



Republic of the Philippines
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod
City of Naga



ORDINANCE NO. 2003-060

**AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE CREATION OF THE “TASK FORCE ANTI-RUGBY”,
DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION, OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES:-**

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

SECTION 1. - TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as the “TASK FORCE ANTI-RUGBY ORDINANCE”.

SECTION 2. - BASIS OF ORDINANCE. - This Ordinance is hereby enacted pursuant to what has been stated in the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child of 1924, and recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which is hereunder quoted; to wit:

“DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 1386(XIV) of 20 November 1959

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Whereas the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth,

Whereas the need for such special safeguards has been stated in the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child of 1924, and recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the statutes of specialized agencies and international organizations concerned with the welfare of children,

Whereas mankind owes to the child the best it has to give,

Now therefore,

The General Assembly Proclaims this Declaration of the Rights of the Child to the end that he may have a happy childhood and enjoy for his own good and for the good of society the rights and freedoms herein set forth, and calls upon parents, upon men and women as individuals, and upon voluntary organizations, local authorities and national Governments to recognize these rights and strive for their observance by legislative and

other measures progressively taken in accordance with the following principles:

“The child shall enjoy special protection, and shall be given opportunities and facilities, by law and by other means, to enable him to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a healthy and normal manner and in conditions of freedom and dignity. In the enactment of laws for this purpose, the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration”.

“The child shall enjoy the benefits of social security. He shall be entitled to grow and develop in health; to this end, special care and protection shall be provided both to him and to his mother, including adequate pre-natal and post-natal care. The child shall have the right to adequate nutrition, housing, recreation and medical services”.

“The child shall in all circumstances be among the first to receive protection and relief”.

“The child shall be protected against all forms of neglect, cruelty and exploitation. He shall not be the subject of traffic, in any form”.

“The child shall not be admitted to employment before an appropriate minimum age; he shall in no case be caused or permitted to engage in any occupation or employment which would prejudice his health or education, or interfere with his physical, mental or moral development.””

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SECTION 3. - PURPOSE. - The purpose of this Ordinance is to create a Task Force that shall in coordination with organizations and agencies concerned with the welfare of children, help the city in its aim of safeguarding the welfare particularly of children who are into substance abuse, and prevent and stop the proliferation of street children who are engaged in and addicted to the use of rugby. The Task Force that shall be created will study and introduce citywide efforts that will monitor the strict implementation of Ordinance No. 2001-072 by the city and law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 4. - DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2001-072 - shall refer to the ordinance penalizing the sale of rugby to minors;
- b. RUGBY - shall refer to 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. “TASK FORCE ANTI-RUGBY” - shall refer to a special body created to closely coordinate with organizations and agencies concerned with the welfare particularly of children and study and introduce citywide efforts that will render the implementation of Ordinance No. 2001-072 by the city and law enforcement agencies more effective.

SECTION 5. - COMPOSITION - The Board shall be composed of the following:

- a. Chairman of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Peace & Order and Human Rights, as Chairperson;
- b. Department Head of the City Social Welfare & Development Office, as Member;
- c. The Chief of Police or his authorized representative, as Member; and
- d. City Health Officer, as Member.

SECTION 6. - DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE. - The Task Force shall have the following duties and functions:

1. To study and introduce plans and programs for the effective and resolute implementation of Ordinance No. 2001-072 in the City of Naga, complementing the strategies and programs against banned substances and illegal drugs being undertaken by law enforcement agencies;
2. To help the city, in close coordination with organizations and agencies concerned with the welfare of children, in attaining its aim of safeguarding particularly the welfare of street children in order to prevent and stop the proliferation of street children who are engaged in and addicted to the use of rugby;
3. To identify the number and personal information as to the street children more particularly those engaged in and addicted to the use of rugby and the premises where its unlawful sale, delivery or use is taking place;
4. To call and bring to the attention of all the owners of hardware stores and other business establishments selling rugby the paramount importance of their cooperation in the effective implementation of Ordinance No. 2001-072;
5. To safeguard the welfare and the rights of the children more particularly the rugby users and take active steps towards their rehabilitation and treatment.

SECTION 7. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Any provision or portion of this ordinance found to be violative of the constitution or invalid shall not impair the other provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 8. - 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 modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. – EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED: June 4, 2003.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

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Board Secretary II
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APPROVED:

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City Mayor