



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 144th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 8TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 5th DAY OF APRIL, 2004 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL-

PRESENT: Hon. Cesar R. Pedrigal, SB Member, Acting Presiding Officer
Hon. Fortunato N. Garay, SB Member
Hon. Zenon R. Perez, SB Member
Hon. Titus Clark U. Miranda, SB Member
Hon. Hermenegildo M. California, SB Member
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Hon. Leticia M. Maratas, SB Member

OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Raul P. Barbarona, Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Edwin R. Ladeza, LnB President, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT : Hon. Allan Rey M. Palban, SKMF President, Ex-Officio Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04-005
Series of 2004

AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING PRANK CALLS, OTHERWISE KNOWN S ANTI-PRANK CALLS -

(Author : Honorable Cesar R. Pedrigal)

SECTION 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the ANTI-PRANK CALLS ORDINANCE OF 2004.

SECTION 2 DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby declared policy of the Municipal Government of Loon, Bohol to accelerate the use of Emergency Hotline Numbers that provide quick response to emergency situations, by providing unhampered accessibility to these emergency numbers

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – As used in this Ordinance.

- a) EMERGENCY HOTLINE NUMBERS – shall refer to, but not limited to the following: Patrol 117; PNP Hotlines; BFP Hotlines; National/Regional/Local Disaster Coordinating Council Hotlines; NBI Hotlines; Hospitals; and other government and/or private hotlines whose entities provide to emergency situations as hereinafter defined;
- b) EMERGENCY SITUATIONS – shall refer to incidents of fire, flood, earthquake, conflagration, civil disturbances, war, acts against national security and similar public disorders, traffic accidents, incidents that require immediate medical assistance, and such other incidents that involve the loss of life or property, and reporting of commission of a crime;
- c) PRANK CALLS – shall refer to telephone calls or text messages made or sent any person to the emergency numbers as herein defined, which do not involve a report of an emergency responding units;
- d) SERVICE PROVIDERS – shall refer to both landline mobile phone and hand-held radio operators, including all forms of telecommunications equipments; and
- e) PERSON – shall refer to any individual who makes a call to any number designated as emergency hotline number.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS – It shall be prohibited for any person to:

- a) Make a prank call/text message through any Service Provider to any emergency number.
- b) Make a call/text message to said emergency numbers for the purpose of reporting a false emergency situation;
- c) To call/ text an emergency number and leave said line hanging for the purpose of paralyzing the emergency line so called;
- d) Making lewd calls or sending lewd text messages to emergency numbers ;and
- e) Calling/texting said emergency numbers to mock, ridicule, insult or otherwise hurt invectives at the phone operator, or otherwise, utter derogatory remarks against easy individual other than said operator

SECTION 5 PENALTIES – Upon conviction the offender shall suffer the penalty of Imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months or fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any part of this ordinance is declared invalid, other parts not affected thereto shall remain enforceable.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY – This ordinance shall effect upon its approval.

“APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.”

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted Municipal Ordinance.

ATTESTED:

FIDELINO P. CORITICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

CESAR R. PEDRIGAL
SB Member
(Acting Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:

CESAR TOMAS M. LOPEZ, M.D.
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: April 6, 2004