

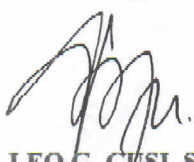
- **SPECIAL CONCERNS** are circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children but not limited to the following:
  - a. Being in a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict related activities;
  - b. Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety, and morals which unduly interfere with their normal development;
  - c. Living in or fending for themselves in the streets without the care of parents and guardians or any adult supervision needed for their welfare;
  - d. Being a member of indigenous cultural community and/or living under conditions of extreme poverty or in area which is underdeveloped and/or lack or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality of life;
  - e. Being a victim of a man-made or natural disaster calamity;
  - f. Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger life, safety or normal development of children.
- **SURVIVAL RIGHTS** - pertain to the rights of children to adequate living standard and access to basic health services and social security;
- **VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN** is defined as physical maltreatment, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, or commercial and other forms of exploitation, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity in the context of a relationship of responsibility, trust or power. [This is according to Violence against Children: World Report on Violence and Health (2002)].
- **VULNERABLE CHILDREN** - belong to families, households, groups or communities who are at risk of being abused, hurt, injured, or neglected due to economic, socio-political, cultural or religious, gender, physiological related reasons. Specifically, they refer to children with disabilities, children who belong to certain indigenous communities or tribal group, children of poor families, some girl children, working children, and children in conflict with the law and children in humanitarian or disaster settings.

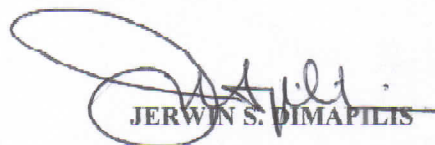
## ARTICLE II

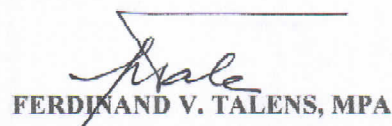
### PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

**SECTION I. PROTECTION RIGHTS.** These cover those rights protecting the child from all forms of abuses and discrimination which includes the following:

- a. Protection of the child from all forms of physical and mental abuse;

  
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- b. Rights of the child to be protected from injury, neglect and maltreatment;
- c. Protection from exploitation, sexual and economic abuse, including prostitution and involvement in pornography;
- d. Protection from sale, trafficking, and abduction;
- e. Right to necessary treatment and reintegration of abused or exploited;
- f. Right to periodic assessment if placed under care, protection or treatment;
- g. Right of protection in situation of armed conflict;
- h. Right of Children in conflict with law;  
i. Right of Freedom from torture, death penalty, life imprisonment, and deprivation of liberty;
- j. Right to protection from child labor;
- k. Right to be protected from the use of narcotics, psychotropic drugs, and from being involved in its production and distribution;
- l. Right of Children with Disabilities to fully enjoy their basic human rights and reach their full potential within a caring and protective environment, and live a life with dignity, free from discrimination, ostracisms, exclusion, shame and actively participating in the community;
- m. All other rights granted to him by law, ordinance, regulation, or international treaty by virtue of his being a child.

### **ARTICLE III**

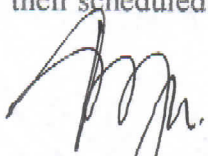
#### **PROTECTION MEASURES ON MINORS**

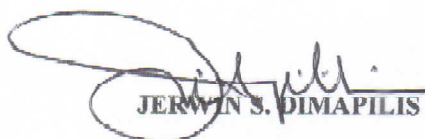
**SECTION 1. CURFEW ON MINORS.** For the protection of minors, they are prohibited from loitering in public places or moving outside their residences between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the evening and 4:00 o'clock in the morning. Should there be a necessity for them to be outside their residences during curfew hours, they should be accompanied by their parent/s, responsible elders or guardians.

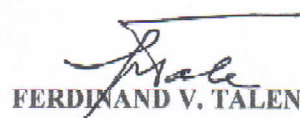
Offenders found to be under the influence of liquor or illegal drugs and/or is causing harm, alarm and scandal to himself or others shall be temporarily held under the custody of the Municipal Police Station until the child offender is sober, calms down and ready to be sent home. The matter shall be referred to Municipal Anti-Drug Council (MADC) and concerned parent/s or guardians of the minor shall be immediately summoned before the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) for orientation and counseling.

The same parent/s or guardian/s shall be called to the Office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development or other concerned agency for counseling and advise regarding parental responsibility.

**SECTION 2. LOITERING DURING SCHOOL HOURS.** Students or school children are banned from loitering in public places outside their school grounds/campuses during their scheduled school hours unless they are accompanied by their parents/legal guardian or

  
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are attending an official school function or activity. Students and/or school children who will be caught loitering in public places outside their school grounds/campuses during scheduled school hours shall be sanctioned as follows:

- a. Counseling by the school's guidance counselor;
- b. Concerned parent or guardian shall be notified by the teacher-in-charge and schedule a consultation regarding the said matter;
- c. Concerned schools of students found loitering shall be immediately notified by the apprehending officers for its information and appropriate action.

Commercial establishments which offer and promote vices such as but not limited to video arcades, bars, amusement centers and gambling places to school children during scheduled school hours shall be subjected to closure/revocation of business permit and confiscation of their gadgets, equipment, machines and other paraphernalia.

**SECTION 3. FRATERNITIES AND GANGS.** No person shall force, coerce, bully or deceive any juvenile into joining any organization, fraternity, sorority, gang or association involved in unlawful activities or any deviant activities such as but not limited to vandalism, violence and sexual perversion. Any person who shall force, coerce or deceive any minor/juvenile into joining any organization, fraternity/sorority or gang within the campus or outside the school grounds shall be sanctioned with one (1) month of community service or twelve (12) months imprisonment or both without prejudice to his/her/their prosecution under Republic Act No. 11053 or the Anti-Hazing Act of 2018.

**SECTION 4. SMOKING BAN ON MINORS.** It shall be unlawful for any person or establishment to sell cigarettes, other tobacco products to minors within the Municipality of Roxas.

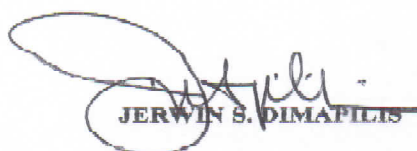
**SECTION 5. MINORS ARE BANNED FROM BUYING AND DOING ERRANDS FOR ANY PERSON TO PURCHASE VOLATILE SUBSTANCE SUCH AS RUGBY (TOLUENE) AND OTHER SIMILAR SUBSTANCES DEFINED AND ENUMERATED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1619 AND INTOXICATING LIQUORS, CIGARETTES, AND SOLVENTS.**

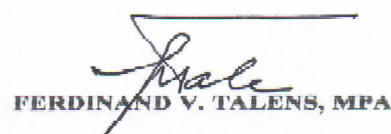
- a. Any person who sells or allows the selling of rugby (toluene) and other similar habit inducing solvents to minors shall be penalized without prejudice to the penalties provided for under Section 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1619 and closure of the establishment selling the aforesaid substances to minors and revocation of its business permit;
- b. Likewise, any person, store or grocery who sells or allows the selling of liquors, cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors shall be subject to revocation of its business permit;
- c. No person is allowed to send minors on errands to purchase cigarettes and other tobacco products, beer, liquor, and other alcoholic beverages, rugby, solvents, and other similar products to minors.

**SECTION 6. MINORS ARE BANNED TO ENTER, WATCH, WITNESS, PLACE BETS AND ENGAGE IN ANY FORM OF GAMBLING.**

- a. Any person, owners and/or organizers of gambling/betting places such as cockfighting arena, 'tong-its', any other card games and mahjong places,

  
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lotto and Small-Town Lottery (STL) betting stations and the like shall ensure that no minors are allowed to enter, watch, witness, or place any bets in the said betting stations.

- b. Any person or establishments who allows minor/s to enter, watch, witness, or place any bets and engage in any form of gambling shall be penalized by the revocation of their permit without prejudice to their being prosecuted under Presidential Decree No. 1602 as amended by Republic Act No. 9287.
- c. Establishments authorized to operate lottery as lotto and other games such as bingo and Off-Track horse racing betting stations are prohibited from accepting bets from minors. Violators shall be punished by closure of the establishment plus revocation of its business permit.

#### **SECTION 7. PROHIBITION ON TRICYCLE AND PEDICAB.**

- a. **OVERLOADING ON TRICYCLE AND PEDICAB UTILIZED AS SCHOOL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.** As child's welfare and safety are the primary objectives of this Ordinance, it is hereby prohibited the overloading of children passengers in tricycles and pedicabs or utilized as school service for children. This practice endangers the lives of the students, the driver, as well as ordinary passers-by;
- b. **PROHIBITING MINORS ON BOARD MOTORCYCLES WITHOUT PROTECTION GEARS AND ON BOARD IN THE FRONT, SIDE WHEEL OR ON TOP OF THE TRICYCLES.**

##### **A. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

- 1. Minors are not allowed to board motorcycles without proper safety gears, such as helmet, and the likes;
- 2. Minors are also not allowed to occupy the front, side car extension, or on top of the side car of tricycles.

##### **B. PENALTIES.**

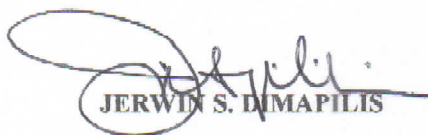
The said prohibited acts shall be penalized accordingly by regulations set forth by the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

#### **SECTION 8. PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS ON THE OPERATION AND SERVICES OF GAMING AND INTERNET CAFES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO.**

##### **A. PROHIBITED ACTS for students of minor age:**

- a. Enter the establishment wearing school uniform except those doing research/school works in internet cafes or computer rentals shops during vacant free school hours;
- b. Enter the premises during school hours except students doing research/school works in internet cafes or computer rental shop during vacant period. Computer gaming shop are strictly prohibited from allowing the entry of student during school hours;

  
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- c. Enter the premises without identification cards (ID) and class schedule duly issued by the Registrar's Office.
- d. For both students and out-of-school of minor age, entering the premises from 10:00 PM to 4:00 AM is prohibited, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**B. Penalties.**

- a. In addition to the administrative penalty of cancellation or revocation of the Mayor's Permit issued under this Ordinance, a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment for a period of not less than one (1) month and one (1) day but not more than six (6) months shall be imposed upon the owner, manager and/or person in-charge of the establishment found violating the provision of this Ordinance;
- b. If the offender is a corporation or partnership, the penalty above prescribed shall be imposed upon the President and/or the General Manager or the Managing Partner, as the case may be, of the erring entity;

**SECTION 9. PROHIBITING MINORS TO RENT AND DRIVE TRICYCLE AND TRISIKADS.**

**A. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

- a. No minors are allowed to rent or drive trisikads, motorcycles and other motor vehicles in the jurisdiction of the municipality;
- b. All trisikad, tricycle owners and operators shall not allow any minor to rent or drive trisikad and tricycle.

**B. PENALTIES FOR OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE TRISIKAD AND TRICYCLE:**

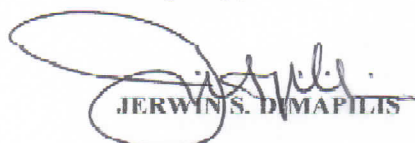
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| <b>FIRST OFFENSE</b>       | Mandatory counseling and a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) or community service of eight (8) hours. |
| <b>SUCCEEDING OFFENSES</b> | Cancellation of Business Permit.                                                                         |

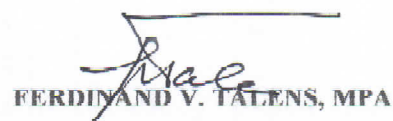
**SECTION 10. PROHIBITING CHILDREN FROM SKATEBOARDING, WADE BOARDING, USING ROLLER BLADES, SKATES, BIKE, E-BIKES AND ANY OTHER SPORTS EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE WITH WHEELS ALONG MUNICIPAL MAJOR THOROUGHFARES.**

**A. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

- a. Skateboarding, wade boarding, use of roller blades, skating, biking and use of two (2) wheeled gadgets is strictly prohibited in all major thoroughfares within the jurisdiction of the municipality;

  
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