



Republic of the Philippines
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod
City of Naga



ORDINANCE NO. 2001-072

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF A CHEMICAL COMPOUND/SOLVENT COMMONLY KNOWN AS “RUGBY” AND PROHIBITING HARDWARE STORES AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY TO SELL TO MINORS SUCH CHEMICAL COMPOUND OR ITS DERIVATIVES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF: -

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. - RATIONALE. - Amid the introduction into the street culture of the use of chemical compound/solvent commonly known as “rugby” as an alternative to mind altering drugs, there is a need to regulate the sale of such chemical compound to prevent the damage it can cause to the users thereof and contribute to the maintenance of peace and order.

SECTION 2. - DEFINITION OF TERMS. - The terms for the purposes of this ordinance shall mean:

- a. MINOR - any person whose age is below 18 years old;
- b. RUGBY - a liquid chemical compound used as adhesive in making, repairing shoes/furniture and other purposes with an odor akin to petroleum products which can alter the state of mind when sniffed;
- c. HARDWARE STORE OR ESTABLISHMENT - any licensed or unlicensed store selling rugby;
- d. DISPENSE - to sell, distribute, deal out, give away with or without monetary consideration;
- e. OWNER - licensee or owner of the hardware store or establishment either called the proprietor, president, manager, or any other name that is referred to the owner.

SECTION 3. - PROHIBITION. - a) It shall be unlawful for any minor to buy “rugby” from any hardware store or establishment within Naga City.

- b. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person or owner of hardware store/establishment to sell or to dispense solvent or “rugby” to any minor, unless said minor is accompanied by his/her parents or persons above 18 years old.

SECTION 4. - PENALTY. -

- a. Any minor found violating Section 3 of this ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) but not more than THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than seven (7) days but not more than one (1) month or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court, with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency;
 - b. Any owner of the hardware store or establishment found violating Section 3 of this ordinance shall be meted with the following punishment;
- 1ST OFFENSE - a fine of not less than TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) but not more than THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than ONE (1) MONTH but not more than THREE (3) MONTHS or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court;
- 2nd OFFENSE - a fine of not less than THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) but not more than FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than THREE (3) MONTHS but not more than SIX (6) MONTHS or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court;
- 3rd OFFENSE - a fine of not less than FOUR THOUSAND PESOS (P4,000.00) but not more than FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment not less than SIX (6) MONTHS but not more than ONE (1) YEAR or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Any provision or portion of this ordinance found to be violative of the Constitution or invalid shall not impair the provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 6. - REPEALING CLAUSE. - Ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed or modify accordingly.

SECTION 7. - EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect THIRTY (30) DAYS after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Naga City.

ENACTED: September 26, 2001.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ESTEBAN R. ABONAL
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Board Secretary II
& Secretary Designate

APPROVED:

JESSE M. ROBREDO
City Mayor