

## Republika ng Pilipinas

## TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-027 VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING FEES FOR THE CONDUCT OF COVID-19 **RAPID ANTIGEN TEST:-**

> HON. JOSE C. RANOLA, M.D. Sponsor: Co-Sponsor: HON. KAYE PAULINE B. SERVID

City Youth Councilor,

RATIONALE

COVID-19 cases in the Philippines are still increasing, triggering widespread concern, major changes, and economic hardship across communities. The exponential growth of cases could be attributed to a number of reasons, one of which is the failure to pursue aggressive mass testing. The importance of testing cannot be overemphasized. Testing is essential in containing and mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic because it leads to quick identification and detection of infected individuals, treatment, and immediate isolation of identified cases to prevent spread and transmission of the virus.

However, the coronavirus pandemic has imposed a severe strain on the budget of the City Government of Naga. The COVID-19 response of the city government has entailed large amount of funds set aside for various programs and measures. Because of resource constraints, there is a need to impose fees for the conduct of the COVID Rapid Antigen Test at the Naga City Health Office.

Hence, the immediate passage of this ordinance is most earnestly sought.

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## **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-027** VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga that:

SECTION 1. PRESCRIBED FEE. A fee of One Thousand Pesos (PI,000.00) per test is hereby imposed to persons who, on their own volition and without directive from the City Government of Naga, would like to undergo COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test at the City Health Office.

For institutions, whether private or government-owned, who are requiring their employees to undergo COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test as a precautionary measure against the present pandemic, they shall also be charged a fee of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) per test/per person.

SECTION 2. COLLECTION. The City Health Office and City Treasurer's Office shall provide for the procedure of the payment and collection of the aforesaid fees, with due consideration of the hazards involved as well as with due observance of the necessary health protocols to minimize or eliminate such risk.

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SECTION 3. FREE COVID-19 RAPID ANTIGEN TEST- Those individuals who are required by the City Government of Naga to undergo COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test pursuant to existing protocols and guidelines shall not be charged any amount. They shall be subjected to such test for free.

SECTION 4. RETROACTIVE EFFECT. This Ordinance shall have retroactive effect, reckoned from April 19, 2021.

ENACTED: April 27, 2021

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correction of the foregoing ordinance.

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City Youth Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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