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Taytay, Rizal

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ORDINANCE NO. 759 series of 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 690 S. 2020 PRESCRIBING
NEW RULES AND REGULATION FOR THE USE AND PROMOTION OF
BICYCLES, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF,
APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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WHEREAS, the use of bicycles and other light mobility have been promoted as essential mode of transport for citizens who need to commute to work and other daily activities;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Taytay, Rizal is promoting cycling as an alternative mode of transportation and means to maintain the health of every citizen of Taytay, Rizal and protect the environment all at the same time;

WHEREAS, existing scientific literature has shown overwhelmingly that cycling lane improves mobility outcomes throughout municipalities / cities / provinces by encouraging citizens to adopt the less-congestive mode of cycling as transportation rather than resorting to the more congestive mode of private motorized transport;

WHEREAS, Section 447 (a)(5)(v and vi) of the Local Government Code, gives power to the Sangguniang Bayan to approve ordinances to regulate the use of and traffic of streets;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish bike lanes and bike-friendly zones in order to safeguard bikers from accidents and other road-related incidents;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance aims to protect the right to property and ensure the safety of the cycling public traversing in Taytay, Rizal;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that “[e]very Local Government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare...”;

WHEREAS, to ensure better bikers’ safety, and to promote cycling as a sound means of sustainable transportation and tourism promotion, this body believes that Ordinance 690 series 2020 must be amended and updated;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay, Rizal, in session duly assembled, that:

**ARTICLE I
INTRODUCTIONS**

Section 1. Title - This ordinance shall be known as the “**Comprehensive Taytay Bicycle Ordinance of 2022**”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policies - In accordance with the Philippine Constitution and the Local Government Code, it is the policy of the Municipality of Taytay to promote the use of bicycles as a mode of transportation and encourage its use by providing incentives and amenities for the safety of cyclist through:

- a. Recognizing the rights of cyclist to safe road condition and comfortable bicycling environment as well as the municipality’s corresponding obligation to provide them thereof the necessary facilities as it does for other road users;
- b. Promoting cycling as a convenient, inexpensive, and sustainable mode of transportation; and
- c. Promoting cycling as a means to promote health, sports, and recreation as well as love for the environment.

Section 3. Definition of Terms - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms used in this ordinance shall mean:

- a. **Bicycle** - - a non-motorized vehicle propelled by human power, consisting of a light frame mounted on two wire-spiked gears one behind the other, having a seat, handlebars for steering, brakes and pedals.
- b. **Bicycle / Bike Lanes** - areas designated as lanes for the passage of bicycles / bikes that alert all road users that a road or portion of a roadway is for the primary, if not exclusive, use by cyclist.
- c. **Cycling** - also called bicycling or biking, is the use of bicycle for transport, recreation, exercise or sport.
- d. **Cyclist** - a person who rides a bicycle.
- e. **Road Sharing / Shared Roadway** - a roadway which is open to both bicycle and motor vehicle travel that may be an existing roadway and street with paved and unpaved shoulders.
- f. **Slow Streets** - are streets wherein the minimum width of one point five (1.5) meters prescribed for the one-way bicycle lanes may not be feasible, and where the speed limits at low levels shall be required among motor vehicles to allow for safe mixing with bicycle traffic.

**ARTICLE II
USE AND PROMOTION OF BICYCLES**

Section 4. Use of Bicycles - The following shall be the duties and obligations of cyclists:

- i. Obey all existing traffic rules and regulations;
- ii. Equip bike with brakes as well as light bulb in front and blinder on the rear if to be used during night time;
- iii. Wear appropriate bike safety gears;
- iv. Keep at least one hand on the handlebar of the bicycle at all times;
- v. Make the appropriate hand signals in every turn which shall be given not less than one hundred (100) feet from turn;
- vi. Yield to right-of-way to all traffic on a roadway whenever entering or about to enter or to cross a roadway;
- vii. Exercise proper precautions upon observing any child, person with disability, or senior citizen upon a road, especially on pedestrian crossing;
- viii. Take the designated bike lane at all times except on the following circumstances:
 - a. When preparing for a turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway; and



- b. When reasonably necessary to leave the bike lane to avoid debris, obstructions, or any hazardous conditions.
- ix. Ride as near as practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway when there is no designated bike lane except as follows:
 - a. When preparing to turn left at an intersection or onto a private road or driveway;
 - b. A condition on the roadway, including a fixed or moving object, parked or moving, vehicle, pedestrian, animal, or surface hazard, prevents the cyclist from safely riding next to the right curb or edge of the roadway; and
 - c. When cyclists are riding in a lane which the traffic is turning right but they intend to go straight through the intersection.

Section 5. Bike Tourism - The Municipal Tourism Office shall establish a program that will enable the Municipality of Taytay, Rizal to be a bike-friendly municipality.

The bike program shall include, among others, the following:

- a. The production and printing of printed, audio-visual, and digital information materials that will promote the safe and habitual use of bicycles;
- b. Conduct of seminars, competitions and other events that will raise the awareness and enthusiasm on the use of bicycles;
- c. Partner with travel and tour operators and other tourism establishments in coming up with bike stations, bike tours, or any biking events;
- d. Promote the municipal government as a bike-friendly municipality, by staging biking competitions, biking trails and other similar activities for the promotion of Bike Tourism; and
- e. Allocate the necessary budget for implementation of the program which shall be incorporated in the office's annual budget.

Section 6. Bike Education - The Municipal Tourism Office, in coordination with the Public Safety Office, and with the help of accredited local biking groups, shall establish an educational program to increase awareness on bike safety and road sharing. The program shall be designed for traffic enforcers, motorists, cyclists, and the commuting public. The program shall include:

- a. Cycling Rules
- b. Benefits of the use of bicycles
- c. Bicycle maintenance
- d. Children's bicycle certification
- e. Driver's education
- f. Speed limits in national and local roads
- g. Safe Spaces Act
- h. Emergency Response / First Aid Training
- i. Taytay Bike Ordinance
- j. Taytay Traffic / Road Safety Ordinances

Section 7. Bike to Work Program - To further promote bicycling, preserve the environment and enhance the physical fitness of municipal employees, the municipal government shall devise and implement a Bike to Work Program for its employees.

The program shall include:

- a. Provision of bicycle loan offering for municipal employees thru the Taytay Municipal Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (TAMEMCO) and/or any other financial institutions that may offer advantageous loan agreements;
- b. Construction of shower rooms; and
- c. Provision of bike parking in the area of the municipal hall with CCTVs or designated security personnel.

Barangays are encouraged to adopt a similar program for their officials and personnel. Private establishments shall also be urged to establish the same program for their employees.

Section 8. Incentives - The following incentives shall be granted to residents and business establishments:

- a. Business establishments with bike-friendly facilities (i.e., bike racks, bike lanes, employee bike allowance or bike loan programs) shall be given a fifteen (15) percent discount for their environmental clearance for the period of not more than five (5) years.
- b. Class Valedictorians and Salutatorians in all Public Elementary and High Schools within the municipality shall be awarded with bicycles upon their graduation to further promote biking among students.

Section 9. Bike Month - It is hereby declared that April will be the official bicycle month in the municipality of Taytay. Events and bazaars may be organized by the bicycle board and the municipal tourism office to promote biking to the general public.

Section 10. Traffic Intervention - The Municipal Government, through its Traffic Management Team, shall adopt traffic engineering solutions that will prioritize, complement, and support safe and efficient biking. Any such solution shall be supported by an appropriate traffic study which may include implementation of speed limits in narrow and slow streets.

Section 11. Registration of Bike Clubs or Organizations - Any Taytay-based bike club or organization in active operation of at least one year may register and be accredited by the municipality under the Taytay People's Council Ordinance.

Bike clubs and organizations that will be included in the People's Council shall elect among themselves a representative of the following categories who will automatically be part of the Municipal Bike Board:

- a. Sports / Tourism Bicycle Organization
- b. Health and Wellness Bicycle Organization
- c. Cycling Advocates Bicycle Organization
- d. Transport Bicycle Organization



Section 12. Municipal Bicycle Board - A bicycle board shall be created for the primary purpose of ensuring the effective and efficient implementation of this ordinance. The board shall be composed of:

Chairperson	Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairperson	Chairperson, Committee on Transportation and Mobility
Members	Chairperson, Committee on Peace and Order & Public Safety
	Municipal Engineer
	Municipal Planning and Development Officer
	Municipal Public Safety Officer
	Representative, Sports Tourism Bicycle Organization
	Health and Wellness Bicycle Organization
	Cycling Advocates Bicycle Organization
	Transport Bicycle Organization



The following may be invited to sit as additional members of the Bicycle Board:

- a. Taytay Chief of Police
- b. Representative, Land Transportation Office
- c. Representative, 1st Engineering District of the Province of Rizal, Department of Public Works and Highways

**ARTICLE III
CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Section 13. Bicycle Lanes - The Municipal Government of Taytay through the Municipal Planning and Development Office, the Municipal Engineering Department, and the Traffic Management Group, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways in the case of national roads, shall be responsible for the designation and maintenance of appropriated bike lanes:

13.1 Specifications - Bike lanes shall adhere to the following specifications:

- a. Bike lanes shall be about one and a half (1.5) meters wide on primary roads and shall be at least one (1) meter on secondary roads;
- b. Bike lanes shall be clearly distinguished or identified as such by a stripe bicycle symbol and signage; and
- c. Bike lanes with physical barriers shall serve as an exclusive access for cyclists in major highways.

Section 14. Bicycle Parking - The municipality shall install bike racks in all public spaces within its jurisdiction which shall include; (a) Government Offices and facilities, (b) Public Elementary and High Schools, (c) Government-owned sports and multi-purpose facilities, (d) parks (where applicable) and (e) public markets.

Bike racks in government-owned and managed spaces shall be covered by CCTV cameras or a designated security personnel to ensure the security of parked bicycles and of the bike racks.

Private schools, business establishments, especially malls, banks, restaurants, hospitals, and the like are highly urged to provide bicycle parking. Incentives may be given to private establishments in accordance to Section 8 of this ordinance.

Section 15. Support Facilities - Support facilities shall be established to ensure that cyclists and their bicycles travel safely and avoid possible collision with pedestrians. These facilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Sidewalk improvements
- b. Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
- c. Traffic signages pertaining to bicycles; and if possible,
- d. Bicycle Park
- e. Road Markings (first-to-stop, first-to-go scheme)
- f. Bike Rental Facilities
- g. Bicycle Repair Stations in public facilities and bike tourist spots

**ARTICLE IV
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES**

Section 16. Traffic Management and Peace and Order - Traffic police, deputized traffic enforcers, and personnel of the Municipal Public Safety Office (bike police), shall maintain order in bike lanes and shall implement this ordinance.

For this purpose, the Chief of Municipal Public Safety Office is hereby mandated to ensure that the areas designated as bicycle lanes shall at all times be free from any illegal parking or obstruction.

Section 17. Prohibited Acts - The following are acts prohibited under this ordinance:

- a. Operating a bicycle at a speed greater than twenty (20) kilometers per hour within the municipality's Central Business Districts, interior or secondary roads, and in such areas



- where any applicable policy or regulation so provides (i.e., subdivisions), except during biking sports events and/or other promotional events;
- b. Driving a bicycle under the influence of alcohol;
 - c. Using cellular phone while driving that thereby distracts and prejudices the cyclist's or other's lives and limbs;
 - d. Carrying more persons at a time than the number for which the bike is designed and equipped;
 - e. Clinging to another vehicle upon a roadway to hitch;
 - f. Riding a bicycle on the middle of national highways within the municipality;
 - g. Riding a bicycle without any appropriate helmet; and
 - h. Parking in areas other than designated bicycle parking areas. If there is no designated bicycle parking, no cyclist shall park in a manner that would obstruct any pathway or passageway.

Section 18. Prohibited Acts on Bicycle Lanes - The following shall be observed in the bicycle lanes:

- a. A person shall not operate a vehicle on or across a bicycle lane except to enter or leave adjacent property or when it is evidently clear from a distance of thirty (30) meters that no cyclists are using the lane;
- b. A person shall not park a vehicle on a bike lane;
- c. A person shall not create obstruction along the bike lanes such as, but not limited to, sidewalk vending, dumping of construction materials, and loading and unloading of goods, except in emergency cases.

Section 19. Safe Distance - A driver of a motor vehicle, while driving, shall maintain no less than three (3) meters distance from a bicycle in front or at the back, and no less than one (1) meter distance beside it.

Section 20. Construction of Traffic Rules - In cases of accidents or violations, traffic rules shall be liberally construed in favor of cyclists if the incident happened in the bike lanes or, in the absence thereof, in the right curb of the road. Any person involved other than the cyclist is presumed at fault. If the incident happened on the middle of a city or national road, or very proximate thereto, rules shall be liberally construed in favor of motorists.

Section 21. Penalties - The following penalties shall be imposed to violators of Section 18 and 19 of this Ordinance:

- a. Any person who violates any of the prohibited acts specified under Section 18 hereof, shall be subjected to a mandatory bike seminar to be conducted by the MPSO or any accredited bike groups;
- b. Any person who violates any of the prohibited acts specified under Section 19 hereof, shall be imposed with the following penalties:

First offense	-	a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00)
Second offense	-	a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)
Third offense	-	a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00)
- c. All other existing traffic-related ordinances shall still apply to all motorized vehicles.




**ARTICLE V
FINAL PROVISIONS**

Section 22. Urban Plan Integration - The Municipal Planning and Development Office shall ensure that the Cycling Infrastructure provisions of this ordinance are taken into consideration in the formulation of any local development plans.

Section 23. Appropriation - Such amount as may be necessary to implement the mandate of this Ordinance shall be allocated in the municipality's annual budget.

Section 24. Repealing Clause - Any provision of existing ordinance or executive order contrary to the provisions hereof shall be deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 25. Separability Clause - If for any reasons any portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 26. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after posting of this ordinance in all Official Municipal Transparency Boards.

ENACTED, this 23rd day of November, 2022, 2:49 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on November 16, 2022 and was passed on third and final reading on November 23, 2022, during the 21st Regular Session held on the 23rd day of November, 2022.




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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY
ADOPTED BY HER HONOR



HON. SOPHIA PRISCILLA L. CABRAL
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR
DATE 12 DEC 2022



HON. ALLAN MARTINE S. DE LEON
Municipal Mayor