

Executive Order No. 2018 - 018

RECONSTITUTING THE TASK FORCE "PAPUTOK":-

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7183 or otherwise known as "AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, AND USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES":

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2017 - 105 dated August 22, 2017 mandates to regulate and to control the use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices pursuant to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Executive Order No.28:

WHEREAS, the Executive Order No. 28 mandated the PNP and LGUs to "be primarily responsible for the enforcement of RA 7183 and this Order, which shall include the conduct of inspections, and the confiscations and destruction of prohibited firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices in accordance with law";

WHEREAS, various types of fireworks and firecrackers are expected to flood the market during the Holiday Seasons, particularly on Christmas and New Year's eve:

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute a task force that will ensure compliance by distributors and retailers of firecrackers and pyrotechnics with existing regulatory laws and ordinances such RA 7183, DILG MC 2017-105, and EO 28:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN G. BONGAT, Mayor of the City of Naga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1.Composition - The Task Force is hereby reconstituted to be composed of the following:

Chairman: Public Safety Officer

Co-Chairman: Market Enterprise and Promotions Officer

Members:

City Director of the Naga City Police Office City Health Officer

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City Environment and Natural Resources Officer City Director of Department of Interior and Local Government Naga City Fire Marshall Naga City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer City Treasurer

Section 2. Functions - The Task Force shall:

- 1. Cause the inspection of quantities and kinds of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices sold and stocked by retailers or distributors;
- 2. Strictly enforce the provisions of Republic Act No. 7183 or the law regulating the manufacture and sale of firecrackers and pyrotechnics, and ensure that all banned products as classified and declared by the Department of Health, the Department of Trade and Industry and other regulatory agencies will not be sold in the market;
- 3. Closely coordinate with firecrackers and pyrotechnics distributors and/or retailers to prevent any untoward incident such as fires and explosions in their stores and most importantly, to reduce firecrackerrelated deaths and injuries;
- 4. Ensure that only those with special business permits may sell and distribute pyrotechnic products in the city;
- Implement an aggressive campaign against smuggled firecrackers and pyrotechnic products by going after unscrupulous traders and distributors;
- 6. Cause the confiscation and disposal of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices being sold illegally;
- 7. Cause the prosecution of violators of existing national laws, rules and regulations, and ordinances on manufacture, sale and distribution of firecrackers and pyrotechnics; and
- 8. Perform other functions incidental to the proper implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 3. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 5th day of November, 2018 in the City of Naga, Philippines.

G. BONGAT City Mayor

Attested by:

FLORENCIO T. MONGOSO, JR., CSEE Department Head II and Acting City Administrator