Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Norte
Municipality of Batac

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ORDINANCE NO. 09

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION OF HUMPS AND OTHER TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTIONS ALONG MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY STREETS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Batac, Ilocos Norte in session assembled that:

Section 1. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the pertinent provisions of which is Section 447, No. 5 (vi) empowering the Sangguniang Bayan to regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit the putting up of encroachments or obstacles thereon, and when necessary, in the interest of public welfare, authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public places;

Further, the provisions of Section 21 of RA 7160, particularly paragraph (c) thereof shall be an exception hereof, and deemed incorporated herein; thus: Any national or local road, alley, park or square may be temporarily closed during an actual emergency or fiesta celebrations, public rallies, agricultural or industrial fairs, or an undertaking of public works and highways, telecommunications and waterworks projects, the duration of which shall be specified by the local chief executive concerned in a written order: PROVIDED, however, That no national or local road, alley, park, or square shall be temporarily closed for athletic, cultural or civic activities not officially sponsored, recognized, or approved by the Local Government Unit concerned.

- Section 2. Road Humps shall refer to a concrete mound placed across a street going up on one side of which vehicles are forced to slow down and then allowed to coast down the other side. Other traffic obstructions shall include but not limited to road blocks consisting of wood/lumber, rows of stones or flattered tires;
- Section 3. The construction of humps by barangay officials or by private persons or entities shall be authorized by the Municipal Mayor through the issuance of permit upon the recommendation of the Office of the Municipal Engineer in accordance with the following specifications:
 - (a) Humps shall be made of concrete and shall not be more than ten (10) centimeters in height in its center and not less than eighty (80) centimeters in width;
 - (b) Humps shall be painted with yellow and black stripes to ensure visibility:
 - (c) A hump should not be less than fifty (50) meters from the next hump;
 - (d) A hump to be constructed near intersections should not be less than three (3) meters from the corner's point;
- Section 4. The construction of speed deterrents along municipal/barangay streets not in accordance with the immediately preceding Section is hereby declared illegal and considered nuisance and subject to summary of demolition;