Cielo Krisel B. Lagman
City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 025-C SERIES 2023

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER PROVIDING THE GUIDELINES GOVERNING THE USE OF E-CIGARETTES, VAPORIZED NICOTINE AND NON-NICOTINE PRODUCTS, AND NOVEL TOBACCO PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution declares it the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, The Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the Local Government Unit shall ensure and support, among other things, the promotion of health and safety;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11900 otherwise known as the Vaporized Nicotine and Non-Nicotine Products Regulation Act provides the guidelines regulating the the importation, manufacture, sale, packaging, distribution, use, and communication of vaporized nicotine and non-nicotine products, and novel tobacco products;

WHEREAS, a wide range of electronic cigarettes or e-cigarette products have been introduced in the Philippines and globally. They are handheld products that generate a nicotine-containing aerosol without combustion;

WHEREAS, by City Ordinance No. 019-2011, an ordinance prohibiting the use, sale, distribution, and advertisement of cigarettes and other tobacco products in certain places, imposing penalties for violations thereof and providing funds therefor and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, scientific evidence has shown that second-hand smoke kills, that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke, that even brief periods of exposure are harmful; that ventilation/air filtration systems and indoor designated smoking areas are not effective in protecting people from second-hand smoke;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power vested upon me by Section 455, b, 2, iii of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, I, **CIELO KRISEL BURCE LAGMAN**, City Mayor of Tabaco do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND AWARENESS. The City Health Office and the City Legal Office shall conduct massive information, education, and communication campaigns using quad media (print, radio, television, and internet) and shall also include the promotion of the non-use of e-cigarettes especially to minors;

SECTION 2. USE IN PUBLIC PLACE. Use of e-cigarettes indoors is prohibited in places of worship, hospitals or other healthcare centers, public conveyances, government offices, and educational or recreational facilities primarily intended for minors.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATION OF VAPING AREAS. In all enclosed places that are open to the general public, private workplaces, and other places not covered by Section 2 of this Executive Order, such areas may include a designated vaping area within the building, which may be in an open space, or a separate area with proper ventilation, but shall not be located within the same room that has been designated as a smoking area;

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

ISSUED this 5th day of September 2023, in Tabaco City, Albay, Philippines.

CIELO KRISEL BURCE LAGMAN
City Mayor