



Republic of the Philippines  
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod  
City of Naga



**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-020**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BANTAY-KATAID PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING THE NAGA CITY BANTAY-KATAID COUNCIL (BANKATCO), DEFINING ITS COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS AND MANDATING THE ORGANIZATION OF BANTAY-KATAID (BANKAT) UNITS IN THE TWENTY SEVEN (27) BARANGAYS IN THE CITY OF NAGA: -**

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

**SECTION 1. - TITLE.** - This ordinance shall be known as “The Naga City Bantay-Kataid Ordinance”.

**SECTION 2. - LEGAL BASIS OF ORDINANCE.** - The legal basis for the enactment of this Ordinance is Sec. 458 (c)(ii) and (iv) in relation to Sec. 116 of the 1991 Local Government Code (RA 7160), reproduced hereunder, to wit:

“SECTION 458. - POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, COMPENSATION. - (a) The Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided for under SECTION 22 of this Code, and shall:

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ii. Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence x x x;

x x x

iv. Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following said events;”

and

“SECTION 116. - ORGANIZATION. - There is hereby established in every province, city and municipality a local peace and order council, pursuant to Executive Order No. 309 (E.O. 309), as amended, Series of 1988. The local peace and order councils shall have the same composition and functions as those prescribed by the said executive order.”

**SECTION 3. - PURPOSE.** - The purpose of this Ordinance is the institutionalization of the “Bantay-Kataid Program” or Neighborhood Crimewatch Program in the City of Naga, through the establishment of a Council that will design concrete programs in order to get the community actively involved in preventing and fighting crime by encouraging all neighbors to come together and work hand in hand in exerting all efforts to deal effectively with neighborhood crime and other peace and order-related problems, and to cooperate in law enforcement. This will be achieved by mandating the organizing of residents into as many Bantay-Kataid (Bankat) Units as would be possible and necessary in every barangay in the City of Naga, to be comprised of neighbors residing in a street, block, compound or sitio. The establishment of well-organized Bankat Units or neighborhood crimewatch groups composed of residents in a street, block, compound or sitio in a barangay will supplement the over-all crime prevention and control program of the police organization and the barangay tanod brigades, with the end in view of creating communities whose members protect each other and serve as an efficient intelligence network to combat and suppress lawlessness in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

**SECTION 4. - DEFINITION OF TERMS.** - As used in this ordinance, the terms:

- a. BANTAY-KATAID PROGRAM – shall refer to the program designed to get the community actively involved in crime prevention and control by encouraging neighbors to help each other and deal effectively with neighborhood crime and other peace and order-related problems, and to cooperate in law enforcement. It involves the organization of residents in a street, block, compound or sitio in a barangay into a Neighborhood Crimewatch Unit, to be known as Bankat Unit;
- b. BANKAT UNIT – shall refer to an organized neighborhood crimewatch unit/group of concerned and responsible residents in a particular street, block, compound or sitio of a barangay that will cooperate in the implementation of crime prevention and control programs within their own neighborhood and serve as an intelligence network towards effective law enforcement and serve as a crime fighting tool of the barangay and the city government as well;
- c. NAGA CITY BANKATCO – shall refer to the Bantay-Kataid Council of Naga City;
- d. BARANGAY BANKATCO – shall refer to the Bantay-Kataid Council to be established in the barangay.

**SECTION 5. - COMPOSITION OF THE NAGA CITY BANKATCO.** - The Council shall be composed of the following:

- a) The City Mayor, as Honorary Chairman;
- b) The Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairman of the Committee on Public Safety and Human Rights, as Chairman and Chief Executive and Presiding Officer;
- c) The ABC President of Naga City or his authorized representative, as member;
- d) The Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Naga City or his authorized representative, as member;
- e) The City Director of the Department of Interior and Local Government or his authorized representative, as member;

- f) The Chief of Police or his authorized representative, as member;
- g) The Chief of the NAPOLCOM Camarines Sur Provincial Office or his representative, as member;
- h) The Head of the Lingkod Barangay Office of Naga City or his authorized representative, as member;
- i) The Head of the General Services Department of the Naga City Government or his authorized representative, as member;
- j) Representative from the Naga City People's Council (NCPC), as member;
- k) The President, Pag-Iribang Bantay Barangay Federation of Naga City or his authorized representative, as member;
- l) The President, Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP) Camarines Sur Chapter or his authorized representative, as member; and
- m) The President, Senior Citizens Federation President of Naga City or his authorized representative, as member;

**SECTION 6. - FUNCTIONS OF THE NAGA CITY BANKATCO.** - The Council shall have the following functions:

- a. institutionalize the Bantay-Kataid Program in the City;
- b. formulate guidelines for the creation of a Barangay BANKATCO in every barangay in the City, which shall classify members into two categories, namely, 1) Active Bankat Members; and 2) Reserve Bankat Members;
- c. supervise the Barangay BANKATCOs in the 27 barangays in the City;
- d. require the Barangay BANKATCOs to submit periodic report of accomplishments;
- e. establish a system of requisition and installation of street lights in case of need therefor by the BANKAT Units in the barangays;
- f. prepare a program aimed at making the general public become a permanent partner of the local government in the suppression of lawlessness;
- g. establish, through the Barangay BANKATCO, as many Bankat Units as would be possible and necessary in the barangays;
- h. develop awareness among residents of each of the 27 barangays in the City that they have a basic responsibility to actively, directly or indirectly participate in crime prevention and control;
- i. meet at least on a quarterly basis, or as often as necessary, subject to the discretion of the Naga City BANKATCO Chairman;
- j. undertake planning and evaluation sessions on an annual basis;
- k. undertake semi-annual programming and assessments;

- l. undertake systematic consultations with the barangay residents and organizations;
- m. formulate and cause the implementation of short-term and long-term plans, programs and projects;
- n. closely coordinate with line agencies and non-government organizations regarding the plans of action and programs approved by the Council;
- o. monitor and maintain the necessary records on the status of crime incidence in the barangays and submit an annual summary report thereof to the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- p. provide the local chief executive and the chair/s of the concerned committee/s of the Sangguniang Panlungsod with minutes, plans of action, policy recommendations and other pertinent decisions regarding the programs and projects of the Council; and
- q. perform such other functions, necessary and proper, to effect the foregoing functions.

**SECTION 7. - CREATION OF THE BARANGAY BANKATCO.** - Every barangay in the City is mandated to create, by ordinance, the Barangay BANKATCO pursuant to the guidelines to be formulated by the Naga City BANKATCO. The composition of the Barangay BANKATCO shall be, as follows:

- a. The Barangay Captain, as Chairman;
- b. The Sangguniang Barangay Chairman of the Committee on Peace and Order, as Vice Chairman;
- c. The Barangay SK Chairman, as member;
- d. The Barangay Chief Tanod, as member;
- e. The President of the Barangay People's Council, duly accredited with the Barangay Council, as member;
- f. The President of the Senior Citizens Association in the Barangay, duly accredited with the Barangay Council, as member.

**SECTION 8. - INTERIM PROVISION.** - Pending the approval by the Naga City BANKATCO of the guidelines for the creation of a Barangay BANKATCO in every barangay in the City, the Naga City BANKATCO shall, within fifteen (15) days from effectivity of this ordinance, convene and form an *ad hoc* committee to prepare the guidelines. The Naga City BANKATCO shall submit to the Sangguniang Panlungsod copy of the duly approved guidelines within thirty (30) days from date of such approval, for purposes of concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlungsod by way of a resolution or an ordinance, as the case may be.

**SECTION 9. - FUNDING REQUIREMENT.** - The funding for the operation of the Council shall be taken from or charged against the existing appropriation for Peace and Order as may be approved by the City Mayor. Subject to the limitations on personal services and the availability of funds, the Chairman and Members of the Council may be granted reasonable honoraria as may be determined by the City Mayor.

**SECTION 10. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - Any provision or portion of this ordinance found to be violative of the constitution or invalid shall not impair the other provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

**SECTION 11. - REPEALING CLAUSE.** - Ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. – EFFECTIVITY.** - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**ENACTED:** FEBRUARY 2003.

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

**ESTEBAN R. ABONAL**  
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

**GIL A DELA TORRE**  
Board Secretary II  
& Secretary-Designate

APPROVED:

**JESSE M. ROBREDO**  
City Mayor