



Republic of the Philippines  
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod  
City of Naga



**ORDINANCE NO. 2002-060**

**AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL THE PROLIFERATION OF “STREET CHILDREN” IN THE CITY OF NAGA BY PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING THE GIVING OF ALMS IN THE FORM OF MONEY OR ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REMUNERATION TO CHILDREN IN THE STREETS AND ENCOURAGING DONATIONS TO INSTITUTIONS WITH PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF “STREET CHILDREN” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-**

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled that:

**SECTION 1. - TITLE.** - This ordinance shall be know as the “STREET CHILDREN ORDINANCE” of Naga City;

**SECTION 2. - PURPOSE.** - This Ordinance is enacted as one of the measures designed to control the proliferation of “street children” in the City of Naga and to encourage private voluntary initiatives that address the needs of “street children”.

**SECTION 3. - DEFINITION OF TERMS.** - As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean as defined herein:

- a. STREET CHILDREN - refers to persons below fifteen (15) years old who regularly spend at least 4 hours everyday in the streets begging or simply loitering in the streets;
- b. PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS - refers to private organizations or associations undertaking or implementing programs and projects addressed to the needs of street children;

**SECTION 4. PROHIBITION AGAINST GIVING OF ALMS OR ANY OTHER FINANCIAL REMUNERATION TO CHILDREN IN THE STREETS.** - It is hereby declared illegal and prohibited the giving directly of alms in the form of money or any other financial remuneration, such as but not limited to “parking assistance fee” usually given by motorists to children in the streets.

**SECTION 5. CALL AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO PRIVATE VOLUNTARY INITIATIVES AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS.** - To properly channel the goodwill and support of individual citizens for the upliftment of street children, contributions or financial support which are otherwise usually directly given to children in the streets should be channeled to private organizations or charitable institutions that implement programs and projects for street children.

For this purpose, selected business establishments and private/public offices within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Naga are required to put up a sealed can/box within their establishments where voluntary contributions may be placed or dropped by those who desire to support programs and projects responding to the needs of street children. The proceeds of these donations/contributions shall be used solely to fund programs directly addressing the needs of street children. For this purpose, a memorandum of agreement shall be executed between the NCCWC, the receiving establishment, and the beneficiary institution or organization.

The NCCWC is hereby authorized to formulate the necessary details of the implementing mechanism thereof.

**SECTION 6. - ROLE OF THE NAGA CITY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP).** - In accordance with its law enforcement function, the Naga City PNP is hereby specifically tasked to ensure that no children proliferate the streets of the City of Naga. For this purpose, any member of the Naga City PNP is enjoined to immediately inform or call the attention of the City Social Welfare and Development Office the moment he/she sees children loitering in the streets. The members of the Naga City PNP are also enjoined to call the attention of any street children and explain this Ordinance to them.

**SECTION 7. - CALL FOR ACTION UPON PARENTS OF STREET CHILDREN.** - It is an acknowledged fact that the real and lasting solution to the plight of street children is in their respective homes. Therefore, the underlying objectives of this Ordinance will only be truly achieved if parents will perform their duties and responsibilities as parents of their children. For this purpose, the City Social Welfare and Development Office is hereby mandated to establish and intensify the partnership undertakings with the parents of street children in the City of Naga to effectively respond to this social malady.

**SECTION 8. - COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR STREET CHILDREN.** - To effectively respond to the issues concerning street children, the Naga City Council for the Welfare of Children (NCCWC) is hereby mandated to formulate, within three (3) months from the effectivity of this ordinance and in partnership with concerned private organizations and NGOs, a comprehensive program for street children.

**SECTION 9. - PENALTIES.** - Any person found violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

a. First violation	Warning
b. Second violation	Fine in the amount of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00);
c. Third violation	Fine in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred pesos (P1, 500.00);
d. Third violation and subsequent violation	Fine in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (P5, 000.00)

**SECTION 10. - SEPARABILITY.** - Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the portions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. - REPEALING CLAUSE.** - All ordinances, executive orders and administrative issuances or part or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. - EFFECTIVITY.** - This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days from date of its publication or posting.

**ENACTED:** August 28, 2002.

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

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City Councilor/Acting City Vice Mayor  
& Presiding Officer

**GIL A. DE LA TORRE**  
Board Secretary II  
& Secretary Designate

APPROVED:

**JESSE M. ROBREDO**  
City Mayor