



Republic of the Philippines  
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod  
City of Naga



**ORDINANCE NO. 728**

**AN ORDINANCE TO BE KNOWN AS MENDICANCY LAW IN THE CITY OF NAGA: -**

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

**SECTION 1. - TITLE AND SCOPE OF ORDINANCE.** - This ordinance shall be known as "Mendicancy Law in the City of Naga;

**SECTION 2. - DEFINITIONS.** - As used in this Ordinance the following shall be construed thus;

- a. MENDICANTS refers to any person who has no visible and legal means of support, or lawful employment and who is physically able to work but neglects to apply himself to some lawful calling and instead uses begging as a means of living;
- b. EXPLOITED INFANT OR CHILD refers to infant or child 8 years and below who is used in begging or one who accompanies a habitual vagrant or beggar;
- c. HABITUAL MENDICANT refers to one who has been convicted of mendicancy;

**SECTION 3. - APPREHENSION OF PERSONS FOUND BEGGING. -**

1. Any infant or child 8 years old and below who is found begging or is being utilized by a mendicant for purposes of begging shall be apprehended as a neglected child and shall be committed to the custody and the care of the Ministry of Social Services Development pursuant to Article 141, PD 603;
2. Any minor over 9 years old and under 15 found begging or is being utilized for purposes of begging and who acted without discernment shall be apprehended as a neglected child;
3. Any person not otherwise covered in the preceding paragraphs who is found begging and is physically or mentally incapable of gainful occupation shall be provided the integrated package of services by the Ministry of Social Services Development and other cooperating agencies;

**SECTION 4. - PENALTY. -**

- a. Any person found violating any of the provision of this ordinance shall be fined not exceeding P500.00 or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding 2 years or both at the discretion of the court;

- b. A habitual mendicant shall be punished by a fine not exceeding P1,000.00 or by imprisonment for a period not exceeding four years or both at the discretion of the court; and Any person who abets mendicancy by giving alms directly to mendicant, exploited infants and minors on public and private places, public roads, sidewalks, parks, restaurants, theaters, markets, bridges and other similar places shall be punished by a fine not exceeding P20.00.

**SECTION 5. - REPEALING CLAUSE.** - All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If for any reason any section of provision of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional and invalid the other sections or provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7.** - This ordinance shall take effect 30 days upon its approval and wide publicity.

**ENACTED:** August 24, 1981.

**WE HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

**PORFIRIO B. BADIONG, JR.**  
Kalihim, Sangguniang Panlungsod

**SIEGFREDO D. OBIAS**  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

**CARLOS G. DEL CASTILLO**  
City Mayor

ATTESTED:

**EUSEBIO C. GENERAL**  
Secretary to the Mayor