



**Republic of the Philippines**  
**Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod**  
**City of Naga**



**ORDINANCE NO. 2005-077**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL FOOD HANDLERS IN THE CITY OF NAGA TO SECURE A HEALTH CERTIFICATE/CARD BEFORE THEY MAY ENGAGE OR BE ENGAGED IN FOOD HANDLING IN THE CITY OF NAGA**

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

**SECTION 1. –** This ordinance shall be known as the ***“Health Certificate/Card for Food Handlers in the City of Naga”***

**SECTION 2. – OBJECTIVE.** – The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure that all food handlers in the City of Naga are free from any communicable diseases such as Tuberculosis, parasitism or gastroenteritis in order to protect the general public.

**SECTION 3. – SCOPE.** – This Ordinance shall cover and be applicable to all food handlers engaged as such in the City of Naga. For the purpose of this Ordinance, food handlers refer to all those who are engaged in food preparation and service for the consumption of the public, such as but not limited to those engaged in restaurants, carenderias, canteens, eateries, fast food chains, kitchenettes, “turo-turo”, food caterers, food vending push carts or hand carried food vending, and others of similar nature.

**SECTION 4. – REQUIREMENT TO SECURE HEALTH CERTIFICATE/CARD.** Any person desiring to engage in food handling activity, whether for employment or self-employment purposes, shall secure a **“Food Handler Health Certificate/Card or FHHC”** from the Naga City Health and Sanitation Officer. Owners of establishments employing food handlers shall ensure that their personnel performing food handling activity possess the Food Handler Health Certificate/Card issued by the Naga City Health and Sanitation Officer.

Any person applying for the issuance of the Food Handler Health certificate/Card (FHHC) shall undergo a **medical examination, particularly chest x-ray and rectal swab**. The Food Handler Health Certificate/Card (FHHC) shall be issued only when such examinations indicate a negative result.

In the event that the aforementioned examination indicated a positive result, the City Health Officer shall render the assistance for the medication required in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures of the said Office.

**SECTION 5. YEARLY RENEWAL OF THE FHHC.** The Food Handler Health Certificate/Card (FHHC) issued by the Naga City Health and Sanitation Officer shall be valid only for one (1) year. It is therefore herein required that for continued qualification to engage in food handling activity, the medical examinations required under this Ordinance be taken yearly to secure the validated FHHC.

**SECTION 6. FEES FOR THE MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED.** The medical examinations required under this ordinance shall be taken and administered in accordance with the applicable policies, rules, and procedures of the City Government of Naga. For this purpose, fees which may be imposed in the implementation hereof shall be the same as those already being imposed, without prejudice to other recommendations of the concerned offices.

**SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM.** To effectively achieve the objectives of this Ordinance, the City Treasurer of Naga is hereby mandated to ensure that persons and establishments engaged in food handling activity have complied with the provisions hereof before their business permits and licenses may be issued or renewed.

To monitor compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance, the City Treasurer's Office and the City Health Office shall assist each other in the conduct of a random check and inspection at least once a year in all food establishments and individuals engaged in food handling in the City of Naga. The result of such monitoring shall be reported in writing to the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Health.

**SECTION 8. – PENALTIES.** – Any individual or establishment engaged in food handling found to have violated the provisions of this ordinance shall suffer the following penalties:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Reprimand, and the violator shall be given 8 hours within which to submit himself or herself for medical examination at the Naga City Health Office;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - P1,000.00 to P5,000.00, and the violator shall be given 8 hours within which to submit himself or herself for medical examination at the Naga City Health Office;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Closure of the business/revocation of the Mayor's Permit

The fines and penalties imposed on employees of establishments shall be shouldered by the owner/proprietor of such establishments.

**SECTION 9. – EFFECTIVITY.** – This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

**ENACTED:** October 10, 2005

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

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Secretary to the  
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