

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION AS ALTERNATIVE MODE OF SETTLEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE FOR VIOLATION OF TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS:-

Sponsor: Hon. DC Nathan A. Sergio

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

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known and cited as "Blood for Fine Ordinance of Naga City";

Section 2. Policy. The City Government of Naga hereby declares as a policy the voluntary donation of blood as an alternative mode to settle administrative fine for violation of traffic rules and regulations.

Section 3. Coverage. Voluntary blood donation shall be an alternative only to payment of traffic violation fines that range from Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) up to One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00). The apprehended violator, however, should be determined as medically qualified and physically fit to donate blood either by a physician at the City Health Office or the Naga City Hospital.

Section 4. Procedures. The following procedures are hereby prescribed for the voluntary blood donation under this ordinance:

- 1. Upon the apprehension, the traffic violator shall be informed by the law enforcer of the option to donate blood voluntarily or to pay the corresponding fine.
- 2. If the traffic violator elects to pay in cash the stipulated fine, he has only three (3) working days after the apprehension to do so. However, if the traffic violator opts to donate blood, he has seven (7) days to do so. Otherwise, his traffic violation case shall be forwarded to a local court for appropriate judicial hearing and penal sanction
- 3. If the traffic violator elects to donate blood, he shall be advised by the apprehending officer to proceed either to the City Health Office or to the Naga City Hospital, for purposes of determining whether he is medically qualified or physically fit. There, the City Health Officer or the Chief of Hospital, acting in person or through authorized representatives, shall ask the violator to execute or sign a document, in duplicate, stating that he opted to donate blood in lieu of paying in cash the administrative fine for traffic violation and that he fully understands that this blood donation will not entitle him to claim blood in the future from the Blood Bank at the Naga City Hospital, unless he makes separate voluntary blood donation not in consonance with this ordinance. The first copy of the said document shall be kept at the City Health Office or at the Naga City Hospital, for records purposes. The duplicate copy shall be given to the traffic violator/blood donor, for his file and reference.
- 4. The blood donation shall not exceed 500 cc per person. Blood letting and blood examination under this Ordinance shall only be conducted every Friday morning at the Naga City Hospital.
- 5. After the blood donation, the violator shall be issued a Certification by the Naga City Hospital, stating among others that the blood donation is made in lieu of, or as a settlement of, an administrative fine for traffic violation.
- 6. The Certification is then presented by the apprehended violator to the PSO for purposes of offsetting the administrative fine.

Section 5. Register of Blood Donor. The Naga City Hospital shall, for purpose of this Ordinance, keep and maintain a Register of Blood Donors which must be held within three years after the last entry is made therein. The Register must contain the full name and address of the apprehended violator, his age, and blood type, the date/time

of blood donation, the quantity of blood donated, the result of his blood examination, and the signature of the traffic violator/blood donor.

For purposes of ascertaining the identity of the violator, the Naga City Hospital shall require presentation of valid Driver's License, or any other valid ID (from SSS,GSIS,Postal Services, School, Company, Organization, etcetera), and updated Community Tax Certificate.

Section 6. **Failure of Blood Donation**. If the blood examination reveals impurities and is found unsafe for medical or surgical use, the blood donor and the Public Safety Office (PSO) shall be informed by the Naga City Hospital about the result of said blood examination and no more blood letting shall be made on him in the future. In effect, the PSO shall consider that traffic violation fine as fully paid, and the violator/donor shall have no other option but to pay the required administrative fine in case of another traffic violation is committed in the future.

Section 7. Separability Clause. If for any reason or reasons, or any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional, or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing and Amendatory Clause. All ordinances, rules and regulations or any part thereof which are in conflict with or inconsistent to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upons its approval and publication in a local newspaper.

ENACTED: August 13, 2007

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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Sangguniang Panlungsod

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APPROVED:

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