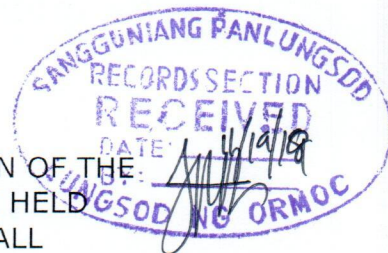


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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL
ON NOVEMBER 12, 2019

PRESENT:

Tomas R. Serafica,	SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,	(Acting City Vice-Mayor),
	SP Member, Majority Floor Leader
Roiland H. Villasencio,	SP Member, 1 st Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Nolito M. Quilang,	SP Member, 2 nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,	SP Member
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Peter M. Rodriguez,	SP Member
Vincent L. Rama,	SP Member
Gregorio G. Yrastorza III,	SP Member
Lalaine A. Marcos,	SP Member
Esteban V. Laurente,	Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,
	Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc
Joan Marbie C. Simbajon,	Ex-Officio SP Member, Chapter President,
	Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan ng Ormoc

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.	(Acting City Mayor),
	City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Internet is undeniably a dynamic pillar of today's global society and economy, the ubiquity of which is manifested in the proliferation of internet cafes throughout the country. The presence of internet cafés has benefited people from all walks of life in terms of instant access to information of varied topics, and, for students, as a convenient tool for school-related work or activities. However, for all their benefits and convenience, the operation of these internet cafes, particularly those within the immediate vicinity of educational and religious institutions, has been inadequately regulated allowing easy access to internet pornography, as well as internet gambling and online/offline games, which may lure students from religiously attending their classes;

The City Government of Ormoc acknowledges that students who cannot afford personal computers, laptops and other similar internet-access hardware need these internet cafes for their computer services, which include word processing, research and the like. This therefore justifies the need to regulate the entry of minors and students to these internet cafes and similar establishments during school hours to ensure that said hours are spent productively, and not otherwise on computer games and internet pornography;

This proposal is consistent with Section 12 of Republic Act No. 9775, otherwise known as the Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009 stating that local government units (LGUs) where internet cafés or kiosks are located shall have the authority to monitor and regulate the establishment and operation of the same or similar establishments in order to prevent violation of the provisions of said Act. Section 16 in relation to Section 458 (a) 4 of the Local Government Code of 1991 also provides that:

"Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare."

"The Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances xxx for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants xxx, and shall: xxx (iv) regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of cafes, restaurants, xxx, and other similar establishments xxx";

This draft ordinance re-enforces DEPED Order No. 86 s-2010, which provides that:

"4. Further, it is suggested that DepEd and School officials concerned to communicate and coordinate with their respective local government officials for the possible enactment and/or implementation of the appropriate legislation under the subject situation. Said legislation may be in the form of regulating the distance of computer shops, malls, theaters, and the likes, from schools; and directive to the owners of said establishments not to allow entry of students during their respective class hours; hence, their class schedules should be checked first. Accordingly, schools should provide their students with certified copies of their respective class schedules."

Finally, this ordinance also seeks to strengthen and re-enforce Section 42 and Section 44 of the Revised Child Welfare Code that provides:

"Section 42. **REGULATION ON CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC PORNOGRAPHY-** All internet cafes and other similar establishments shall keep their facilities transparent and/or open to view to deter customers especially children from accessing pornographic sites.

The OCCWC may create a task force to conduct regular monitoring of internet cafes or kiosks within the city in order to prevent violation of the above cited paragraph. (RA 9775 or Anti Child Pornography Act of 2009)."

SECTION 44. **PROHIBITING STUDENTS OR SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM ENTERING IN PUBLIC PLACES OUTSIDE THEIR SCHOOL GROUNDS/CAMPUSES DURING SCHOOL HOURS.** To ensure that students or school children are in school attending classes, they are prohibited from loitering in public places outside their school ground/campuses during school hours. While owners/manager/operators of entertainment establishments such as but not limited to video arcades, internet cafés, billiard pools halls and other forms of recreation that allows students/school children to enter their establishment during school days from 7:00 o'clock in the morning to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, establishments mentioned above shall post conspicuously reminders regarding the prohibition and non-allowance of students and children during class hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, on MASS MOTION of the Body; be it

RESOLVED, to enact:

**ORDINANCE NO. 008
(Series of 2019)**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONS OF INTERNET CAFES, PISONETS/SINCONETS, WI-FI VENDING MACHINES, AND MOVIE FUNHOUSES/FUNWAYS IN ORMOC CITY PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc, in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the "INTERNET ACCESS REGULATION ORDINANCE" of Ormoc City.

SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY- It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Ormoc to protect the overall welfare of children and to safeguard them against the harmful effects of excessive exposure to cyberspace which may further lead to a decline in study habits and academic performance, exposure to sexually-explicit materials, cyber-bullying, online gambling, and such other internet activities that may be detrimental to their educational, moral, physical and social well-being.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – The following words and phrases used in this Ordinance are defined as follows:

- a. **INTERNET CAFÉ** — any place that has computers available for a fee to go online via the Internet. For the purposes of this Ordinance, term "Internet café" shall be used to mean all business establishments offering Internet service for a fee, to include computer gaming shops, computer rentals with internet, and the so called "Pisonet/Sinconet."
- b. **INTERNET** — a worldwide system of computer networks linking smaller computer networks, may it be commercial, educational and governmental. It is a limitless place to locate information and entertainment from billions of web pages created by people and companies from around the world.
- c. **COMPUTER** – an electronic device that accepts, processes, stores, and outputs data at high speeds according to programmed instructions.
- d. **MINOR or CHILD/CHILDREN** — refers to any person or individual under the age of eighteen (18) years;
- e. **CYBER** – short for cybernetics. It is an adjective or prefix which relates to or a characteristic of information technology (IT), virtual reality, and computers.
- f. **CYBERSPACE** — the interconnection of human beings through computers and telecommunications, without regard to physical geography.
- g. **CYBERCRIME** — refers to a crime in which a computer connected to the Internet is used as a tool to commit an offense, e.g., child pornography, cyber bullying and online harassment.
- h. **PISONET/HULOG-PISO/SINCONET**— a kind of internet café business which allows the user to rent a computer in a per-minute basis, instead of the usual per hour rate, e.g., Php1.00 per 4-5 minutes, Php 5.00 per 30 minutes. This kind of Internet is mostly put up in front of residential houses.
- i. **INTERNET ADDICTION** — a psychological dependence on the Internet, regardless of the type of activity once logged on (Dr. Jonathan J. Kandell, 1998).
- j. **INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY** – the visual representation or images showing the prohibited acts mentioned in this Ordinance through any electronic devices or means, with the end in view of satisfying the lust or sexual desire of another, regardless of geographic location, including but not limited to the following: digital camera, camera-equipped mobile phones, web cam, head set and microphones or similar devices.
- k. **SCHOOL HOURS** – covers the period from seven o'clock in the morning (7:00 AM) until five o'clock in the afternoon (5:00 PM) from Mondays to Fridays including lunch break, or on Saturdays when classes are held.
- l. **WORKSTATION** – refers to booths, cubicles and other similar structures within internet cafes, including those occupied by managers and/or employees of the same.
- m. **LOCAL AREA NETWORK (LAN)** – refers to a group of computers with associated devices that share a common communication line and typically share resources and data within a small geographic area.
- n. **MOVIE FUNHOUSE/FUNWAY** - an attraction showing movies consisting of a series of rooms and passageways with sloping or moving floors, distorting mirrors, and other devices designed to surprise or amuse.

- o. **WI-FI VENDING MACHINE/PISO WI-FI/PISO NET** – This outdoor device is a compact Wi-Fi hotspot device designed to provide immediate self-service Wi-Fi internet service. It works by inserting coins and connecting devices to the machine which will provide you internet connection for a limited time based in the value of inserted coins.
- p. **WI-FI** - Short for Wireless Fidelity, is a wireless networking technology that allows computers and other devices to communicate over a wireless signal.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE — This Internet Ordinance shall apply to the following business establishments operating within the territorial jurisdiction of Ormoc City:

- a. Internet cafes or computer rental shops/computer gaming shops or pisonets/sinconets;
- b. Movie funhouses/funways;
- c. Wi-Fi Vending machines; and
- d. Other business establishments which offer a combination of services such as food and Internet café, recreation and other similar business fusions requiring the use of computers and access to internet such as cyber cafes, lounges, movie funhouses, and other similar establishments.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- a. Customers of internet cafes, pisonets/sinconets, or computer rental shops/computer gaming shops, Wi-Fi vending machines and the like, or movie funhouses/funways shall not:
 - 1. Surf websites which contain pornographic or lewd materials, satanic/violent materials or those that advertise or promote prostitution;
 - 2. Gamble on-line and/or bet among customers inside the premises.
- b. Students of minor age shall not enter the premises of any computer rental shops, internet cafes or pisonet/sinconet or avail of Wi-Fi vending machines and the like during school hours. However, minors who will be doing research work/school work in internet cafes or computer rental shops or through Wi-Fi vending machines and the like shall be allowed only between the hours of 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon and 8:00 o'clock in the evening except when accompanied by any parent or guardian and subject to the requirements under Section 6 hereof;

Students of minor age shall not enter the premises of any movie funhouse/funways or similar establishments at any time except when entering the premises on allowable hours with his/her family and subject to the regulations under this ordinance.

- c. Operators or owners of the establishments under Section 4 shall not:
 - 1. Operate without first securing the appropriate business license or permit from the Business Permit and Licensing Office of the city government;
 - 2. Use, engage or cause to engage the trade of intoxicating liquor, beverage, or cigarettes inside the establishment;
 - 3. Engage or cause to engage or allow either direct or indirect gambling online and/or betting among customers inside the establishment;
 - 4. Use or allow the use of closed or opaque cubicles with doors;
 - 5. Allow the entry of minors into the premises of the establishment on the days and times prohibited herein.

SECTION 6. REGULATING THE OPERATIONS OF INTERNET CAFE ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING PISONET/SINCONET, WI-FI VENDING MACHINES, AND MOVIE FUNHOUSES. The following rules, regulations and guidelines shall be observed in the operation of the establishments referred to in Section 4 hereof, to wit:

- a. Children are prohibited from entering and using Internet café, movie funhouses, and/or pisonets/sinconets, or availing of Wi-Fi vending machines and the like during school hours including lunch breaks;
- b. Children are prohibited from entering, loitering or staying inside, and using Internet café, movie funhouses/funways and pisonets/sinconets or loitering in the premises of the Wi-Fi vending machines and the like beyond 8:00 o'clock in the evening, at any given day of the week except when accompanied by any parent or guardian. As such, owners, operators and managers of Internet cafes, pisonets/sinconets, Wi-Fi vending machines and the like and movie funhouses/funways are hereby obligated to promptly notify the barangay official, police station or social worker of the presence of minors refusing to leave the establishment or premises during the prohibited hours; and
- c. Children are allowed to enter the premises of the hereinabove-described establishments only after school hours but not beyond 8:00 in the evening or during weekends when no substitute classes are held, and/or during holidays.

SECTION 7. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS AND/OR OPERATORS – Owners and operators of Internet cafés, pisonets/sinconets, computer rental shops, computer gaming centers, movie funhouses, or Wi-Fi vending machines in Ormoc City shall have the following primary duties and responsibilities, to wit:

- a. Ensure strictly that customers comply with Section 5 and Section 6 of the Ordinance. It shall not be a defense for the owner, proprietor, manager, partner and attendant that he/she did not know or was not aware of the real age of the minor. Neither shall it be a defense that he/she did not know nor had any reason to believe that the minor is the one using the computer in an instance accompanied by an adult;
- b. Post a clear copy of this Ordinance with a corresponding warning to the general public as regards the implementation thereof;
- c. Post a signage at the entrance of the premises with the words "CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED DURING SCHOOL HOURS";
- d. Display necessary warnings against access to pornographic and online gambling sites, for example: "INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY AND ONLINE GAMBLING ARE PROHIBITED";
- e. Block access to all pornographic and online gambling sites. Owners/operators shall not allow customers to watch videos or movies from USB Flash Drives and shall periodically monitor the internet activities or shows of the customers;
- f. Provide transparency or visibility on the frontage of the rooms or divisions of such establishments so that whatever activities done in every cubicle or room is noticeable, as well as adequate standard lighting of the interior premises to allow unimpeded outside view of the individual monitors;
- g. Install Closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in every room for movie funhouses/funways and in every Internet Café establishments for the purpose of monitoring the activities of customers and discouraging accessing pornographic videos/images and discouraging customers from engaging sexual activities.
- h. Movie funhouses/funways shall implement a "No Lock Policy" for their cubicles or rooms; and
- i. Ensure that all pertinent provisions of this Ordinance are strictly complied.

SECTION 8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOLS – Schools shall have the following duties and responsibilities, to wit:

- a. Conduct information dissemination and announce during Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) meetings the existence and implementation of this Ordinance;

- b. Post a clear copy of this Ordinance on conspicuous places within school premises, for the information and reference of all concerned, especially the students and parents;
- c. Coordinate with PTA to monitor and conduct random checking of movie funhouses/funways, internet cafés and/or pisonets/sinconets, and premises of Wi-Fi vending machines especially those that are near or adjacent to the school's location for the presence of children who are cutting classes and/or using Internet during school hours;
- d. Take appropriate disciplinary action and/or provide counseling to minors enrolled in their respective school found to have violated this Ordinance; and
- e. Report/collaborate with authorized barangay officials, and concerned city officials with regard to the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. EMPOWERING THE BARANGAYS AS LEAD IMPLEMENTOR —

The Barangays, under the leadership of the Punong Barangay, shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Ensure that the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) actively implements this ordinance.
- b. Cooperate with the concerned City Government Offices, officials, law enforcers and schools for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.
- c. Come up with an updated list of all internet cafes, computer rental shops, computer gaming centers, movie funhouses/funways, or pisonets/sinconets in their respective areas and conduct an ocular inspection before issuing barangay business clearances to applicants for internet business.
- d. Ensure that computer rental shops/computer gaming shops or pisonets/sinconets, Wi-Fi vending machines and movie funhouses are located 50 meters away from gate used as ingress or egress of the school subject to Section 11 of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS LICENSE – In securing a business license, any person who shall establish and operate an internet café, computer rental shop or computer gaming center, and movie funhouse/funway are required to submit the following documents; namely:

- a. Barangay Clearance;
- b. Community Tax Certificate;
- c. Sanitary Permit;
- d. Fire Safety Clearance;
- e. Contract of Lease, (if leased);
- f. Interior Renovation Permit approved by Office of the Building Official (OBO);
- g. Other documents as may be required by the City Mayor.

The applicant shall ensure that the front wall/panel/area of the establishment is free from any obstruction to allow a clear view of the interior thereof. Where cubicles are used, only those walls/dividers that allow full view of its occupant shall be allowed.

The applicant shall likewise ensure that the establishment has adequate lighting.

SECTION 11. LOCATION OF PISONETS/SINGCONETS, WI-FI VENDING MACHINES AND MOVIE FUNHOUSES/FUNWAYS - No new pisonets/singconets, Wi-Fi vending machines or movie funhouses/funways shall be established within 50 meters from the main gate or any gate of the school normally or regularly used as ingress and egress of the school.

Those currently located within the 50 meters from the main gate or any gate of the school normally or regularly used as ingress and egress of the school shall be given five (5) years from effectivity of this ordinance, after which no business permit shall be issued for renewal.

SECTION 12. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESS LICENSE– In addition to business permit requirements, clearances and other licensing pre-requisites established by duly constituted authorities for application or renewal of permit to operate any establishment, the owner, proprietor, manager, or officer responsible therefor in the case of corporations, partnerships, or associations under Section 4 hereof, shall submit to BPLO the following documents:

- a. Summary list of:
 - a.1. Name of the owner/operator of the establishment and his full address;
 - a.2. Number of Computer Units for Internet Café's, Pisonets/Sinconets, Wi-Fi vending machines, computer rental shops and computer gaming centers;
 - a.3. Number of TV monitors and cubicle partitions for movie funhouses/funways;
 - a.4. Nature and number of computer accessories such as but not limited to: webcams, headsets, microphones, monitors, computer disk writers, and printers;
 - a.5. Hours of the day during which the internet café is open the public; and
 - a.6. Number, names and addresses of the employees;
- b. Applied rules and regulations of the establishment;
- c. Clearance from CSWDO; and
- d. Location map specifying distance (in meters) from main gate of the nearest school.

SECTION 13. ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND PENALTIES – The following are the penalties for the violation of this ordinance:

- a. Owners, proprietors, managers of the establishments referred to under Section 4 shall be penalized for violations of any provisions under Sections 5 (c), 7,10 and 11 in this ordinance without prejudice to the filing of appropriate action in Court for violation of this ordinance and other laws, as follows:

First Offense	An administrative fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)
Second Offense	An administrative fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00); Suspension of business permit and/or license to operate; and Closure of the establishment for thirty (30) calendar days
Third Offense	An administrative fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00); Permanent revocation of business permit and license to operate; and Closure of the establishment

Violators may opt to pay a no contest fine of 50% of the fine imposed provided that if an offense is committed on a third offense, the non-contest fine of 50% shall no longer be available as an option.

- b. When a minor or minors are found in the internet cafés, computer rental shop, computer gaming center, pisonets/sinconets, Wi-Fi vending machine premises, or movie funhouses/funways in violation of Section 6 of this Ordinance, owners, operators or managers of said establishments shall be meted a penalty of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) for every minor found in their premises. Non-payment hereof within fifteen (15) days from receipt of citation ticket shall subject the establishment to the revocation of its business permit and license to operate and the closure until payment is made.

- c. Any person, who shall perform any of the prohibited acts under Section 5 (A) hereof, shall be penalized by an administrative fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (PhP2,500.00), without prejudice to the filing of appropriate action in court: Provided that, in case the performer, actor or exhibitor is a minor, he/she shall be considered a victim pursuant to the provision of the "Special Protection of Children against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act", and shall be placed under protective custody as provided in said Act;
- d. Children who shall violate other provisions hereof, shall be turned over to their parents or guardians. A corresponding report shall be furnished by the Police officers manning the Women and Children Protection Desks (WCPD) to the minor's parent/guardian/teacher/principal for appropriate disciplinary action and counseling.
- e. Failure on the part of the Barangay Officials concerned to dutifully perform their duties and responsibilities herein provided, or their abetment of a minor, internet café and/or peso net owner/operator or manager in the commission of acts prohibited by this Ordinance, shall constitute an administrative offense punishable under existing pertinent laws.
- f. Parents or guardians of children who violate Section 5 of this ordinance shall be penalized by an administrative fine of One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00) and shall be proceeded against in accordance with Article 59 and 60 of Presidential Decree No. 603 or the Child and Youth Welfare Code.

SECTION 14. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES AND ENFORCERS – The City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO)- Child Protection Unit shall take the lead in implementing this ordinance with the support and cooperation of the following offices:

- a. The Ormoc City Police Office (OCPO);
- b. The BPLO;
- c. The Department of Education (DepEd) Ormoc City Division; and
- d. Barangay officials.

The inspection team, composed of representatives from the OCPO, CSWDO, the BPLO, the concerned Barangay Officials, shall conduct regular inspection of abovementioned establishments during their business hours to ensure compliance with this Ordinance. The inspection team shall recommend appropriate measures to be applied on the establishment for the violation of the ordinance. The inspection team shall receive relevant complaints from concerned citizens and shall take action thereon within five (5) days from receipt. The inspection team shall, not later than ten (10) days from the commencement of action on the complaint, render a formal written report to the City Mayor's office, detailing therein the nature of the complaint, action taken, and its findings and recommendations.

SECTION 15. ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY. Any government official or employee, who willfully obstructs, or causes to be obstructed or delayed, any action relative to enforcement, apprehension and prosecution under this Ordinance shall be held administratively liable therefor.

SECTION 16. ISSUANCE OF CITATION TICKETS. Any of the implementing offices or law enforcers shall apprehend violations and issue citation ticket with the following information:

- 1. The name of the owner of the establishment;
- 2. Business name;
- 3. Address;
- 4. The specific violation committed; and
- 5. The corresponding penalty.

SECTION 17. SHARING OF PROCEEDS. Barangays who caused the apprehension of violators shall receive Fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds resulting from such issuance of citation ticket which shall accrue to the Barangay Fund.

SECTION 18. COMMON PROVISIONS:

- a. If the offender is a foreigner, he shall be immediately deported to his country. Appropriate communications shall be made to relevant national government agencies of said foreigner's violation of the Ordinance with the intent of barring his return to the country.
- b. If any minor is induced to perform any of the acts prohibited under Section 5 herein, the owner of the internet café who knowingly allowed the acts to be performed, including the officers of the corporation, partnership, or association operating the internet café responsible therefor, as well as the person or persons who caused the inducement, shall be proceeded against under the provisions of RA 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act).
- c. Upon receipt of the citation ticket, violators must settle their penalties with the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO). However, all payments of fines herein shall be paid to the Office of the City Treasurer of the City Government of Ormoc.

SECTION 19. PARENTAL AUTHORITY AND CUSTODY – Where the parent or guardian induced the minor to engage in acts prohibited by Section 5 herein, the CSWDO shall temporarily assume the protective custody over the minor. Should the CSWDO deem it necessary for the welfare of the minor to have his mother and/or father or guardian stripped of parental authority, it shall initiate the corresponding proceedings before the proper court in accordance with Executive Order 209, also known as the Family Code of the Philippines.

SECTION 20. DISPOSITION OF MATERIALS – Any material containing the pornographic exhibition and all equipment used in the production, distribution or transmission of pornographic materials shall, after the conviction of the offender, be forfeited in favor of the government and destroyed in the presence of a representative from the Mayor's Office, Sangguniang Panlungsod, OCPO and from a religious, civic or youth organization operating within the City, in such manner as the court may direct: Provided, however, that when the accused is acquitted, the materials seized shall still be forfeited in favor of the government and destroyed: Provided, further, that if the acquittal results from a finding that the materials seized are not obscene or pornographic under this act, the materials shall be returned to the accused.

SECTION 21. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – The Ormoc City Council for the Welfare of the Children (OCCWC) shall formulate the necessary implementing rules and regulations for the efficient implementation and monitoring of this ordinance.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof in conflict with, or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Ormoc City.

ENACTED, November 12, 2019.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this ordinance one each to the City Mayor Richard I. Gomez, the City Administrator; the City Legal Officer; the OIC-City Treasurer; the DepEd, Ormoc City Division; the Ormoc City Council for the Welfare of the Children; the OCPO; the CSWDO; the Youth Development Council; the BPLO; the Liga President; the City Local Government Operations Officer-DILG; -all other offices concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above ordinance.


MARIA ANTONIETA G. CO HAT
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


TOMAS R. SERAFICA
Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
SP Member

APPROVED:


RICHARD I. GOMEZ
City Mayor

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