

~~ORDINANCE NO. 2015-016~~
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AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EDUCARE CENTERS 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 “An Ordinance Setting the Guidelines for the Establishment of Educare Centers in the City of Naga”.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – The City Government of Naga City subscribes to the declared policy of the State in RA 10410 “to promote the rights of children to survival, development and special protection with full recognition of the nature of childhood and as well as the need to provide developmentally appropriate experiences to address their needs.”

Toward this end, the City Government shall pursue full participation of three to five year old children in pre-kindergarten formation either in non-government institutions or in the Educare Centers. It shall ensure the maintenance and improvement of all existing Educare Centers as well as the establishment of new ones wherever and whenever they may become necessary. All existing and new Educare Centers shall endeavor :

- a. To ensure that young children are adequately prepared for the formal educational system that begins with kindergarten;
- b. To enhance the physical-motor, socio-emotional, cognitive, language, psychological and spiritual development of young children;
- c. To establish an efficient system for early identification, prevention, referral and intervention for the wide range of children with special needs.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – The following terms when used in this ordinance shall be taken to mean:

- a. Educare Center – refers to schools or institutions of learning owned and managed by the City Government catering to the educational needs of children with ages ranging from 3 years old to 4 years and 7 months old;
- b. Children with special educational needs – refers to children with impaired physical, intellectual, social, emotional, linguistic, or other disabilities;
- c. ECCDD – refers to the Early Childhood Care and Development Division;
- d. CSWDO – refers to the City Social Welfare and Development Office.

SECTION 4. INITIATIVE IN ESTABLISHING EDUCARE CENTERS. – The initiative for establishing new Educare Centers in the City of Naga shall primarily lie in the City Government through its Early Childhood Care and Development Office based on the current needs borne by available data, notably the Community Based Monitoring System

(CBMS). The City Government shall consider all requests from barangay councils always in the light of the data available about the community.

SECTION 5. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH EDUCARE CENTERS. – The City Mayor exercises the final authority for establishing an Educare Center. The establishment of an Educare Center shall require a resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) on the endorsement of the Committee on Education. All requests for the establishment of Educare Centers emanating from barangay zones, homeowners’ associations, or other entities shall be endorsed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) through a resolution of the Barangay Council.

SECTION 6. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCARE CENTER. – The approval of the establishment of an Educare Center by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the City Mayor shall be contingent on the following requirements:

- a. That the lot on which the proposed Educare Center shall be established be titled or, at least, backed by a Deed of Donation to the Barangay or to the City Government of Naga;
- b. That appropriation for its establishment to include the construction of EduCare Center, the provision of trained personnel, instructional equipment and learning devices required for its efficient and effective operation, the over-all supervision of the operation of the center, including, among others, the performance of Educare teachers and other personnel, be at least generally contained: (1) in the current or next Local Expenditure Program, or (2) in the approved Local Development Program with approved source(s) of funding.
- c. That the Barangay Council declare as continuing appropriation the provisions for the upkeep of the structural integrity and conduciveness of the center, the preservation of safety and order around and inside the center, as well as the provision of financial and other necessary assistance for the sustained development of the Educare Center which shall include, among others, their respective counter-part in the monthly honoraria of EduCare teachers of at least one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) per month for twelve (12) months.
- d. That the Need Assessment for the Establishment of the Educare Center be at least 4.10 in a scale of 1 to 5 where 5 means “Needed at least a year ago already” and 1 means Not Necessary in the Next 5 Years.

SECTION 7. NEED ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDUCARE CENTER. – There shall be a Need Assessment Committee for the Establishment of the Educare Center (NACEE) composed of the following: Chairman of the SP Committee on Education as Chairman, and the Chairman of the SP Committee on Children, the Chairman of the SP Committee on Appropriation, the Administrative Officer of the Early Childhood Care and Development Division of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (ECCDD-CSWDO) and the Naga City People’s Council Representative to the SP Committee on Education as members.

SECTION 8. NEED ASSESSMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDUCARE CENTER. – The NACEE shall base its assessment of the need for the establishment of a proposed or requested Educare Center on the following rubric and/or any other assessment tool approved by the Sanggunian:

Points Criterion	1	2	3	4	5
Number of households in the coverage area	100 – 199	200 - 299	300 - 399	400 - 499	More than 500
Population of 0-4 year old					

children in the coverage area	Less than 25	25 - 50	51 - 99	100 - 200	More than 200
% of 3-5 yoc in the area attending Educare elsewhere	1 - 20 %	21 - 40 %	41 - 60 %	61 - 80 %	81 - 100 %
% of 3-5 yoc in the area attending private prekinder school	81 - 100 %	61 - 80 %	41 - 60 %	21 - 40 %	1 - 20 %
Distance from center of community to nearest Educare Center *	Less than 200 m	201 - 300 m	301 - 400 m	401 - 500 m	More than 500 m
Total Points					
Sum of Total Points					
Average and Final Rating					
Final Assessment	Not necessary in the next 5 years	Give it 3 or 4 years	Can wait for another year	Urgently needed	Needed at least a year ago already

* Disregard if proposed Educare Center is to be in the same lot.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason, any part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. – This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: May 5, 2015

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

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 Secretary to the
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 City Vice Mayor
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APPROVED:

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