

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-039
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**RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY MAYOR TO CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE
PROCUREMENT OF OPACIMETER AND GAS ANALYZER, AND TO
REACTIVATE THE NAGA CITY ANTI-SMOKE BELCHING UNIT (NASBU)
FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF AND MONITORING COMPLIANCE TO THE
PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1999 (RA 8749):-**

Sponsor: Hon. David Casper Nathan A. Sergio

WHEREAS, the air quality index of Naga City have deteriorated from Good to Fair, from 2008 to 2009 and have worsen in 2010;

WHEREAS, per Ambient Air Quality Report made by the Pollution Control Division - Air Quality Management Section of the EMB-DENR Region V, the average Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) in Naga City in 2008 was 80 ug/NCM, which abruptly increased to 107 ug/NCM in 2009, and which further rose to 113 ug/NCM and 112 ug/NCM in the first two quarters of 2010;

WHEREAS, one reason why this condition happened is that the vehicle emission testing equipment that we usually borrow from the Land Transportation Office (LTO) became dysfunctional in 2009, thus affecting the monitoring of vehicles which are considered as the significant contributors of TSP;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to institute appropriate response to this situation, as it is expected that vehicles and motorists will continue to increase significantly given the renewed efforts to solidify Naga City's role as the "Heart of Bicol", literally and figuratively;

WHEREAS, the City Mayor in his recent State of the City Report have categorically stated his desire to squarely address this air quality condition;

WHEREAS, it is essential to acquire vehicle emission testing equipment to enforce the Clean Air Act of 1999 and to reactivate the Naga City Anti-Smoke Belching Unit (NASBU);

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WHEREAS, the amount required to purchase said equipment will redound to a better environment and better health of Naguenos, and is a self-liquidating investment;

WHEREAS, as a pilot area for an Airshed Governing Board, the City of Naga could also work to reimburse the amount used to procure the equipment from the Air Quality Management Fund, a special account in the National Treasury being administered by DENR;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. David Casper Nathan A. Sergio, duly seconded by Hon. Nelson S. Legacion and Hon. Salvador M. del Castillo;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the City Mayor to cause the immediate procurement of opacimeter and gas analyzer, and to reactivate the Naga City Anti-Smoke Belching Unit (NASBU) for the enforcement of and monitoring compliance to the Clean Air Act of 1999 (RA 8749).

LET COPIES of this resolution be furnished His Honor, the City Mayor for its appropriate action; and the City's Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) and the Environmental Management Bureau-DENR, for their information.

APPROVED.

Adopted: February 15, 2011.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

CECILIA VELUZ-DE ASIS
Acting City Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer