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Province of Ilocos Sur
City of Vigan



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**THIRD CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 09
SERIES OF 2007**

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING SAFETY MEASURES IN REFUELING AT GASOLINE STATIONS IN THE CITY OF VIGAN

WHEREAS, the City of Vigan is a World Heritage Site;

WHEREAS, Vigan city has the obligation to protect, preserve and conserve its ancestral heritage;

WHEREAS, safety measures, no matter how insignificant, must be executed in order to avoid accidents which might result in losses to our ancestral heritage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF VIGAN IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Safety measures as practiced and propounded by Petroleum Companies throughout the World are hereby enacted for the protection of motorists and the general public. It is considered as violations or infringements of this ordinance, the following acts:

1. Smoking while refueling.
2. The use of cell phones while refueling within the forecourt area of the gasoline station.
3. Fuelling while customers are still seated on their motorcycles or still straddling on their motorbikes.
4. Refueling vehicles while engines are still running.
5. Use of unauthorized plastic containers. In the event that the approved containers are not available in the station, any plastic containers may be used except those that easily melt, provided that there is a drop pipe or improvised funnel made of G.I. pipe to be used before the nozzle.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the terms shall mean;

1. Forecourt – driveway within the gasoline station where the pumps are located.
2. Pump Attendant – a person who attends to the gasoline pumps in the transfer of gasoline and/or diesoline or a person who dispenses petroleum products.
3. Refueling – To re-supply a tank with fuel
4. Straddling – sitting astride on a motorcycle
5. Emergency Response Drill – a drill to test the preparedness of personnel in every situational danger which might occur in a gasoline station

6. Gasoline Stations – are facilities which sell fuels and lubricants for motor vehicles which include private or public refilling station that disposes diesel fuels only within their company premises.

SECTION 3. RULES AND REGULATIONS. The management of a gasoline station shall install signages in the most conspicuous place, the following signs:

- 1 . NON SMOKING AREA.
2. Turn-off cell phone before vehicle will be filled.
3. For the safety of everybody, get-off from your motorbikes before refueling.
4. Switch off engine.
5. Only approved containers can be used to take out fuel purchases.
6. The gasoline station is required to provide fire extinguishers in the forecourt area.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

1. The management of a gasoline station shall conduct periodic seminars/training for its personnel on the safety measures and the proper management of customers to observe the six (6) safety measures stated in section 3 of this ordinance.
2. The City Public Safety Division Office shall oversee the implementation of this ordinance.
3. The Management of the gasoline station is required to conduct a yearly Emergency Response drill on fire and security. This includes, but is not limited to, vehicles on fire, fire in the premises, clothing on fire, fuel spillage, tanker or lorry on fire at the premises, bomb threats, armed robbery, and natural disasters.
4. The Management of the gasoline station shall furnish the Public Safety Division Office of the details and results of the different emergency drills conducted.
5. The Management of the gasoline station shall reserve the right to refuse to fill the vehicles of persons that refuses to follow any of the safety measures.

SECTION 5. PENALTY

1. For gasoline stations that will not enforce any of the six (6) safety measures or are found violating any of the provisions herein:
 - i.) FIRST OFFENSE – the station manager and pump attendant shall be meted a reprimand
 - ii.) SECOND OFFENSE – The station manager will be suspended by the management for a period of five (5) working days. If the management refuses to suspend the station manager, the station will be penalized by the Public Safety Division.
 - iii.)THIRD OFFENSE – The station manager together with the management will be fined the minimum amount of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) but not to exceed three thousand pesos (P3,000.00)
 - iv.)SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE – Business permit shall be revoked.

2. For individual who persist to violate any provisions of this ordinance, in spite of information from the gasoline station, they will be reported to the Public Safety Division and fined with two hundred pesos (P200.00)

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect after its posting for thirty days in conspicuous places in the government center (CITY HALL) and in a conspicuous place in the gasoline station.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules or regulations or pars thereof found inconsistent with any provision or provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

ENACTED on October 08, 2007.

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