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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 138<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
11<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIÑAN,  
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD ON MARCH 31, 2025 AT THE SB SESSION  
HALL**

**Present:**

Honorable Rommel I. Gudmalin

Municipal Vice-Mayor

*Presiding Officer*

Honorable Benedicto C. Cainta II

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Gina R. Aleta

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Al Immanuel U. Cantila

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Ricardo R. Sabandal

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Jose Antonio L. Galan

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Greg C. Belangoy

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Divine Grace C. Redillas

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Ignacio L. Galan

Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

*(Liga ng mga Punong Barangay- President)*

Honorable Joel Audrey Cristal P. Galvez

Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

*SKF President*

Honorable Jodilyn P. Tatad

Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

*IPMR*

**Absent:** Honorable Celso M. Montemayor

Sangguniang Bayan Member

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002**

Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING INDIVIDUALS AND ESTABLISHMENTS WHO  
ALLOW MINORS TO PURCHASE CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND ALCOHOLIC OR  
INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR BEVERAGE WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL  
JURISDICTION OF PIÑAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**

*Sponsored by: Honorable Gina R. Aleta*

*Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte, in a session duly assembled  
that:*

**SECTION 1. Title** – This Ordinance shall be “An Ordinance Penalizing  
Individuals and Establishments who allow minors to purchase cigars, cigarettes and  
alcoholic or intoxicating liquor or beverage within the territorial jurisdiction of Piñan,  
Zamboanga del Norte.

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Principles.** –Pursuant to Article II, Section 13 of  
the Philippine Constitution provides that “the State recognizes the vital role of the youth  
in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual,



*intellectual and social well-being, inculcate patriotism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs”.*

Furthermore, Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution also provides that *“the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”.*

The sale, distribution, and consumption of tobacco products and alcoholic or intoxicating beverages pose significant health risks. It is the policy of this ordinance to prevent minors from accessing these substances to protect their health and development.

Commercial and business establishments, including but not limited to retail stores, convenience stores, bars, restaurants, and similar entities are hereby held responsible for ensuring that minors are not sold or served tobacco products or alcoholic beverages. These establishments must implement measures to prevent minors from consuming such substances on their premises.

Individuals, including vendors, servers, and patrons are prohibited from engaging in the sale, distribution, purchase, or consumption of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages by minors. Any involvement in such activities is subject to penalties as prescribed by this ordinance.

By enacting this ordinance, the Municipality of Piñan reaffirms its commitment to fostering a safe and healthy environment for all its residents, particularly its youth, by regulating access to substances that pose significant health risks.

**SECTION 3. Objectives and Purpose.** – Tobacco and alcoholic products have been scientifically proven to pose significant risks to a person’s health, with medical findings indicating that smoking can be fatal not only for the smoker but also for individuals exposed to second-hand smoke. Excessive alcohol consumption adversely affects cognitive functions, judgment, and physical coordination and, when consumed frequently, leads to serious health conditions such as liver damage, cirrhosis, or hepatitis. Despite these health risks, tobacco and alcoholic products remain readily accessible to minors through sari-sari stores, supermarkets, restaurants, and street vendors, leading to early adoption of these harmful habits among the youth.

To protect the youth and ensure their well-being, there is an urgent need to prohibit the sale of tobacco and alcoholic products to minors and penalize individuals and establishments who allow minors to purchase these products for personal consumption.

**SECTION 4. Prohibited Acts.** – The following shall be prohibited under this Ordinance:

- a. To sell or entertain the purchase of cigars, cigarettes or any tobacco product and alcoholic or intoxicating liquor or beverages to minors.
- b. To cause a minor to purchase cigars, cigarettes or any tobacco product and alcoholic or intoxicating liquor or beverage.
- c. The sale of cigars, cigarettes or any tobacco products and alcoholic or intoxicating liquor or beverage by a minor.



**SECTION 5. Penalties.** –Any person above 18 years old or owner/seller of any business entity violating the prohibited acts as prescribed in Section 4 of this Ordinance shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not more than three (3) days or a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00).

For succeeding offenses, both penalties shall apply in addition to the revocation of the license to operate a business connected with the selling of cigars, cigarettes or any tobacco product and alcoholic or intoxicating liquor.

If the violation of any provisions of this Ordinance is committed by a corporation, partnership, association or similar entity, the President, General Manager or most senior officers shall be held liable for the offense.

For violations of (a), (b) and (c) of Section 4 of this Ordinance, the Child and Youth Welfare Code (Presidential Decree No. 603) as amended shall apply.

**SECTION 6. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. Separability Clause.** – If any part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. Effectivity.** – This Municipal Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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**I HEREBY ATTEST** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

  
**MARIA CELESTE B. CANOY**  
*Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan*

CERTIFIED CORRECT AS TO ITS PASSAGE  
ON THE THIRD AND FINAL READING.:

  
**ROMMEL I. GUDMALIN**  
*Municipal Vice-Mayor  
(Presiding Officer)*

APPROVED:

  
**CECILIA J. CARREON**  
*Municipal Mayor*

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