

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE NINTH  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE HONORABLE  
PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
BUILDING ON DECEMBER 23, 2003 IN LIEU  
OF DECEMBER 25, 2003

PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I, City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader  
(Temporary Presiding Officer)  
Hon. Jose S. Serafica, City Councilor, Minority Floor Leader  
Hon. Ruvinieu E. Mendola, City Councilor, Assist. Maj. Floor Leader  
Hon. Demosthenes F. Tugonon, City Councilor  
Hon. Eduardo P. Tan, City Councilor  
Hon. Rafael C. Omega, Jr. City Councilor  
Hon. Fernando P. Parrilla, City Councilor  
Hon. Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr. City Councilor, Assist. Minority  
Floor Leader  
Hon. Jovencio A. Laurente, City Councilor  
Hon. Fe. S. Lladoc, City Councilor  
Hon. Emeterio Y. Larrazabal, Ex-Officio City Councilor,  
Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc  
Hon. Cheryl L. Alfaro, Ex-Officio City Councilor,  
SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Celso P. Adolfo, (Special Leave), Vice Mayor &  
Presiding Officer

PREFATORY STATEMENT

This august Body is in receipt of a Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government addressed to all Sangguniang Panlungsod/Pambayan subject of which is Model Ordinance on Prank Calls to "117" or any emergency number dated 08 October 2003.

Said Memorandum has sought assistance and support to put a stop on the increasing numbers of prank calls to "117" and other emergency numbers. Having proven its effectiveness as a means to speedily access government services or even private institution rendering basic services, still, a number of thoughtless individuals have been engaging in prank calls using "117", thus depriving legitimate callers of access to said hotlines.

FOREGOING PREMISES CONSIDERED, on motion of City Councilor Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr., Chairman, City Peace and Order Council, jointly seconded by City Councilors Fernando P. Parrilla and Rafael C. Omega, Jr.; be it

RESOLVED, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 106

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XXXI OF THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES OF ORMOC CITY BY ADDING CHAPTER V, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE FOR ANTI-PRANK CALLS IN ORMOC CITY".



SECTION 1. TITLE. This shall be known as the ANTI-PRANK CALLS ORDINANCE OF 2003.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared the policy of the City Government of Ormoc, to accelerate the use of Emergency Hotline Numbers that provide quick response to emergency situations, by providing unhampered accessibility to these emergency numbers.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this Ordinance:

- a) EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBERS - shall refer to, but not limited to the following: Patrol 117; PNP Hotlines; BFP Hotlines; National/Regional/Local Disaster Coordinating Council Hotlines; NBI Hotlines; Hospital; and such other government and/or private hotlines whose entities provide quick response to emergency situations as hereinafter defined;
- b) EMERGENCY SITUATIONS - shall refer to incidents of fire, flood, earthquake, conflagration, civil disturbances, war, acts against national security and similar public disorders, traffic accidents, incidents that require immediate medical assistance, and such other incidents that involve the loss of life or property, and reporting of the commission of a crime;
- c) PRANK CALLS - shall refer to telephone calls or text messages made or sent by any person to the emergency numbers as herein defined, which do not involve a report of an emergency situation or a request for emergency assistance, but are made solely for the purpose of making fun of such hotline numbers; or sow confusion among emergency responding units;
- d) SERVICE PROVIDERS - shall refer to both landline, mobile phone and hand-held radio operators, including all forms of telecommunications equipment; and
- e) PERSON - shall refer to any individual who makes a call to any number designated as emergency hotline number.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS. - It shall be prohibited for any person to:

- a) Make a prank call/text message through any Service Provided to any emergency number;
- b) Make a call/text message to said emergency numbers for the purpose of reporting a false emergency situation;
- c) To call/text an emergency number and leave said line hanging for the purpose of paralyzing the emergency line so called;
- d) Making lewd calls or sending lewd text messages to emergency numbers; and
- e) Calling/texting said emergency numbers to mock, ridicule, insult or otherwise hurl invectives at the phone operator, or otherwise, utter derogatory remarks against any individual other than said operator.



SECTION 5. PENALTIES - Upon conviction the offender shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment, for a period not exceeding six (6) months or a fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Any other ordinance, rule or regulation inconsistent with any of the provision found herein is hereby deemed modified or repealed accordingly. Should any part or parts hereof be declared invalid, the remaining part or parts hereof shall remain in force and effect.

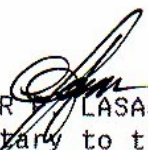
SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and after due publication.

ENACTED, December 23, 2003.

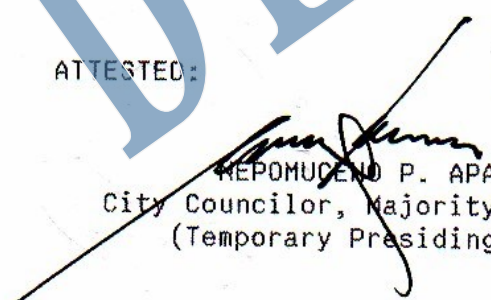
RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance, one each, to His Honor, the City Mayor; the City Administrator, the City Legal Officer, the City Treasurer, the PNP City Director, the Precinct Commander, PPI and PP2, the President, Liga ng mga Barangay, the DILG-CGO Officer, the City Prosecutor's Office, all others concerned, and at least three (3) copies be posted on Bulletin Boards at conspicuous places, -all in Ormoc City;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
OSCAR LASAM  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
REPOMUCENO P. APARIS I  
City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader  
(Temporary Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:

  
CARMELO J. LOCSIN  
City Mayor

01-05-04  
(Date)