



Republic of the Philippines
City of Bago
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 10-13

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF COMPUTER GAMING STATIONS AND INTERNET CAFES, BILLIARD HALLS, VIDEOKE/KARAOKE ESTABLISHMENTS IN BAGO CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Bago City is one with the parents, school officials, and other concerned residents of Bago City in the desire to give the best environment to the youth and every opportunity for their development;

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the local officials, parents, school officials, and other concerned citizens that there exist in Bago City and specifically around educational institutions such establishments as computer gaming station and internet cafes, billiard halls, videoke/karaoke bars that tend to attract minors to stay thereat, thus in the process neglecting their classes and other school and home-related activities;

WHEREAS, to encourage students to study and strive harder for a better future, to foster closer family ties, and to create a conducive environment for learning; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for regulations to guide the operation of these entertainment establishments so that they too promote the aims of the LGU, the parents and the schools vis-à-vis the children of Bago City.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of SP Member Bernadette M. Somcio, duly seconded by SP Members Eamon Gabriel V. Matti, Donald A. Alvarez, Loreto N. Cauntoy, Allan C. Galunan, Ma. Josefa Y. Matti, Noel T. Valenzuela, Eliseo T. Yanong, Jr., the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bago City in session assembled hereby ordains:

Section 1 – Title

An Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Computer Gaming Stations and Internet Cafes, Billiard Halls, Videoke/Karaoke Establishments in Bago City and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof

Section 2 – Definition of Terms

Computer gaming station – refers to an establishment that maintains and operates computers for gaming purposes and internet cafes for fees irrespective of the number of units.

Operator – includes the owner, manager, administrator or any person who operates and is responsible for the operation of the computer gaming station and internet café.

Billiard Hall – any place offering billiard games for a fee

Square Table Pool – a game played in a square table with four corner holes using cue stick and a flat round chips for a fee.

Videoke/Karaoke Establishments – any place where the activity of singing with a karaoke or videoke is held for a fee.

Educational Institution – refers to public or private centers of learning such as pre-school, elementary school, high school, college, and those that offer vocational-technical courses

Minors – children below the age of 18 years.

Betting – is the act of placing money on a computer game billiard or square table pool games with the intention of winning money over another bettor.

Decibel – refers to measurement used to determine the levels of sound’s intensity as measured in watt per square centimeter.

- Ex. 160 decibels – such as sound coming from jet liners flying overhead
- 140-130 decibels – threshold of pain that the ear can inure due to sound
- 100-90 decibels – comparable to sound coming from a subway train
- 85 decibels – volume comparable in intensity to a full volume
- 80-70 decibels – comparable to irritating busy traffic noise
- 60 decibels – comparable to normal conversation
- 40 decibels – comparable to whispering

Section 3 – Regulations

1. No computer gaming station and internet cafe, billiard hall, place where billiard square table pools are played and Video Compact Disc /Digital Video Disc (VCD/DVD) are shown, shall admit minors during class hours or from 7:30 in the morning to five in the afternoon except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, unless the minors are accompanied by either parent. In no case shall betting be allowed.
2. No videoke/karaoke establishment within 200- meter radius from any educational institution shall operate before 6:00 in the evening but may operate beyond 10:00 o’clock in the evening. Volume of music or noise from these establishments shall be minimized in all times so not to exceed 70 decibel so as not to cause disturbance to houses or schools in the vicinity. Minors shall not be allowed in these establishments after 9:30 in the evening.
3. Written notices that prohibit the admission of minors during the time prescribed in computer gaming stations and internet cafes, billiard halls, videoke/karaoke establishments and places where square table pools are being played and VCD/DVD are being shown shall be posted on conspicuous places within and outside of the said establishments.
4. No operator or owner of internet cafes shall allow access of minors to websites containing obscene or pornographic materials that are offensive to decency and public morals.

Section 4 - Duties of Schools

For effective implementation of this ordinance, all education institutions in the City of Bago shall observe the following:

1. To include the date of birth on the identification cards issued to students.
2. To institute with their Parents Teachers Associations security measures that shall prevent or discourage students from cutting classes or going out of the school premises during school hours.
3. To post copies of this Ordinance on conspicuous places within the school for the information and guidance of the students and school faculty and personnel.

Section 5 – Implementing Agencies

1. The Local Council for the Protection of Children created through Executive Order no. 17, series of 2008 by the Local Chief Executive shall implement this Ordinance.

Section 6 – Penalties

1. Owners, managers of computer gaming stations and internet cafes, billiard halls, karaoke/videoke establishments, places where square table pools are played and VCD/DVD are shown, who violate any of the provision of this ordinance after due process shall be imposed the following sanctions:

First Offense – Warning and a Fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)
Second Offense – Fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00)
Third offense – Fine of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) and revocation of business permit and license to operate and closure of the establishment

2. Minors who violate this Ordinance shall be turned over to their parents or guardians. A report of the violation shall be furnished the school principal of the erring student for proper disciplinary action.

Section 7 – Repealing Clause

All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, provisions of which are in conflict with, or contrary to, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

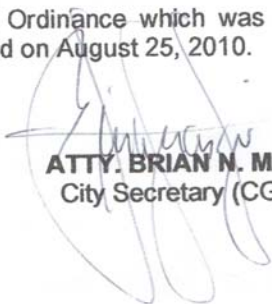
Section 8 – Effectivity Clause

This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


ENACTED: August 25, 2010

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its 1528th regular session held on August 25, 2010.


ATTY. BRIAN N. MARTIR
City Secretary (CGDH-I)

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:


NICHOLAS M. YULO
City Vice Mayor-Presiding Officer

Approved: this 6th day of Sept., 2010


RAMON D. TORRES
City Mayor