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**CITY OF SORSOGON**



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL.

**PRESENT:**

**HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

**BACON DISTRICT**

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda  
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia  
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda

**EAST DISTRICT**

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Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola  
Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla

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Hon. Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III  
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo  
Hon. Joven G. Laura  
Hon. Erwin J. Duana  
Hon. Lorenz S. Abenion

*Resolution No. 046, Series of 2021*

(Author: Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda)

**RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE IMMEDIATE CLEANING OR REMOVING OF FECES OF DOGS AND OTHER PETS IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON OR TO ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THE OWNER OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE DOG OR PET AND IMPOSING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, the measure seeks to promote sanitary and health consciousness among dog/pet owners and to instil in them the sense of responsibility in caring for their dogs/pets;

**WHEREAS**, dog and other pet's feces carry bacteria that can cause diseases and illnesses;

**WHEREAS**, it has been found that pet droppings can contribute to diseases animals pass to humans;

**WHEREAS**, when infected dog/pet poop is deposited in a lawn, the eggs of certain roundworms and other parasites can linger in the soil for years and anyone who comes into contact with that soil, be it through gardening, playing sports, walking barefoot or any other means, runs the risk of coming into contact with such eggs and cause sickness to humans;

**WHEREAS**, the parasites that can be brought about by dog and other pet's feces include Cryptosporidium, Giardia, Salmonella and may also harbor hookworms, ringworms and tapeworms;

**WHEREAS**, sickness that can be brought by dog and other pet's feces, through harmful organisms, includes fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea;

**WHEREAS**, children are most susceptible, since they often play in the dirt and put things in their mouths or eyes;

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution provides for the right of the people to health and this right necessarily includes the responsibility of each constituents to maintain cleanliness in their respective surroundings;

**WHEREAS**, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom; as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the **promotion of the general welfare**. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, **promote health and safety**, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, maintain peace and order and **preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitant**;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Danilo A. Deladia**, duly seconded by **Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to pass a resolution enacting an ordinance mandating the immediate cleaning or removing of feces of dogs and other pets in public places in the city of Sorsogon or to any private property not owned by the owner or person in charge of the dog or pet and imposing penalties in violation thereof.

## *City Ordinance No. 05, Series of 2021*

**AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE IMMEDIATE CLEANING OR REMOVING OF FECES OF DOGS AND OTHER PETS IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON OR TO ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY NOT OWNED BY THE OWNER OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE DOG OR PET AND IMPOSING PENALTIES IN VIOLATION THEREOF**

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in session assembled that:

### **SECTION 1**            **TITLE**

This ordinance shall be known as the "**Pet Feces Disposal Ordinance of 2021**".

### **SECTION 2**            **DECLARATION OF POLICY**

It is a declared policy of the city government of Sorsogon to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instil health consciousness among them. The city shall protect

and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

**SECTION 3            OBJECTIVE**

This ordinance requires the immediate removal of feces of dogs and other pets in any places in the city of Sorsogon, public or private not owned by the owner or person in charge of the dog or other pet responsible for the defecation. If a dog or a pet defecates at any time in any place and the said owner or person fails to immediately remove the feces, said owner or person commits a violation of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4            OWNER OR PERSON IN CHARGE OF A DOG**

A person who has in possession of a dog or pet shall be deemed the owner or person in charge of the dog or other pet at any time, unless at that time of the defecation, some other person is in charge of the dog or pet. In the latter case, the person in charge of the dog or other pet at the time of the defecation shall be deemed the person in charge.

**SECTION 5            REMOVAL OF FECES**

Placing the dog or pet's feces in a receptacle which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the place where the dog defecated. Throwing, depositing, dropping or otherwise putting the feces in any other place, which is not a receptacle for feces containment or for disposal of waste, shall not be considered as compliance with this ordinance. For purposes of this act, a receptacle shall be defined as an object or space used to contain waste materials and/or trash, it includes, but is not limited to trash cans, litter boxes and sewers.

**SECTION 6            IGNORANCE OF DEFECATION NOT AN EXCUSE**

Being unaware of the defecation, whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise, or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the feces, shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the feces, The owner or person in charge of the dog or pet, which defecated, shall still be deemed to have violated this ordinance.

**SECTION 7            EXEMPTIONS**

An owner or person is not guilty of a violation of this ordinance in the following circumstances:

- (a) The owner, possessor and other person or authority having control of the place has expressly or implied consented to or acquiesced with such violation.
- (b) The owner or person in charge of the dog or other pet is blind, and the dog is being used for the same person's guidance.
- (c) The dog is being used in an emergency or rescue work.

(d) The owner or person in charge of the dog or other pet is a person with disability or has a similar physical impairment.

**SECTION 8**                    **PENALTIES**

Any person found guilty for violation of this ordinance shall be required to pay a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00), without prejudice to liability under other existing laws.

**SECTION 9**                    **ENFORCEMENT**

Any party, aggrieved or not, may file a complaint before the Barangay where the place of the violation was committed, to the PNP-Sorsogon City, City-ENRO or to Traffic Management Emergency and Civil Security (TMECS) which have the authority to issue a citation ticket for the purpose.

**SECTION 10**                    **REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances, resolutions and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11**                    **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If for any reason or reasons, 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 12**                    **EFFECTIVITY**


This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and after compliance with the law on public dissemination and of publication.

**DATE APPROVED:    February 2, 2021**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.

  
**ROVAN E. DOMASIAN**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:

  
**MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved:

  
**MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**  
City Mayor