



Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City of Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 657, S-2017

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF PRODUCTS
CONTAINING SOLVENTS, INHALANTS, CONTACT
CEMENTS, GASOLINE, TOLUENE, AND
OTHER SUBSTANCES THAT CAN
BE INHALED AND ABUSED
DUE TO ITS INTOXICATING EFFECTS

WHEREAS, the toluene content of rugby and other forms of solvent enforces an aromatic smell that kids use as an inhalant leading to solvent addiction. This is prevalent in depressed communities where kids sniff such products to suppress hunger and even depression;

WHEREAS, studies would prove that solvent or “rugby” addiction can cause irreversible harm to the health of such poor kids. Aside from psychological disorders, this may lead to brain damage, comatose and even death;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Mandaluyong must now exercise its police power in order to prevent not only solvent addiction but to eradicate the same as one of the worst social ills within the City’s urban poor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in a session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall also be known as “Anti-Solvent Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. SCOPE. This Ordinance shall apply to all business establishments, which sell, trade, and manufacture products containing solvents, inhalants, contact cements, gasoline, toluene and other substances that can be inhaled and abused due to its intoxicating effects and other forms of solvent within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Mandaluyong.

It shall also apply to any person who shall sell, give and deliver rugby and other forms of solvent to a minor.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a. ESTABLISHMENT – any hardware store, sari-sari store or any business establishment engaged in selling goods and products, which includes rugby and solvents;
- b. LOGBOOK – a record book kept by a store or hardware containing information of customer’s name, address and purpose for buying rugby and/or solvent products;
- c. MINOR – as used in this Ordinance, shall be any person who is below 18 years of age;
- d. SOLVENT – as used in this Ordinance, shall mean any substance that is based on contact cement like rugby, vulca seal, fed seal, elasto seal, thinner and other similar materials, which can cause solvent addiction.

- SECTION 4. SALE BY ESTABLISHMENTS. Owners of business establishments, as defined in Section 3 (a) hereof, are hereby prohibited from selling, giving or delivering rugby and other forms of solvent to minors. Furthermore, said establishments are required to maintain a logbook where the name, address and purpose of the customer in buying the product shall be recorded.
- SECTION 5. PROHIBITED SALE. No person shall be allowed to sell, give or deliver to a person under eighteen (18) years old, any quantity of rugby or other forms of solvent or inhalant.
- SECTION 6. COUNSELING AND REHABILITATION. The minor, if proven hooked or addicted to any inhalant or contact cement and/or other forms of solvent, together with his/her parents, shall be proceeded against in accordance with Section 8 of Ordinance No. 599, S-2015.
- SECTION 7. REGULAR INSPECTION. The Business Permit and License Department shall conduct regular inspection of all retailers/dealers engaged in the selling or trading of rugby and other forms of solvent in the City of Mandaluyong during reasonable business hours, focusing particularly in the Log Book for the transactions on rugby or other solvents, to ensure strict compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- SECTION 8. PENALTIES. The following penalties shall be imposed upon any person found performing any acts prohibited under Sections 4 and 5 hereof.

FIRST VIOLATION	One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)
SECOND VIOLATION	Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)
THIRD/FINAL VIOLATION	Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) and cancellation or revocation of the Mayor's Permit issued by the City Government of Mandaluyong.

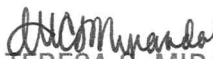
If the offender is a corporation or partnership, the penalty above prescribed shall be imposed upon the Store Manager of the erring entity.

- SECTION 9. NO CONTEST PROVISION. Any person cited for violation of this Ordinance who does not wish to contest the apprehension may opt to pay the minimum fine herein prescribed prior to the institution of formal charges.
- SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any of the herein Section or part of the Ordinance be declared as unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and in effect.
- SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other existing Resolutions, Ordinances or rules, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication and with the dissemination of this Ordinance to all concerned agencies in Mandaluyong City.

ENACTED on this 27th day of February, 2017 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


LUISITO E. ESPINOSA
Councilor & Acting
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: MAR 10 2017