

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES
Ormoc, Leyte

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF ORMOC, LEYTE,
HELD ON APRIL 30, '45.

PRESENT:

Mr.	Potenciano Larrazabal	...	Municipal Mayor
"	Porfirio Ayuyao	" Vice-Mayer
Dr.	Wenceslao Pengos	" Councilor
Mr.	Restituto Cabiling	" "
"	Saturnino Villoria	" "
"	Flaviano Montesclaros	...	" "
"	Paster C. Tan	" "
"	Andres Masias	" "

ABSENT:

Atty.	Victorio Laurente	" "
"	Guillermo Parrilla	" "

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ORDINANCE NO. 7 ok

On motion of Councilor Saturnino Villoria, seconded
by Councilor Restituto Cabiling,

BE IT RESOLVED, to adopt an "ORDINANCE CALLED AS THE
MUNICIPAL SECURITY ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES FOR THE CON-
TROL OF VENEREAL DISEASE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORMOC, PRO-
VINCE OF LEYTE, PHILIPPINES".

BE IT ENACTED By authority of the Municipal Council
of Ormoc, Leyte, Philippines, that:

SECTION I.- CITATION:- This Ordinance may be cited as
the "MUNICIPAL SECURITY ORDINANCE".

SECTION II.- WHAT THE TERM "VENEREAL DISEASE" INCLUDES:-
In this ordinance, the term "Venereal Disease" includes, un-
less the contrary intention appears, gonorrhea, syphilis, cha-
nroid and venereal granuloma.

SECTION III.- ORDER FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION:- If the
District Health Officer of the Province or his authorized re-
presentative is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds
to believe that any person is suffering from venereal disease,
he may, by order in writing, require the person so suspected
to present himself or herself for examination at such time and
place as is specified by him in the order, and such person shall
present himself or herself for examination accordingly.

SECTION IV.- REQUISITES FOR ISSUING ORDER:- The order
for examination shall not be issued but upon probable cause of
the existence of said disease to be determined by the District
Health Officer of the province or his authorized representative,
who, before issuing the order, shall examine on oath or affirma-

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tion the witness or witnesses and take his or her desposition in writing: PROVIDED, However, that the certificate duly signed by a qualified physician and the patient establishing the existence of the disease shall be sufficient for the purposes of this section.

SECTION V.- SERVICE OF THE ORDER FOR EXAMINATION:- The order for examination shall be served by any police officer in the municipality and shall be returned immediately to the issuing officer with a statement as to what action has been taken on the matter.

SECTION VI.- WARRANT OF ARREST TO ISSUE ON FAILURE TO APPEAR:- If any person who has been duly notified fails or refuses to submit himself or herself for examination and as when required by the District Health Officer or his authorized representative, the Justice of the Peace, upon proper complaint authorized by said medical officer, may issue a warrant of arrest to bring said person before him, and forthwith, upon summary hearing, on a finding that the accused's refusal or failure to appear for examination was wilful and unjustified, order said accused to be examined by the District Health Officer or his authorized representative at such time and place as said officer may specify.

SECTION VII.- DETENTION OF PERSON SUFFERING FROM VENEREAL DISEASE:- If the suspected person, on examination, is found to be suffering from venereal disease, or while under observation, he or she may be detained in a hospital or other suitable place approved by the District Health Officer or his authorized representative for such period as said medical officer from time to time directs; and such person shall remain in such hospital or place until his or her discharge has been approved by said officer: PROVIDED, However, that the suspected person may undergo treatment by a private physician who shall report to the District Health Officer upon diagnosis and discharge of the patient.

SECTION VIII:- WHO ARE ENTITLED TO DIAGNOSE OR TREAT VENEREAL DISEASE:- With the exception of the District Health Officer or his authorized representative, it shall be deemed illegal for any person to diagnose or treat another for venereal disease unless the former is a qualified medical practitioner.

SECTION IX.- REPORT OF DIAGNOSIS AND DISCHARGE:- All medical practitioners who diagnose or treat venereal disease shall submit a report of their diagnosis and discharge to the District Health Officer of the province.

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SECTION X.- FAILURE TO REPORT FOR TREATMENT:- Any person diagnosed or under observation as having venereal disease who fails to report for subsequent and regular treatment and observation at such time and place as directed by the Health Officer or medical practitioner may be arrested on the order of the Justice of the Peace upon proper proceedings filed by the District Health Officer or his authorized representative, and detained for observation and treatment until the patient's discharge has been approved by said Health Officer.

SECTION XI.- ARREST AND DETENTION OF PERSON WITH VENEREAL DISEASE:- Any person who knowingly has venereal disease, or is under observation, and continuous to expose to others to infection, is subject to arrest and detention as provided in the above preceding section.

SECTION XII.- PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE:- Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished with imprisonment of not less than five days nor more than two months or pay a fine of not more than ₱200.00, or both, at the discretion of the Court, besides the detention incident to hospitalization and treatment as provided in the above preceding sections.

SECTION XIII.- This Ordinance shall take effect immediately on its approved.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.
Approved, April 30, 1945.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

PERFECTO V. MENDOZA
Municipal Secretary

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