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PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR
Municipality of Dumingag

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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Municipal Ordinance No. 11th-1-2023

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES IN THE HOISTING AND DISPLAY OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FLAG, THE CONDUCT OF FLAG RAISING AND FLAG LOWERING CEREMONIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SECTION 1. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as the “National Flag Ordinance” of the municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur.

SECTION 2. LEGAL BASES

Section 1, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution provides that the National Flag should be consecrated and honored by the people and recognized by law.

Republic Act No. 8491 otherwise known as “An Act Prescribing the Code of the National Flag, Anthem, Motto, Coat-of-Arms and other Heraldic Items and Devices of the Philippines.”

Executive Order No. 179 signed by then President Fidel V. Ramos on May 24, 1994 which ordered the prominent display of the national flag in all buildings, establishments, and homes from May 28, 1994 to June 12, 1994 and every year thereafter, and for other purposes.

Memorandum Circular No. 19, s. 2012 by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) was issued to ensure that all government employees regularly accord respect to the Philippine National Flag and to provide a venue where they will be constantly reminded of how must they conduct themselves as public servants.

SECTION 3. RATIONALE

On May 28, 1898, days after the return of General Emilio Aguinaldo from exile in Hong Kong, Filipino troops were once again engaged in a battle against Spanish forces in Alapan, Cavite.

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It was in this skirmish and after their victory that the Philippine flag was first unfurled as the revolutionary standard at the Teatro Caviteño in Cavite Nuevo (now Cavite City). The flag was a tri-color featuring red and blue with a white triangle framing three yellow stars and an anthropomorphic eight-rayed sun.

In the declaration of the nation's Independence Day on June 12, 1898 from Spanish colonizers, the Philippine flag, contrary to popular belief, was waved by Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista, not by Emilio Aguinaldo. It was done at the window of Aguinaldo's bahay-na-bato, not at the balcony which did not exist at that time. (Source: National Historical Commission of the Philippines)

The flag's original symbolism is enumerated in the text of the Philippine Independence proclamation. The proclamation explains the flag as follows;

"And, lastly, it was resolved unanimously that this Nation, already free and independent as of this day, must use the same flag which up to now is being used, whose design and colors are found described in the attached drawing, the white triangle signifying the distinctive emblem of the famous Society of the "Katipunan" which by means of its blood compact inspired the masses to rise in revolution; the three stars, signifying the three principal Islands of this Archipelago-Luzon, Mindanao, and Panay where this revolutionary movement started; the sun representing the gigantic steps made by the sons of the country along the path of Progress and Civilization; the eight rays, signifying the eight provinces-Manila, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Bataan, Laguna, and Batangas - which declared themselves in a state of war as soon as the first revolt was initiated; and the colors of Blue, Red, and White, commemorating the flag of the United States of North America, as a manifestation of our profound gratitude towards this Great Nation for its disinterested protection which it lent us and continues lending us. And holding up this flag of ours, I present it to the gentlemen here assembled: (names of the delegates). Who solemnly swear to recognize and defend it unto the last drop of their blood."

The Philippine national flag is a symbol of our forefather's sweat, blood and tears shed during numerous struggles for freedom and the nation's quest for sovereignty. It remains a constant reminder of their bravery and patriotism that enables, us, the present generation, to enjoy our freedom and for us to preserve for future generations to come. The national flag is also a symbol of unity for all Filipinos, cementing our identity as a peace and freedom loving sovereign nation.

This Ordinance was crafted to accord our utmost respect to the Philippine national flag and what it represents. To instill patriotism among Dumingagnons. To inspire us to love our country. To defend it in times of war. To value our hard-earned freedom and to honor those whose sacrifices made this freedom possible by being a law abiding, peace-loving citizens of the Republic of the Philippines.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS

1. Alien - any person who is not a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines;
2. Festoon - shall mean to hang in a curved shape between two points as a decoration;
3. Flag - shall mean the Philippine National Flag, unless stated otherwise;
4. Fly - shall mean the part of the flag outside the hoist or length;
5. Half-Mast - shall mean lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff;
6. Halyard - can be all rope, all wire or a combination of wire spliced to rope used in raising or lowering the flag
7. Hoist - shall mean the part of the flag nearest the staff or the canvass to which the halyard is attached;

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8. Inclement Weather - shall mean that a typhoon signal is raised in the locality;
9. Military - shall mean all branches of the Armed Forces of the Philippines including the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, and the Bureau of Fire Protection;
10. National Anthem - shall mean the Philippine National Anthem;
11. NHCP - shall mean the National Historical Commission of the Philippines;
12. Places of Frivolity - shall mean places of hilarity marked by or providing boisterous merriment or recreation; and

SECTION 5. COVERAGE

This Ordinance is applicable within the territorial jurisdiction of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur.

SECTION 6. HOISTING AND DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG

The following shall be the guidelines in the hoisting and display of the national flag.

1. The flag shall be displayed in all public buildings, public plazas, and institutions of learning everyday throughout the year in the municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur.
2. The flag should not be displayed on horizontal position or hung fastened by its fly. The fly portion of the flag should be free to move.
3. The flag shall also be displayed in private buildings and residences or raised in the open flag-staffs in front of said buildings every April 9 (Araw ng Kagitingan); May 1 (Labor Day); May 28 (National Flag Day) to June 12 (Independence Day); last Sunday of August (National Heroes Day); November 30 (Bonifacio Day); and December 30 (Rizal Day); and on such other days as may be declared by the President and/or the local chief executive.
4. The flag may also be displayed throughout the year in private buildings or offices or raised in the open on flag-staffs in front of private buildings: Provided, that they observe flag-raising ceremonies in accordance with the rules and regulations to be issued by the Office of the President.
5. All government agencies and instrumentalities, and local government offices, government-owned corporations and local government units are enjoined to observe flag day with appropriate ceremonies. Socio-civic groups, non-government organizations and the private sector are exhorted to cooperate in making the celebrations a success.
6. The flag, if flown from a flagpole, shall have its blue field on top in time of peace and the red field on top in time of war; if in a hanging position, the blue field shall be to the right (left of the observer) in time of peace, and the red field to the right (left of the observer) in time of war. The flagpole staff must be straight and slightly tapering at the top.
7. If planted on the ground, the flagpole shall be at a prominent place and shall be of such height as would give the flag commanding position in relation to the buildings in the vicinity.

If attached to a building, the flagpole shall be on top of its roof or anchored on a sill projecting at an angle upward.

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- a. *Inside or outside-a building or on a stationary flagpole. If the flag is displayed indoors on a flagpole, it shall be placed at the left of the observer as one enters the room;*
- b. *From the top of a flagpole, which shall be at a prominent place or a commanding position in relation to the surrounding buildings;*
- c. *From a staff projecting upward from the window sill, canopy, balcony or facade of a building.*
- d. *In a suspended position from a rope extending from a building to pole erected away from the building;*
- e. *Flat against the wall vertically with the sun and stars on top;*
- f. *Hanging in a vertical position across a street, with the blue field pointing east, if the road is heading south or north, or pointing north if the road is heading east or west; and*
- g. *The flag shall not be raised when the weather is inclement. If already raised, the flag shall not be lowered.*

15. The flag shall be hoisted to the top briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag shall never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, flood, water or other objects.

After being lowered, the flag shall be handled and folded solemnly as part of the ceremony.

16. The flag should be flown from a staff when displayed on a float.

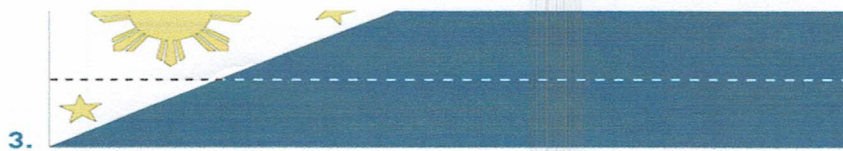
SECTION 7. PROPER WAY OF FOLDING THE FLAG

The following illustration should serve as a guide in the proper way of folding the national flag;

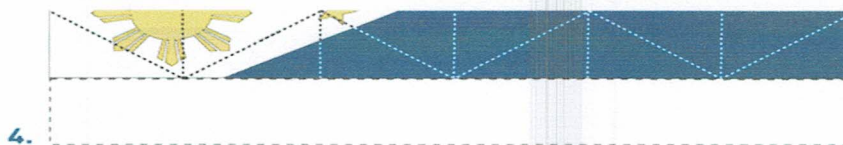
How to properly fold the Philippine national flag



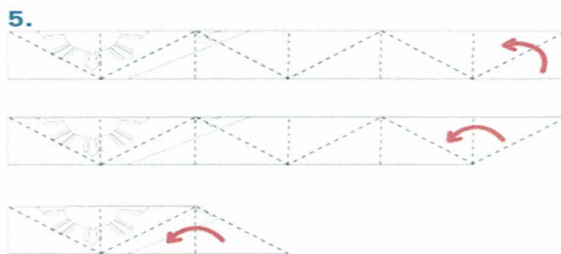
The flag must be handled by two people on opposite ends of the flag (1). The blue field must be aligned to the left-hand side of the person standing at the head of the flag (where the sun is), before it is folded over (2).



Flipping it over, the blue field of the flag must look like the photo above (3).



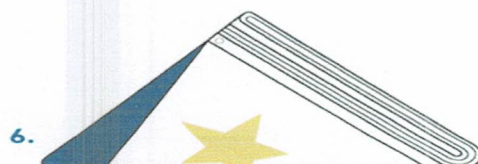
Another fold must be made quartering the flag lengthwise, completely hiding the red field.



One end of the flag must be folded diagonally to form a small triangle.

Then repeatedly folded the same way keeping the triangular shape intact.

The folded flag must have one of the stars and only a sliver of the blue field visible.



Based on the rules and regulations implementing RA 8491

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SECTION 8. CONDUCT OF FLAG RAISING AND FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY

The following shall be observed in the conduct of flag raising and flag lowering ceremonies;

1. All government offices and educational institutions shall henceforth observe the flag-raising ceremony every Monday morning and the flag lowering ceremony every Friday afternoon.

In observance of the Civil Service Memorandum Circular No. 19, s. 2012, all government agencies in the municipality are enjoined to schedule a flag raising ceremony every Monday, or the next working day if Monday is declared a holiday, and a flag lowering ceremony every Friday or on the last working day of the week. The conduct of the flag raising and flag lowering ceremonies shall be at 8 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Primary and secondary schools and other institutions of learning shall observe the flag ceremony as ordered by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports and/or the Commission on Higher Education.

2. The observance of the flag ceremony in official or civic gatherings shall be simple and dignified and shall include the playing or singing of the anthem in its original Filipino lyrics and march tempo.
3. During the flag-raising ceremony, the assembly shall stand in formation facing the mast. The flag shall be marched off to the flagpole by the flag bearer accompanied by two (2) color guards before it will be tied to the halyard, with background music, if possible. At the moment the first note of the national anthem is heard, everyone in the premises shall come to attention; moving vehicles shall stop. All present shall place their right palms over their chests, those with hats shall uncover, while those in military, scouting, security guard, and citizens military training uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations, which salute shall be completed upon the last note of the anthem.

The assembly shall sing the Philippine national anthem, accompanied by a band, if available, and at the first note, the flag shall be raised briskly.

The same procedure shall be observed when the flag is passing in review or in parade.

4. During the flag lowering, the flag shall be lowered solemnly and slowly so that the flag shall be down the mast at the sound of the last note of the anthem. Those in the assembly shall observe the same deportment or shall observe the same behavior as for the flag-raising ceremony.

SECTION 9. HALF-MAST

The following guidelines shall be observed;

1. The flag shall be flown at half-mast as a sign of mourning on all buildings and places where it is displayed, as provided for in this Act, on the day of official announcement of the death of any of the following officials:
 - a. The President or a former President, for ten (10) days;
 - b. The Vice-President, the Chief Justice, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for seven (7) days;
 - c. Other persons to be determined by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), for any period less than seven (7) days;
 - d. Municipal Mayors and Vice Mayors, for three (3) days;

- e. Members of the Sangguniang Bayan on the day of interment;
 - f. Barangay Chairmen and the Barangay Councilmen on the day of interment;
 - g. Local Government Officials, appointive or elective, other than those specified above, on the day of interment, by resolution of the Sanggunian;
 - h. Regional Directors, Superintendents, Supervisors, Principals, Teachers and other school officials, on the day of interment and by order of the proper school authorities concerned;
 - i. Recipients of national orders and decorations, on the day of interment and by order of the President or the Congress;
 - j. Other persons to be determined by the NHCP, for a period of less than seven (7) days; and
 - k. Local residents who, in their lifetime contributed greatly or who brought honor to the municipality, by resolution of the Sanggunian.
2. The flag when flown at half-mast shall be first hoisted to the peak for a moment then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag shall again be raised briskly to the peak before it is lowered for the day.
 3. The national flag shall also be flown at half-mast during calamities/tragedies of national or international significance as ordered by the Office of the President.

SECTION 10. CASKET

The flag may be used to cover the caskets of the honored dead of the military, veterans of previous wars, national artists, and of civilians who have rendered distinguished service to the nation, as maybe determined by the local government unit of Dumingag. In such cases, the flag shall be placed such that the white triangle shall be at the head and the blue portion shall cover the right side of the caskets. The flag shall not be lowered to the grave or allowed to touch the ground, but shall be folded solemnly and handed over to the heirs of the deceased or next of kin.

No object must be put on top of the National Flag, except for religious objects that symbolize "God above Country".

SECTION 11. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The following shall be the Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag:

Ako ay Filipino
Buong katapatang nanunumpa
Sa watawat ng Pilipinas
At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag
Na may dangal, katarungan, at kalayaan
Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang
Maka-Diyos,
Makatao,
Makakalikasan, at
Makabansa.

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Such pledge shall be recited right after the singing of the National Anthem, the throng standing with the right palm open, raised shoulder high. Individuals whose faith or religious beliefs prohibit them from making such pledge must nonetheless show full respect by standing at attention.

SECTION 12. FLAG DAYS

In observance, the period from May 28 to June 12 of each year is declared as Flag Days, during which period all offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are enjoined to display the flag.

The government offices and local government units concerned shall display the national flag on main thoroughfares, parks, plazas, and other public places.

SECTION 13. SPECIFICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL FLAG

All requisitions for the purchase of the national flag must be based on strict compliance with the design, color, craftsmanship and material requirements of the Government.

As mandated by RA 8491, the local government unit of Dumingag, including the barangays, shall include in their annual budgets the necessary outlay for the purchase of the national flag.

SECTION 14. PROHIBITED ACTS

The following shall be prohibited;

1. To mutilate, deface, defile, trample, on or cast contempt any act or omission casting dishonor or ridicule upon the flag over its surface.
2. To dip the flag to any person or object by way of compliment or salute.
3. To use the flag:
 - a. As a drapery, festoon, tablecloth.
 - b. As covering for ceilings, walls, statues or other objects.
 - c. As a pennant in the hood, side, back and top of motor vehicles.
 - d. As a staff or whip.
 - e. For unveiling monuments or statues; and
 - f. As trademarks or for industrial, commercial or agricultural labels or designs.
4. To display the flag:
 - a. Under any painting or picture;
 - b. Horizontally face-up. It shall always be hoisted aloft and be allowed to fall freely;
 - c. Below any platform; or
 - d. In discotheques, cockpits, night and day clubs, casinos, gambling joints and places of vice or where frivolity prevails.
5. To wear the flag in whole or in part as a costume or uniform, unless authorized by law.

6. To add any word, figure, mark, picture, design, drawings, advertisement, or imprint of any nature on the National Flag.
7. To print, paint or attach representation of the flag on handkerchiefs, napkins, cushions, and other articles of merchandise.
8. To display in public any foreign flag, except in embassies and other diplomatic establishments, and in offices of international organizations.
9. To use, display or be part of any advertisement of infomercial; and
10. To display the flag in front of buildings or offices occupied by aliens.

SECTION 15. PENAL PROVISIONS

Any person who violates, disobey, refuse, omit or neglect to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be meted with the following penalties:

- First Offense - a fine of five hundred pesos (₱ 500.00)
- Second Offense - a fine of one thousand five hundred pesos (₱ 1,500.00)
- Third and Succeeding Offenses - a fine of two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment for a period of more than three (3) months but not exceeding six (6) months or both at the discretion of a competent court.

SECTION 16. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

The Office of the Municipal Mayor, Human Resource and Management Office (HRMO), Barangay Officials, the military and the Municipal Task Force Ordinance, shall be the lead agencies responsible for the implementation of this Ordinance. It will be done in close coordination with other stakeholders.

SECTION 17. REPEALING CLAUSE

Any portion of an ordinance, order or memorandum of local effect inconsistent with the provision/s of this ordinance is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 18. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other portions hereof not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 19. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

This ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion of the posting requirements in three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality of Dumingag and its publication in any newspaper of general circulation or posting of copies in all the municipalities and one (1) city within the province of Zamboanga del Sur.

Enacted: March 27, 2023

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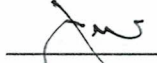
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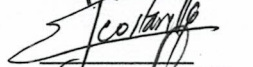
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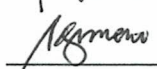
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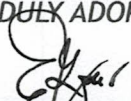
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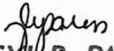

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Presiding Officer / Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED: April 18, 2023


GERRY T. PAGLINAWAN
Municipal Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance is true and correct.


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