



COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE : April 29, 2026

TO : THE PRESIDING OFFICER

FROM : COMMITTEE ON BARANGAY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT : PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-013- AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PUBLIC INTOXICATION AND THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY NAIC, CAVITE

A joint meeting of the **Committee on Barangay Affairs** was conducted to deliberate on a proposed ordinance in accordance with the mandate of the **Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) under Memorandum Circular No. 2026-029** entitled **“Encouraging the Enactment of Local Ordinances for Safer Cities: A Call to Action for Local Government Units.”**

During the meeting, Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-013, entitled *“An Ordinance Prohibiting Public Intoxication and the Act of Being Topless or Half-Naked in Public Places within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the Municipality of Naic, Cavite,”* was presented and read before the body.

The proposed ordinance is anchored on the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 and aims to uphold public order, safety, and the general welfare of the residents. It seeks to address issues of public discipline, particularly the consumption of alcoholic beverages in public places and inappropriate public attire. It was noted that public intoxication may lead to disturbances, accidents, and safety risks, while appearing topless or inadequately clothed in public may offend standards of decency and disrupt community order. In view thereof, the ordinance prohibits such acts and imposes corresponding penalties for violations.

During the deliberations, the issue concerning Section 4 (Penalties) was raised, particularly regarding the implementing bodies of the ordinance. It was clarified that, being a municipal ordinance, its primary implementation shall be under the Municipal Government, in coordination with the Philippine National Police and the respective Sangguniang Barangays.

The body also raised concerns regarding possible exemptions for activities such as barangay leagues or basketball games, where players customarily remove their upper garments after games. It was explained that exemptions may be allowed subject to the discretion of the barangay. Furthermore, it was clarified that the ordinance shall primarily apply to public places such as plazas, basketball courts, waiting sheds, terminals, streets, highways, and other similar areas.

It was likewise suggested that greater emphasis be placed on addressing public intoxication rather than the prohibition on being half-naked. The importance of extensive information dissemination was underscored to ensure that residents are adequately informed of the ordinance. It was also noted that consideration must be given to situations in residential and congested areas where residents may wear light clothing due to extreme heat, and where appropriate exemptions may be studied.

The Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO), Ms. Sierra, expressed that the proposed ordinance is in line with the directive of the DILG. She emphasized that any place outside one's residence is considered a public place and highlighted the need to intensify information dissemination efforts. She further stressed that social media alone is insufficient, and that the active participation of barangays is essential to effectively inform the community.



According to her, the implementation of the ordinance poses a challenge to local officials, particularly during its initial stages when resistance from some residents may arise.

On the part of the police, they expressed support for the passage of the ordinance, as it will serve as a legal basis for enforcement, particularly against repeat offenders. However, they requested a clear definition of "public places" to avoid varying interpretations during implementation.

It was also observed that enforcing the provision on being half-naked in public may be relatively easier through warnings, whereas enforcement against public intoxication may be more challenging due to the potential risks and unpredictable behavior of intoxicated individuals.

The body likewise emphasized the importance of continuous public reminders through barangay announcements, the use of public address systems, and the integration of information about the ordinance in community programs and gatherings.

After thorough deliberation and there being no further questions, the body expressed its concurrence with the proposed ordinance.

In view thereof, the Committee hereby recommends the approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-013 for the consideration and appropriate action of the Sangguniang Bayan.

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