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Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-01

Series of 2025

REGULATING THE SALE OF VOLATILE SUBSTANCE SOLVENTS TO MINORS IN ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALUAN.

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WHEREAS, The Republic Act No. 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, recognizes the need to prevent substance abuse and protect public health, particularly among minors, thus underscoring the importance of regulating the sale of volatile substances known to be misused;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160) empowers local government units to enact measures that promote the welfare and safety of their constituents, thereby mandating the Municipality of Paluan to implement regulations that safeguard minors from potential harm associated with the misuse of volatile substance solvents;

WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence of solvent abuse among youth in poses significant risks to their health and well-being, necessitating immediate action to restrict access to these substances and foster a safe and supportive environment for the community's youth;

RESOLVED, as the body hereby resolves, to enact:

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This ordinance shall be known as the **“Ordinance Regulating the Sale of Volatile Substance Solvents to Minors.”**

SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY. – It is the policy of the Municipality of Paluan to safeguard the health and well-being of its youth by regulating the access and sale of volatile substance solvents, thereby preventing substance abuse and promoting a safe environment for all minors.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. – This Ordinance shall apply within the Territorial Jurisdiction of Paluan, Occidental Mindoro.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. –

- Volatile Substance Solvents:** Any substance or product containing volatile chemicals that can be inhaled for the purpose of achieving a psychoactive effect.
- Minor:** Any individual under the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Business Establishment:** Any retail or wholesale outlet engaged in the sale of goods and services to the public.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITION ON SALE TO MINORS. – No business establishment shall sell, supply, or distribute volatile substance solvents to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years.



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SECTION 6. IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. – All business establishments must require valid identification from any individual who appears to be under the age of eighteen (18) years prior to the sale of volatile substance solvents.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES. –Violations of this ordinance shall incur penalty of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00).

SECTION 8. REPORTING AND ENFORCEMENT. – The Municipal Police and designated local enforcement agencies shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.

- a. Any citizen may report violations to the local authorities, who will conduct investigations as necessary.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. – The Municipality shall conduct regular public awareness campaigns regarding the dangers of volatile substance solvent abuse and the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. FUNDING. – An initial allocation of funding will be designated from the municipality's Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) fund to support the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Ronaldo I. Torreliza and duly seconded by the members of the Sanggunian present, BE IT

ENACTED this 17th day of **February, 2025** at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro.



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- a. **Subsistence allowance-** the BHW and BNS who render service within the premises of isolated barangay Health Stations in order to make their services available at any and all times, shall be intitled to subsistence allowance equivalent to the meals they take in the course of their duty, which shall be computed in accordance with prevailing circumstances as determined by the Local government unit concerned.
- b. **Training, education and career enrichment programs-** the MHO, in coordination with the Department of Health and other concerned government agencies and non-government organizations, shall provide opportunities for the following:
 - 1.) Continuing education, study and exposure tours , training, grants, field immersion, scholarship etc.;
 - 2.) Preferential access to scholarship benefits in the form of education assistance to be granted to one child of every barangay Health Worker and Barangay Nutrition Scholars from any available scholarship program of the government; and
 - 3.) Special training programs such as those on traditional medicines, disaster preparedness and other programs that address emergent community health problems and issues.
- c. **Civil Service Eligibility-** a second-grade eligibility shall be granted to the barangay health worker who have rendered five (5) years continuous service as such: Provided, that should the barangay health workers become a regular employee of the government, the total number of years served as a barangay Health Worker shall be credited to his/her service in computing retirement benefits.
- d. **Free Legal Services.** Legal representation and consultation services for barangay Health Worker and Barangay Nutrition Scholars shall be immediately provided by the public Attorney's Office in case of Coercion, interference, and in other civil case and criminal cases filed by or against barangay Health Worker and barangay Nutrition Scholars arising out of or connection with the performance of their duties.
- e. **Gratuity Pay.** Recognition of the vital role of BHW and BNS in the municipality, they shall be entitled to a retirement benefits who in the performance of their duties upon reaching either the optional or mandatory age for end of service in accordance to the number of years he/she served as such as follows;



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LENGTH OF SERVICE

BENEFITS

1. 10 to 15 years 500.00 for every year of service
2. 16 to 20 years 1,000.00 for every year of service
3. 21 to 25 years 1,250.00 for every year of service
4. 26 years and above 1,500.00 for every year of service

f. **Loyalty award**- all accredited Barangay Health Worker and Barangay Nutrition Scholars who have rendered at least five years of continuous and satisfactory government service shall receive cash award of three hundred pesos (P 300.00) for every year of service for the first five years and additional one thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500.00) for every five years of continuous and satisfactory service beyond five years of service.

SECTION 7. REVIEW BY THE LOCAL HEALTH BOARD – Every incentive or benefit for Barangay Health Worker and Barangay Nutrition Scholars requiring the expenditures of the Local funds shall be reviewed and approved by the Local Health Board to ensure that only the deserving Barangay Health worker and barangay Nutrition Scholars get the same.

SECTION 8. FUNDING The office of the Municipal Mayor shall allot appropriate funds under the 5 % GAD Fund and the AICS for the Incentives and Benefits of BHW and BNS and for the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. Rules and Regulations- the Local Health Board shall issue the necessary rules and regulations sixty (60) days after the approval of this ordinance to implement the same.

SECTION 10. Separability Clause – if any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid, the remainder or any provision hereof not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 11. Repealing Clause- all laws, decrees, executive orders and other presidential issuances, which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication.

ENACTED this 19th day of August, 2024 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro



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