



Republic of the Philippines  
 Province of Cavite  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
 Trece Martires City

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 Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF CAVITE HELD ON 28 OCTOBER 2002 AT THE NEW SESSION HALL, CAPITOL BUILDING, TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

**PRESENT:**

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| Hon. Juanito Victor C. Remulla, Jr. | Vice Governor/Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Bernard Michael I. Bautista    | Majority Floor Leader           |
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| Hon. Rafael S. Rodriguez            | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Ceasario R. del Rosario, Jr.   | Sanggunian Member               |
| Hon. Arleen C. Arayata              | ABC Prov'l. Fed. Pres.          |
| Hon. Jose Rozel E. Hernandez        | SB Prov'l. Fed. Pres.           |
| Hon. Sophia Marie G. Pagtakhan      | SK Prov'l. Fed. Pres.           |

**ABSENT:**

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| Hon. Strike B. Revilla (OB)    | Minority Floor Leader |
| Hon. Dominic R. Tolentino (OB) | Sanggunian Member     |
| Hon. Teodoro S. Sanchez (OB)   | Sanggunian Member     |

**PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2002-003**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF VIDEO AND COMPUTER GAMES ARCADES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Sponsored by BM Ceasario "Jun" del Rosario)**

**WHEREAS**, video and/or computer games in malls and other video/computer games arcades have detrimentally affected the studies of many students in the Province of Cavite, especially those learning institutions very near video and/or computer arcades;

**WHEREAS**, video and/or computer games have been a lucrative business for those who operate these, but have not benefited the general public, much more the parents who have to work hard to meet school expenditures, including daily allowances of their children;

**WHEREAS**, there is now a need to strictly regulate these video and/or computer shops and arcades to totally prevent our students from spending not only their precious money but in order for our students to refocus their attention to their studies;

**NOW THEREFORE,**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Cavite in a regular session assembled that;

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**Section 1 - Definition of Terms:**

- Section 1 - Business permit shall be issued to the following:
- 1.a. **Computer Games** - any form of computer-generated games, either stored in the diskettes, hard disk, or directly from internet, with multiple options keys.
  - 1.b. **Video Games** - any electronically-operated games that have memory card, single-option button, and operated through tokens, including play stations.
  - 1.c. **Computer Games Arcade** - a place catering solely for computer-operated games including play stations.
  - 1.d. **Video Games Arcade** - a place catering solely for electronically-operated games with the use of tokens.
  - 1.e. **Computer Shop** - any store that sells computer assemblies or parts and accessories. It can also include offering of computer services such as internet and other computer softwares for educational or business purposes, except games.

**Section 2** - No video or computer games arcades/shops shall be operated within the 300 (Three Hundred) meter-radius from any schools and other educational institutions, and from church or any place of worship, in the Province of Cavite. However, any Municipality or City could set up, through a form of a Municipal/City Ordinance, their respective restriction on the allowable distance of a computer/video games arcades from any school or learning institutions, or from any place of worship. Provided, that the said Municipal or City ordinance shall be passed within forty-five (45) days from the approval of this provincial ordinance, otherwise, the 300-meter radius restriction shall be in effect.

**Section 3** - No students at all levels or minors shall be allowed to play video and/or computer games in video/computer games arcades from 7AM to 5PM, Monday through Friday, EXCEPT Saturdays, Sundays, legal and public holidays, and school vacations.

**Section 4** - Any one who wants to put up a video and/or computer games arcade shall first secure a barangay clearance, signed side by side by both the Barangay Chairman and SK Chairman concerned. The Barangay Chairman and SK Chairman shall issue the said clearance only when a billboard stating the restrictions on the operation of video/computer games arcade as stated in Section 2 of this Ordinance has been mounted permanently in front of the video/computer games arcades.

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**Section 5** - Business permit shall be issued by concerned municipality only to proprietor/owner of video/computer games arcade upon presentation of barangay clearance issued and signed by both the concerned Barangay Chairman and SK Chairman.

**Section 6** - No computer shop shall be operated with dual services and housed in the same room/facility. Two different permits shall be issued for two different video and computer services, i.e., that is, one for games and another one for computer services/sales, and both shall not be in the same room or the other one placed in extended room.

**Section 7** - Owners/Operators, Managers, Cashiers, Technicians and personnel directly or indirectly involved in the operation of video and computer games arcades/shops found to be violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00), or an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

**Section 8** - Any video and/or computer games arcades/shops found to be repeatedly violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon its third violation, be permanently closed by either the Municipal, City or Provincial Government of Cavite, and its video/computer equipment and other video/computer-related machines confiscated in favor of the government.

**Section 9** - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after its publication as mandated by the local government code. However, renewal of business permits in accordance with this Ordinance shall take effect January 2003.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA, JR.**  
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