



ORDINANCE NO. 945

THE 2026 REVISED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1956, the Sangguniang Panlungsod enacted Ordinance 197, entitled "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR";

WHEREAS, on July 03, 2002, the Sangguniang Panlungsod enacted Ordinance No. 240, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 197, SERIES OF 1956, ENTITLED, 'AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF ZAMBOANGA AND PROVIDING PENALTY THEREFOR'";

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2019, pursuant to the directive of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte during his fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA), the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 2019-121, directing local government units (LGUs) to clear roads of illegal structures and constructions;



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WHEREAS, on June 20, 2022, the DILG Secretary issued Memorandum Circular No. 2022-085 directing all provincial governors, city mayors, municipal mayors, punong barangays, heads and members of local sanggunians; all DILG Regional Directors and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Minister of the Interior and Local Government; the Philippine National Police and all local operating units of the PNP; the fire director, Bureau of Fire Protection and all local operating units of the BFP to continue the implementation of road clearing in the new normal;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revise the regulation on the use of sidewalks in the City in order to meet the new challenges of today.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Zamboanga, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall otherwise be known as the "Sidewalk Regulatory Ordinance of the City of Zamboanga."

SECTION 2. USE OF SIDEWALKS. All sidewalks along public streets, roads, highways, avenues, alleys, bridges, parks and other public places, whether constructed by the government or private entity, shall be exclusively used for pedestrian traffic.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS. The use of street sidewalks, avenues, alleys, bridges, parks and other public places in Zamboanga City for commercial and personal purposes is hereby prohibited, unless the sidewalk of a particular public road, street, alley, park or public place shall be used by the local government for night market in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991 or a city ordinance. Such prohibited acts include but not limited to the following:

- 1) Parking of vehicle upon any roadway or sidewalk, including for purpose of washing, greasing or repairing such vehicles;
- 2) Placing tables and stall and depositing crates, boxes, or other obstructions on public and private sidewalks;
- 3) Vending or selling of foods, magazines, newspapers, cigarettes, brooms, watches or jewelries, shoes and/or other items;
- 4) Conduct of shoe-shining occupation;
- 5) Conduct of religious activities, such as preaching and seeking alms;
- 6) Doing house chores such as washing clothes, hanging clothes, and bathing;
- 7) Vehicle garages and/or vehicle repair;
- 8) Setting up of basketball court/goal or sports/games recreational facilities;
- 9) Use of sidewalk to install pens of animals or keep animals in chains;
- 10) Storing of soft drinks or wines/liquor bottles and cases, drinking liquor and beverages and holding picnics/gatherings;
- 11) Storing of junk and recyclable materials, including junk vehicles;
- 12) Use of sidewalks for storage of construction materials for sale (pipes, tubing, lumber, cement, and the like);

- 13) Housing extension or stall/store extension, installation of canopies including roofs or awning extending over the sidewalks;
- 14) Installing of permanent or picket fence;
- 15) Use of sidewalks for plants, tree and plant boxes;
- 16) Installation of signboards on or above sidewalks, whether detached from the business establishment or otherwise; and
- 17) Other similar acts that hampers or obstructs the use of sidewalks for pedestrian traffic.

In case of confiscation of non-perishable goods, should the owner/s thereof fail to pay the appropriate fines within the period of seventy-two (72) hours, the confiscated goods shall be deemed abandoned. Thus, said confiscated goods shall be forfeited in favor of the City Government. As such, the City shall dispose and turn over the same to the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), any charitable institutions, orphanage or any rehabilitation center.

SECTION 4. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES. (1) Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished with a fine of:

FIRST OFFENSE – ONE THOUSAND PESOS (Php1,000.00);
SECOND OFFENSE – THREE THOUSAND PESOS (Php3,000.00); and
THIRD AND SUCCEEDING OFFENSE – FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (Php5,000.00).

(2) The Office of the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to collect the administrative fines provided herein and issue official receipts.

(3) In case of violation by an association, firm or corporation, the president, manager and/or agent thereof, shall be held liable.

(4) If no administrative fine is paid on or before 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of the confiscation, all perishable goods confiscated shall be turned over to the City Social Welfare and Development Office, any charitable institutions, orphanage or any rehabilitation center. Any officer or employee who makes unauthorized release of the goods confiscated without the payment of administrative fine as provided hereof shall be held criminally, civilly or administratively liable in accordance with existing laws.

(5) Seized items shall be brought to storage. In case of vehicles, it shall be disposed of in accordance with Ordinance No. 248, otherwise known as "The Revised Traffic Code for Zamboanga City," as amended.

SECTION 5. PENAL PROVISION. In case of the inability of the offender to pay the administrative fines, the latter shall be required to render community service of two (2) hours. However, should the offender refuse to pay the administrative fines as stated above, a case for violation of this ordinance shall be brought to court of competent jurisdiction and shall be penalized by an imprisonment of not less than five (5) days nor more than thirty (30) days at the discretion of the court, and a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per offense.

Further, violation of this ordinance shall not bar the imposition of other penalties or filing of appropriate cases before a competent court for violation of existing statutes and/or other ordinances.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinance No. 197, enacted on November 17, 1956, as amended by Ordinance No. 240 is hereby repealed. Any ordinance, order, memorandum, rule and regulation which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

ENACTED: June 24, 2026, as an urgent measure.


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