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ORDINANCE NO. 2017-044

ORDINANCE MANDATING ACCESSIBILITY TO INFORMATION BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITY IN NAGA CITY, PROVIDING FOR MECHANISMS AND APPROPRIATING FUND FOR THE PURPOSE: -

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to the treaties and conventions entered into by the Philippines, as well as the enabling laws passed by Congress, it is an uncompromising mandate of the government to promote and protect the rights and welfare of persons with disabilities. Fused into this policy is the commitment of the city government to participatory governance. It has become imperative on the part of the city government to provide mechanisms that allow and facilitate the PWDs' access to information.

This ordinance advances the view that PWDs are indispensable stakeholders in the city's development. It therefore seeks, in the interest of participatory governance, to set up platforms that will provide PWDs the information about government policies and programs in the language and forms they can comprehend.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga, in session duly-assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be otherwise known as the "PWD Information Accessibility Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. In line with its commitment to participatory governance, it is hereby declared policy of the city government, to provide and promote access to information to persons with disabilities.

SECTION 3. MECHANISMS. In furtherance of the above government policy, the following mechanisms shall be implemented:

- a. Incorporate PWD-friendly features compliant to in the Accessible Website Design Guidelines government's website (www.naga.gov.ph) for the benefit of visually impaired persons;
- b. Employ sign language interpreters during State of Our City Report, State of Our Children Report, regular and special sessions of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and other occasions of similar nature for the benefit of the hearing impaired persons;
- c. Encourage barangay officials to hire sign language interpreters during barangay assembly for the benefit of the hearing impaired persons in the barangay;
- d. Require television networks based in Naga City to observe Republic Act No. 10905 by providing closed captions in their programs based on Rule III of the Memorandum Circular

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No. 04-2016 of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB), and encourage them to provide a sign language inset to appear on the lower right corner of the screen and at least 10% of the TV monitor as provided in Section 22 of RA 7277, particularly the news program and their coverage of the Peñafrancia Fiesta and other important events in the City of Naga for the benefit of the hearing impaired persons;

SECTION 4.IMPLEMENTING OFFICES. The following offices shall have their respective responsibilities stated herein, namely:

- a. City Events, Protocol and Public Information Office for ensuring compliance of this Ordinance whenever there is a State of the City Report, State of the Children Report and similar activities as well as the City Government's TV program;
- b. Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat for employing sign language interpreters during regular and special sessions;
- c. Information Technology Office for modifying and installing in www.naga.gov.ph PWD-friendly applications;
- d. Resource Center for the Blind for providing assistance to ITO in the installation of PWD-friendly applications in www.naga.gov.ph;
- e. Liga ng mga Barangay for encouraging barangay governments to hire sign language interpreters during barangay assemblies;
- f. Persons with Disability Affairs Office for extending the necessary technical assistance to the offices mentioned above, and for coordinating city government efforts in promoting and protecting the welfare and rights of PWDs.

SECTION 5.FUND. Such amount as necessary to effectively implement this ordinance is hereby appropriated, chargeable against the PWD Fund of the City Government.

SECTION 6.EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: July 4, 2017

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the foregoing WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness GIL A. DE LA TORRE ordinance.

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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APPROVED:

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