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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 035 - 2023

"AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 059-2022 ENTITLED: ESTABLISHING A DESIGNATED FIRECRACKER ZONE (AREA FOR DISPLAY AND USE OF PERMITTED FIRECRACKERS) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, BULACAN"

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government released Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2017-105, in line with Republic Act No. 7183 and Executive Order 28 issued by Malacañang, which provides for the regulation and control of the use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices;

WHEREAS, the Department also issued MC No. 2017-168 to supplement MC 2017-105, to provide clarifications on the use of consumer pyrotechnics. The circular contains the list of prohibited firecrackers which include: *Piccolo, Super Lolo, Whistle Bomb, Goodbye Earth, Atomic Big Triangulo, Judas Belt, Watusi*, and other firecrackers with gunpowder exceeding 0.2 grams;

WHEREAS, Section 444 (B) of the Local Government Code states that, "For the efficient, effective and economical governance the purpose of which is the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code, the municipal mayor shall: Issue such executive orders as are necessary for the proper enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

WHEREAS, RA. 7183 provided that the local government unit is mandated to observe the manufacturing, sale, distribution, and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices including the strict compliance to safety precautions, rules and regulation of manufacturer, distributor, seller and user;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Santa Maria, Bulacan approved Municipal Ordinance No. 532 on August 19, 2019, also known as "*AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION OF FIRECRACKERS, PYROTECHNIC DEVICE AND OTHER EXPLOSIVES TO CHILDREN AND IMPOSING PENALTIES THERETO*";

WHEREAS, the imperative to establish a designated firecracker zone (an area for selling and using permitted firecrackers) is crucial to ensure the continuous implementation of the law;

WHEREAS, the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election held on October 30, 2023, underscores the need for an amendment to Executive Order No. 059-2022, adapting to the changing circumstances and ensuring the uninterrupted enforcement of the law;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Municipal Mayor of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the amendment of EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 059-2022 ENTITLED:

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bulacan
MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

ESTABLISHING A DESIGNATED FIRECRACKER ZONE (AREA FOR DISPLAY AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA, BULACAN.

SECTION 1. DESIGNATED FIRECRACKER ZONE. The designated area/zone for display/selling/use of prescribed firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices shall only be permitted by respective Barangay Chairman or such other places as may be determined by the Business Permit and Licensing Office in coordination with the Santa Maria PNP and Bureau of Fire Protection.

SECTION 2. GUIDELINES IN DESIGNATED FIRECRACKER ZONE. The following shall be observed in the sale and purchase of legal firecrackers:

1. Sales, retailing and any transaction shall be done only in the designated areas;
2. Testing of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices shall be strictly prohibited;
3. Smoking within fifteen (15) meters from place where firecrackers are being sold/stock shall not be allowed;
4. Exposed flames are prohibited;
5. All products shall be wrapped and kept in plastic container;
6. There shall be a distance between sellers (approximately 2 meters);
7. No firearms shall be allowed within the designated area and anything that could trigger fire should be kept away from this zone;
8. Sales shall be done from **December 26-31** only;
9. All confiscated firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices shall be destroyed under the supervision of the Local Chief Executive and Santa Maria PNP.

SECTION 3. SALES OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED AREA. Sales and retails conducted outside the designated area will result in the confiscation and penalty imposition for all firecrackers and pyrotechnics involved.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other orders, rules, regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 8th day of November, 2023 here at the Municipality of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan.

BARTOLOME R. RAMOS
Municipal Mayor

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