

**ORDINANCE NO. 019-A**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING SALT PRODUCERS, TRADERS/SUPPLIERS AND RETAILERS TO SELL ONLY IODIZED SALT AND ALL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, CANTEENS, HOTELS, CATERERS, HOSPITALS AND OTHER FOOD OUTLETS AS WELL AS FOOD MANUFACTURERS TO USE IODIZED SAT**

Sponsor: Councilor Teresita S. Bantugan

Chairperson: Committee on Health and Sanitation

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as **INTENSIFICATION OF THE USE OF IODIZED SALT N THE MUNICIPALITY OF BULALACAO, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO.**

**SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is the expressed policy of the Municipality of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro to actively participate in the program of the National Leadership in the elimination of micronutrient malnutrition in the country, particularly iodine deficiency disorders, through the cost effectively preventive measures of salt iodization;

**SEC. 3. PURPOSE.** This ordinance is hereby enacted in order to:

- a. Contribute to the elimination of micronutrient malnutrition in the country, particularly iodine deficiency disorders, through the cost effective preventive measures of salt iodization.
- b. Prepare all producers/manufacturers of food-grade salt to iodize the salt they produce, manufacturer, import, trade or distribute;
- c. Require the Municipal Health Officer or through the Sanitary Inspector to check and monitor the quality of food-grade salt being sold in the market in order to ascertain that such salt is properly iodized and to regulate and monitor its trading.
- d. Ensure the sustainability of the salt iodization program.

**SECTION 4. APPLICATION OF ITS PROVISIONS.** This ordinance shall be applicable within the entire territory and jurisdiction of the Municipality of Bulalacao, Province of Oriental Mindoro.

**SEC. 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** When used in this Ordinance the following terms shall mean:

- a. "Food Service Establishments"- refers to hotels, restaurants, catering firms, hospitals and other related outlets which serve or sell food to consumers;
- b. "Food Manufacturers"- refers to the business/enterprise of manufacturing or processing food using iodized salt in their products;
- c. "Stores"- refers to department stores, shops, groceries, mini-marts and other outlets which wholesale or retail iodized salt for the consumers and users;
- d. "Salt iodization"- refers the addition of iodine to salt intended for human or animal consumption in accordance with specifications as to form, fortificant, method, manner and composition as may be prescribed by the Bureau of Food and Drug;
- e. "Micronutrient Malnutrition"- refers to a disorder resulting from deficiencies in Vitamin A, iron, iodine and other micronutrients which the body needs in minute quantities everyday.

**SEC. 6. LEGAL BASIS.** The basis of this Ordinance is to ensure health and social services as embodied under Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

**SEC. 7. REQUIRED ACTS.** All salt producers, traders/suppliers and retailers are hereby required to sell only iodized salt for human and animal consumption within the Municipality of Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro

**SEC. 8. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.** The Office of the Municipal Mayor through the Municipal Nutrition Committee shall act as the Salt Iodization Program Implementing Committee to be chaired by the Municipal Health Officer shall:

- a. Formulate guidelines for the effective implementation of this Ordinance;

- b. Conduct periodic monitoring of the quality of iodized salt distributed and sold in the market and that being used by food establishments;
- c. Develop and implement a promotional plan on the use of iodized salt.

SEC. 9. FUNDING. There may be appropriated a necessary amount from the 20% Development Fund to cover monitoring and promotion of iodized salt.

SEC. 10. PENALTY. Any producer/manufacturer, distributor, food outlets, restaurants and stores that shall be found violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) but shall not exceed One thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or an imprisonment of one (1) month or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Provided, however, that if the violator is a corporation, firm or other corporate entities, the penalty shall be imposed upon the President, manager or persons responsible for the operation. Any violation of this Ordinance shall not also barred further prosecution and imposition of other sanctions such as the revocation of the License to Operate issued by the Bureau of Food and Drugs.

SEC. 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Municipal Health Office shall formulate the additional rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this ordinance;

SEC. 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Any provision of this Ordinance which may be substantially the same with any existing municipal ordinance shall be construed as restatement and not as new enactment.

SEC. 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances inconsistent hereof are hereby repealed, modified accordingly;

SEC. 14. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its posting.

ENACTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1999, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:**

  
SIXTO O. PARRINELLO  
Secretary of the Sanggunian