

Republic of the Philippines City of Bago OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

ORDINANCE NO. 12-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SOME PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 06, SERIES OF 1993, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO BE OBSERVED DURING LOCAL CELEBRATIONS."

Explanatory Note:

WHEREAS, this August Body had enacted Ordinance No. 06, series of 1993, otherwise known as The Code of Public Safety;

WHEREAS, through passage of time, portions of the said ordinance needs amendment in order to adapt to the changes and demands of time;

On motion of SP Member Allan C. Galunan, unanimously seconded by SP Members present, the Sanggunian

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bago, that:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY CLAUSE. - Portions of Ordinance No. 06, Series of 1993, otherwise known as "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTNG A CODE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO BE OBSERVED DURING CELEBRATIONS" are accordingly amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. - <u>On Road and River Safety. -</u> The City Engineer and the Chief of Police shall be responsible for the enforcement of the following:

a. The organizing entity shall cover/repair potholes and diggings and other excavations a month before the actual festivities to prevent untoward accidents that may involve pedestrians and/or motorists;

- **b.** clearing of sidewalk obstructions;
- c. Designating of specific areas for ambulant vendors;
- d. Installing of appropriate traffic signs and enforcement of traffic ordinance;

e. The organizing entity shall observe proper placement of streamers, buntings and other materials installed on alleys and roadways in such a way that those materials will not impair or obstruct vision of motorists nor be harmful to passers-by. In this view, the necessary permit shall be secured from the City Engineer's Office;

f. checking of the worthiness of bancas and other water transport crafts;

g. clearing the river of obstructions like water-lilies, garbage and flotsam and debris.

h. Monitoring of the loading capacities of motor craft vessels to ensure safety of the passengers;

i. Using of steel barges on deep water and lead bancas/vessels e. g. on shallow waters during fluvial parades. In this occasion, a lead fluvial vessel shall precede the fluvial parade to clear the way of the fluvial parade warning other vessels on the area of the approach of such parade. Two (2) other vessels/bancas shall be posted as follows; one (l) on the side of the fluvial parade and one (l) at the rear. These vessels/bancas shall carry on board with life saving devices and first aid attendants/rescuers who shall act accordingly in case of emergencies or untoward events;

j. That fluvial parades shall be held only in the morning, when visibility is clear. In case of inclement weather, the organizing entity concern shall defer/postpone such activity.

k. That during the early dawn or night street parade or procession, the organizing entity shall provide adequate visible lights such as lanterns, torches, and other similar warning devices at the front and rear of the parade or procession;

l. Races of motor vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, trisikads, go carts and other race competitions including animal races, the organizing entity concerned must cordon the area of the race from the spectators, providing devices and schemes to cordon the spectators from the race tracks, the organizing entity in such an event shall coordinate with the PNP for the diversion of traffic from the race site. An ambulance complete with medical attendants and equipments together with a fire truck must be present at the race site to respond to emergency cases;

m. The organizing entity shall require race participants/competitors to have with them adequate body, hand, limb protection such as crash helmet, safety goggles, knee and leg protector and the likes, and life vest for water races;

n. That the organizing entity must see to it that participants to the race and sport competitions must first undergo physical examination to determine their fitness to participate in such competition;

0. Every beach resort, establishment and swimming places which cater to the public must have at least one (1) lifeguard on their premises during regular days and on special occasions like the feast of St. John the Baptist or occasions where there are large number of persons in the premises, there must at least be two (2) or more lifeguards at hand. In addition, they must maintain their own paramedics or first aid response personnel;

SECTION 2. - On Review of Design and Safeness of Floats. platforms. taverns, Stages, Pagodas, Carnival Rides and other similar structures. – No float, platform, tavern, stage, pagoda carnival ride or other similar structure shall be allowed to be used in public exhibitions, fairs, parades, processions, rides and other similar activities without a clearance from the Office of the City Engineer. The City Engineer shall be responsible for the review of the designs/structures of floats, platforms, taverns, stages, pagodas, carnival rides and similar structures as to its structural soundness and safeness and for making sure that the maximum load capacities and limits are duly complied with. The organizing entity or owner of such structure or ride must be responsible in seeing to it that load capacities of the structure or ride mentioned in this section is strictly complied with. The person or entity found to have violated the limits on maximum capacity shall be meted a fine of P5,000.00;

SECTION 3. - On Electrical Installations and other makeshift connections for lighting and sound systems; The Engineer concerned shall be responsible on electrical installations and other makeshift connections for lighting and sound systems, to wit:

a. Installation of electrical wiring for floats, platforms, taverns, stages, street lighting and sound system shall be supervised by a licensed electrician and which shall conform to required safety standards and which shall conform to required safety standards;

b. Combustible decorative materials should not be combined with electric bulbs nor balloons be inflated or used as decorations near electric bulbs or lighted candles;

C. Lighting and sound system owners are required to have at the site of the establishment(s) at least one (l) ABC five-pound fire extinguisher which can immediately respond to any fire incident that may occur on their lighting and sound system circuits and/or equipments;

SECTION 4. - Handling of Firecrackers and other Pyrotechnic Displays: The use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnics during festivities such as fiestas, weddings and other similar event is hereby regulated. For this purpose, the person or the organizing entity of the festivity concerned shall secure a clearance from the Office of the City Chief of Police and the Local Fire Marshall prior to the usage of any firecracker or pyrotechnic in such event or festivity. Non-compliance with the clearance requirement shall be fined in the amount of P500.00.

The grantee of the above-mentioned clearance shall be responsible for the handling of the firecrackers and other pyrotechnic displays in the area designated for this purpose and he shall:

a. Regulate the use of firecrackers during festivals, fiestas, event, etc;

b. Make sure that firecrackers shall be handled by authorized persons during celebrations or event;

C. Prohibit persons handling firecrackers to board bancas/ boat participating in fluvial parades;

d. Make sure that firecrackers and pyrotechnic materials shall be exploded only in place(s) designated in the clearance issued him;

e. Ensure that fire fighting equipments are available near the designated place of explosion;

f. Ensure that rockets and flares are positioned away from the populace;

SECTION 5. - Firetrucks and Other Firefighting Equipments including local paramedic teams, Barangay Fire Brigades shall (to) be in full alert status during celebrations.

SECTION 6. On Medical and Rescue Compliance. - The entities concerned shall coordinate with the City Health office, the PNP, the City Fire Marshall and City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the local government and non-governmental organizations for the following:

a. Assigning of medical stations in designated places;

b. Fielding of first aid teams/personnel who are knowledgeable in the application of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and similar techniques including the application of first aid;

C. Assignment of medical and other paramedic and rescue vehicles for quick response to any emergencies;

SECTION 7. - On Sanitary and Hygiene Requirements

During fiestas and similar celebrations, it shall be the primary responsibility the City Health Office to ensure that persons and entities handling food, beverages and the likes to the public for a fee observe proper sanitary and hygiene standards. For this purpose, the City Health Office, through its sanitary inspector shall supervise makeshift/ temporary eating places, e.g, carinderias, turoturo, catering to people to ensure sanitary conditions;

The organizing entity or person concerned shall provide latrines/makeshift/portable restrooms including garbage and trash receptacles on strategic places in the locality. It shall also clean/clear clogged drainage and sewers to prevent the brooding of rodents or harmful insects such as mosquitoes, cockroaches, etc.

SECTION 8. - Penal Provisions;

Any person or organizing entity concerned who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5.000.00) or an imprisonment of one (l) year or both at the discretions of the court without prejudice to any criminal charge that may be initiated against the violator under the Revised Penal Code.

In case the violator is a juridical person, corporation, firm, partnership or association, the president, in-charge or head thereof shall be liable."

SECTION 2. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolution, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance on Public Safety Concerning Local Celebrations, shall take effect upon approval.

Enacted, February 15 2012.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its regular session held on February 15, 2012. \bigwedge ATTY BRIAN N. MARTIR City Secretary (CGDH-I) Attested: NICHOLAS M. YULO City Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer Approved this 22 rd day of Jeb. 2012.

RAMON D. TORRES City Mayor