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Province of Zamboanga del Norte
MUNICIPALITY OF PIÑAN



Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

**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

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Honorable Ricardo R. Sabandal

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Honorable Greg C. Belangoy

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Divine Grace C. Redillas

Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Ignacio L. Galan

Ex-Officio Sangguniang Bayan Member

Honorable Joel Audrey Cristal P. Galvez

(Liga ng mga Punong Barangay- President)

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. 2025-004

Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
PRODUCTS IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND
INSTITUTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PIÑAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE**

Sponsored by: Honorable Joel Audrey Cristal P. Galvez

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the “***Banning the use of single-use plastic products in all government agencies and institutions in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.***”

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte, to promote and uphold the sustainable use of resources, environmental conservation, and public health and safety. In recognition of the growing environmental challenges posed by plastic pollution, and in pursuit of global and national initiatives toward reducing waste and promoting eco-friendly practices, the local government hereby enacts this ordinance to ban the use of single-use plastic products in all activities of government agencies and institutions within the municipality.

This ordinance is adopted in the belief that the conscious reduction of plastic waste will contribute to the protection of natural resources, the reduction of carbon footprints, the improvement of the health and well-being of the community, and the promotion of a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable environment for future generations.

Through this measure, the Municipality of Piñan aims to set a positive example of environmental stewardship and contribute to the collective effort of mitigating the adverse effects of single-use plastics on the ecosystem, particularly in the face of climate change, while also encouraging the adoption of sustainable alternatives across all government functions and operations.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES- Excessive use of single-use plastic products particularly the usage of sachet has been the largest contributor of residual waste since they are designed to be used just once, consequently, contributing to the unabated improper disposal of garbage as well as the magnitude of tons in terms of plastic litters in landfills and environmental pollution as a cause of climate change. To introduce and adopt innovations as well as best practices ensuring the effective enforcement of remedies and redress for judicious management and conservation of the municipality's environment, it is deemed necessary to ban the use of single-use plastic products in all activities of all government agencies and institutions in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte and promote better alternatives such as the use of recyclable or reusable products to mitigate the environmental and health risk posed by plastic pollution. Highlighting its continuing importance and imposing upon all government agencies and institutions in this municipality is a solemn obligation to preserve and protect the environment for the present generation while in the same breath for the coming generation.

SECTION 4. SCOPE. This ordinance shall apply to all offices of the Local Government Unit of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte including barangay local government units and other government agencies and institutions within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC. Refers to all disposable plastics products which are commonly used for packaging and include items intended to be used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. This includes, but is no limited to, items such as grocery bags, food packaging containers and bags, water bottles, straws, stirrers, styrofoam, cups, sachet, and plastic cutlery.

SECTION 6. BANNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS. It is hereby declared to ban the use of single-use plastic in all activities in all government agencies and institutions in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.

SECTION 7. REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITED PRACTICES. The following regulations and prohibited practices shall be observed at all times in all government offices in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.

- a. Bringing any single-use plastics inside the government offices, these non-biodegradable products are encouraged to be thrown away or have the same deposited for safekeeping while doing business inside the government offices.
- b. It is prohibited to use single-use plastics and styrofoam products during meetings, hearings, seminars, conferences, conventions, exhibition, and other government activities;

- c. Head of government offices/agencies shall ensure that concessionaires/caterers during the said meetings, hearing, seminars, conferences, conventions, exhibition, and other government activities shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance; and
- d. Posting of information and educational campaign (IEC) materials shall be mandatory on all government offices, and salient features of this ordinance shall be posted for information.

SECTION 8. EXEMPTION AND SPECIFIC APPLICATION. This Ordinance shall have limited application to the following:

- 1. In government clinics, health stations, laboratories, and analytic service, where medical equipment are made of single-use plastics are inevitable and necessary for infection and contamination control and for other sanitary and health purposes, such as but not limited to gloves, plastic vials, sample bags, intravenous fluids or IV drips, plastic syringes, and the like, based on the protocols and standards under the World Health Organization and the Department of Health.
- 2. Trash bags for health and other sanitary purposes, unless a better alternative is used.
- 3. General procurement of equipment, goods, and fixtures, and the like, where packaging of which involves single-use plastics shall strictly follow standard protocol.
- 4. In all other activities where a prior request for exemption with valid justification has been submitted and duly approved by the Task Force created by the Local Chief Executive or the Agency Chief.
- 5. Other plastics not classified as single-use shall be disposed of properly under environmental and sanitation laws, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 9. RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS. For the effective implementation of this ordinance, all government agencies and institutions in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte shall be responsible for the following:

- 1. Improve the capacity of their offices for the implementation of this ordinance;
- 2. Encourage the use of alternative products, this include, but are not limited to items such as:
 - a. Plastic Water Bottle to Reusable Beverage Container;
 - b. To Go Coffee Lids to Travel Coffee Mug;
 - c. Plastic and Produce Bags to Reusable Cloth Bags (Eco-bags);
 - d. Single-Serve Coffee to a pot of Coffee;
 - e. Coffee Plugs and Stir Sticks to Travel Coffee Mug;
 - f. Balloons to Eco-Friendly Decorations;
 - g. Straws to Straw free;
 - h. Disposable Lighters to Matches; and
 - i. Other Eco-friendly Materials.

3. Respective Human Resources Offices shall conduct green alternative orientation seminars on employees who violate this ordinance.

SECTION 10. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, Municipal Information Office, Barangay Environment and Natural Resources Office, and other government agencies and institutions shall conduct a continuing information and education campaign on the proper regulation of single-use plastics in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte. Such activity shall be incorporated and be in addition to the public information and education campaign under Republic Act No. 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000), Municipal Ordinance No. 2006-007, Series of 2006 (An Ordinance Establishing the Solid Waste Management System); (Ecological Solid Waste Management Program in the Municipality of Piñan) and Municipal Ordinance No. 14-004, Series of 2004 (Prohibiting the use of plastic bags on dry goods and regulating its utilization on wet goods and prohibiting the use of Styrofoam within the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte every Wednesday and Sunday and Prescribing Penalties Thereof).

SECTION 11. TASK FORCE. A Task Force in all government agencies and institutions in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte is hereby created for the full implementation of this ordinance and shall be composed of the following, to wit:

For LGU Piñan:

Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, assigned Solid Waste Management Task Force, & Philippine National Police of Piñan

For Barangay Local Government Units:

Punong Barangays, SB Committee on Solid Waste Management/Environment, SB Committee on Health, Purok Chairpersons & Barangay Tanods

For Public Schools:

School Administrators, PTA Officers, and its Designated Focal Person

For Other Government Agencies:

Agency Heads and its Designated Focal Person

SECTION 12. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TASK FORCE. The Task Force shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Strictly enforce the provision of this ordinance through regular monitoring and determination of ways and means for its full and effective implementation;
- b. Apprehend violators of this ordinance;
- c. Assist in the continuing public information and education campaign on the banning of single-use plastics;
- d. Formulate and promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this ordinance;

e. Evaluate the implementation of this ordinance; and

f. Perform all other tasks and duties related to the overall objective of banning single-use products in all activities of all government agencies and institutions in the Municipality of Piñan, Zamboanga del Norte.

SECTION 13. PENALTIES. For purposes of this Ordinance, any violation of this Ordinance shall be meted the following fines and penalties:

(1) *Any Government Employee:*

1st Offense – Reprimand and attend an orientation seminar

2nd Offense – Fine of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00)

3rd and Subsequent Offenses – Fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00)

(2) *Concessionaires/Caterers:*

1st Offense – Reprimand and attend an orientation seminar

2nd Offense – Fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)

3rd and Subsequent Offense – Fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any ordinance, law, rule, and regulation, or any provision therein, inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any part or provision of this ordinance, shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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I **HEREBY ATTEST** to the correctness of the above-quoted 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

