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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
11<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BULALACAO, ORIENTAL MINDORO  
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION  
HALL

PRESENT:

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Hon. Ederlino C. Aceron	Sangguniang Bayan Member
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Hon. Enrico C. Villas	Pangulo, Liga ng mga Brgy.
Hon. Francis Dave C. Cantos	SK Federation President
Hon. Aceron U. Calinog, Jr.	IPM Representative

ABSENT: NONE

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### MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 25-01-403

#### AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF VOLATILE SUBSTANCE/SOLVENTS TO MINORS IN ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO

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Sponsor:

**Sangguniang Bayan Member EDEZER F. ACERON**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Privileges, Ordinances and Legal Matters

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of the Republic Act No. 7610 otherwise known as "An Act Providing Deterrence and Special Protection Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination, and for Other Purposes" provides that it is the policy of the State to provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

WHEREAS, under the same law, circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children include, among others, those who work under conditions hazardous to life and safety which unduly interfere with their normal development and those circumstances analogous to those enumerated in Section 3 (c) thereof which endanger the life, safety or normal development of the children;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 1619 dated July 23, 1979 prohibits the sale or offer to sell volatile substances to minors without the written consent of parents and/or guardians;

WHEREAS, medical research studies have proven that solvents emit chemicals that can cause addiction due to euphoric effects, it also proved that short term effects of this chemicals can cause slurred speech, physical imbalance, euphoria, dizziness, lightheadedness, hallucinations, delusions, drowsiness, and headache while adverse effect to the brain, liver and kidney damage, hearing loss, bone marrow damage and death;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Bulalacao firmly justifies that it is important to enact a legislative measure that could regulate the selling of volatile substances/solvents to protect the people especially the minors from its harmful effects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro, that:

**Section 1. Statement of Policy.** It is the policy of the Local Government Unit of Bulalacao to safeguard public health and ensure the well-being of all its constituents by protecting them from harmful effects of volatile substance and solvents and discontinuing its selling to the minors.

**Section 2. Title.** This Ordinance is entitled as stated and shall be also known as "2024 No Volatile Substance/Solvents to Minors Ordinance of Bulalacao".

**Section 3. Scope/Coverage.** This Ordinance covers all the people residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

**Section 4. Definition of Terms.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Minor** refers to any person who is below eighteen (18) years of age.
- b. **Volatile Substance** shall mean and include any liquid, solid or mixed substance having the property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes containing one or more of the following compounds: methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, ethyl acetate, n-propyl acetate, n-butyl acetate, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl butyl ketone, benzene, toluene, xylene, styrene, naphthalene, n-pentane, n-heptane, methylene chloride, trichloroethylene, tetrachloroethylene, nitrous oxide, dichlorodifluoromethane, chlorodifluoromethane, isoamyl nitrate, ether or chloroform or any other chemical substance which when sniffed, smelled, inhaled, or introduced into the physiological system of the body produces or induces a condition of intoxication, inebriation, excitement, stupefaction, dulling of the brain or nervous system, depression, giddiness, paralysis or irrational behavior or in any manner changing, distorting or disturbing the auditory, visual or mental processes.

c. **Solvent** shall mean to have based contact cement like rugby, vulca seal, fed seal, elasto seal, thinner and other similar materials which can cause addiction.

d. **Establishment** refers to any hardware stores, sari-sari stores or any establishment engaged in selling goods and products to include solvents.

e. **Logbook** refers to a record book kept by a store or hardware containing information of customer names, address and purposes for buying solvent products.

f. **MSWDO** refers to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office or to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer or anybody acting in that capacity who shall provide certain intervention to children who violate this Ordinance.

g. **BCPC** refers to the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children of each barangay of this municipality that shall record and counsel the children who violate this Ordinance.

h. **MTO** refers to the Municipal Treasury Office or to the Municipal Treasurer or anybody acting in that capacity who shall collect the fines from this Ordinance.

**Section 5. Regulatory Acts.** As prescribed by this ordinance, the following regulations must be strictly followed:

a. Owners of commercial stores or business establishments shall be prohibited to sell volatile substance/solvents such as "rugby" to minors.

b. Minors are prohibited to use rugby for addictive purposes.

c. Business establishments are required to maintain a logbook where the name, address and purpose of customer in buying the substance shall be recorded.

**Section 6. Penalties.** The following penalties shall be imposed on violators of this Ordinance:

a. For establishments that sell volatile substance/solvents to minors.

• First Offense	-	PhP500.00
• Second Offense	-	1,500.00
• Third Offense	-	2,500.00

Payment of these fines must be settled at the Municipal Treasury Office (MTO).

b. For minors, his/her parent and/or guardian who violate this ordinance.

- **First Offense** – The child violating this Ordinance for the first time shall be brought to the barangay having jurisdiction for proper recording and counselling by the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) before the child is turned over or released to his/her parent or guardian. Prior to the release, the parent or guardian shall be reprimanded and informed of the consequences in the event that their child is caught again for the same offense.
- **Second Offense** – Both the child and the parent or guardian shall be required to attend counselling sessions, parenting education seminars and other interventions as may be prescribed and conducted by the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC). Within ten (10) days from the commission of the violation, the parent or guardian shall plant ten (10) fruit bearing trees in their barangay for which a Certificate of Compliance will be issued by the BCPC and in addition he /she shall pay a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (500.00) to the Municipal Treasury Office (MTO).
- **Third Offense or More** – The parent shall or guardian plant fifteen (15) fruit bearing trees in their barangay for which a Certificate of Compliance will be issued by the BCPC and in addition he/shall pay a fine of One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00) to the MTO. Moreover, the child shall be referred to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) for other interventions that may be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9344 otherwise known as Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006.

**Section 7. Task Force.** The Municipal Task Force is hereby created with the following composition to implement and render effective enforcement of this Ordinance:

Chairman	-	Chief of Municipal Police Station
Members	-	MDRRMO
	-	Barangay Officials including Barangay Tanods
	-	Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office
	-	Barangay Council for the Protection of Children

**Section 8. Repealing Clause.** Any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 9. 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. Higher laws or policies inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail.

**Section 10. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after fifteen (15) days of posting in bulletin board at the entrance of the municipal hall and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the Local Government Unit of Bulalacao.

ENACTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025 Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

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SK Federation President

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

PERLITA L. PAZ  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

Hon. RAMON G. MAGBANUA  
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

Hon. ERNILO C. VILLAS  
Municipal Mayor  
Date Signed: March 3, 2025