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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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Sponsored: HON. EARL JOHN ANGELO A. BERNARDO, Sangguniang Bayan Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2021 - 077

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANNER OF DRIVING AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANNER OF DRIVING"** Ordinance.

SECTION 2. RIGHT - SIDE DRIVING.

Unless a different course of action is required in the interest of safety and the security of life, person or property, or because of unreasonable difficulty of operation in compliance herewith, every person operating a motor vehicle or an animal-drawn vehicle on a highway shall pass to the right when meeting persons or vehicles coming toward him, and to the left when overtaking persons or vehicles going the same direction, and when turning to the left in going from one highway to another, every vehicle shall be conducted to the right of the center of the intersection of the highway.

SECTION 3. OVERTAKING AND PASSING A VEHICLE TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS.

The driver of any motor vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at a safe distance to the left thereof, and shall not again drive to the right side of the highway until safety clear of such overtaken vehicle, except that, on a highway, within a business or residential district, having two or more lanes for the movement of traffic in one direction, the driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle on the right. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit a driver overtaking and passing upon the right of other vehicle, which is making or about to make a left turn.

SECTION 4. GIVING WAY TO OVERTAKING VEHICLE.

The driver of a vehicle about to be overtaken by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the overtaking vehicle on suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

SECTION 5. RESTRICTIONS ON OVERTAKING AND PASSING.

- a) The driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the center line of a highway in overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking to be made in safety.
- b) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, when approaching the driver's view along the highway is obstructed within a distance of five hundred (500) feet ahead, except on a highway having two or more lanes for movement of traffic in one direction where the driver of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle. Provided, that on a highway, within a business or residential district, having two or more lanes for movement of traffic in one direction, the driver of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle on the right.

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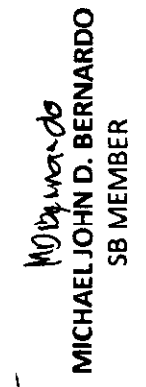
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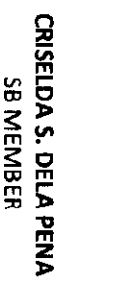

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- c) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction, at any railway grade crossing, nor at any intersection of highways, unless such intersection or crossing is controlled by traffic signal, or unless permitted to do so by a watchman or a peace officer, except on a highway having two or more lanes for movement of traffic in one direction where the driver of a vehicle any overtake or pass another vehicle on the right.
- d) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass, or attempt to pass, any other vehicle, proceeding in the same direction, between any points indicated by placing of official STOP AND GO warning or caution signs in an intersection and men working on the highway.
- e) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass, or attempt to overtake or pass, any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction in any " no-passing or over-taking zone".

SECTION 6. RIGHT OF WAY. The following rules shall be observed in yielding the right of way.

- a) When two vehicles approach or enter an intersection at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right, except as otherwise provided herein. The driver of any vehicle traveling at an unlawful speed shall forfeit any right of way, which he might otherwise have under the provisions hereof.
- b) The driver of a vehicle approaching but not having entered an intersection, shall yield the right of way to a vehicle which such intersection of turning therein to the left across the line of travel of such first mentioned vehicle, provided the driver of the vehicle turning left has given a plainly visible signal of intention to turn as required herein.
- c) The driver of any vehicle upon a highway within a business or residential district shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing such highway within a crosswalk, except in an intersection where the movement of traffic is being regulated by a traffic officer or by traffic signal. Every pedestrian crossing a highway within a business or residential district, at any point other than a cross walk, shall yield the right of way to vehicles upon the highway.
- d) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall bring to full stop such vehicle traversing any "through street" or railroad crossing: Provided, that when it is apparent that no hazard exists, the vehicle may be slowed down to ten (10) kilometers per hour instead of bringing it to a full stop.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTION TO THE RIGTH OF WAY RULES.

- a) The driver of a vehicle entering a highway from a private road or driveway shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such highway.
- b) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to a police or fire department vehicle or ambulance when such vehicle is being operated on official business and the driver thereof sounds audible signal of his approach.
- c) The driver of a vehicle entering a " through street" or "stop intersection" shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching in either direction on such "through street". Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the driver of any vehicle being operated on a "through street or highway" from the duty of driving with due regard to safety of vehicles entering such highway or street nor as protecting the said driver from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of such right of way.

SECTION 8. SIGNAL ON STARTING, STOPPING OR TURNING.

The following rules shall be observed before starting, stopping, or turning a vehicle:

- 1) The driver of any vehicle upon highway, before starting, stopping or turning from a direct line, shall, first see that such movement can be made in safety, and if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement, shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn, and whenever the operation of any other vehicle approaching or following may be affected by such movement, shall give a signal plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicles of the intention to make such movement.
- 2) The signal herein required shall be given by means of extending the hand and arm beyond the left side of the vehicle, or by any approved mechanical or electrical signal device.

SECTION 9. TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS.

The following rules shall be observed when turning at intersections:

- 1) The driver of a vehicle intending to run the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the right-hand side of the highway and, in turning, shall keep as close as possible to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway.
- 2) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left shall approach such intersection in the lane for the traffic to the right of and nearest to the center of line of the highway, and in turning, shall pass to the left of the center of the intersection, except that, upon highways lanes for traffic and upon one-way streets, a left turn shall be made from the left lane of traffic in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding.
- 3) For the purpose of this Section, the center of the intersection shall mean the meeting of the medial lines of the highways intersecting one another, except when it is occupied by a monument, grass plot or any permanent structure, other than a traffic control device.

SECTION 10. PROHIBITED PARKING.

No driver shall park a vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, upon a highway in any of the following places:

- a) Within an intersection.
- b) On a crosswalk.
- c) Within six (6) meters of the intersection of curb lines.
- d) Within four (4) meters of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
- e) Within four (4) meters of a fire hydrant.
- f) In front of a private driveway.
- g) On the roadway side or any vehicle stopped or parked at the curb or edge of the highway.
- h) At any place where official signs have been erected or installed prohibiting parking.
 - i) Within four (4) meters of the driveway to any hospital.
 - j) Other places which are officially designated by the Sanggunian as a " No Parking" area.

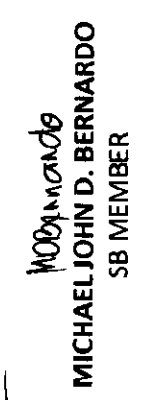
SECTION 11. RIGHT OF WAY FOR POLICE AND OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Upon the approach of any police or fire department vehicles, or of an ambulance giving audible signal, the driver of every vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge of the highway, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless directed by a peace officer, or until such vehicle shall have passed.

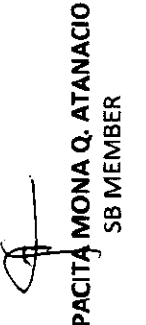
SECTION 12. DRIVING OR PARKING ON SIDEWALK.

No person shall drive or park a motor vehicle upon or along any sidewalk, path or alley not intended for vehicular traffic or parking.


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SECTION 13. DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR OR NARCOTIC DRUGS.

No person shall drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor or narcotic drugs.

SECTION 14. OBSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC.

No person shall drive his motor vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct or impede the passage of any vehicle, nor while discharging or taking on passengers or loading or unloading freight, obstruct the free passage of other vehicles on the highway.

SECTION 15. DUTY OF DRIVER IN CASE OF ACCIDENT.

In the event that any accident should occur as a result of the operation of a motor vehicle upon a highway, the driver of that vehicle shall stop immediately, and, if requested by any person present, shall show his driver's license, give his true name and address and also the true name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle.

No driver of a motor vehicle concerned in a vehicular accident shall leave the scene of the accident without aiding the victim, except under any of the following circumstances:

- 1) If he is in imminent danger of being seriously harmed by any person or persons by reason of the accident;
- 2) If he reports the accident to the nearest officer of the law; or
- 3) If he has to summon a physician or nurse to aid the victim.

SECTION 16. PENALTY CLAUSE. Any violation of the provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more that Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 17. ENFORCEMENT. The Members of the Philippine National Police and the Barangay Tanods are hereby ordered to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.


SECTION 18. FUNDING. An initial funding shall be allocated under the Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Fund of this Municipality.

SECTION 19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance found to be inconsistent with any law, other provisions or part/s thereof not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 20. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, Rules and Regulations or parts thereof, in conflict with, or contrary to, the Provisions of this Ordinance not so affected herewith is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 21. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela during its Regular Session on January 25, 2021.


NELIA ALAMO-PLATA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

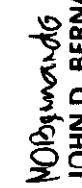
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