



Republic of the Philippines
 Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on October 02, 2025 at 9:00 the morning.

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| <p>PRESENT:</p> <p>Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares Hon. Annie Rose Dajay Paro Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares Hon. Dell Cartago Hosillos Hon. Evaristo Miguel Ledesma Flores, Jr. Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo Hon. Josephus Ambrosius Renatus Talamera Escanlar Hon. Hyacinth Celiz Gardose Hon. Paul Mediavilla Buenafe</p> <p>ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS: NONE.</p> <p>ABSENT: Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr.</p> | <p>Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member SB Member (PPSK Representative) SB Member (LNB Representative)</p> <p>SB Member (Travel Abroad)</p> |
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 489

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

AS PROPOSED BY Hon. Ma. Lorna T. Geonigo **ON MOTION** of Hon. Dell C. Hosillos, Chair Committee on Culture, History, Arts and Tourism together with Hon. Ma. Lorna T. Geonigo and Hon. Hyacinth C. Gardose which was duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy R. Olivares, be it

ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Oton Iloilo, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as Anti- Topless or Nakedness Ordinance of the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF THE ORDINANCE.

This ordinance shall be applicable to all natural persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 3. RATIONALE AND LEGAL BASES

- a. Oton is known as the Municipality of Character hence the passing of two Municipal Ordinances namely Municipal Ordinance Nos. 2001-96 and 2024-441 (An Ordinance Declaring Oton as a Municipality of Character) which embodies the good virtues of Ogtonganons. The Sangguniang Bayan recognizes the importance of promoting an atmosphere of decency, propriety and orderliness among the members of its community and all those who come within the Municipality's and territorial jurisdiction. It is just fitting and proper for people of all ages to give courtesy and respect as well as observe proper decorum, demeanor and behavior wherever they may be.
- b. Section 447 par.(a) (1) (v) of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the Sangguniang Bayan as the Legislative Body of the Municipality, shall approve ordinances and pass resolutions for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Sec. 16 of the same Code. As such, the Sanggunian shall enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose appropriate penalties for the printing, distribution or exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications, and such other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the municipality.
- c. RA 7610 (Special Protection of Children against Abuse, exploitation and discrimination supports the protection of minors from exposure to indecent or morally inappropriate acts.

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- d. RA 7277 (Magna Carta to PWD) and RA 11036 (Mental Health Act) provide safeguards for persons with intellectual disability ensuring humane and proper interventions.
- e. Republic Act 9710 (Magna Carta of Women) and the Expanded Breastfeeding Promotion Act of 2009 (RA 10028), which support breastfeeding by mandating lactation stations and paid lactation breaks in workplaces, along with the promotion of breastfeeding awareness and education.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE:

- a. Topless - the act of appearing bare-chested (including wearing see-through clothing which shows private parts) or the state of having no upper clothing.
- b. Naked – refers to a person completely without clothing, in a state also described as being nude or unclothed. The term refers to someone entirely bare and lacking any covering.
- c. Minor - a person below the age of eighteen (18) years.
- d. Person with Intellectual Disability - is a person characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior. These limitations are evident before the age of 18 and affect an individual's ability to learn, reason, solve problems and adapt to daily life situations.
- e. Public Places - refers to streets, public roads, alleys, highways, playgrounds, plazas, parks, open spaces, recreational places, churches, malls, public offices, public markets, and other public places where a number of people converge.
- f. MSWDO - Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office
- g. MDRRMO - Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
- h. CSOs - Civil Society Organizations
- i. PNP - Philippine National Police
- j. MENRO - Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
- k. Clothes - any piece of cloth or material covering the body of a person without exposing the private parts.
- l. Private parts - refer to the intimate areas of the human body that are typically covered by clothings and kept covered in public due to cultural norms and sensitivities such as but not limited to genitalia, breasts, buttocks and groin.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITION:

No person shall be allowed to move about or roam around in public places being topless or naked within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Oton.

SECTION 6. EXCEPTIONS:

The following cases shall be considered as exemption to the foregoing provision of this ordinance:

- a. Persons inside their private premises;
- b. Activities or events with special permit issued by the LGU of Oton or implementing offices located within the Municipality of Oton for activities like fiesta or festival;
- c. Medical emergencies;
- d. Indigenous people wearing their ethnic or indigenous clothes;
- e. Public swimming pools, resorts, beaches and river for purpose of swimming, training or exhibition;
- f. Persons who are into swimming activities;
- g. Women doing breastfeeding provided it is done discretely or done in lactation stations.

SECTION 7. VIOLATION OF MINORS OR PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

Minors or persons with an intellectual disability violating this ordinance shall be turned-over to the MSWDO which shall notify the parents or official guardians concerned. The violators together with the parents or official guardians shall be subject for guidance / counselling by the MSWDO/ focal person for the protection of children.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY:

- a. Public safety and traffic unit of MDRRMO
- b. PNP of the Municipality of Oton
- c. Barangay Tanod and Barangay Officials
- d. CSO's- on peace and order/ public safety
- e. MENRO enforcers

SECTION 9. PENALTY.

The following penalties shall be imposed for the violation of Section 5 of this ordinance:

- a. First offense- fine of P500.00
- b. Second offense- fine of P1,000.00
- c. Third and succeeding offenses- fine of P1,500.00
- d. The penalty for violators under Section 7 hereof shall be based on Municipal ordinance No. 2018-317 entitled Parental Responsibility Ordinance.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Municipal Ordinances, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 11 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and Effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

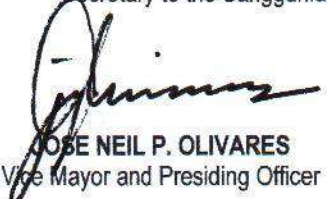
SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. Based on Section 511 of the Local Government Code, this Ordinance with penal sanctions shall take effect either on the day following its publication, or at the end of three (3) consecutive weeks period of posting, whichever occurs later.


SECTION 13. COPIES. Copies of this Ordinance shall be furnished to Office of the Mayor, MTO, Acctg., Legal Officer, Oton PNP, Liga ng mga Barangay President and 37 Barangays, DepEd, MSWDO, CSOs on Public Order and Safety and Disaster Risk Reduction, MDRRMO, and Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information, guidance and review, respectively.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Concurred: 
JIMMY R. OLIVARES
 Chair - Committee on Rules and Privileges

Attested: 
JOSE NEIL P. OLIVARES
 Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer


KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
 Secretary to the Sanggunian

Approved: 
SOFRONIO FUSIN, JR.
 Municipal Mayor

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November 6, 2025



HON. NATHALIE ANN F. DEBUQUE
Vice Governor and
The Honorable Members
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo
Iloilo Provincial Capitol
Iloilo City

Thru: **ATTY. HENIDA G. GENISE**
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Iloilo

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully forwarding to your good Office the copy of **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 489 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF OTON AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

This is for your information and review.

Very truly yours,

KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian