



Republic of the Philippines
City of Baguio
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
(CITY COUNCIL)

REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT:

Hon. Edison R. Bilog, *City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer*;
Hon. Leandro B. Yangot Jr., *Member*;
Hon. Edgar M. Avila, *Member*;
Hon. Joel A. Alangsab, *Member*;
Hon. Faustino A. Olowan, *Member*;
Hon. Elmer O. Datuin, *Member*;
Hon. Peter C. Fianza, *Member*;
Hon. Lilia A. Fariñas, *Member*;
Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iw, *Member*;
Hon. Benny O. Bomogao, *Member*;
Hon. Francisco Roberto A. Ortega VI, *Member*;
Hon. Michael L. Lawana, *Ex-Officio Member (President, Liga ng mga Barangay, Baguio City Chapter)*; and
Hon. Levy Lloyd B. Orcales, *Ex Officio Member (President, Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, Baguio City Chapter)*.

ABSENT:

Hon. Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon, *Member (on vacation leave)*; and
Hon. Elaine D. Sembrano, *Member (with prior notice)*.

Authored by Hon. Lilia A. Fariñas.

ORDINANCE Numbered 118
(Series of 2018)

INSTITUTING AN **ANTI-PROFANITY ORDINANCE** IN ALL SCHOOLS, COMPUTER SHOPS, ARCADES AND OTHER BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS FREQUENTED BY CHILDREN, HIGH SCHOOL AND/OR COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE CITY OF BAGUIO.

Explanatory Note

Nowadays, it is observed that cursing has become a normal practice that even the children seem to have already accepted the habit as a customary routine in our society, oblivious of the repercussions that it may result to.

This revolting habit can be observed most often in computer shops and arcades where children of different ages play games, especially those that engage in war games and feudal battles which cause them to insult each other with indecent and profane languages, as if it were okay to do so, and especially because their parents or guardians are not present to apprehend their actions.

The habit of cursing has not only been confined in such places, but has already penetrated the schools, business establishments, and our society as a whole, that even the very fabric of morals and human decency has deteriorated to such a degree and these needs to be prevented before any irreparable damage.

Thus, there is a need of a legislation that will help in the preservation of morals of the Filipino youth, not only in the observance of the National Children's Month, but as an everyday advocacy, to preserve the integrity of a decent and ethically upright people.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Fianza, Hon. Bomogao and Hon. Orcales, seconded by Hon. Allad-iw, Hon. Olowan, Hon. Fariñas, Hon. Ortega and Hon. Yangot,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE *SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (CITY COUNCIL)* IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. **SHORT TITLE** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**ANTI-PROFANITY ORDINANCE OF BAGUIO CITY**".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS -

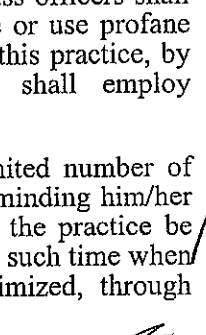
- (a) **PROFANITY:** blasphemous or obscene language; vulgar or irreverent speech or action; expletive, oath, swearing, swearword, curse, curse word, cuss-propane or obscene expression usually of surprise or anger.
- (b) **ANTI-PROFANITY:** are acts or measures to counter and prohibit the practice of profanity or the use of obscene language.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared a policy in the City Government of Baguio that all schools, in all levels, whether pre-school, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, high school, college including universities and those providing technical and vocational education and training, and business establishments such as, but not limited to, computer shops, arcades and other places frequented by pre-school and grade school children, high school and college students in the City of Baguio, are prohibited from cursing, cussing, expressing insults, whether directly or indirectly to anyone or anybody, or using profane and/or foul language, as a means of expression, or as a manifestation of anger, surprise, disgust, or any other form of extreme emotion that yields to such expressions of profanity;

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND LIMITATION OF MANDATE - This Ordinance shall, in order of priority, be most strictly implemented in:

- (a) All schools at all levels: pre-school, elementary, high school, and college and all universities as well as those providing technical and vocational education and training;
- (b) Business establishments such as, but not limited to computers shops, arcades and other places frequented by pre-school and grade school children;
- (c) Business establishments such as, but not limited to cafés, restaurants, bars, including public places where high school and college students, and where those enrolled in universities frequently visit;

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS -

- (a) All schools at all levels: pre-school, elementary, high school, and college and all universities as well as those providing technical and vocational education and training:
 1. All schools, whether public or private, shall include into their educational system, particularly in their Constitution & By-Laws, Code of Conduct, or Rules & Regulations, that profane language and all its attributes, are strictly prohibited;
 2. School administrators and teachers are hereby tasked to cause the hanging or posting of signs and signages in their classrooms, and in noticeable places to announce the observance of the Anti-Profanity Ordinance, in words such as: "Cursing is NOT allowed", "Profanity Prohibited", "*Bawal ang Mag-mura*", and others, according to the comprehension and understanding of the audience being addressed;
 3. Schools shall provide the necessary penalties, graduated according to the extent they may deem necessary, and shall be consistent to the limitations on penalties as provided for by the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, the Juvenile Justice Act and all other laws and statutes that may govern the specific age group, and the particular case concerned;
 4. Teachers, principals, school administrators, and assigned class officers shall be given authority to monitor pupils or students who curse or use profane language, and institute class and school policies to prevent this practice, by consistently apprehending violators, and if persistent, shall employ graduating consequences for every violation thereof;
 5. Penalties shall range from calling their attention for a limited number of times, followed by a personal talk with the pupil/student reminding him/her of the prohibition by the City and the school, and should the practice be persistent, the attention of the parents will be called for, until such time when the habitual practice could be corrected or at least minimized, through reprimands or suspensions;
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6. The penalty of expulsion for violation of the Anti-Profanity Ordinance shall be the school's prerogative;
- (b) Business establishments such as, but not limited to computer shops, arcades and other places frequented by pre-school and grade school children; (NOTE: Computer shops and arcades are among the likeliest places where very young children are most often heard cursing each other on account of the games they play, and therefore a likely place where the habit is born and reinforced.)
 1. All computer shops and arcades are hereby obligated to cause the hanging or posting of signs and signages in their business establishments to announce the observance of the Anti-Profanity Ordinance, in words such as: "Cursing is NOT allowed", "Profanity Prohibited", "*Bawal Mag-mura*", and others, according to the comprehension and understanding of their clients being addressed;
 2. Computer shops and arcades shall provide a photograph of their shops displaying an Anti-Profanity sign, as a pre-requisite to the granting and/or renewal of their business permits;
 3. Computer shops and arcades found without an Anti-Profanity sign, after the approval of this ordinance, and having been informed of the Ordinance's effectivity, shall be apprehended by the Permits & Licensing Division of the City Government for their non-compliance.
- (c) Business establishments such as, but not limited to cafés, restaurants, bars, including public places where high school and college students, and where those enrolled in universities frequently visit are enjoined for the observance of the Anti-Profanity Ordinance, although penal sanctions will not necessarily apply at this point.


SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the other provisions or sections of this Ordinance and the application of such circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE – All prior Ordinances, Executive Orders, Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations, or part/s thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

Unanimously passed.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


EDISON R. BILOG
*City Vice-Mayor and
Presiding Officer*
SEP 24 2018

Attested:


BRENNER L. BENGWAYAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: _____


MAURINO G. DOMOGAN
City Mayor

24 SEP 2018


JONATHAN M. FONTANOS