



Republic of the Philippines
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod
City of Naga



ORDINANCE NO. 93-013

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE NAGA RIVER COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATIONS:-

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

SECTION 1. - CREATION AND POWERS. - There is hereby created and established a Naga River Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, with the following powers and responsibilities:

- a) To immediately conduct an environmental assessment , and to initiate , develop and implement a comprehensive program to save, protect and develop the Naga River as a tributary of the Bicol River and, in joint and cooperative undertakings with concerned local government units and non-government or people's organizations, to extend and suit the implementation thereof to the whole Bicol River Basin area from Lake Bato to San Miguel bay;
- b) To immediately and vigorously conduct a sustained, massive and effective public information campaign on the urgent need to save, protect and develop the Bicol River as a source of life and center of culture and trade;
- c) To recommend to the City Government of Naga the enactment of appropriate legislations, the institutions of proper judicial and administrative actions and the exercise of such other powers as may be necessary , incidental or desirable in support of, or to give force and effect to the implementation of said program or any component thereof;
- d) To enter into contracts, solicit and/or receive funds and other material support from government and private sources, local or foreign, in order to exercise and carry out its powers and responsibilities; and
- e) To exercise such other powers and functions as may be appropriate and incidental to the effective performance of its mandate, and as may from the time be entrusted to it by subsequent legislations.

The decisions and/or recommendations of the council relative to the implementation of the approved comprehensive program to save, protect and develop the Naga River shall be implemented and/or enforced by the City Government of Naga by appropriate legislations or executive and administrative actions if to do so would be within its powers, influence and/or financial capability.

SECTION 2. - COMPOSITION AND DISQUALIFICATIONS. - The authority shall be composed of members to be appointed by the mayor from among the following sectors or interest groups:

- a) Two (2) representative from the religious sector;
- b) Two (2) representatives from the urban poor sector;
- c) Two (2) representatives from the academe;
- d) Two (2) representatives from city-based non-government organizations primarily concerned with environmental protection;
- e) One (1) representative from among the local human rights advocates;
- f) One (1) representative from the City Engineer's Office of Naga; and
- g) One (1) representative of the City Mayor of Naga.

No one shall be appointed unless favorably endorsed by his or her respective sector or interest group. In no case shall any other government official or employee be appointed to the Council.

The members, who shall hold office for a term of three (3) years, shall not receive any salary. They shall elect a chairperson from among themselves, and shall be responsible for evolving an internal rules of procedure and public consultation mechanisms.

A member's appointment may be recalled only upon the withdrawal of his or her endorsement by the sector or interest group he or she represents.

SECTION 3. - SOURCE OF FUNDS. - The amount of Two Hundred Thousand (P200,000.00) Pesos is hereby appropriated for the initial operations of the Council. The same amount shall, without need of further legislation, be automatically appropriated every year for the use and disbursement of the council until such time that it shall have already outlived the reasons for its existence.

SECTION 4. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Should any provision of this ordinance be finally declared by competent courts as unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions hereof shall continue to have full force and effect.

SECTION 5. - EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 24, 1993.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

LOURDES V. ASENCE
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JESSE M. ROBREDO
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