MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 65  
Series of 1993  

AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE DISCHARGE OF TOXIC ACID OR POISONOUS CHEMICALS WITHIN THE THREE (3) NAUTICAL MILES INSHORE IN THE MUNICIPAL WATERS OF MALAY.

WHEREAS, the inshore waters of this Municipality is vital to the economic welfare of our people because this is where most of our fishermen get the fish and all aquatic resources that we eat daily, plus the bangus fry that we sell outside which contribute largely to the income of our Municipality;

WHEREAS, also, our inshore waters and the entire shorelines of this Municipality is becoming a popular bathing and picnic grounds and therefore we must protect and preserve this for our tourism activity;

WHEREAS, it has been noted lately that some careless motorboat owners/operators throw out or discharge their waste oil or toxic materials within a few meters inshore which is a communal fishing ground and breeding place of the mother bangus, thereby poisoning or killing these small species;

NOW THEREFORE

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Malay, Aklan in session assembled, that;

SECTION 1. - COVERAGE. The throwing out or discharge of waste oil or any toxic materials within the three (3) nautical miles limit of the municipal waters of Malay is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 2. - PENAL CLAUSE. Any person or group of persons caught violating this ordinance shall be fined ONE THOUSAND PESOS (₱1,000.00) on first offense, and TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (₱2,500.00) on second offense and be imprisoned for three (3) months, or both fine and imprisonment according to the discretion of the court on repeated offenses. In addition to fine and imprisonment, the franchise or permit of the motorboat where discharged waste came from will be revoked.

SECTION 3. - COMPLIMENTARY CLAUSE. This ordinance compliments other similar laws on anti-pollution and marine conservation.

SECTION 4. - EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance takes effect forty (40) days after approval and proper publication.

APPROVED. SEPTEMBER 27, 1993.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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