

SECTION 3. Regulation on the Use, Sale or Provision of Plastic Bags. The following regulations shall be imposed as follows:

- a. Business establishments, fast foods outlets, market vendors, food kiosks, sari-sari stores, ambulant vendors, and the like are prohibited from using plastic cellophanes and sando bags as packaging materials for costumers.
- b. Stores and other retail establishments are mandated to use any alternative legally compliant packaging material for costumers such as but not limited to the materials mentioned in Section 4 hereof, in lieu of single-use plastic cellophanes and sando bags.

SECTION 4. Alternative Packaging Materials. The use of recyclable, reusable and/or biodegradable alternative packaging materials should be encouraged and promoted, such as: reusable woven bags (bayong), cloth bags, rattan baskets, shopping bags made from recycled waste paper and other bags made out of biodegradable materials (e.g. banana leaves, taro leaves, water lily, cornstalk, etc.) to be utilized as alternative packaging materials. All business establishment are encouraged to adopt the "Bring Your Own Bag" Program.

SECTION 5. Incentives for Using Usable Bags. To promote the use of usable bags, stores are hereby encouraged to implement the BYOB Program and to formulate appropriate incentives to consumers, which may include:

Green Lane- Stores may provide special counters serve as express lanes to be called as green lane to cater costumers who bring their own bags.

Section. 6. Prohibition on the Use, Sale or Provision of Styrofoam. Business establishments, restaurants, fast food outlets, food kiosks, catering services and the like shall not utilize, sale or provide Styrofoam or expanded polystyrene foam as containers for food and beverages.

SECTION. 7. Alternative Containers for Food and Beverage. The use of usable and/or paper-based containers for food and/or beverage and other alternative containers are encouraged and promoted.

SECTION. 8. Technical Working Group. For the purpose of this Ordinance, a technical Working Group shall be established with the following composition:

Chairperson	Municipal Mayor
Co-Chairperson	Municipal Vice Mayor
Vice Chairperson	SB Committee Chairman on Environment
Members	Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Office (MENRO)
	SB Committee Chairman Market and Slaughter House
	SB Committee Chairman on Trade & Commerce

SECTION 9. Functions of the Technical Working Group. The Technical Working Group shall have the following functions:

- a. The formulation of the implementing rules & regulations as well as the guidelines in the proper implementation of this Ordinance.
- b. Identify the activities and programs to be conducted during the moratorium.
- c. Identify the environmental advocacies, programs and projects to be funded by the Municipal Government.
- d. Recommend measures for the proper implementations of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Monitoring of Ordinance. The Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources (MENRO) in coordination with the Law Enforcement Team (LET) shall monitor the effective implementation of the Ordinance and shall likewise prepare a periodic report on its progress and shall furnish the Sangguniang Bayan a copy of the same.

SECTION 11. Information, Education and Communication Campaign. Upon approval of this Ordinance, the Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), in coordination with the technical working group, shall conduct massive information, education and communication campaigns using quad media (Print, Radio, Television and Internet) and shall include the promotion of alternative biodegradable packaging materials. The information and education campaign shall include the production and distribution of related materials in consistent with the provisions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations. Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Ordinance, the necessary rules and regulations shall be issued by the Technical Working Group for the proper and effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. Penalty. Business establishments, sari-sari stores, ambulant vendors, market vendors, food kiosks and the like that violates this ordinance shall be penalized in the following manner:

First Offense:	=P= 500.00
Second Offense	=P= 1,000.00

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First Offense:	=P= 500.00
Second Offense	=P= 1,000.00
Third Offense	=P= 2,500.00 and cancellation of license to operate.

SECTION 14. *Moratorium and Implementation.* All business establishments, sari-sari stores, ambulant vendors, market vendors, food kiosks and the like engaged in the use and/or selling of plastic bags and Styrofoam as packaging materials for food and beverages shall be given six (6) months from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance to disposed-off their remaining materials above-mentioned.

SECTION 15. *Separability Clause.* If any part of this Ordinance is declared not valid, unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections or part thereof, which shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 16. *Repealing Clause.* That Municipal Ordinance No. 20-08, series of 2020 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 17. *Effectivity.* This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation and posting for three (3) consecutive weeks in all conspicuous places in the Municipal Hall or in the local bulletin board.

ENACTED this 7th day of September 2020.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.


WILFREDO Q. DOMPALES
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

**CERTIFIED CORRECT
AS TO ITS PASSAGE:**


PRIMITIVO D. CASTILLO
Municipal Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:


JOSECOR S. GEPOLONGCA
Municipal Mayor

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