



Republic of the Philippines
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod
City of Naga



ORDINANCE NO. 2001-065

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE LIFE IMPROVEMENT THRU FRIENDLY EDUCATION COUNSELLING CENTER (L.I.F.E. COUNSELLING CENTER) DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR:-

Sponsor: Hon. John G. Bongat
Co-Sponsors: Hon. Jose C. Rañola, M.D.
Hon. Jose L. Grageda

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

SECTION 1. - TITLE. - The title of the Ordinance shall be "Life Improvement thru Friendly Education Counselling Center (L.I.F.E. Counselling Center)".

SECTION 2. - PURPOSE. - The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the Life Improvement thru Friendly Education Counselling Center with an acronym of (L.I.F.E. Counselling Center). The Center shall provide confidential, competent and reliable counselling services to drug users who have not yet reached the stage of drug addiction or dependence and are ready and willing to totally abandon drugs and return to normal life.

SECTION 3. - DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this Ordinance, the terms:

- a. CENTER - refers to the L.I.F.E. Counselling Center;
- b. COUNSELLING - refers to the giving of confidential and competent advice to confirmed drug users in order to convince them to abandon the use of drugs and live a normal, drug-free life;
- c. ILLEGAL DRUGS - refer to dangerous drugs, whether prohibited or regulated, as defined in Republic Act No. 6425, otherwise known as the *Dangerous Drugs Act of 1972*;
- d. DRUG USER - refers to a person or an individual who uses illegal drugs by means of injecting, intravenously or intramuscularly, or of consuming, either by chewing, smoking, sniffing, eating, swallowing, drinking, or otherwise introducing into the physiological system of the body, any of the illegal or dangerous drugs as defined in Republic Act No. 6425;
- e. DRUG DEPENDENT - refers to any drug user who finds himself in a state of psychic or physical/physiological dependence, or both, on an illegal or dangerous drug, arising in his use of that drug on a periodic or continuous basis;
- f. CLIENT - refers to a confirmed drug user who avails himself of the counselling services of the Center;

- g. COMMITTEE - refers to the Executive Committee created pursuant to Section 4 in relation to Section 5 hereof.

SECTION 4. - OPERATION OF THE CENTER. - An office that will house the L.I.F.E. Counselling Center shall be established to be operated under the direct management and control of the city government. For this purpose, an Executive Committee to be known as the "L.I.F.E. Counselling Center Executive Committee" shall exercise control and supervision of the Center and its operation.

SECTION 5. - COMPOSITION OF THE L.I.F.E. COUNSELLING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. - The committee shall be composed of the following:

- a. Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Rights of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer;
- b. City Health Officer; and
- c. Director of the City Social Welfare and Development Office

SECTION 6. - FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. - The Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. exercise direct control and supervision of the Center and its operation;
- b. serve as the exclusive policy-making body of the Center;
- c. prepare an organizational set up and staffing pattern that will directly run the operation of the Center;
- d. coordinate with and solicit support from concerned government agencies and non-government organizations (NGO's) to improve the operation and services of the Center;
- e. utilize all the resources necessary, both manpower and financial, to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. - SERVICES OF THE CENTER. - The Center shall provide the following services:

- a. provide free, confidential, competent and reliable counselling to drug users, particularly those who have not yet reached the stage of drug dependence;
- b. refer to the appropriate government agencies for rehabilitation, after compliance with procedural and judicial requirements, clients who can no longer be treated by means of counselling;
- c. recommend to the Committee such measures to improve the foregoing services.

SECTION 8. - FORMULATION OF IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. - The Executive Committee shall be tasked to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance within one (1) month after its approval, after which it shall take effect pursuant to Section 12 hereof.

SECTION 9. - APPROPRIATIONS. - To effectively implement this Ordinance, twenty-five percent (25%) of the Anti-Illegal Drugs Fund appropriated in the Annual Budget which forms part of the Annual Local Economic Development Fund (EDF), shall be appropriated for purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. - REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. - EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect after the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) shall have been approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

ENACTED: August 22, 2001.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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APPROVED:

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