

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Zamboanga del Sur
MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 13-200-16
AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR.

BE IT ORDAINED by the 13TH Sangguniang Bayan of Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur, on its 22ND Regular Session held at the Municipal Session Hall on December 15, 2016 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

SECTION I. **SCOPE:** A seal is used to authenticate a corporate act which is usually done and brought into effect thru the execution of legal instruments manifesting corporate existence. The Municipality of Bayog has its own official seal bearing significant designs reflecting our rivers, forest and mining resources, including agricultural and timber lands.

SECTION II. **FOUR (4) MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCES REFLECTED IN THE OFFICIAL SEAL AS DEFINED:**

Rivers - The Municipality of Bayog is traversed by two (2) big bodies of rivers, in which the raging current during continuous rains swiftly dash out to the coastal areas of the neighboring province of Zamboanga Sibugay. At the eastern part, ***Sibuguey River*** in a snake-like form that originates from the distant Barangay Sigacad has a total length of 43,398 meters and find its exit down to the boundary of the adjacent Municipality of Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay. With resembling notoriety, ***Dipili River*** in the west is much shorter having a length only of 18,724 meters since it joins Sibuguey River at the outskirts of Barangay Salawagan.

There are four (4) other smaller rivers traversing the hinterland and lowland areas namely: ***Depore River*** with a length of 10,065 meters, ***Depase River*** with a length of 8,091 meters, ***Bobuan River*** with 20,232 meters and ***Malubog River*** the shortest having a length only of 1,772 meters. The first two joins Sibugay and Dipili Rivers on their way down to the western shoreline of Zamboanga Sibugay.

The rivers played significant roles for the survival of the Subanen Tribe, as well as the earliest immigrants due to the abundant supplies of fresh water species fit for man's consumption that lasted for years.

Agricultural land - As an agricultural community, farming is considered as the chief source of earning a living of the majority of the inhabitants. Lowland areas provided most of the lands fit for agricultural purposes. The soil is classified as San Miguel Silt Loam. This type is best suited to the cultivation of lowland rice, corn, coffee, vegetables, legumes, and other diversified crops. The upper areas also produced considerable quantities of root crops and other kinds of staple food and vegetables.. Out of the total land area of 35,463.643 of the Municipality of Bayog distributed among 28 barangay, areas suit for agricultural production reaches to 636.375 hectares and another 1,586.675 hectares classified under agricultural protection as prime agricultural areas.

Forest/timber land – In the past, Bayog mostly forested, was abundant of forest products like rattan poles and timbers for household and commercial consumption. It was also a haven of wild life habitat where flock of birds of different species and animals flown and roamed freely until indiscriminately disturbed by the intensified logging operations in the 70's which drove them deeper into the midst of the forest. However, the suspension of the logging operation in 1995 makes the municipality promising again in rattan and wood industries in the future. So far, it has still an aggregate total forest land area of 33,006.422 hectares.

Mining resources – The municipality is rich in mineral resources like iron, copper, manganese, chromite, gold and silver which are vastly deposited within the area of 7,556.614 hectares. In 1959 iron-ore mining operation concentrated in the hinterlands of Barangays Bobuan, Datagan, Liba, Conakon, Balukbahan and Kahayagan. Known of being abundant to its natural wealth, people from other places dared to come to Bayog and found mining a lucrative means of earning a living. If not however, of the labor-management conflict in later years that forced the Samar Mining Company (SAMICO) to close its operation, Bayog, although remotely situated, has far exceeded in terms of growth and development over those other progressive towns and cities of the country.

In the twilight years of the 80's small-scale mining operation intensified in the mountainous areas of Barangay Depore but terminated after a score of years consequential to the conflict against the large-scale over the issue of ownership concerning mining claims.

SECTION III. **PURPOSE/SIGNIFICANCE;** Designs reflected in the **Official Seal** shall be defined to make it known how the Municipality of Bayog and its inhabitants make use of lands, rivers, minerals and forest resources for continuing existence and survival.

Yellow Ring - Yellow is the color of sunshine. The yellow ring represents joy, happiness, intellect, and energy which reflects the lifestyle of the inhabitants of the municipality of Bayog.

Green Forest and Agriculture - Green is the color of nature. It symbolizes growth, harmony, freshness, and fertility. Agriculture and forest areas are colored green as a symbol of the people's aspirations for biodiversity conservation, and watershed protection to sustain food production.

Blue Rivers - Blue is strongly associated with tranquility and calmness. The Sibuguey River and Dipili River are the major water resources of the Municipality of Bayog that supports livelihood and leisure.

SECTION IV. **VALIDITY/AUTHENTICITY OF AN OFFICIAL SEAL:** Unless the proper committee of the Honorable Sangguniang Bayan of Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur, in proper session assembled, introduced changes as to the designs reflected in the **Official Seal** and such are duly defined by way of enacting an Ordinance, the present one remains valid and authentic.

SECTION V. **FORCE AND EFFECT OF LAW:** Enactment of this Ordinance has force and effect of law and makes valid and authentic the execution of every instrument where the **Official Seal** of the Municipality of Bayog is affixed therein.

SECTION VI - **EFFECTIVITY** - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED this 15TH day of December 2016, on motion of Hon. Horace Paul T. Anlap, duly seconded.

AYES: Hon. Horace Paul T. Anlap, Hon. Ernesto C. Yagos, Hon. Ronilo A. Yamaro, Hon. Cerilo B. Carcueva, Hon. Junel P. Bacbac, Hon. Lucenio M. Manda, Hon. Teofisto B. Deocades, Jr., Hon. Norelyn B. Rodriguez and Hon. Godofredo T. Compacion.

NAYS: NONE

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CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

(SGD) RAMONITO E. MATALINES
Secretary to the Sanggunian

(SGD) CELSO A. MATIAS
Municipal Vice Mayor-Presiding Officer

VERIFIED CORRECT:

APPROVED:

(SGD) HORACE PAUL T. ANLAP
SB Member-Floor Leader

(SGD) LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR.
Municipal Mayor