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

**SECTION I. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Respect to the Elders Ordinance".

**SECTION II. QUALIFICATIONS.** All persons who have reached the age of sixty (60) called as "Senior Citizens" shall be qualified under this ordinance.

**SECTION III. EXTRA PRIVILEGES.** All Senior Citizens shall be entitled of the following extra privileges:

1. Comfortable seat in all public conveyances, i.e. buses, vans, jeepneys, tricycles and others;
2. Priority in availing of goods for his/her needs, either in restaurants, groceries, wet markets and/or any places within their reach;
3. All other places of business being catered by any person.

#### SECTION IV. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT.

- (1) It shall be the responsibility of owners of any establishment to allocate space for senior citizens who are transacting business, and to allocate a separate area other than non-senior citizens;
- (2) It shall be incumbent upon owner of any establishment and all government or private entities to put visible markings or signage that reads: "Senior Citizens Lane or Area Only".
- (3) Any person or employee dealing with any senior citizen shall act with utmost courtesy and due respect. Any loud voice which is uncalled for or unnecessary comments shall be construed as disrespect to the senior citizens.
- (4) Privileges under Republic Act 9994 (Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010) shall always be availed of by senior citizens.
- (5) In case of calamities or disasters, senior citizens shall have the first priority for accommodations and other related privileges.
- (6) In various Health services, all senior citizens shall have their own lane and area for treatment.

**SECTION V. PROHIBITIONS.** No person shall simulate to be a senior citizen just to avail of any privilege intended for the Senior Citizens.

**SECTION VI.** If the violator(s) is a corporation, partnership, and/or corporation/association, the general manager, managing director, and/or any of the responsible persons of said business shall be first priority to be charged in court.

**SECTION VII. PENAL PROVISION.** Any person who found guilty of violating the provisions of, paragraphs 1,2 & 3 under Section III and paragraph 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 under Section IV hereof shall be penalized by the following:

1<sup>st</sup> Offense - Php 500.00 fine

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - Php 1,000.00 fine

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - Php 3,000.00 or an imprisonment of 6 days

Violation of Section V shall be penalized by an imprisonment of 5 days.

**SECTION VIII. NO CONTEST PROVISION.** Any person, charged for violation of this ordinance, and does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the fine imposed upon him/her prior to the filing of formal charges with the proper Court shall be allowed to pay said fine with the City Treasurer's Office (CTO) to avoid being criminally prosecuted within twelve (12) hours from apprehension, otherwise the case shall be prosecuted.

**SECTION IX. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and after publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

ENACTED: April 19, 2011.

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

**GIL A. DE LA TORRE**  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

**GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR.**  
City Vice Mayor &  
Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

**JOHN G. BONGAT**  
City Mayor