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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 00
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AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF RA 8172 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROMOTING SALT IODIZATION NATIONWIDE (ASIN) AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "Strengthening the ASIN Law and Organizing the Roxas, Oriental Mindoro Bantay Asin Task Force"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is a declared policy of the local government unit to promote the health of the people, to maintain an effective food regulatory system, and to provide the entire population, especially women and children with proper nutrition. For this purpose, the local government unit shall promote food fortification to combat micronutrient malnutrition, particularly iodine deficiency disorders, as a priority health and nutrition program.

Further, Republic Act No. 8171 or the Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN), enacted into law in 1995, requires the iodization of all salt for human and animal consumption. Specific reference to LGUs in RA 8172 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) are as follows:

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a) IRR Rule VI. Section 2. Roles. To require LGUs, through their health officers and nutritionist-dietitians, or in their absence, through their sanitary inspectors, to check and monitor regularly the quality of food-grade salt being sold in their market in order to ascertain that such salt is properly iodized;

b) Section 5.c. Applicability. All food outlets, restaurants and stores are *hereby required to make* available to customers only iodized salt in their establishment upon effectivity of this Act. These establishments shall be monitored with the help of LGUs through its health officers and nutirionist-dietitians, or in their absence, the sanitary inspectors, to check and monitor regularly the quality of food-grade salt being sold or served in such establishments.

SECTION 3. PURPOSES. This Ordinance aims to strictly implement and monitor the distribution, sale and use of adequately-iodized salt and organize an iodized salt monitoring team in the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms and phrase shall mean:

a) Adequately-iodized salt – *ordinary salt with fortificant potassium iodate* (KIO3) and/or potassium iodide (KI) added consistent with the level of iodine prescribed by Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which at present is 30-70 mg/kg of iodine and could be modified in the future.

b) Bantay Asin Task Force (BATF) – a multi-sectoral working group organized at regional and local levels, with members from difference government agencies and non-government organizations, which is responsible for the implementation of activities related to the Salt Iodization Program.

c) Food Fortification – refers to the addition of nutrients to processed foods at levels above the natural state.

d) Food-grade salt – refers to salt for human and animal consumption as distinguished from industrial salt; food-grade salt should be adequately iodized salt.

e) Food manufacturer – refers to establishments engaged in any and all operations involved in the production of food products including preparation, processing, filling, packaging, repacking, altering, finishing, and labelling with the end in view of its storage, sale or distribution. The business of enterprise of manufacturing or processing food using adequately iodized salt in its products.

f) Food services establishment – refers to hotels, restaurants, carinderias, catering firms, hospitals and related health facilities and institutions, canteens, food chains, street food outlets and other similar outlets that serve or sell food to consumers.

g) Importer – one who buys salt outside the country either food-grade or industrial use.

h) Iodine deficiency disorders – a broad spectrum of manifestations resulting from insufficient stores of iodine in the body, which leads to maternal and birth abnormalities, and the reduction of intellectual and physical capacity affecting one who is iodine deficient and may manifest as miscarriage or

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stillbirth among pregnant women, goiter, mental retardation, physical and mental defects, or cretinism.

i) Iodized salt outlets – refers to department stores, shops, supermarkets, groceries, mini marts, drug stores, sari-sari stores, wet markets and other points of purchase that sell wholesale or retail iodized salt to consumers.
j) Industrial salt – refers to salt used in the treatment, processing and/or manufacture of non-food commercial products, this salt need not be iodized.

k) Micronutrient malnutrition- a disorder resulting from deficiencies in vitamin A, iron, iodine and other micronutrients that the body needs in minute quantities every day.

l) Salt industry – refers to the business sector engaged in the production, distribution, trading, retailing and importation of salt.

m) Salt iodization – the addition of iodine to salt intended for human and animal consumption in accordance with the specifications as to form, fortification, method, manner and composition as may be prescribed by FDA. Salt iodization continues to be the most efficient and effective strategy to prevent iodine deficiency.
n) Salt manufacturing – refers to establishments engaged in all operations involved in the importation or production of salt including preparation, processing, formulating, filling, packaging, repacking, altering, finishing and labelling with the end in view of its storage, sale or distribution.

o) Trader – refers to establishments engaged in buying and selling of food-grade salt by wholesale or retail.

p) WYD method – refers to the sale testing method that quantitatively measures iodine content of salt. It uses and instrument called WYD Iodine Checker which, together with WYD solutions, quantitatively measures the salt iodine content based on a colorimetric method.

SECTION 5. COVERAGE. The following establishments are covered by this Ordinance:

a) Entire salt industry including salt producers, manufacturers, repackers, importers, traders, distributors and retailers;
b) All food service establishments where food is being served or sold;
c) All food manufacturers or processors using iodized salt in their manufacturing processes; and
d) All iodized salt outlets which sell wholesale or retail iodized salt to consumers.

SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION AND COMPOSITION OF ROXAS BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE". The Roxas, Oriental Mindoro Bantay Asin Law Force is hereby organized with the following composition:

Chairperson	:	*Municipal Health Officer*
Co-Chairperson	:	Market Administrator
Members	:	Sanitary Inspector
		Municipal Nutrition Action Officer
		Municipal Nutritionist Dietitian
		Barangay Nutrition Action Officers
		Barangay Nutrition Scholars
		Representative from Business Permit and Licensing Office

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