

ORDINANCE 21 series of 2003

Excerpt from the minutes of the 115th regular session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of General Santos, held at the Session Hall on Thursday, September 11, 2003.

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Hon. Minda L. Atendido
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Hon. Zoilo C. Abing, Sr.
Hon. Orlando A. Oco
Hon. Jose Mariano Constantino G. Gonzalez
Hon. Delia G. Rabanes
Hon. Brian G. Estrellan
ABSENT:

City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Councilor (President Pro Tempore)
City Councilor (Floor Leader)
City Councilor (2nd Assistant Floor Leader)
City Councilor
City Councilor
City Councilor (1st Assistant Floor Leader)
City Councilor
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City Councilor
City Councilor (President, *Liga ng mga Barangay*)
City Councilor (SK Federation President)
None

WHEREAS, playing computer games, internet-based games, billiards and watching movies during school hours are detrimental to the moral and educational development of young people;

WHEREAS, there is a need to curb these activities to promote the interest and well-being of young people, and in the hope that their time, especially at their critical formative stage, shall be devoted to more productive endeavors in school and at home;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of City Councilor Jose Mari C. Natividad, co-sponsored by City Councilors Minardo A. Avila, Jr., Lourdes F. Casabuena, Brian G. Estrellan, Eduardo D. Leyson III and Jose Mariano Constantino G. Gonzalez, duly seconded by City Councilor Cesar B. Bañas, be it –

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to enact the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 21

Series of 2003

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MINORS BELOW SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OLD TO PLAY COMPUTER GAMES, INTERNET-BASED GAMES, BILLIARDS AND SEE MOVIES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Hon. Jose Mari C. Natividad – Sponsor

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of General Santos that:

Section 1. Regulated Acts. – No minor, below sixteen (16) years old, shall play computer games, internet-based games, billiards, and see movies during school hours.

As used in this Ordinance, computer games, internet-based games or billiards are those games played on establishments situated outside the residence of minors during the usual school hours of weekdays, except during holidays, summer and Christmas vacations, from 8:00 o'clock in the morning up to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Watching movies during the aforesaid specific period shall also be prohibited to minors.

Section 2. Obligations of Owners, Management or Operators of Computer Shops, Internet Cafés, and Movie Houses. – the owners, management or administrators of computer shops, internet cafés, billiard halls, and movie houses are hereby required to post or cause the posting of a billboard or signage at the entrance of their respective establishment concisely indicating the subject and the act sought to be regulated by this Ordinance. They are also required to ensure that no minor below sixteen (16) years of age is playing computer game, internet-based game, billiards or watching movie within their establishment during the aforesaid periods.

Section 3. Penalty Clause. – (a.) Any minor found guilty violating this Ordinance shall be apprehended and confined immediately at the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) for not less than two (2) hours but not more than four (4) hours. Thereupon, the personnel of the CSWDO shall conduct an orientation to the minor so apprehended on proper values.

(b.) Any owner, management or administrator of computer shop, internet café, billiard hall, or movie house who failed to comply with the provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of One Thousand Pesos (~~₱1,000.00~~) for the first offense, Two Thousand Pesos (~~₱2,000.00~~) for the second offense, and Three Thousand Pesos (~~₱3,000.00~~) and cancellation of business permit for the third offense.

Section 4. Formulation of Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within thirty (30) after the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Office of the City Mayor, the City Social Welfare and Development Office and the General Santos City Police Office shall formulate rules and regulations for the smooth implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. – Any ordinance, resolution or order, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Saving Clause. – The declaration of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the other provisions hereof.

Section 7. Effectivity. – This Ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City.

Enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of General Santos, on its 115th Regular Session held on September 11, 2003.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SGD)ATTY. ROSENDO A. ROQUE

Secretary to the Sanggunian ATTESTED BY:

(SGD)FLORENTINA L. CONGSON

City Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer