



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Sur
CITY OF VIGAN



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**FIFTH CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 25
SERIES OF 2014**

**“AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
IN PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PUBLIC PARKS IN THE CITY OF VIGAN”**

Explanatory Note

WHEREAS, the City Government of Vigan promotes the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare (1987 Philippine Constitution);

WHEREAS, the World Heritage City of Vigan is continuously establishing efforts to sustain and promote its historical legacy through various conservation programs and projects, being the only surviving colonial City in the entire Philippines. Annual festive cultural events, such as the Vigan City Fiesta and Longganiza Festival, Viva Vigan Festival of the Arts and World Heritage Cities Solidarity Day are celebrated to strengthen cultural awareness and appreciation, as well as to promote local tourism;

WHEREAS, Vigan is a friendly destination for visitors as evidenced by the influx of tourists to the place;

WHEREAS, alcoholic beverages has been a part of the Biguenos experience for many generations, but drinking liquor should be confined inside the premises of an abode, bars and the likes, thus an ordinance banning drinking in streets and public parks in the City is important to prevent anti social behavior and intimidation to law-abiding members of the public, especially tourists;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Vigan to enact this Ordinance:

SECTION 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as “*Responsible Drinking Ordinance of the City of Vigan.*”

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- a. Alcoholic beverages or intoxicating beverages - a liquor or brew containing alcohol as the active agent.
- b. Public streets – a public road within the City of Vigan intended as safe access for all users.
- c. Public Parks - any land area within the City of Vigan intended for various purposes such as recreation.

SECTION 3. GENERAL PROVISION. No person shall drink any alcoholic or intoxicating beverage in any public street, sidewalk and public parks within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Vigan.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTIONS. The following shall be exempted from the provisions of this Ordinance:

- (a) Customers of any establishment whose business is authorized or permitted by the City Government to use a portion or part of the street, sidewalk or public park;
- (b) Special occasions or festivities that shall be authorized or permitted by the City Government or the Barangay concerned;
- (c) Special events and occasions that are sponsored, co-project and co-hosted by the City Government or the Barangay as the case maybe;
- (d) Drinking of alcoholic beverages in the Fil-Spanish Friendship Park of Vigan shall be allowed during the conduct of special occasions or gatherings. Provided, however that the person or entities hosting the party/festivities shall secure a Special Permit from the City Government.
- (e) Persons, entities, business establishments who secured a permit for the conduct of special events covered under Ordinance No. 11, Series of 2012 (*An Ordinance Prescribing Guidelines for the use of the streets, regulating street dining and conduct of street events within the jurisdiction of the City of Vigan and imposing regulatory fees hereof*).

SECTION 5. SPECIAL PERMIT.

The Barangay Council is hereby authorized to issue Special Permit to any person or entities that shall conduct special events within their Barangay Plaza, Barangay Hall, Basketball Court or Barangay Parks, such as but not limited to the following:

- (a) Christmas Party
- (b) Valentines Party
- (c) Reunions
- (d) Weddings, Birthdays
- (e) Wakes and Funeral

For Special Permits issued by the Barangay, the Barangay Council shall be authorized to impose a processing fee in accordance with the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES. The Public Safety Office and the Philippine National Police-Vigan City shall be the responsible agencies for the effective implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PENALTY CLAUSE- Any person who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall pay the following penalties:

	Amount of Penalty
First Offense	A fine of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) or 8 hours of Community Service
Second Offense	A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)
Third Offense	A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00)

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other part or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, provided that the rights that are vested upon the affectivity of this Ordinance shall not be impaired.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

Enacted on AUGSUT 18, 2014.