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AN ORDER PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES IN THE INSPECTION OF COASTAL BEACH RESORTS INCLUDING LIFEGUARDS FOR THE PROMOTION OF SAFETY OF LIFE WITHIN COASTAL WATERS OF ANDA, PANGASINAN

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9593 – Tourism Act of 2009 and its IRR (Department of Tourism, Rules and Regulations to govern the accreditation of the hotel, tourists' inns, motels, apartels, resorts, pension houses and other accommodation establishments);

WHEREAS, NHQ-PCG/CG-8, prescribes guidelines and procedures governing the implementation of Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 03-14 on Safety and Security Requirements of Coastal and Beach Resort, including Qualification and Requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOGANIE C. RARANG, Municipal Mayor of Anda, Pangasinan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby prescribe the following:

SECTION 1. SAFETY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS:

A. Coastal and Beach Resorts

1. All resorts shall provide the services of a sufficient number of lifeguards duly trained by the PRC, PLS, or other PCG accredited organization and be certificated by the Philippine Coast Guard. There should be one lifeguard for every twenty (20) meters of length of beach coast line;
2. All resorts shall provide the services of a physician, either on-call or on full-time basis, depending on their volume of operation and accessibility to hospital or medical centers. In addition, resorts shall also employ first-aiders who have completed a course in first aide duly certified by the Philippine Red Cross or other PCG accredited organization. First aide medicines and necessary life-saving equipment shall be provided within the premises;
3. There shall be a placed on a coastal or beach resort an adequate number of buoys (approximately 1 for every 10 meters) attached with safety net which shall be spread within the area whenever there's an abrupt depth of water (kanti/ado). However, when the beachfront has no abrupt depth of water, adequate number of buoys shall be placed to be determined by the resort owner or keeper as safe for swimming purposes;
4. The distance fronting the area of the resort with adequate number of buoys as provided in the preceding section shall be designated as the area for swimming purposes, and no boat, banca or other crafts shall be allowed to enter the designated areas;
5. The resort owner shall likewise designate a portion of the beach front to be used exclusively for loading and unloading of resort guests or areas designated by the LGU in coordination with PCG.
6. Management shall post sufficient and visible signs in strategic areas in the resort or at the beach to warn guests/customers of the presence of artificial or natural hazards, danger areas or occurrences threat (Annex-1);
7. Shall have radio/communication room which will be used for activity monitoring and VHF radio with base and sufficient handled radios for the use of personnel and emergency hotlines are properly posted;
8. Other than these safety requirements, each resort shall establish its own house rules and regulations which must be clearly visible to guests and shall be checked by PCG;
9. Inclusion of beach warning signage and flag signals. (Annex-2)



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B. Pool facilities:

1. All pool areas must have an audible emergency alarm system or bell which will summon competent aid from other parts of the facility and an emergency lighting system to ensure the safety of bathers during possible loss of electrical power and unexpected rolling period of vessel. This system shall be maintained in good working conditions at all times and tested weekly with an appropriate log test maintained;
2. All pool areas shall have a proper pool lighting, mechanical heat and appropriate ventilating systems which shall be maintained in good working conditions at all times;
3. There must be a suitable device completely around the edge of the pool, such as gutter or an expedient hand grab rail to permit firm grasping by occupants in the pool;
4. Buoy lines must be provided to mark off and segregate shallow section of the pool for use by non-swimmers;
5. Entrance and exits to pool area shall be provided with locking device to secure the area against unauthorized access;
6. One lifeguard station must be located in relation to pool entrance so that no one can pass into the area without being observed by the lifeguard. All lifeguards must be positioned according to the zone coverage plan, the bottom and top of the entire assigned zone, 180 degrees, must be visible to the guard at all times;
7. Walking surfaces such as decks, steps, ladders, etc. will be constructed of or treated to render a non-skid, and will be kept free from obstruction;
8. Exit sign shall be illuminated and visible from all areas of the pool;
9. Depth marker must be a minimum of 4 inches high, permanent placed above waterline. The markers must be installed inside and outside of the pool on the vertical and horizontal planes and have FT (feet) and IN (inches) spelled out.
10. Pool chemicals shall be stored in a safe, secure area and handled in accordance with the Pool Operator on Location (POOL) guidelines and manufacturer's instructions. "Material Data Sheets" should be permanently mounted in the chemical storage area;
11. The following safety equipment shall be available and within ready access of the lifeguard stations at all times:
 - a) Minimum of four (4) reaching poles (with minimum of 12 feet in length)
 - b) Shepherd's Crook
 - c) Soft ring buoys should be replaced with 18 inches lifesaving ring with sufficient rope attached to reach all parts of the pool
 - d) First Aid kit completely stocked to treat all pool emergencies
 - e) Back Board with head restraints, 3 straps and cervical collars should be provided
12. Rules, regulations and procedures for the use of swimming pool shall be permanently mounted in the swimming pool area near the entrance;
13. Shall provide the services of a sufficient number of lifeguards duly trained by PRC or the WLSAP and accredited by the PCG;
14. Pools will be evacuated during thunder storms. Swimmers may return twenty minutes after the last clap of the thunder was heard.



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SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS OF LIFEGUARDS.

1. A lifeguard must be physically fit and medically healthy, strong swimmer, and must be able to use the safety equipment comfortably and confidently;
2. As a lifeguard, you must be successfully completed the following Philippine Red Cross Training or any PCG accredited equivalent training courses:
 - a. First Aid Course
 - b. Basic-Life Support – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (BLS-CPR) Course
 - c. Water Safety Course
3. Upon completion of the required training courses, the Philippine Coast Guard will require lifeguards to undergo various water tests and practical exam prior certification and issuance PGG Lifeguard Certificate (Annex-3) to qualified lifeguards;
4. Lifeguards shall undertake refresher training course every 2 years to revalidate lifeguarding skills and renewal of PGG Lifeguard Certificate.

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES.

A. Beach resort owners

1. Shall ensure sufficient number of lifeguards to cover their area of responsibility;
2. Shall ensure that all their lifeguards are certified and qualified based on the requirement of the Circular;
3. Shall submit to the Coast Guard Station/Detachment the list of all their lifeguards to include their corresponding certificates and training records;
4. Shall ensure compliance of other requirements as stipulated under Chapter VII A of this Order;
5. Shall report immediately to the nearest Coast Guard Station/Detachment on any drowning incident in the vicinity;
6. Shall ensure proper waste disposals and cleanliness of the beach facilities and perimeter for the protection of marine environment;
7. Shall established and individual rules and regulation concerning safety and security requirement which will be used as guidelines of the personnel particularly lifeguards;
8. Shall identify the designated area for swimmer and non-swimmer.

B. Lifeguards

1. Shall undertake required training courses and shall maintain individual records;
2. Shall apply for certification with the PCG (Annex-4);
3. Shall enforce rules and regulations of the beach resort they are employed at to ensure safety of life at sea.
4. Shall carry our rescues and initiate other emergency actions as necessary;
5. Shall render reports of any unusual incident pertaining to the use of beach resorts and recreational watercrafts;
6. Shall ensure safety of the resort's private beach/vessels with pool facilities including making the area safe, by getting rid of dangerous objects, encouraging safe play in the water out for weaker swimmers



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SECTION 4. FEE:

An amount of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) shall be collected for the issuance of PCG Lifeguard Certificate.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES:

The beach resort operators shall be held liable for violations of any guidelines pursuant to HPCG/CG-8, Memorandum Circular No. 03-14.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY:

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 28th day of December 2020 at Anda, Pangasinan, Philippines.


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Municipal Mayor