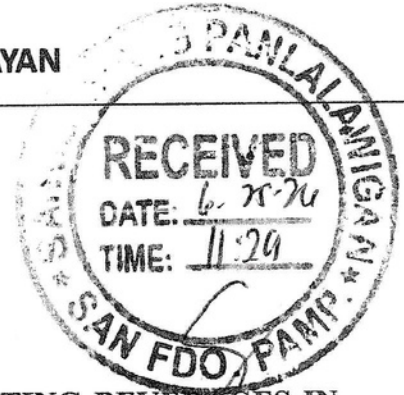




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MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 131
Series of 2026

AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE DRINKING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC AREAS AND PROHIBITING THE SALE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES TO MINORS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF STO. TOMAS, PAMPANGA

Sponsored by:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ORDER, DANGEROUS DRUGS, SAFETY AND SECURITY

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WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Sto. Tomas is mandated to promote public safety, maintain peace and order, protect the youth, and uphold the general welfare of its constituents;

WHEREAS, the consumption of intoxicating beverages in public places has been associated with incidents of disorderly conduct, public disturbances, juvenile delinquency, and other unlawful acts;

WHEREAS, minors are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of alcohol consumption, which may adversely affect their physical, mental, and moral development;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to regulate and prohibit the drinking of alcoholic beverages in public areas and to prevent minors from purchasing or gaining access to intoxicating beverages in order to ensure a safe, orderly, and family-friendly environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Sto. Tomas, Pampanga, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Public Drinking and Protection of Minors Against Alcohol Ordinance of Sto. Tomas, Pampanga."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Ordinance:

a. **Intoxicating Beverages** – Any beverage containing alcohol, including but not limited to beer, wine, liquor, gin, rum, brandy, cocktails, fermented drinks, and similar alcoholic beverages.

b. **Public Areas** – Any place accessible to the general public, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, plazas, public markets, terminals, vacant lots, basketball courts, and government-owned or controlled facilities.

c. **Drinking** – The act of consuming intoxicating beverages.

d. **Minor** – Any person below eighteen (18) years of age.

e. **Business Establishment** – Any store, bar, restaurant, sari-sari store, convenience store, grocery, or any establishment engaged in the sale or distribution of intoxicating beverages.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Drink or consume intoxicating beverages in any public area;
- b. Possess open containers of intoxicating beverages in public places;
- c. Engage in group drinking sessions ("inuman") in public areas;
- d. Sell, serve, distribute, or provide intoxicating beverages to minors;
- e. Allow minors to purchase or consume intoxicating beverages within any business establishment;
- f. For minors to buy, possess, or consume intoxicating beverages.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTIONS

The prohibition under Section 3 (a), (b), and (c) shall not apply to:

- a. Licensed establishments such as restaurants, bars, and similar venues duly authorized to serve alcoholic beverages;
- b. Private properties not open to the public;
- c. Public events or activities with special permits issued by Office of the Punong Barangay concerned and the Office of the Municipal Mayor.

Provided, however, that under no circumstance shall any exemption authorize the sale, serving, or distribution of intoxicating beverages to minors. Provided further, that event organizers shall secure the appropriate permit from the concerned Barangay Office prior to the conduct of any event covered by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES

A. FOR PUBLIC DRINKING VIOLATIONS

Any person found violating Section 3 (a), (b), or (c) shall be penalized as follows:

- **First Offense** – Fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) or community service of not less than eight (8) hours;
- **Second Offense** – Fine of Two Thousand Pesos (₱2,000.00) or community service of not less than sixteen (16) hours;
- **Third and Subsequent Offenses** – Fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (₱2,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than three (3) days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

B. FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION TO MINORS

Any owner, operator, manager, employee, or person found violating Section 3 (d) or (e) shall be penalized as follows:

- **First Offense** – Fine of One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00);
- **Second Offense** – Fine of One Thousand Five hundred Pesos (PhP1,500.00) and suspension of business permit for not more than seven (7) days;
- **Third and Subsequent Offenses** – Fine of Two Thousand Five hundred Pesos (PhP2,500.00) and revocation of business permit, subject to due process.

C. FOR MINORS

Any minor found violating Section 3 (f) shall be referred to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) for appropriate intervention, counseling, or community-based rehabilitation programs. Parents or guardians shall likewise be notified.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Municipal Police Station, Barangay Officials, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer, Business Permit and Licensing Office, CSO

primarily responsible for the crafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), 30 days from its approval.

SECTION 7. FUNDING

The Municipal Mayor through the Office of the Municipal Budget Officer shall appropriate the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

The Municipal Government shall conduct information and education campaigns to inform the public, particularly business establishments, parents, and minors, regarding the provisions and penalties under this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation or posting in conspicuous places within the municipality.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing **Municipal Ordinance No. 131-2026**, otherwise known as **“AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE DRINKING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC AREAS AND PROHIBITING THE SALE OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES TO MINORS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF STO. TOMAS, PAMPANGA”** was enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Sto. Tomas during its regular session held on June 8, 2026.



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Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: JUN 24 2026