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2 PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE  
3 2900 Laoag City  
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5 **OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
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7 Draft Provincial Ordinance No. 2008-03-040  
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10 and the Committee on Youth and Sports Development  
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12 **AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OF**  
13 **INHALANTS, PARTICULARLY PAINT THINNER,**  
14 **SOLVENTS, ADHESIVES AND "RUGBY" TO MINORS**  
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16 WHEREAS, inhalants are a chemically diverse group of psychoactive  
17 substances composed of organic solvents and volatile substances commonly  
18 found in more than 1,000 common household products such as paint thinners,  
19 solvents and adhesives, popularly known as "rugby";  
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21 WHEREAS, inhalants, when sniffed or snorted, produces hallucinating  
22 effects, insomnia, grand mal-seizures, decrease in appetite and other ill-effects  
23 similar to those caused by dangerous drugs as defined in Republic Act 9165;  
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25 WHEREAS, inhalants are highly addictive, cause nausea, blurred vision,  
26 memory lapses and motor loss and could damage vital organs of the body such as  
27 the liver, kidneys, the brain and the heart;  
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29 WHEREAS, the damage caused by inhalants are irreversible and could lead  
30 to death;  
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32 WHEREAS, there is a need to protect minors from inhalant addiction;  
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34 NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordained, that:  
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36 **SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**  
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38 1. Minor – refers to a person below eighteen (18) years of age.

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2 2. Inhalants – any liquid, solid or mixed substance having the  
3 property of releasing toxic vapors or fumes containing one or  
4 more of the following chemical compounds: methanol, ethanol,  
5 isopropanol, ethyl acetate, n-propyl acetate, n-butyl acetate,  
6 acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl butyl ketone, benzene,  
7 toluene, xylene, styrene, naphthalene, n-pentane, n-hexane, n-  
8 heptane, methylene, chloride, trichloroethylene,  
9 tetrachloroethylene, nitrous oxide, dichlorodifluoromethane,  
10 chlorodifluoromethane, isoamyl nitrate, ether or chloroform or any  
11 other chemical substance, including paint thinners, solvents,  
12 adhesives, "ragby", which when sniffed, smelled, inhaled or  
13 introduced into the physiological system of the body produces or  
14 induces a condition of intoxication, inebriation, excitement,  
15 stupefaction, dulling of the brain or nervous system, depression,  
16 giddiness, paralysis, or irrational behavior or in any manner  
17 changing, distorting or disturbing the auditory, visual or mental  
18 processes.

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20 **SECTION 2. REGULATED ACT.** Any person or establishment engaged in  
21 the selling of inhalants shall require their customers to present their business  
22 permits or any other appropriate identification before being allowed to purchase  
23 such inhalant, *Provided*, that, minors may be allowed to purchase said products  
24 when accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian, *Provided, further*, proper  
25 logging and recording shall be done by the establishment upon purchase, showing  
26 the name and address of the buyer and the quantity of purchase.

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28 **SECTION 3. PENALTIES.** Any person or establishment violating this  
29 ordinance shall be imposed with the following penalties, upon the discretion of the  
30 courts.

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32 1<sup>ST</sup> Offense – a fine of PhP 1,000.00;

33 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – a fine of PhP 2,500.00; and

34 3<sup>rd</sup> and any – a fine of PhP 5,000 and cancellation of Governor's  
35 Succeeding Permit.

36 Offense  
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**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect upon posting or publication, whichever comes first.

Approved,

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