ANTI-MUFFLER MODIFICATION ORDER OF BALIWAG

WHEREAS, Republic Act 4136 requires all motor vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine shall be equipped with a muffler;

WHEREAS, whenever said motor vehicle passes through a street of any city, municipality, or thickly populated district or barrio, the muffler shall not be cut out or disconnected;

WHEREAS, the same statute states that no motor vehicle shall be operated in such a manner as to cause it to emit or make any unnecessary or disagreeable odor, smoke or noise;

WHEREAS, the protection and promotion of the health, and the right to a peaceful environment is a primary concern of the Municipality of Baliwag;

WHEREAS, the Kautsang Bayan Blg. 08 s.014 of Baliwag prohibits the use of modified mufflers in all private and public vehicles in the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND V. ESTRELLA, Municipal Mayor, Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This law shall be known as the "Anti-Muffler Modification Order of Baliwag"

SECTION 2. MUFFLER CONDITION.

All motorized vehicle shall at all times be in good condition to avoid excessive smoke emission and noise.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITIONS.

A. No driver of a public or private vehicle shall operate, or permit the operation for private and public use of said vehicle, whose tailpipe has been altered from its original configuration either through the removal or modification of the silencer/muffler system or replacement of the whole or any component of its tailpipe system, resulting in emissions beyond the acceptable standard of ambient noise in our residential, commercial and industrial communities.
B. All motor service centers and establishments or any person in his capacity shall be prohibited from selling, manufacturing or installing modified mufflers to motorized vehicles.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT.

The Baliwag Traffic Management Office (BTMO) and the Barangay Captains shall enforce compliance with this Executive Order. The BTMO may deputize the ECO-POLICE for enforcement purpose. With this the BTMO, Barangay Captains and ECO-POLICE shall have the power to:

A. Inspect and monitor mufflers of public and private vehicles under their jurisdiction;
B. Impose fees and confiscate mufflers of those who will violate this order.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES.

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this order shall be subject to a fine of:

- A. First Offense: PhP 300.00
- B. Second Offense: PhP 500.00
- C. Third and Succeeding Offense: Confiscation of Muffler and a fine of PhP 1,000.00

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision or part thereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE

All executive orders, rule and regulations that are inconsistent herewith shall be deemed revoked, amended and/or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY.

This order shall take effect 15 days after the posting of this order in conspicuous places.

DONE, this 17th day of November, 2016 at the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, Philippines.

FERDINAND V. ESTRELLA
Mayor

By the Mayor:

ENRIQUE V. TAGLE
Municipal Administrator