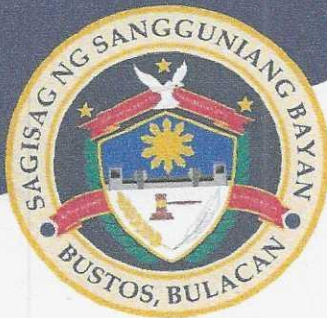




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## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

"PROHIBITING THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITH MODIFIED MUFFLER OR MUFFLER WITH DISTRACTIVE NOISE IN PUBLIC ROADS/STREETS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUSTOS, BULACAN, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER RELATIVE PURPOSES."

Motioned by:

Honorable Kyle Gabrielle DR. Navarro

Chairman  
Committee of the Whole

**Section 1. Scope.** – This Ordinance covers all vehicles with modified/open muffler or muffler emitting/producing distractive noise in public roads/streets used or driven in the Municipality of Bustos, Bulacan.

**Section 2. Definition of terms.** – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall be understood as:

1. Muffler – is a device in a vehicle's exhaust system that reduces engine noise by using tubes, baffles, and chambers to absorb, reflect, and cancel sound waves, making driving quieter and more comfortable while also managing exhaust flow, though it can slightly impact performance; it can also refer to a thick scarf worn for warmth or decoration.

2. Original muffler – often referred to as Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) equipment, is the factory-installed component of a vehicle's exhaust system designed to minimize engine noise and control exhaust gas pressure. It ensures the vehicle meets legal, noise-level regulations using internal chambers and tubes to cancel out sound waves.

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3. Modified Muffler – A modified muffler refers to any alteration, removal, or replacement of a vehicle's original exhaust system that often results in excessive, loud, or disturbing noise, including but not limited to:

Open pipes / straight pipes  
Cut-outs or bypass systems  
Aftermarket exhausts that increase noise levels

4. Sports competition – pertains to legal sports competition, with necessary permits, and sanctioned by government rules and regulation.

5. Distractive noise – vehicle noise which can be considered as public nuisance, irritating and annoying to the majority of the people, with ordinary reasoning and prudence, hearing the noise or those vehicles producing noise of more than 99Bb per 2,000-2,500 rpm.

6. Emergency cases or situation – is an urgent, unexpected, and dangerous event that poses an immediate risk to life, health, property, or the environment. These situations require immediate action and intervention to prevent further harm. Examples include medical crises, natural disasters, fires, accidents, and violent, criminal acts.

7. Motor Vehicle – also referred herein as vehicle for brevity, is any self-propelled land vehicle designed for transporting people or property on public streets, highways, or roads, typically propelled by power other than muscular power. It generally excludes devices that run only on rails or tracks. Common examples include cars, motorcycles, trucks, and buses.

8. Self-propelled vehicle – Propelled by an internal engine, motor, or other mechanical power, generally by using chemical substance, such as gasoline, diesel and the like; not by human, animal, or electricity, solar or wind power.

9. Motor Bicycles – is a two-wheeled motor vehicle.

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**Section 3. Prohibition.** – No person shall be allowed to use or drive any vehicles (a) with modified muffler; or, (b) vehicles producing distractive noise in public roads/streets in the Municipality of Bustos, Bulacan.

**Section 4. Exception.** – That the prohibition herein provided shall not be applicable to the following vehicles and circumstances:

- a. vehicles with original muffler intended for car show, exhibit, or sports competition, provided that the use of such vehicle is for the purpose of going to or from car show, exhibit or sports competition provided further that the speed limit while traversing Bustos shall not exceed 60 kilometers/hour.
- b. Motor bicycles, with original muffler, with engine displacement of Four Hundred (400) cc and above, or those motor bicycles allowed to enter and be driven in express ways such as the North Luzon Express Way (NLEX), South Luzon Express Way (SLEX), and the like, provided that the speed limit while traversing Bustos shall not exceed 40 kilometers/hour.
- c. Vehicles traversing the Plaridel By-Pass Road.
- d. Vehicles used in emergency cases or situation.
- e. During local or national festivities or by any other justifiable reason on occasion attributable or connected to activities with social significance, subject to the approval of the Municipal Mayor.

**Section 5. Presumption of the use of modified muffler.** – If a motor vehicle produced louder sound than that of an ordinary vehicle of the same type/model or engine displacement, the apprehending office shall have the right to assumed that the muffler of the said vehicle is modified; and, thus, justified to call the attention of the driver thereof for inspection. If the vehicle is not using modified muffler and the sound produced thereof is not distractive, the vehicle should be immediately cleared and allowed to proceed to its destination.

**Section 6. Creation of Special Task Force Against Modified Muffler and Distractive Noise; composition, powers, duties and responsibilities.** – Hereby created is the Special Task Force Against Modified Muffler and Distractive

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Noise herein also referred to as the "task force", for the purposes relative to the implementation of this Ordinance, composed of the following:

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| 1. Over-All Chairperson | - | Municipal Mayor                                                                         |
| 2. Chairperson          | - | Municipal Administration                                                                |
| 3. Vice Chairperson     | - | Chief of Police of PNP Busto                                                            |
| 4. Member               | - | a. Municipal Treasurer's                                                                |
| Office                  |   | b. Traffic Management Unit                                                              |
|                         |   | c. Chairperson of the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Transportation                     |
|                         |   | d. Chairperson of Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Peace and Order                        |
|                         |   | e. ABC President                                                                        |
|                         |   | f. SK President                                                                         |
|                         |   | g. two (2) representative from the NGOs, preferably one (1) from transportation sector. |

**Section 7. Special Task Force Against Modified Muffler and Distractive Noise; powers, duties and responsibilities.** -The task force is hereby vested with the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

1. The task force shall be responsible for the proper implementation of this Ordinance;
2. It shall have the power to formulate and impose mechanism, strategies, rules and regulation for the proper implementation of this Ordinance;
3. It shall have the power to study and recommend revision, amendment or repeal of this Ordinance or any of its provisions;
4. The task force may recommend to the Municipal Mayor the suspension of the implementation of this Ordinance during local or national festivities or by any other justifiable reason on occasion attributable or connected to activities with social significance.

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5. To perform other duties and responsibilities relative to the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

6. Submit report to the Peace and Order Council of the Municipality on the status and result of the implementation of this Ordinance;

7. Annually recommend allocation of necessary funds for the implementation of this Ordinance.

**Section 8. Role of the Municipal Mayor.** – The Municipal Mayor shall be the Chairperson of the task force, he shall exercise control and

**Section 9.** supervision over the task force. Relative thereto, the Municipal Mayor, on his discretion, shall act on the recommendation of the task force.

**Section 10. Role of Philippine National Police; Apprehending Officer.** – Members of the National Police of the Bustos Police Station, upon the designation and under the control and supervision of the its Chief of Police, is hereby designated of the Apprehending Officer; who shall be the main responsible for the apprehension, conduct of check point and other necessary operations pursuant to this Ordinance.

**Section 11. Assistance of the Bustos Traffic Management Office (BTMO).** – Personnel and staff of the BTMO, upon instruction, shall assist the apprehending officer/s in the activities conducted pursuant to the implantation of this Ordinance.

The BTMO shall likewise have the power to inspect probable violators of this Ordinance, shall report any violation to the apprehending officer and shall have the right to temporarily hold erring driver and its vehicle unit the presence of the apprehending officer/s.

**Section 12. Role of the Barangay Officials and barangay tanods.** – Barangay Officials and barangay tanods shall have the same powers, duties and roles as that of the BTMO.

Further, Barangay Officials, particularly the Barangay Chairperson, shall have the power to recommend procedure, scheme or tactics applicable on their respective barangays and place of check points and the like, for the smooth and effective

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implementation of this Ordinance. The barangay shall also have the right to request for the conduct of operation against use of modified muffler on their respective barangays.

**Section 13. *Penalty.*** – owners or drivers using vehicles with modified muffler or muffler emitting too much or distractive noise in public roads/streets in the Municipality of Bustos, Bulacan shall be penalized as follows:

**1st Offense:** fine of one thousand pesos (₱ 1,000.00) and/or imprisonment of one (1) day to ten (10) days.

**2nd Offense:** fine of one thousand five pesos (₱ 1,500.00) and/or imprisonment of eleven (11) day to twenty (20) days.

**3rd and succeeding Offense:**

fine of one thousand five hundred pesos (₱ 2,500.00) and/or imprisonment of twenty-one (21) day to thirty (30) days.

**Section 14. *Dismantling, confiscation and destruction of illegal muffler.*** – All apprehended vehicles with modified muffler or muffler producing distractive noise in public roads/streets in the Municipality of Bustos, Bulacan shall be dismantled and confiscated. All confiscated illegal mufflers shall be destroyed.

**Section 15. *Confiscation of Driver's license.*** – Subject to the prevailing LTO regulation at the time of apprehension, the deriver's license of the erring driver shall be confiscated by the apprehending officers as evidence for possible criminal charges to be filed against the erring driver.

**Section 16. *Impounding of vehicle.*** – Subject to the prevailing LTO regulation at the time of apprehension, any vehicle apprehended pursuant to this Ordinance shall be impounded until the same is forwarded to proper offices for prosecution of criminal case, and release thereto by proper office having custody of the impounded vehicle. Provided that if the vehicle is still under the control and custody of the Municipality, the owner may recover the same provided he pays for the necessary fees required under this Ordinance and upon

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undertakings that he will make available the same if required by the court or prosecutor's office.

**Section 17. Impounding fees.** - The owner of the impounded vehicle may recover the same, if still under the custody of the Municipality, provided he pays the following fees:

a. For two (2) and three (3) wheel motorized vehicle - Three Hundred Pesos (₱ 300.00) for the first day of impoundment and additional Fifty Pesos (₱ 50.00) for every additional day of impoundment.

b. For four (4) to eight (8) wheel motorized vehicle - Five Hundred Pesos (₱ 500.00) for the first day of impoundment and additional One Hundred Pesos (₱ 100.00) for every additional day of impoundment.

**Section 18. Voluntary payment of fines.** - Any person or entity violating any provision of this Ordinance may voluntarily pay fine. In

**Section 19.** such case, the Municipality may, at its option, no longer file a case in court against the said person.

**Section 20. Impounding Area.** - The Municipal Government shall designate impounding area for temporary custody of the impounded vehicle. The Municipal Government shall be responsible for the administration, maintenance of the impounding area as well as the safe keeping and security of the impounded vehicles.

**Section 21. Implementing Rules and regulation.** - The Task Force in coordination with the Philippine National Police - Bustos Police Station shall be responsible for the formulation of the implementing rules and regulation of this Ordinance, not later that sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance.

**Section 22. Allocation of funds.** - The Municipality shall annually allot necessary and reasonable funds in the Annual Budget of the Municipality relative to the implementation of this Ordinance.

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**Section 23. Applicability Clause.** – Provisions of such other laws and regulations as they pertain to the subject matters included in this Ordinance, applicable in the Municipality are made integral parts of this.

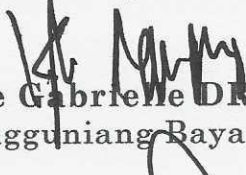
**Section 24. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reasons, any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the court, or suspended or revoked by competent authorities, other parts of the provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

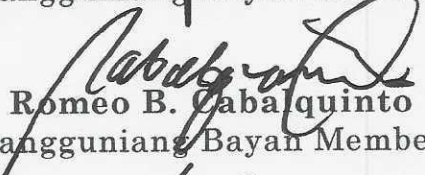
**Section 25. Repealing Clause.** – All ordinances, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

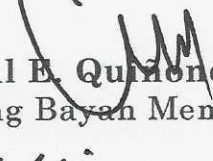
**Effectivity.** – This Ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date of publication in a newspaper of local circulation or after posting of the same in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality.

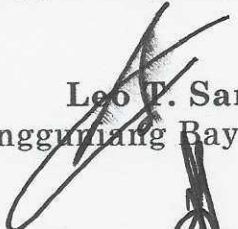
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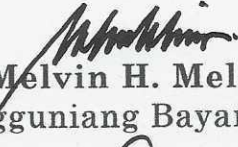
  
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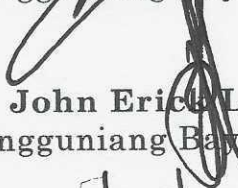
  
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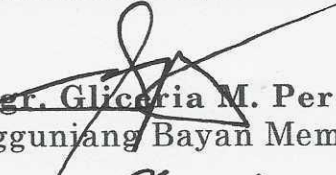
  
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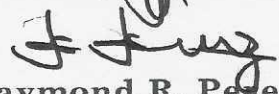
  
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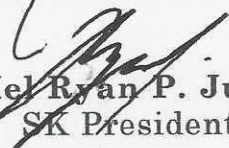
  
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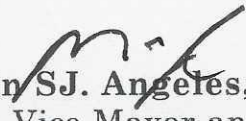
  
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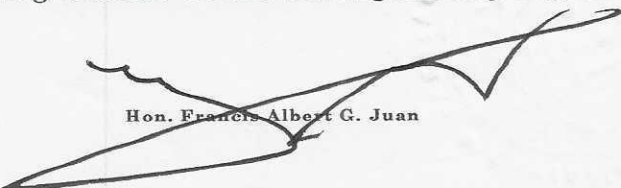
  
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**Martin SJ. Angeles, MMPA**  
Vice Mayor and  
Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Bayan

  
Hon. Francis Albert G. Juan

**CERTIFICATION:**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session held at the Amado Raymundo Session Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.

**Atty. Gerardo S. Briasa**  
Secretary

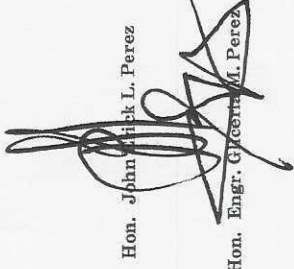
**Attested:**

Signed today, 8 of April 2026

**FRANCIS ALBERT G. JUAN**  
Municipal Mayor

  
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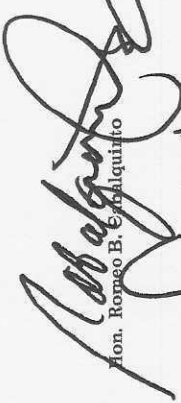
  
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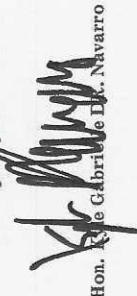
  
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