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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD  
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 486  
March 18, 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 341, SERIES OF 2003, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATIONS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING INTERNET ACCESS AND SERVICES, INTERNET OR NETWORK GAMING AND SIMILAR PLACES, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

**WHEREAS**, the State under the Parens Patriae doctrine has the responsibility to look out for the general welfare of the public and to develop or inculcate to the youth good values by way of educating them to become productive citizen of the state;

**WHEREAS**, that there are reports from concerned parents, submitted to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, concerning their children cutting classes to engage in internet or network gaming;

**WHEREAS**, that these reports were confirmed by teachers stating that these incidents are not isolated cases but a frequent occurrence as consecutive absences of students result;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend C.O. 341, Series of 2003, particularly Article IV, Section 3, on regulated hours for persons 16 years old and below on internet or network gaming;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod in session assembled, that:

**Section 1. Title** – This ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 341, SERIES OF 2003, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATIONS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING INTERNET ACCESS AND SERVICES, INTERNET OR NETWORK GAMING AND SIMILAR PLACES, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF".

**Section 2. Amendment** - The amendment should read as follows:

**ARTICLE IV**

**Section 3. Regulated hours for minors (below 18 years old) on internet cafes.**

**3.A.** "Establishments providing Internet access or on line or network gaming shall be open to minors not earlier than 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon and not later than 8:00 in the evening except on Saturdays, Sundays, and public Holidays or unless accompanied by their parents or guardians and teacher".

**Section 5. Repealing Clause** - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders and other issuances inconsistent with this ordinance are deemed repealed and modified accordingly.

**Section 6. Effectivity Clause** - This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after publication thereof in a newspaper of general circulation.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Greg G. Gasataya, Homer Q. Bais, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Dindo C. Ramos, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Al Victor A. Espino, Napoleon A. Cordova, Celia Matea R. Flor, Catalino T. Alisbo, Alex A. Paglumotan, Reynold I. Iledan, Diosdado A. Valenzuela.

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

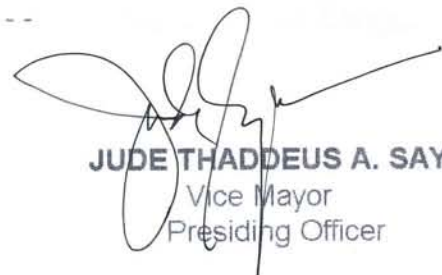
Official Travel : Councilor Roberto M. Rojas

Main Author : Councilor Greg G. Gasataya

Passed : March 18, 2009 (89<sup>th</sup> Regular Session)

Comments : Passed.

Councilor Kevin Daniel L. Ramos was not yet around when this ordinance was passed.

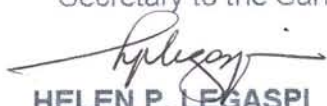
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**JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

**ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO**

Secretary to the Sanggunian

BY:

  
**HELEN P. LEGASPI**

Board Secretary IV

*April 2, 2009*

APPROVED: March, 2009

  
**EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**

City Mayor



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### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **City Ordinance No. 486**, Series of 2009, passed on March 18, 2009, entitled:

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 341, SERIES OF 2003, ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATIONS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS PROVIDING INTERNET ACCESS AND SERVICES, INTERNET OR NETWORK GAMING AND SIMILAR PLACES, AND PROVIDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.”**

was published in the April 13, 2009 issue of The Visayan Daily Star, and was likewise posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod as required under the above mentioned City Ordinance and is now therefore in effect.

Bacolod City, Philippines, April 29, 2009.

**ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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