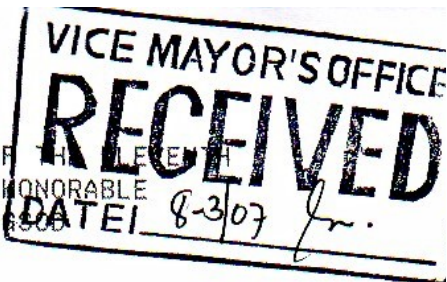
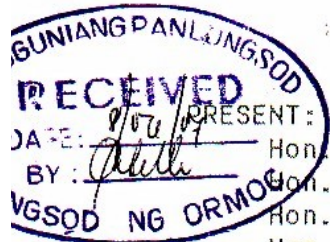


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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE HONORABLE
PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
BUILDING ON AUGUST 02, 2007



PRESENT:

Hon. Nepomuceno P. Aparis I,	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal,	City Councilor, Floor Leader
Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,	City Councilor, Assist. Floor Leader
Hon. Demosthenes F. Tugonon,	City Councilor
Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,	City Councilor
Hon. Fe S. Lladoc,	City Councilor
Hon. Filomeno P. Maglasang,	City Councilor
Hon. Rafael C. Omega, Jr.,	City Councilor
Hon. Fernando P. Parrilla,	City Councilor
Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr.,	City Councilor
Hon. Emeterio Y. Larrazabal, Jr.,	Ex-Officio City Councilor,
Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc	
Hon. Cheryl A. Arcuino,	Ex-Officio City Councilor,
	SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Ruben R. Capahi,	(On Leave),	City Councilor
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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-030

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO EXEMPT FROM THE COVERAGE
OF THE 12% EVAT ON PURCHASES OF MEDICINE BY THE SENIOR
CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7432, otherwise known as "AN ACT TO
MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT
BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" as amended, by
Republic Act No. 9257. Otherwise known as the "EXPANDED SENIOR CITIZENS
ACT OF 2003" grants a 20% discount on purchase of medicines by senior
citizens;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9337, (EXPANDED VALUE ADDED TAX) subjects
the sale of medicine to the 12% EVAT;

WHEREAS, the imposition of the 12% EVAT practically negates the 20%
discount privileges given to Senior Citizens whenever they purchase
medicines, thereby diminishing the benefits the laws on Senior Citizens
gave to the elderly;

WHEREAS, the laws on Senior Citizens have been enacted to give
assistance to the elderly whenever they purchase medicine which they
badly need in the twilight of their lives;

WHEREAS, aforecited Republic Act Nos. 7432 and 9257 were enacted
very much earlier than Republic Act No. 9337, hence whatever benefits
have been accorded in the earlier laws to the Senior Citizens must not
be negated by the subsequent law, that is, if we are really sincere in
helping the Senior Citizens of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section II of our constitution in part
provides: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive
approach to health and other social services available to all the people
at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the
underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children";

WHEREAS, to give life, substance and meaning to the aforequoted constitutional provision, Congress should amend the EVAT Law to exclude from paying the 12% tax whenever Senior Citizens buy their medicine, so that they can fully enjoy the 20% discount as mandated by law;

FOREGOING, PREMISES CONSIDERED, on joint motion of City Councilors Fe S. Lladoc and Mariano Y. Corro of the Committee on Social Welfare, duly seconded by City Councilor Sotero M. Pepito; be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to pass a resolution RESPECTFULLY URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO EXEMPT FROM THE COVERAGE OF THE 12% EVAT ON PURCHASES OF MEDICINE BY THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE PHILIPPINES;


ADOPTED, August 02, 2007.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to request other Sangguniang Panlungsods to pass a similar resolution with the hope that our collective voices will be heard by our lawmakers so as to effect the requested amendment of Republic Act 9337, the EXPANDED VALUE ADDED TAX (EVAT);

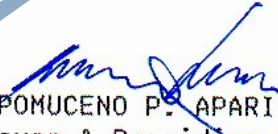
RESOLVED, FINALLY to furnish copies of this resolution one each, to the President of the Philippine Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representative, the Office of the President of the Philippines, the different Sangguniang Panlungsods, City Mayor Eric C. Codilla, the President of the Ormoc City of the Ormoc Federation of Senior Citizen, and others concerned;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


JOEL S. DUERO
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


NEPOMUCENO P. APARIS I
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer