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MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 12-06

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REGULATING THE SALE OF VOLATILE SUBSTANCES AND OTHER SIMILAR SOLVENTS/CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES IN HARDWARE STORES AND OTHER BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN GENERAL TRIAS AND PROHIBITING THE SELLING OF SUCH VOLATILE SUBSTANCES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES TO ALL MINORS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF.

WHEREAS, reports from the law enforcement agencies and the Municipal Social Welfare Development indicate that there is an alarming increase in the number of minors who engage in the dangerous habit of sniffing various volatile substances like *Vulcaseal*, *Rugby*, thinner and other similar solvents/chemical compounds to the detriment of their physical and psychological health;

WHEREAS, such volatile substances, being common household products are easily bought by any person through hardware stores and other business establishments;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of General Trias encourages all sectors of the community to intensify its drive against drug dependency;

WHEREAS, a law that shall regulate the sale of all volatile and addictive substances/solvents and chemical compounds is a strong support to the local government's fight against illegal drug dependency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, AS IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GENERAL TRIAS, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "ANTI-SOLVENT ORDINANCE OF GENERAL TRIAS".

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The terms for the purposes of this Ordinance shall mean:

- a. HARDWARE STORE OR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT - any licensed or unlicensed store selling volatile substances like thinners, *Vulcaseal* sealants, *Rugby* contact adhesives, and other similar solvents/chemical compounds and their derivatives;**

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- b. **MINOR** - any person whose age is below 18 years old or those over but are unable to fully take care and protect themselves because of physical or mental disability or condition;
- c. **OWNER** - licensee or owner of the hardware store or business establishment either called the proprietor, president, manager, or any other name that is referred to the owner;
- d. **SOLVENT** - any substance used in dry cleaning, thinner, nail polish removers, glues, contact adhesives, spot removers, detergents, perfumes, and any other substance which are proven addictive and hazardous to health;
- e. **VOLATILE SUBSTANCE** - any substance that gives off vapors or fumes at room temperature; commonly known as solvents or inhalants. This includes butane gas, aerosol sprays, petrol, glue, correction fluid, thinners, contact adhesives (*Rugby*), and sealants (*Vulcaseal*).

Section 3. PROHIBITION

- a. Hardware stores and other business establishments operating within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of General Trias are hereby prohibited from selling volatile substances and other similar solvents/chemical compounds and their derivatives to any person under eighteen (18) years old.
- b. Likewise, it shall be unlawful for any minor to buy any volatile substance and other similar solvents/chemical compounds and their derivatives from any hardware store or establishment within the Municipality of General Trias.

SECTION 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR HARDWARE STORES AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

A notice/public sign that selling of volatile substances to minors is prohibited shall be posted in the façade of the hardware stores and business establishments or on their entrance doors or any prominent part of the stores. The notice may be in English or Tagalog and its size must be visible to the average person.

Section 5. MONITORING AND APPREHENSION

The Office of the Mayor through the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), the Barangay Officials, the Barangay Health Workers, the PNP-General Trias and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development shall take charge in the monitoring and apprehension of the violators within their areas of responsibilities with due process of law.

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Section 6. PENALTY

a. Any minor found violating Section 3b of this Ordinance shall undergo counselling and/or ten (10) days community service under the supervision of the Municipal Social Welfare Development;

b. Any owner of the hardware store or establishment found violating Sections 3a and 4 of this Ordinance shall be meted with the following punishments:

1st OFFENSE - a fine of not less than ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00);

2nd OFFENSE - a fine of TWO THOUSAND PESOS (P2,000.00) and one (1) month suspension of business permit.

3rd OFFENSE - a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2 500.00) and closure of business.

Section 7. REWARD

A monetary reward of fifty percent (50%) of the fines shall be given to anyone who reports a violation of this Ordinance.

If during the investigation, the citizen reporting the violation is proven to be a partner or an aid in creating the violation, the citizen will become ineligible for a reward.

Section 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

Any provision or portion of this Ordinance found to be violative of the Constitution or invalid shall not impair the provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

Section 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.

Ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect TEN (10) DAYS after its publication in a local newspaper or its posting on a bulletin board at the entrance of the

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municipal hall or in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the Municipality.

ENACTED on 14 AUGUST 2012.


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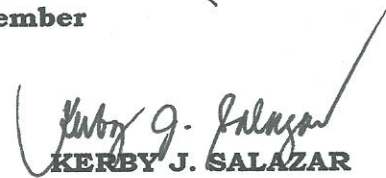

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