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**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-029**  
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**AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SOLO PARENTS' ORDINANCE OF NAGA, CREATING A SOLO PARENTS' OFFICE, DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ITS PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES, ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Solo Parents bear the heavy burden of raising the family and providing their children a better future. They single-handedly do parental duties in the face of privation and poverty.

Notwithstanding the special benefits and privileges provided under the Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000 or Republic Act No. 8972, the Solo Parents and their children are unable to avail or enjoy them due, among others, to accessibility issues and/or absence of effective mechanism implementing the law. Current interventions remain inadequate that thereby necessitate more pronounced commitments and actions at least in the local level.

Based on a World Health Organization-funded study, it is learned that, out of about 94 million Filipinos, there are 13.9 million solo parents. In the City of Naga, the number of solo parents is expected to be very substantial and must therefore be attended to if the city is really serious in preventing the consequent problems of solo parenthood such as poverty, lack of employment, children deprived of education and juvenile delinquents.

The enactment of this revised ordinance is therefore imperative.

**Article 1**

**Title, Policy and Objective**

**Section 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the Revised Solo Parents Ordinance of Naga City.

**Section 2. Policy and Objective.** The City of Naga adheres to the declared policy of the State as provided in Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8972, otherwise known as the Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000.

Cognizant of the difficulties faced by an indigent solo parent, the City endeavours to provide him/her every possible assistance in raising his/her children to ensure the latter's development as a productive member of society in particular, and the realization of the continued growth of the Maogmang Lugar, in general.

**Article 2**  
**Definitions**

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this ordinance and pursuant to Republic Act No. 8972, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) **Solo parent** - any individual who falls under any of the following categories:
1. A woman who gives birth as a result of rape and other crimes against chastity even without a final conviction of the offender, provided, that the mother keeps and raises the child;
  2. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to death of spouse;
  3. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood while the spouse is detained or is serving sentence for a criminal conviction for at least one (1) year;
  4. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to physical and/or mental incapacity of spouse as certified by a public medical practitioner;
  5. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to legal separation or de facto separation from spouse for at least one (1) year, as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
  6. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to declaration of nullity or annulment of marriage as decreed by a court or by a church as long as he/she is entrusted with the custody of the children;
  7. Parent left solo or alone with the responsibility of parenthood due to abandonment of spouse for at least one (1) year;
  8. Unmarried mother/father who has preferred to keep and rear her/his child/children instead of having others care for them or give them up to a welfare institution;
  9. Any other person who solely provides parental care and support to a child or children; or
  10. Any family member who assumes the responsibility of head of family as a result of the death, abandonment, disappearance or prolonged absence of the parents or solo parent.

However, the solo parent shall no longer be considered as such and qualify for the benefits concomitant thereto as soon as there is a change in his/her status or circumstance wherein he/she is no longer alone in carrying out the responsibilities of parenthood.

- (b) **Indigent** ~~Solo Parent~~ - is one whose income falls below the poverty threshold set by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) which, as of March 2016, is P9,140.00 per month for a family of five (or a per capita income of P1,828.00 per month) and is not receiving a monthly pension or allowance from a concerned public or private entity beyond such poverty threshold.
- (c) **Children** - refer to those living with and dependent upon his/her parent for support and are unmarried, unemployed and below eighteen (18) years of age, or even over eighteen (18) years old but are incapable of self-support because of mental and/or physical defect/disability.

**Article 3**  
**Welfare Services and**  
**Additional Privileges and Benefits**

**Section 4. Incorporation of Welfare Benefits** - By this ordinance, the City imposes as its duty to likewise give the welfare benefits mandated to the National Government under RA 8972 to an indigent solo parent and his/her children such as, but not limited to, livelihood assistance, counseling, etc.

**Section 5. Additional Benefits** - The following benefits shall also be given to a qualified solo parent and his/her children:

- (a) **Tertiary Scholarship Assistance.** Subject to compliance with the requirements under City Ordinance No. 2015-012, an indigent solo parent may avail of a tertiary scholarship assistance for his/her child; Provided, however, that only one child per indigent solo parent shall be given priority; Provided, further that the other child/children of said indigent solo parent may be given assistance if said child/children meet the requirements for automatic scholarship under Section 68 of the said ordinance.

The child of the indigent solo parent who is granted this assistance shall undertake to assist his/her younger siblings once they are gainfully employed.

The Education, Scholarship and Sports Office (ESSO) is hereby required before the start of each school

semester to furnish the City Mayor and Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga the list of grantees/beneficiaries under the Naga City Tertiary Scholarship Program, indicating therein the names of grantees who are children of indigent solo parents.

(b) **Basic Educational Services.** The City's SANGGAWADAN Program shall prioritize the inclusion of children of indigent solo parents. Said children shall automatically become members of the City's QUEEN Program.

i. **Rice subsidy.** The family shall be entitled to the rice subsidy under either program.

ii. **School fees.** The students shall also be entitled to the following school fees, to wit:

- Anti-Tuberculosis Fee - (P5.00);
- Phil. Nat'l. Red Cross Fee - (P35.00);
- BSP/GSP Fee - (P50.00);
- Escoda Thinking Day Fee - (P1.00);
- Test Paper Fees - (P25.00);
- Athletic Fee - (P5.00);
- School Publication Fee - (P25.00);
- SSG/SSC/Pupil's Government Fee - (P50.00);
- Library/Laboratory Fee - (P10.00); and
- Graduation fee or allowance of no less than P500.00.

iii. **Incentives to Exemplary Students.** To promote academic excellence, the children of indigent solo parents who granted in the Top Ten of their respective graduating class shall be given the following cash incentives:

- For valedictorian -> P1,000 cash incentive and a Certificate of Merit;
- For salutatorian -> P750 cash incentive and a Certificate of Merit;
- Top 3-5 -> P500 cash incentive and a Certificate of Merit;
- Top 6-10 -> P300 cash incentive and a Certificate of Merit.

Non-graduating students who belong to Top Five of their year level, as certified by the school administrator, shall receive a cash incentive of P300.

(c) **Housing Assistance.** The Housing and Settlements Development Office (HSDO) is hereby mandated to