primary business is to provide lodging facilities to a genuine traveler along with food, beverage, and sometimes recreational facilities on the chargeable basis;**
- d. **Meeting, Incentive, Conference, and Exhibition (MICE) Facilities - establishments used to host mass gatherings including meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions;**
- e. **Pension House - a private or family-operated tourist boarding house, tourist guest house or tourist lodging house employing nonprofessional domestic helpers regularly catering to tourists and travelers, containing several independent lettable rooms, providing common facilities such as toilets, bathrooms/showers, living rooms, and dining rooms and/or kitchen, where a combination of board and lodging may be provided;**
- f. **Resort - a place with pleasant environment and atmosphere conducive to comfort, healthful relaxation and rest, offering food, sleeping accommodation and recreational facilities to the public for a fee or remuneration;**
- g. **Statistical data - the facts and figures that are collected, analyzed, and summarized for presentation and interpretation;**
- h. **Tourism - a social, cultural and economic phenomenon which entails the movement of people to countries or places outside their usual environment for personal or business/professional purposes;**
- i. **Tourism Enterprise - a trade or business which provides facilities, amenities, accommodations, attractions and services such as hotel, resort, apartelle, pension house, tourist inn, and transient house; Meeting, Incentive, Conference, and Exhibition (MICE) Facilities; and other similar accommodation establishments;**
- j. **Tourist Inn - a lodging establishment catering to transients which does not meet the minimum requirements of an economy hotel; and**
- k. **Transient House - a flexible and homelike accommodation option that caters to travelers and guests for short to medium-term stays. These properties are often privately owned, fully furnished, and offer an inclusive and communal living experience that far surpasses the confines of a typical hotel room.**


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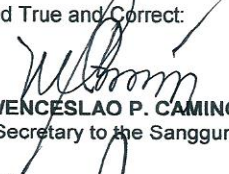

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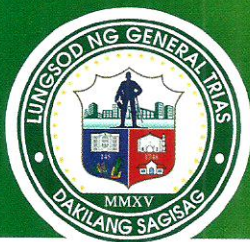
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Section 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. All owners of hotel, resort, apartelle, pension house, tourist inn, and transient house; MICE facilities; and other similar accommodation establishments in the City of General Trias are hereby required to submit their respective monthly tourism statistical data to the City Tourism, Culture and the Arts Office (CTCAO);
- b. All monthly reports must be submitted within five (5) days after the end of each month. In the event that the submission date falls on a nonworking day, the monthly reports should be submitted on the first working day following the submission date. Furthermore, the tourism statistical data for long weekends and special holidays shall also be gathered and submitted to the CTCAO immediately as requested by the Department of Tourism (DOT);
- c. All hotels, resorts, apartelles, pension houses, tourist inns, and transient houses; MICE facilities; and other similar accommodation establishments in the City shall be provided with a standard tourist statistic data format from the CTCAO; and
- d. All primary tourism enterprises shall, after their renewal/application of business permit, secure a Tourism Certificate of Registration from the CTCAO as part of their post-registration/renewal requirement.

Section 4. GENERAL OBJECTIVES – This Ordinance seeks to:


- a. Provide the City Tourism, Culture and the Arts Office (CTCAO) tourist statistical data that showcase the actual tourism situation of the City, as a pivotal tool for economic impact and viability in evaluating tourism events, celebrations and activities to support the economic development program of the City;
- b. Aid the CTCAO in the collection of database to support researches and proposals for marketing, promotions, tourism development projects and special studies, and to access possible fund source and partnership;
- c. Make available of the tourism arrival statistical data for continuous conduct of tourism education and seminars to front desk officers and staff of all various hotels, resorts, apartelles, pension houses, tourist inns, and transient houses; and other similar accommodation establishments in the City; and
- d. Aid the Sangguniang Panlungsod Members particularly the Chair on Committee on Tourism, Arts, Culture and Public Information in the promulgation and updating of local measures intended to promote tourism in the City.

Section 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES – In violation of this Ordinance, the violator shall be sanctioned with the following penalties:

- a. **First Offense** - A written notice will be sent to the establishment;
- b. **Second Offense** - A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2 000.00);


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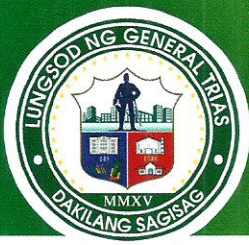
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- c. **Third Offense** - **A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3 000.00) and a ground for suspension of Business Permit to operate for three (3) months; and**
- d. **Succeeding Offenses** - **A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5 000.00) and revocation of Business Permit issued to the establishment.**

The amount of fines which is payable in favor of the City Government of General Trias shall be deposited to the General Fund and shall only be utilized for the tourism development programs and projects of the City.

Section 6. THE CITY TOURISM, CULTURE AND THE ARTS OFFICE (CTCAO) AS CHIEF ENFORCER OF THE ORDINANCE – The City Tourism, Culture and the Arts Office (CTCAO) is hereby authorized to issue citation tickets and enforce such corresponding penalties against any other offender caught in violation of this Ordinance.

Furthermore, the City Tourism, Culture and the Arts Office (CTCAO) is hereby authorized to monitor the compliance of the required registration by all primary tourism enterprises and shall submit a recommendation to the Office of the City Business Permit and Licensing Officer (OCBPLO) against any violator of this Ordinance.

Sections 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the remaining of this Ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, rules, and regulations or part thereof where provisions are in conflict or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting at three (3) conspicuous places in the City of General Trias.

ORDAINED under THIRD/FINAL READING on 03 OCTOBER 2023.


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