

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
BATANGAS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE  
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY  
ON DECEMBER 5, 2018 AT PALLOCAN WEST, BATANGAS CITY**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Angelito "Dondon" A. Dimacuha,	Acting Presiding Officer
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Hon. Hamilton G. Blanco,	"
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	"
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Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	"
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Hon. Julian B. Villena,	"
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca,	"
Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	"
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	"
Hon. Julian Pedro M. Pastor,	"
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	SK-Fed. Pres.

Hon. Emilio Francisco A. Berberabe Jr., (O.B.) Presiding Officer

"On motion of Councilor Cruz duly seconded, the following Resolution was Adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 395 S. 2018**

**ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND  
REGULATIONS AND APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE  
"BATANGAS CITY SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE"**


**RESOLVED**, to adopt the report of the Committee on Laws , Rules and Regulations and Approving on Second and Final Reading the "Batangas City Septage Management Ordinance".

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 395 S. 2018 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on December 5, 2018.

**GERARDO M. DIMAANO**  
Board Secretary III  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

**NOTED:**

  
**ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS**  
Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

**ATTESTED:**

  
**ANGELITO "DONDON" A. DIMACUHA**  
Acting Presiding Officer

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

**TO: THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

**FROM: THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "BATANGAS CITY SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE".**

The subject request for the passage of an ordinance was referred to the Committee on Laws, Rules and Regulations for its consideration during the Regular Session on July 24, 2018. The Committee held a public hearing on October 22, 2018 and in attendance were the following:

From City Engineer's Office: Engr. Emelita C. Untalan; from City ENRO: Mrs. Maria Cristina Sunguad; and from City Health Office: Mrs. Elisha P. Dimayuga; from Primewater: Mr. Chelton Arias, Mrs. Juvy Maranan, Mrs. Carina Andal, Mrs. Lala Fabella, Mr. Nathaniel Cachero, Mr. Rizal Ale Monterola and Mr. Brian Mart LLoren; from PG-ENRO: Mrs. Marivic Esmas and Mrs. Beverly Balahibo; from BCWD: Mrs. Leilani Victoria Gonzales, Mrs. Yolanda Ogero, Mrs. Evelyn Rillera, Mr. Bernardo Hornilla, Mr. Arvil Villena, and Mr. Jose Roberto Maranan; from Citimart: Ms. Janelle Culang, Ms. Annie Bunye and Mr. Michael Joe Ogullana; from General Public: Mr. Apolonio Olluri. Most of the Barangay Chairman of various Barangays in Batangas City were also attended. Also present are the Chairperson Coun. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz and Committee members Coun. Sergie Rex M. Atienza, Coun. Gerardo Dela Roca, Coun. Armando Lazarte and Coun. Julian B. Villena, the Vice Mayor Emilio Francisco Berberabe Jr. and other members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Councilors Aileen Montalbo, Hamilton Blanco, Oliver Macatangay, Karlos Buted, Nestor Dimacuha, Nelson Chavez, Angelito Dondon Dimacuha and SK Federation President Marjorie A. Manalo.

## FINDINGS and DISCUSSION:

During the public hearing, representative of Primewater made an overview of the major contents of the proposed ordinance. First, every five (5) years there would be a regular pumping of septage waste in every household, commercial or industrial establishment which will be brought to an accredited water treatment facility for regular treatment.





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Second is the incorporation of environmental fee in the water bill of not more than 4 pesos based on water consumption per cubic meter. Third is that Batangas City Water District need to construct, operate and maintain septage facilities and desludging trucks and other related septage services. Lastly is the establishment of sanitation office to monitor proper implementation of the said services.

Some of the concerns that were raised by other attendees are the desired layout or design of compartments in which it was then reiterated that 2 compartments is already valid for the construction of septic tanks but for those who will build a new building or facility, they need to follow the 3 compartments as stated on the provisions of the proposed ordinance.

It is the submission of the Committee that the ordinance be amended in order to accommodate for a septic tank with **only 2 compartments**, and not three as required by the proposed ordinance so as to lessen the burden that the ordinance might cause the public.

One issue that was raised was the application of the ordinance, on whether the same shall apply to houses where septic tanks are already installed. The Committee respectfully recommends to give ample time for the public to be able to adjust to the added costs of the excavation and renovation of their septic tanks. Thus, households and establishments shall be given a maximum of 10 years to comply with the proposed ordinance.

On the issue of the environmental fee of not more than 4 pesos per cubic meter consumed by each household, commercial or industrial enterprise as stated in the proposed ordinance, the committee hereby respectfully recommends to lower the rates to be imposed especially for residential structures and that the charging and collection of environmental fee shall only start on the first day of the establishment of the septage plant.

A question was also raised if it would be applicable as well for other establishments which already have a sewerage treatment system. Other points are based on the effects of this proposed ordinance to those who are in the remote areas since they will be very much affected by this policy.

One important point to also consider is the monitoring of the output of the sewage plants. The Committee recommends to add a Section for the testing of the output of the plant once every 6 months.





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Most of the comments of barangay officials present during the hearing are the costs that their constituents shall face entailed by the proposed ordinance. Because this is a valid concern for the members of the Committee, it is proposed that financial assistance or assistance through materials for the construction of septic tanks be budgeted and provided by the City government of Batangas.

With the view that this request will eventually be favorable to the City of Batangas especially to its inhabitants and will assure the compliance of the city to R.A. 9275 otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004, the Sangguniang Panlungsod perceives the essentiality to amend the provisions of the said proposed ordinance and consider the opinions expressed by all who extend their concerns including the amendments.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee hereby recommends:

1. The adoption of this Committee Report.
2. To report the said ordinance with inclusion of various amendments on its provision on Second reading and final reading.

Respectfully submitted, December 5, 2018.

**THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

  
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Chairman

  
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