



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 2019 – 2022 SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOOC, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON HELD AT MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON MAY 12, 2020.

PRESENT:

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| HON. DIANSON R. TAYTAY..... | Municipal Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer |
| HON. PERIANO R. BERNARDO..... | SB Member |
| HON. ISMAEL S. OSORIO, JR..... | SB Member |
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| HON. ROLANDO F. BAUTISTA..... | SB Member |
| HON. JOSEFINA G. MORTEL | LnB President |
| HON. ANGELIC F. CONDES..... | SK Federation President |

ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 080 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE HOARDING AND PANIC- BUYING OF BASIC COMMODITIES AND ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES DURING STATE OF CALAMITY, EMERGENCY, CRISIS, DISASTER OF OTHER SIMILAR SITUATIONS

Sponsor: Hon. Ismael S. Osorio, Jr.

Co-sponsors: Hon. Periano R. Bernardo, Hon. Benrol M. Palacio, Hon. Teodulo G. Tirol, Jr., Hon. Johnny M. Aguirre, Hon. Hermie G. Lachica, Hon. Michael P. Francisco, Hon. Rolando F. Bautista, Hon. Josefina G. Mortel - LnB President and Hon. Angelic F. Condes - SK Federation President

WHEREAS, it is the obligation of the LGU-Looc to strengthen the capacities of the municipal organization and communities in mitigating and preparing for, responding to and recovering from impacts of disaster, as provided for under RA 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010;

WHEREAS, RA 7160 under Section 16 provides every Local Government Unit shall exercise its powers to the promote the general welfare including the enhancement of social justice, and preservation of comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

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WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 922 enjoin the Local Government Unit to render full assistance and cooperation, and to mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measure to curtail and eliminate the virus;

WHEREAS, the LGU-Looc respects the rights of every individual to life, liberty, or property and the equal protection of the laws, as provided for the 1987 Philippine Constitution;

WHEREAS, the LGU-Looc believes that the exercise of this rights of every individual to life liberty, and property does not countenance the act of panic buying and hoarding causing alarm and unnecessary panic to the rest of the population, thus putting them more in danger;

WHEREAS, the LGU-Looc sees the need to re-assert its authority in ensuring the availability of necessities and prime commodities especially during periods of emergency, crisis, disaster, or other similar situations.

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall also known and may be cited as the "Anti Panic Buying and Anti-Hoarding Ordinance of Looc, Romblon".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared as the policy of the LGU-Looc to ensure the availability of necessities and prime commodities at reasonable prices always without denying legitimate business a fair return on investment. It is also a declared policy of the LGU- Looc to provide effective and sufficient protection to consumers against hoarding, profiteering and cartels with respect to the supply, distribution, marketing and pricing of basic commodities and essentials supplies, especially during periods of emergency, crisis, disaster, or other similar situations.

Section 3. Objectives. This ordinance shall have the following objectives:

- a. To protect the people from undue shortages of basic commodities and essential supplies;
- b. To protect the people from panic or danger that may be caused by abnormal buying and hoarding of basic commodities and essential supplies; and
- c. To penalize the individuals, whole sellers and retailers committing panic buying and hoarding in times of emergency, crisis, disaster, or other similar situations affecting the locality.

Section 4. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Basic commodities** include but not limited to rice, corn, bread, fresh, dried and canned fish and other marine products, fresh pork, beef, and poultry meal, fresh eggs, fresh and processed milk, fresh vegetables, root crops, coffee, sugar, cooking oil, salt, laundry soap, detergents, firewood, charcoal, candles, drugs classified as essential by the Department of Health and other commodities classified as essential by various levels of Disaster Risk and Reduction Management Councils.
- b. **Panic-buying** is the abnormal phenomenon where consumers buy basic commodities grossly in excess of their normal requirement resulting in undue

shortages of such goods to the prejudice of less privileged and disadvantaged consumers; and

- c. **Hoarding** is the undue accumulation by a person or combination of persons of any basic commodity beyond his or their normal inventory levels or the unreasonable limitation or refusal to dispose of sell or distribute the stocks of any basic commodity to the general public or the unjustified taking out of any basic commodity from the channels of reproduction, trade, commerce and industry.

Section 5. Regulatory Measures. Upon declaration of State Calamity or Public Emergency by competent authority (e.g. President, the Provincial Government and/or LGU-Looc), basic commodities and essential supplies in the jurisdiction of Looc, Romblon shall be subjected to the following regulations:

- a. Individual consumers and registered retailers and/or sari-sari store customers may only purchase limited number of goods per day. Such number of goods per day shall be determined by the local disaster risk and reduction management council or a special body created by Local Chief Executive for such purpose.
- b. The allowed quantity of goods per day for purchase shall be determined by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) or any competent authority.
- c. Retailers acquiring goods must present their business permit before they can avail of the higher quantity limits.
- d. List of the goods and prescribed quantity for purchase of individual consumers and registered retailers must be posted within the premises of the selling establishment to inform the public.

Section 6. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are declared unlawful and prohibited:

- a. Panic buying of basic commodities resulting in undue shortages of such goods; and
- b. Hoarding basic commodities, which create a hike in the price, as well as selling them beyond their regular prices.

Section 7. Enforcement. The Business and Licensing Office and Municipal Agriculture's Office are hereby mandated to enforce the full extent of this Ordinance, as well as barangay officials.

Section 8. Penalty Clause. Any individual or retailers that commit any of the prohibited acts provided for in Section 6 of this Ordinance shall be prosecuted for violation of this Ordinance and upon conviction shall suffer a fine of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00).

Retailers violating provisions of the ordinance will also be subjected to the cancellation of their business permit.

If the commission of any of the prohibited acts in Section 6 of this Ordinance, resulted to a widespread panic or harm to the members of the community, in addition to the filing of an action for the violation of this Ordinance, the LGU-Looc reserves its rights to file the corresponding criminal and administrative actions against the violator.

Section 9. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provision, section or part of this Ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revised by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, such judgement shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, section or parts thereof and shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances, Executive Orders, Implementing Rules and Regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

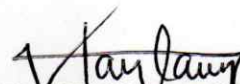
Section 9. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and completion of its posting at least three (3) public places of the Municipality.

Approved: 12 May 2020/34th Regular Session.

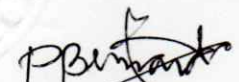
CERTIFIED to the correctness of the aforesaid Ordinance.


REYAM A. REYES
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


DIANSON R. TAYTAY
Municipal Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

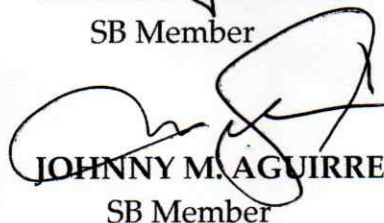
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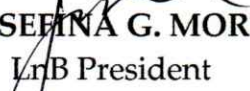

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