ORDINANCE NO. 1989-007

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF FAMILY COMPUTER CENTERS FOR FEE IN THE CITY OF NAGA, IMPOSING PERMITS AND LICENSE FEES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF:

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. - TITLE: - This ordinance shall be known as “The Family Computer Center for fee Ordinance of the City of Naga”.

“SECTION 2. - DEFINITION OF TERMS: - Words and phrases as used in this ordinance.

a. Family Computer Center – any establishment maintaining/operating family computer for fee irrespective of the number of unit (s) whether licensed or not.

b. Operator – shall include the owner, manager, administrator or any person who operates and is responsible for the operation of any family computer center.

c. Family Computer machines or equipments – the unit used in playing family computer games.

d. Education center or school – all institution of learning, whether private or public.

SECTION 3. - LOCATION: - No Family Computer Center shall be established or operated within a distance of fifty (5) meters radius from any educational centers compound.

SECTION 4. - AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS. -

a. No Family Computer Center for fee shall be opened for business operation unless that same has been certified to by the City Health Officer and the Fire Station Chief, as having complied with the requirements of the health and Fire Departments, and by the City Engineer to certify as to the structural fitness and suitability of the building and safeguard facilities for radioactivity and provided, that separate toilet facilities for both sexes shall be established in the premises.

b. The operator shall set up safeguard facilities for radioactivity.
SECTION 5. – MAYOR’S PERMIT AND BUSINESS LICENSE: - The following Permit and License fees shall be levied, collected and paid to the City Treasurer by the operator, to wit:

- Mayor's Permit Fee, Business Tax, Sanitary Permit, Garbage Fee, and Fire, Health and Structural Inspection Fees
- P 200.00/annum
- For each family computer machine or equipment 75.00/annum

SECTION 6. – REGULATIONS. -

a. No Family Computer games shall be played opened to the public in the family computer center except during the hours from 9:00 o’clock A.M. to 9:00 o’clock P.M. provided, however, that during Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, it may be allowed from 8:00 o’clock A.M. to 12:00 o’clock midnight.

b. No Family Computer games shall be opened to persons below 18 old during and between the hours form 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. except on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, however, this provision shall not apply to minors playing family computer in the presence and under the supervision of their parents or guardians as the case may be. In no case shall betting be allowed.

c. It shall be the duty of the parents, guardians, teachers in all levels, and school authorities, to supervise, and monitor the activities of their minor children/pupils/students, extending to them the benefits of moral guidance, self-discipline and advising them the proper time when to indulge in family computer games and on any matter affecting their development and well-being.

SECTION 7. – PENALTIES. - In case of any violations of the provisions of this ordinance, the permit for the operation of the Family Computer Center shall be withdrawn by the City Mayor and the license thereof revoked, forfeiting to the city all sums paid therefore, and shall be penalized by a fine of not less than P200.00 not more than P1, 000.00 or an imprisonment of not exceeding six (6) months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 8. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If for any reason, any section or provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the other provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 9. - REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. – EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: January 18, 1989.
WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

J ANTONIO A. AMPARADO  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

LOURDES V. ASENCE, M.D.  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JESSE M. ROBREDO  
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