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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH (20TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON JULY 06, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

Present : Vice Mayor Antonio L. Kalaw, Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Josephine S. Evangelista
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina
S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz
S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon
S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes
S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President
S.B. Member Jozlyn N. Manansala, SK Fed. President
Secretary Dona T. Alborida
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio, (O.B.)

Visitors : Ms. Lenie M. Bonapos, PWD Representative – Brgy. Bambang
Ms. Lorelie M. Liwanag, PWD Representative – Brgy. Anos
Ms. Leoniza G. Macaldo, PWD Representative – Brgy. Anos
Mr. Roderick B. Abad, PWD Representative – Brgy. Batong Malake
Ms. Jeanette Talag, PWD Representative – Brgy. San Antonio
Mr. Aldrich Maravilla, PWD Representative – Brgy. Timugan
Ms. Mercy Eusebio

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-2052

ORDINANCE REQUIRING CYCLISTS TO USE SAFETY GEAR WHEN RIDING BICYCLES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Author: Councilwoman Josephine S. Evangelista

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them and to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the need for cheap and alternative means of transportation and encourages friendly modes of transportation;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Duterte has declared a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic through Proclamation No. 929;

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WHEREAS, on the same date, a Memorandum from the Executive Secretary by the order of President Duterte was signed to provide guidelines on the imposition of an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon from March 17, 2020 until 12 a.m. of April 13, 2020;

WHERAS, on March 23, 2020, Republic Act No. 11469 also known as the "Bayanihan to Heal as One Act" was enacted, declaring a national health emergency throughout the Philippines arising from the COVID-19 situation;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) finalized the parameters which include trends on the COVID-19 epidemiological curve, the health capacity of the country, social factors, economic factors, and security factors, for deciding on the lifting or extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon;

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the IATF-MEID issued Resolution No. 46-A Series of 2020 placing Region IV-A including the Province of Laguna under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) until June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte announced the quarantine classifications that will be implemented in the country until July 15. Laguna was among the areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) with strict local action;

WHEREAS, one the objectives of the community quarantine is to limit the movement of people to prevent the spread of the virus. Under MGCQ, the movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic goods and services, for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate and for other activities permitted;

WHEREAS, in celebration of the World Bicycle Day last June 3, 2020, the Department of Health (DOH), together with officials of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and cycling advocates discussed how cycling may be an alternative mode of transportation during the quarantine. In the *June 3 Beat COVID-19 Virtual Presser*, Health Undersecretary Dr. Maria Rosario Singh-Vergeire talked about how the use of bicycle can be both an alternative transportation solution and a health solution;

WHEREAS, in the same forum, it was said that a joint administrative order is being reviewed by the DOTr, DILG, DPWH and DOH to identify guidelines for the use and promotion of active transport both during and after the pandemic;

WHEREAS, the IATF-MEID also encourages the use of bicycles as the primary mode of transportation as the country eases its restriction into GCQ and MGCQ;

WHEREAS, as the Province of Laguna transitions into a more relaxed classification of community quarantine, bicycle riding and the use of bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation to go to work can be seen in the roads of the Municipality of Los Baños;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Los Baños shall pursue a preventive approach in order to secure the safety of drivers of bicycles with the mandatory wearing and using of safety gear;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilwoman Josephine S. Evangelista duly seconded by Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina and concurred by all the members present;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS,
LAGUNA in its session assembled, THAT:**

SECTION 1. **TITLE** – This Ordinance is entitled as an “Ordinance Requiring Cyclists to Wear Safety Gear When Riding Bicycles in the Municipality of Los Baños, Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof and for Other Purposes”.

SECTION 2. **COVERAGE** – This Ordinance covers all cyclists plying within the territorial jurisdiction of Los Baños, Laguna.

SECTION 3. **DEFINITION OF TERMS** – As used in this Ordinance:

- a. **Bicycle** means a vehicle composed of two (2) wheels held in a frame one behind the other, propelled by pedals and steered with handlebars attached to the front wheel and having a seat height of 21 inches or greater when the seat is in the lowest possible position;
- b. **Cyclist** shall refer to drivers of bicycles;
- c. **Safety Gear** shall refer to protective equipment to be used when riding a bicycle such us but not limited to the use of fitted helmet with chin strap and the use of reflective tape or accessories at night.

SECTION 4. **GENERAL PROVISION** – This Ordinance requires cyclists to use head protective gears and use at night rear and tail lighting when riding bicycles in the Municipality of Los Baños.

SECTION 5. **PENALTY** – Any person violating the provision of this Ordinance shall be meted and penalized as follows:

FIRST OFFENSE: A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00).

SECOND OFFENSE: A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00).

THIRD OFFENSE: A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 6. **IMPLEMENTING BODY** – The persons who are authorized to implement the aforementioned provisions are the following:

- A. The Local Chief Executive;
- B. The Philippine National Police;
- C. Barangay Officials; and
- D. Other law enforcement agents, non-government organizations/entities or persons as may be duly deputized by the Local Chief Executive.

SECTION 7. **REPEALING CLAUSE** – All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts not consistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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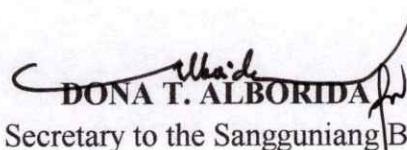
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SECTION 8. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – If, for any reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the court, or suspended or revoked by competent authorities, other parts or the provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full force and effect.

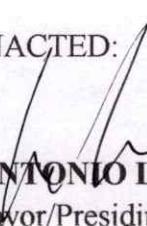
SECTION 9. **EFFECTIVITY** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED : July 06, 2020

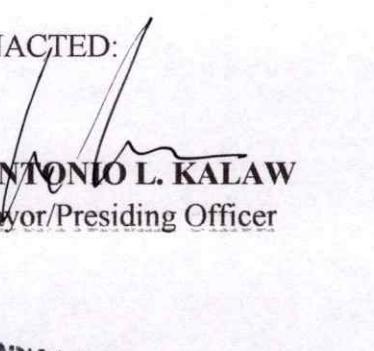
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


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HON. CAESAR P. PEREZ
Municipal Mayor 