

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Bohol  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LOON**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (SB) OFFICE, LOON, BOHOL-**

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. Lloyd Peter M. Lopez, M.D. | Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Pedro M. Literatus, Jr.    | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Timoteo L. Legitimas       | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Emerson S. Relampagos      | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Lydia L. Almasa            | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Zaide Y. Coritico          | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Nilo P. Branzuela          | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Judy Marie H. Veloso       | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Kristel P. Tecson          | SB Member                     |
| Hon. Cesar R. Pedrigal          | Ex-Officio Member             |

**ABSENT:** N O N E

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 16-003**  
Series of 2016

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SELLING OF FIRECRACKERS AND PYROTECHNICS TO MINORS WITH AGE 15 YEARS OLD AND BELOW AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

Be it ordained by the 13<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled:

**Section 1. POLICY.** It is the policy of this municipality to ensure the safety of the minors in their amusement activities.

**Section 2. COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall apply to all persons whether natural or juridical, enforceable and applicable within the territorial jurisdiction of Loon, Bohol.

If the violation is committed by a corporation or partnership, the President or General Manager shall be held liable. In the case of single proprietorship, the owner or proprietor shall be held liable.

**Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

- a) Minors- individual of any sex who are below eighteen (18) years of age. As applied in this ordinance, the prohibited act is applicable to minors who are 15 years old and below.
- b) Natural person- a common individual by birth
- c) Juridical person- an organization, association, corporation or partnership operating in accordance with pertinent laws.
- d) Firecrackers- a paper or cardboard cylinder filled with an explosive and having a fuse that can be discharged to make a noise.
- e) Pyrotechnics- the art of making fireworks for display, military purposes, etc.

**Section 4. PROHIBITIONS.**

The following are the prohibited actions:

- a) The selling of "regulated" firecrackers to minors with age fifteen (15) years and below such as:
  - (1) Baby rocket- a firecracker with a stick so constructed that lightning of the wick will propel the whole thing to lift a few meters before exploding. The firecracker is about 1 ½ inches in length by 3/8 inch in diameter, while the stick is about a foot in length;
  - (2) Small triangle- a firecracker shaped like a triangle with powder content less than the bawang and usually wrapped in brown paper measuring ¾ inch length in its longest side;
  - (3) Pulling of strings- a firecracker consisting of a small tube about an inch in length and less than 1/4 of an inch in diameter with strings on each end. Pulling both strings will cause the firecracker to explode;

- (4) Paper caps- minute amount of black powder spread in either small strips of paper on a small sheet used for children's toy guns;
  - (5) El Diablo Firecrackers - tubular in shape about 1 1/4 inches in length and less than 1/4 inch in diameter with a wick; also known as labintador;
  - (6) Judah's belt - A string of firecrackers consisting of either diablos or small triangulos that can number up to a hundred or thereabout and culminating in large firecracker usually a bawang;
  - (7) Sky rocket (small kwitis). A large version of a baby rocket designed to be propelled to a height of forty (40) to fifty (50) feet before exploding;
  - (8.) Other types equivalent to the foregoing in explosive content as determined by the Philippine National Police (PNP).
- b) The selling of "regulated" pyrotechnics such as:
- (1) Sparklers- Pyrotechnic devices usually made of black powder on a piece of wire or inside a paper tube designed to light up and glow after igniting;
  - (2) Lucas- Any or several kinds of sparklers;
  - (3) Fountain- A kind of sparkler conical in shape which is lighted on the ground and designed to provide various rising colors and intermittent lights upon being ignited;
  - (4) Jumbo regular and special- A kind of sparkler similar to a "fountain" but bigger in size;
  - (5) Mabuhay- Sparklers bunched into a bundle of a dozen pieces;
  - (6) Roman candle- A sparkler similar to a "fountain" but shaped like a big candle;
  - (7) Trompillo- A pyrotechnic device usually fastened to the center and designed to spin first clockwise and then counter-clockwise and provides various colored lights upon being ignited;
  - (8) Airwolf- A kind of sky rocket shaped like an airplane with a propeller to rise about forty (40) or fifty (50) feet and provide various kinds of light while aloft;
  - (9) Whistle device- Any of the various kinds of firecrackers or pyrotechnic designed to either simply emit a whistle-like sound or explode afterwards upon being ignited;
  - (10) Butterfly-shaped- Pyrotechnic device designed to lift above ground while providing light;
  - (11) All kinds of pyrotechnic devices (pailaw); and
  - (12) Other types equivalent to the foregoing devices as determined by the PNP.
- c) The selling of "absolutely" prohibited types of firecrackers and pyrotechnics devices, such as:
- (1) Atomic big triangulo (bilang-bilong)- firecrackers specifically mentioned in RA 7183
  - (2) Super lolo-firecrackers specifically mentioned in RA 7183
  - (3) Lolo thunder-a powerful firecracker twice the size of a Five Star
  - (4) Big bawang-a firecracker packed in cardboard tied around with abaca strings, giving it the shape of large garlic
  - (5) "Pla- pla"
  - (6) Watusi or the "dancing firecracker"- It was initially allowed for sale and manufacture under RA 7183, but was eventually banned because it causes poisoning when ingested, especially among children
  - (7) "Big Sky Rocket" ("PITON")
  - (8) Giant whistle bomb -Any firecracker or pyrotechnic designed to emit a whistle-like sound before exploding. Others are designed simply to whistle without exploding
  - (9) Large Judas Belt. Og-a string of firecrackers consisting of smaller firecrackers that number up to a hundred, and culminating in a larger and more powerful firecracker
  - (10) Picolo- This firecracker has been the leading cause of firecracker-related injuries since 2007. The Department of Health banned it in 2007 because it can explode on the hands, and may cause death when ingested
  - (11) Goodbye Philippines – giant triangle-shaped firecracker which packs a powerful explosion

(12) Kabasi- a triangle-sized explosive twice the size of a Pla-pla.

**Section 5. PENALTIES**

Any person, natural or juridical, found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- 1) Violation of regulated firecrackers and pyrotechnics
  - a) On the first offense: Php 1,000.00 and confiscation of all firecrackers and pyrotechnics sold, stored or subject for selling
  - b) On the second offense: Php 1,500.00 and confiscation of all firecrackers and pyrotechnics sold, stored or subject for selling
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**Section 6. ENFORCEMENT**

The Loon PNP, LGU officials, Market personnel, and the corresponding barangay officials, barangay kagawads, and barangay tanods shall be duly authorized to implement this ordinance.

**Section 7. IMPLEMENTATION**

The implementation of this ordinance shall be pursuant to Section 1-7 of Article XXV of the Legislative Management Code of Loon.

**Section 8. EFFECTIVITY**

This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after a copy hereof is posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Municipal Hall and at least in two (2) conspicuous places in each barangay of this municipality and after due publication in a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Section 511 a of RA 7160.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

**FIDELINO P. CORITICO, LLB**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

**LLOYD PETER M. LOPEZ, M.D.**  
Vice-Mayor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

**ELVI PETER L. RELAMPAGOS**  
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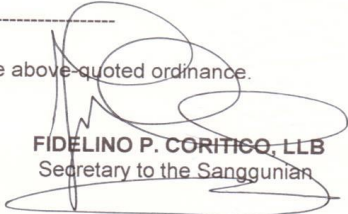
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