

Republic of the Philippines Office of the City Mayor City of Naga, 4400



PROVIDING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF NAGA'S POLICY ON THE CONDUCT OF HOLY WEEK AND FIESTA PROCESSIONS IN NAGA CITY

WHEREAS, the city government recognizes the importance of the constitutionally protected freedom to exercise and conduct religious activities and processions towards the aim of building a community and of connecting and perpetuating the people's past and the present;

WHEREAS, in the Pilgrim City of Naga, processions are not just expressions of faith but also part of the city's intangible cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, holding religious events, such as processions, will be supportive of the city's post pandemic socioeconomic recovery efforts;

WHEREAS, given the changing alert levels in every locality based on latest IATF Decision Tool, there is a need to issue rules that will guide organizers and law enforcement agencies in the conduct of processions under a State of National Public Health Emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, I, NELSON S. LEGACION, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby set the following guidelines:

SECTION 1. ALERT LEVEL 1. When Naga City is declared by IATF to be under COVID-19 Alert Level 1, the conduct of outdoor or open-air processions in whatever mode (on foot, motorcade, or a combination of both) are allowed, *provided that* all participants are wearing tight-fitted facemasks. Organizers shall ensure that minimum public health standards are observed.

SECTION 2. ALERT LEVEL 2. When Naga City is declared by IATF to be under COVID-19 Alert Level 2, outdoor or open-air processions in whatever mode (on foot, motorcade, or a combination of both) may be allowed, but shall only be limited to fully vaccinated participants wearing tight-fitted facemasks. Organizers shall ensure that these regulations and the minimum public health standards are observed at all times.

SECTION 3. ALERT LEVEL 3. When Naga City is declared by IATF to be under COVID-19 Alert Level 3, only motorcade-style processions may be allowed, and they shall be limited to fully vaccinated participants wearing tight-fitted facemasks. They must also adhere to the 50% vehicle capacity restriction. Organizers shall ensure that these regulations and the minimum public health standards are observed at all times.

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SECTION 4. ALERT LEVELS 4 AND 5. When Naga City is declared by IATF to be under COVID-19 Alert Level 4 or Alert Level 5, no procession may be allowed if not authorized by the guidelines set forth by IATF.

SECTION 5. COORDINATION AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS. To ensure proper coordination with law enforcement units, permit for the conduct of processions shall be obtained by organizers at the City Mayor's Office. Upon issuance, organizers shall also coordinate with the barangay/s where the planned procession shall be held.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 11th day of March 2022 in the City of Naga, Philippines.

NELSON LEGACION

Acting City Administrator