

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE HELD ITS SESSION HALL ON MAY 6, 2015.

PRESENT:	HON. PETER L. PUMA-AT,	Vice Mayor and SB Presiding Officer
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	HON. ESTEBAN O. NGUDDO,	Sectoral Representative, (IPMR)
ABSENT:	HON. EUSEBIO S. KABLUYEN,	Regular Member
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### ORDINANCE No. 250, Series of 2015

Hon. ALSANNYSTER F. PATINGAN  
Chairman - SB Committee on Laws  
Hon. EUSEBIO KABLUYEN  
Chairman - SB Committee on Waterworks

AN ORDINANCE TO ENSURE ADEQUATE, SUFFICIENT AND CONTINUOUS WATER SUPPLY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONTOC, MOUNTAIN PROVINCE, AND PENALIZING CERTAIN ACTS CONTRARY THERETO.

**Whereas**, one of the flagship projects of this administration is to find a lasting solution to the perennial problem of water shortage in the municipality;

**Whereas**, at the moment, the Municipality had already secured certain areas capable of supplying water to the municipality, even while it is likewise looking for additional sources to augment the same;

**Whereas**, the municipality is likewise in the process of rehabilitating the worn-out pipelines and installing new ones to bring the water from the source to the reservoirs;

**Whereas**, the municipality had likewise rehabilitated its existing reservoirs and is in the process of constructing additional ones;

**Whereas**, the ideal scenario is that there should be no interruptions of water flow, from the source, through the pipelines, to the reservoirs. It should only be through the distribution manifolds where pipes supplying the households shall be connected to or tapped;

**WHEREFORE**, and in view of all the foregoing, this August Body now DECREE the following:

**Section 1. Title** – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Water Supply Ordinance of 2015”.

**Section 2. Definitions:** For purposes of this ordinance the following definition of terms are provided:

**2a. Water source** – shall refer to the place or location where the water intended to supply the municipality is first tapped;

**2b. Reservoirs** – shall refer to the tanks where the water supply is collected and stored;

**2c. Supply pipelines** – shall refer to the pipelines installed from the water source up to the reservoirs, as differentiated from the “distribution pipelines”;

**2d. Distribution pipelines** – shall refer to the pipelines installed from the reservoir going to the distribution manifolds; and

**2e. Distribution manifolds** – The section or portions of the distribution pipelines where consumer/household pipes of a certain area are commonly connected to.

**Section 3. Prohibitions** – for purposes of avoiding interruptions of water services and to ensure adequacy, sufficiency and continuity of water supply, the following acts are prohibited and shall be penalized, viz-

**3a.** Draining of the reservoirs, to include collecting the water from the reservoirs by any unauthorized persons;

**3b.** Tapping/connecting directly into the reservoir, supply pipelines and distribution pipelines. Connections to consumers shall only be made at the designated distribution manifolds;

**3c.** Causing actual destruction on the reservoirs and/or supply and distribution pipelines and/or distribution manifolds and/or other structure/s (fences, signages, to include fire hydrants, etc.) constructed or placed by the Municipality for purposes of securing, protecting the water sources, reservoirs and pipelines;

**3d.** Maliciously diverting the natural flow of water from the source creeks, ponds, lagoons, etc., and away from the intake reservoirs or intake pipes;

**3e.** Secondary or multiple tapping into one connection by different establishments, *except*, by extension, secondary connections between two adjacent or nearby establishment owned by one and the same person. For purposes of this section, both the first connector and the second/subsequent connector/s shall be liable, *except*, where it is shown that the subsequent connections were made without the knowledge and consent of the first connector; and

**3f.** Connecting and use of a water pump machine directly on the supply or distribution pipelines, distribution manifolds, or on household/private pipes directly connected to said municipal pipelines/manifolds. This is to ensure equal distribution of water supply between the consumers.

**Section 4. Penalties** – Upon conviction, the following penalties shall be imposed on any person/s found to have committed the foregoing prohibited acts, to wit:

**4a. First Offense** – Upon conviction for the first time for any of the prohibited acts, the penalty of imprisonment for a period of SIX (6) MONTHS OR payment of a fine amounting to TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP2,500.00), shall be imposed at the discretion of the Honorable Courts; and

**4b. Succeeding Offenses** – Upon conviction for a second/subsequent time involving the same offense or another offense under the prohibited acts, the penalty of imprisonment for a period of SIX (6) MONTHS AND payment of a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (PHP2,500.00), shall be imposed by the Honorable Courts.

**Section 5. Summary Actions** – To minimize disruptions, the Municipality shall, after conducting proper documentation, immediately disconnect pipes tapped illegally and repair or restore damaged facilities or structures. The cost shall be borne initially by the Municipality, subject to recovery as damages from any person found responsible for the illegal tapping or destruction of said facilities.

*[Handwritten signatures and initials in blue and black ink are present below the text of Section 5.]*

**Section 6. Authorized persons** – Only the personnel from the Waterworks section of the Municipality shall be authorized to connect/disconnect pipelines of private consumers. However, a private person or private persons may be allowed to connect/disconnect their water pipes to/from the distribution manifolds, after obtaining proper consent from the Municipal Mayor or his duly appointed representative, and in the presence of a duly authorized waterworks personnel who shall be tasked to supervise the same.

**Section 7. Authority to file/settle cases** – The Municipal Mayor or his duly authorized representative/s is/are hereto authorized to file cases against persons perceived to have committed the foregoing prohibited acts. The Municipal Mayor or his duly authorized representative/s is/are likewise hereto authorized to enter into settlements for the peaceful resolution of the case, *provided*, that any such settlement should be made before any information is filed before the Honorable Courts.

**Section 8. Water Source Identification** – The water source/s of the Municipality where the intake dam/pipe/reservoir is located shall, as much as possible, be fenced to secure the same and upon effectivity of this ordinance, be installed signage/s identifying it as Municipal Water Source warning any and all persons from doing the given prohibited acts.

**Section 9. Primary Requirement Before Water Connection** - After the effectivity of this Ordinance, a Building Permit duly obtained from the Municipality shall be required before any connection to the municipal distribution manifolds to any newly constructed structure shall be given due course.

**Section 10. Separability**– Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared null and void, such declaration shall not affect the other provisions hereof, not so declared as null and void.

**Section 11. Effectivity** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days from its posting and publication which shall be undertaken as upon approval on review by the SangguniangPanlalawigan.

ENACTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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