



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2023-043**  
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**CONSTITUTING THE TASK FORCE PAPUTOK 2023  
AND REGULATING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, AND USE  
OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES  
IN THE CITY OF NAGA**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7183, Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular No. 20 I 7-105 and Executive Order No. 28, series 2017, mandate local government units to regulate and control the sale and use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure compliance with the aforementioned statutes and national directives as well as to promote public safety and welfare, especially during Holiday season when the market is usually flooded of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices, a dedicated task force is hereby constituted to enforce with focus and dedication the regulation and control of the said items;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, NELSON S. LEGACION**, Mayor of the City of Naga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. TASK FORCE PAPUTOK.** Task Force Paputok is hereby constituted with the Public Safety Officer as the lead and the Market Enterprise and Promotions Officer as the co-lead thereof.

The following individuals are hereby called upon to be members of the Task Force:

- Department Head, City Health Office
- Department Head, City Environment and Natural Resources Office
- Department Head, City Treasurer's Office
- Director, Naga City Police Office
- Director, Department of the Interior and Local Government-Naga City
- Fire Marshall, Bureau of Fire Protection-Naga City
- Chief, City Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Office



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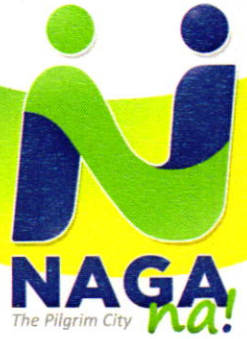
**SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS.** Task Force Paputok shall:

- a. Cause the inspection of quantities and kinds of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices sold and stocked by retailers or distributors;
- b. Strictly enforce the provisions of Republic Act No. 7183, Executive Order No. 28, s. 2017, DILG MC No. 2016-176, s. 2016, and other relevant laws and national issuances regulating the manufacture, sale, and use of firecrackers and pyrotechnics;
- c. Ensure that all banned products as classified and declared by the Department of Health, Department of Trade and Industry and other regulatory agencies will not be introduced and sold in the market;
- d. Closely coordinate with firecrackers and pyrotechnic distributors and/or retailers to prevent any untoward incident, such as fires and explosions in their stores, and reduce firecracker-related deaths and injuries;
- e. Ensure that only those with special business permits may sell and distribute pyrotechnic products in the city;
- f. Implement an aggressive campaign against smuggled firecrackers and pyrotechnic products by going after unscrupulous traders and distributors;
- g. Cause the confiscation and disposal of firecrackers and pyrotechnic devices being sold illegally;
- h. Cause the prosecution of violators of existing national laws, rules and regulations, and ordinances on manufacture, sale and distribution of firecrackers and pyrotechnics; and
- i. Perform other functions incidental to the proper and efficient implementation of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 3. VENUE AND PERIOD TO SELL FIRECRACKERS AND PYROTECHNICS AT THE NAGA CITY PEOPLE'S MALL.** Task Force Paputok 2023 is directed to allow seasonal vendors, who are in possession of appropriate special permits from concerned agencies, to sell their firecrackers and pyrotechnics only at the riverside of the Naga City People's Mall, from December 23, 2023 to December 31, 2023, dates inclusive.



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Task Force Paputok 2023 shall ensure that these vendors adhere to existing statutes and national directives. Violators must be dealt with promptly in accordance with law, especially that unsafe handling of firecrackers and pyrotechnics poses immense danger to the public's safety and welfare.


**SECTION 4. FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND EXHIBITION.** To minimize the risks of injuries and casualties, Task Force Paputok 2023, in coordination with the Naga City Police Office and the 27 barangay governments in Naga, shall strictly enforce the provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order No. 28, s. 2017 and Section 5.1.2.5.c of DILG MC No. 2016-176, s. 2016, relative to the use and exhibition of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three in the City of Naga, Philippines.

  
**NELSON S. LEGACION**  
City Mayor

Attested by:

  
**ELMER S. BALDEMORO**  
City Administrator