

MUNICIPAL BOARD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH
MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT
ITS SESSION HALL ON APRIL 16, 1969

PRESENT:

Hon. Gregorio C. Yrasterza, Floor Leader, Presiding
Hon. Juanito T. Kangleon, City Councilor
Hon. Cesar Samson, City Councilor
Hon. Eduardo P. Tan, City Councilor
Hon. Albino P. Porcadilla, City Councilor
Hon. Rafael M. Mejia, City Councilor

ABSENT:

Hon. Jesus B. Lladoc, Vice-Mayer, Presiding Officer
(Acting as City Mayor)
Hon. Jose C. Aviles, City Councilor
Hon. Jose G. Navarro, City Councilor

RESOLUTION NO. 53

"WHEREAS, it has come to the knowledge of this august Body that some individuals get inside theaters, moviehouses, auditoriums and similar recreational centers in undershirts only while some others are under the influence of liquor during regular show or performance hours even as not a few others take pleasure in bringing along their children from one to three years of age, including babies, who cannot even understand or appreciate the show so much so that boredom often drives them to wild orgies that disturb the peace and quietness in the audience;

"WHEREAS, it has also been noted that quite a number of moviegoers are complaining against others who place their feet on their backrests much to their ire and annoyance;

"WHEREAS, some people habitually smoke and sometimes spit inside these establishments which acts are injurious to the health of others indulged in a wholesome entertainment;

"WHEREAS, it is about time to regulate these acts of individuals inside theaters, moviehouses, auditoriums and the like and to limit the age of children to be admitted therein except in movies or shows of general patronage and for children's amusement;

"NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Porcadilla, seconded by Councilor Kangleon;

"RESOLVED, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 19

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNLAWFUL CERTAIN ACTS OF INDIVIDUALS INSIDE THEATERS, MOVIEHOUSES, AUDITORIUMS AND SIMILAR RECREATIONAL CENTERS IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Board of Ormoc City, That:

SECTION 1. Unlawful acts. - It shall be unlawful for any person inside a theater, moviehouse, auditorium and similar recreational center in the City of Ormoc during regular show or performance hours to do any of the following:

- a) to be in undershirt only;
- b) to be under the influence of liquor;
- c) to bring any child below four years of age;
- d) to place one's feet on his or others' seats or on the backrest of seats in front of him;
- e) to smoke; and
- f) to spit.

SECTION 2. Exception: where minors may be allowed. - In shows or movies of general patronage or for children's entertainment such as full-length cartoon shows, net short cartoonings, any child below four years of age may be allowed admission.

SECTION 3. Strict prohibition for minors. - In no case whatsoever shall any minor or person below fourteen years of age be allowed admission to any theater, moviehouse, auditorium or the like where the show or movie is exhibited and intended exclusively for adults.

SECTION 4. Duties of owners, managers and/or operators. - For purposes of this Ordinance, it shall be the duty of owners, managers and/or operators of theaters, moviehouses, auditoriums and similar recreational centers to place the necessary prohibition signs at the entrance, lobby or any other conspicuous places of their establishments and shall provide sufficient spaces outside the orchestra, balcony or loge for smoking purposes. It shall also be their duty to see to it that for exclusive shows or movies for adults the label "FOR ADULTS ONLY" shall be conspicuously placed or printed on the posters, streamers or the like and at the show windows.

SECTION 5. Penalty for violation. - Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five pesos (P5.00) but not more than fifty pesos (P50.00) or an imprisonment of not less than two (2) days but not more than twenty (20) days, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Any owner, manager and/or operator of theaters, moviehouses, auditoriums and the like who shall knowingly allow admission of any child or minor covered by this Ordinance shall be held also responsible for such act.

SECTION 6. Repeal. - Ordinance No. 17, series of 1952, Ordinance No. 2, series of 1953, Ordinance No. 1, series of 1955, and any other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Construction of this Ordinance. - If any part or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or ultra-vires, the same shall not invalidate the whole of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, April 16, 1969.


"RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution-ordinance each to the City Judge, the City Fiscal, the City Treasurer, and owners, managers and/or operators of theaters, moviehouses, or the like, all of Ormoc City;

"CARRIED. Four affirmative votes registered by Councilors Kangleon, Samson, Porcadilla and Mejia; one abstention registered by Councilor Tan."

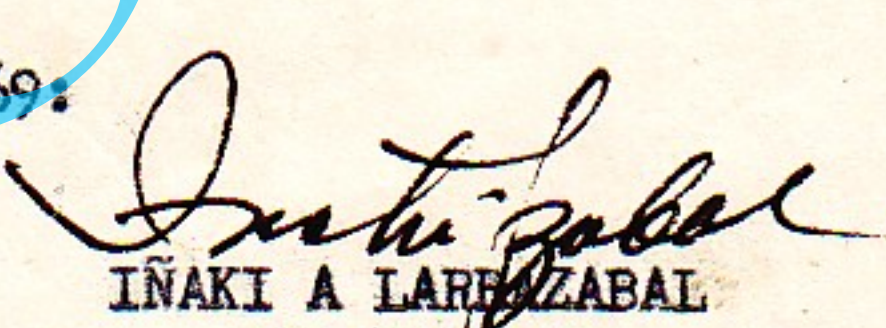
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution-ordinance.


LAUREANO J. GUAN
Secretary


ATTESTED:


GREGORIO C. YRASTORZA
Floor Leader
Presiding

APPROVED, May 5, 1969:


INAKI A. LARRAZABAL
City Mayor

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TEOTIMO P. OCUBILLO
Secretary to the City Mayor