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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 138th REGULAR SESSION OF
THE 11th 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

Honorable Jodilyn P. Tatad

SKF President

Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

IPMR

Absent: Honorable Celso M. Montemayor

Sangguniang Bayan Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003

Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR GOING
HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIÑAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

Sponsored by: Honorable Ricardo R. Sabandal

*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 known as the “**Anti-Half-Naked
Ordinance**” of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte

SECTION 2. Scope – This ordinance shall be applicable to all persons within
the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Piñan.

SECTION 3. Declaration of Policy and Purpose- It is the policy of the
Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte, to promote public decency, order, and
the well-being of its citizens, while maintaining a safe and respectful environment in all

public spaces. Recognizing the importance of upholding social values and standards of behavior within the community, the local government acknowledges the need for regulation of public conduct to ensure that respect for personal dignity and the comfort of others is preserved.

In line with this, the ordinance aims to prohibit the act of being topless or going half-naked in public places within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Piñan. This prohibition is intended to safeguard the morals, public order, and decorum of the community, considering the diverse cultural and societal norms upheld by its residents.

This ordinance shall seek to impose reasonable limitations on attire in public spaces, to avoid instances that may cause discomfort, embarrassment, or disturbances to others. The Municipality of Piñan is committed to ensuring that every individual can freely participate in public life without fear of offensive behavior or the violation of their personal space. By providing penalties for violations, this ordinance will reinforce the importance of public respect, adherence to local norms, and the maintenance of public decency.

Thus, this ordinance, through its provisions, aims to cultivate a more harmonious and respectful atmosphere for all people, upholding the dignity and values of the community as a whole.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms:

- a) **Topless/Half Naked** – the act of appearing bare breasted.
- b) **Public Places** – refer to streets, roads, alleys, highways, playgrounds, plazas, parks, open spaces, recreation centers, churches, malls, public offices and other places where number of people converged.

SECTION 5. Prohibition - No person shall be allowed to move about in public places topless or half-naked within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Piñan.

SECTION 6. Exception – The following cases shall be considered as exemption to the foregoing ordinance.

- a) Persons inside private premises;
- b) Activities or events with special permit issued by the Municipal Government/Implementing Agencies; Fiestas (Barangay); costume parades and role plays that require the person/s involved to be half-naked;
- c) In cases of medical emergencies;
- d) Indigenous people wearing ethnic clothes;
- e) Public swimming pools, beaches & rivers; and
- f) Persons who are engaged in sports activities.

SECTION 7. Implementing Authority – The Local Chief Executive shall order the assigned task force that composed of Piñan Municipal Traffic Management Unit and Philippine National Police (PNP) of Municipality of Piñan to implement this Ordinance, and the Barangay Officials/Enforcers are hereby assigned to implement this Ordinance in their respective barangays.

SECTION 8. Penalty – The following penalties shall be imposed for violation of this Ordinance.

First Offense	----	Warning
Second Offense	----	Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)
Third Offense	----	One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00)
Succeeding Offenses	----	Two Thousand Pesos (P 2,000.00) and imprisonment of two (2) days

SECTION 9. Separability Clause – If, for any reason, any part or provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause – All previous ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after its completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the aforementioned Municipal Ordinance.


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
11 APR 2025