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AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY TRAFFIC CODES, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER ORDINANCES AS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF NAGA; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-049; DESIGNATION OF OPEN-PUBLIC PARKINGS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR: -

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Explanatory Note

The City of Naga has developed throughout the years since its charter in 1948. Prior to this, during the Spanish colonization, it was declared a royal city as Ciudad de Nueva Caceres. In the city's early years to the present, Naga has evolved particularly in infrastructure, public works, and amusement; thereby earning the merit of 1st Place Overall Competitiveness, 1st Place Infrastructure, 2nd Place Economic Dynamism, and 3rd Place Innovation. With this, our city has expanded in various aspects such as tourism where people from other places flock to witness our bright and diverse culture.

Be that as it may, in the present situation of the city when it comes to traffic, road rules are still pending for resolve; that, in the pursuit of accessibility, motorists must be accommodated with utmost priority in tackling traffic rules in order to provide an adequate service by the city to those who visit and roam in it; and to those who seek to ensure the safety and security of their private vehicles, be provided with a proper and unobstructed location of parking spaces.

In previous ordinances, specifically Ordinance No. 2018-018, and Ordinance 2022-064-A, which expands the wheel-clamp ordinance and authorizing of towing of abandoned, stalled, and illegally parked vehicles; and, the implementation of road clearing of illegal constructions, structures, and obstructions from public roads, road sides, street sides, and other public passageways.

Improved measures to regulate parking and to minimize road obstruction is necessary to further improve the road accessibility without delay and to render respect to other motorists and vehicle owners. While other laws and regulations have already existed in the city to regulate traffic, it is still an imperative for the government to impose heightened measures to keep all access roads away from obstructions, lessen congestion, uphold the right of way, and maintain the safety and security of all pedestrians.

Finally, the amendment of the city's laws with regards to the management of traffic shall endeavor to lessen the congestion and regulate the flow of vehicles especially in main roads; that, in such amendment, to enable the City to be more efficient in catering motorists without the hindrance of gridlock in order to achieve an accessible connecting streets within the City of Naga.

Be it ordained by the CY Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall otherwise be known as "Enhanced City Traffic Regulations Ordinance."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE - The purpose of this City Ordinance is to strengthen the traffic and road regulations in the City of Naga, where safety of motorists, pedestrians, and security of vehicle owners are ensured. On the part of the city main roads, this ordinance favors the regulation and decongestion of traffic to allow smooth and efficient vehicular movement, improve accessibility, and uphold public safety through a well-structured and enforceable traffic system.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of clarity by this ordinance, the following are defined as follows:

- a. Solid White Shoulder Line. is a white continuous line drawn beside the roads.
- b. Vehicle. consistent with Ordinance No. 93-049, vehicle shall mean any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power using the public highways, but excepting road roller, troller, trolley car, street-sweepers, sprinklers, lawn mower, bulldozer, grader, forklift, amphibian truck and crane if not used on public highways, vehicle which run only on rails or tracks, tractors, trailers and traction engines of all kinds used exclusively for agricultural purposes and shall include every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE - This ordinance shall cover the main roads specified under Section 5 of this Ordinance. Furthermore, the same does not extend to alleyways and streets within a subdivision or village.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC ROADS - For purposes of this Ordinance, the national, city and barangay roads that are considered by this Ordinance shall be as follows:

- 1. Maharlika Highway
- 2. Almeda Highway
- 3. J. Miranda Avenue
- 4. Peñafrancia Avenue
- 5. J. Hernandez Avenue
- 6. Ateneo Avenue
- 7. M.T. Villanueva Avenue
- 8. Magsaysay Avenue
- 9. Panganiban Drive
- 10. Roxas Avenue
- 11. Ninoy and Cory Avenue
- 12. Mayon Avenue
- 13. Taal Avenue
- 14. Elias Angeles Street
- 15. Dayangdang Street
- 16. Balatas Road
- 17. General Luna Street
- 18. Leon SA. Aureus Street
- 19. Abella Street
- 20. Bagumbayan Street
- 21. Valentin Street
- 22. Biak na Bato Street

- 23. Felix Plazo Street
- 24. Barlin Street
- 25. Dinaga Street
- 26. P. Burgos Street
- 27. Jacob Street

SECTION 6. PROHIBITION OF PARKINGS - All forms of parking as defined by Ordinance No. 93-049, ARTICLE XIV, Section 48, shall be duly prohibited on the roads of the City of Naga as stipulated under Section 5 of this ordinance.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 2022-064-A, all acts defined and are falling under Section 4.3. and 4.3.1. shall be likewise prohibited under this Ordinance.

For purposes of this ordinance, all pavements or sidewalks constructed within the City of Naga shall always be declared a noparking area, regardless of whatsoever matters the vehicle owner may constitute before any authority.

SECTION 7. ALLOTMENT OF PARKINGS - All vacant lot owned by the city government may be converted to open public grounds for proper parking of private vehicles which shall be accessible in a 24-hour period. Private lands which are vacant may also be used for the same purpose when an agreement shall be exercised between the land owner and the barangay or of the City; provided, that the general supervision shall rest in the City Government and its daily management shall be in the private ownership.

The City Government shall determine, through the City Engineer's Office, all owned or controlled by the City Government open spaces within Naga, subject for evaluation in efficiency and availability of such spaces to be used as open parking spaces.

In determining private-owned open spaces, the Barangay shall coordinate with private owners; and in identification of such owners, review the land title through the Registry of Deeds and City Assessor's Office. In this way, to likewise evaluate the efficiency and availability of the land for public use.

SECTION 8. INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE OWNERS - All private owners who offered their spaces for public use in accordance with the preceding section of this Ordinance, be given compensation by the City Government such as discount in local taxes, to be determined by the City Treasurer's Office; that in such compensation, shall be fair, favorable, and agreed upon by both parties to be included in their Memorandum of Agreement between the Local Government and private owners.

SECTION 9. MANDATE TO ALL ESTABLISMENTS - Consistent with pertinent laws and ordinances, all public and private establishments, residences, amusement parks, and other businesses and structures shall have an allotted parking reserved for their costumers, visitors, residents, and among others; which reservation shall be within their compound and shall not, at any time, be parked sideways, crossways, and in an oblique manner on the roads mentioned in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

All future establishments, residence, and other structures that will be erected shall have at least a five (5) meter distance away from any roads within the city except for Barangay roads, and alleyways that are within the subdivisions to give way for parking

 areas reserved for their costumers, residents, and others owning a private vehicle.

SECTION 10. ILLEGAL ACTS AND OFFENSES - Any violation of this ordinance shall be apprehended by the duly constituted authorities and is subject for the following penalties:

1st Offense

- A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)

2nd Offense

- A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,500.00)

3rd Offense

- Imprisonment for 48 hours.

SECTION 11. EXEMPTIONS - Notwithstanding the prohibitions as stipulated by this Ordinance, sideway and oblique parking shall be allowed to the rest of the roads in the City of Naga which are not specified under Section 5 of this Ordinance; provided, that the respective vehicles shall not cross beyond the solid white shoulder line of the road.

If there be no solid white shoulder line exists, all vehicle owners shall ensure that their vehicles shall not cause obstruction in either lanes; otherwise, such penalties under Section 10 of this Ordinance may apply.

Furthermore, in accordance with Section 6 of this Ordinance, all vehicle owners shall also ensure that their vehicle are not parked directly on pavements.

Any private commercial establishment with insufficient spaces for parking may request a special permission to the City Government, allowing their area to be exempted in this Ordinance for the purpose of accommodating their clients, workers, and other visitors. Such commercial establishments shall ensure that any form of parking shall not cause obstructions; provided, that such permission shall be only granted within the area on which the establishment has been constructed.

SECTION 12. FUNDING - All funding necessary in relevance to the construction of public parking and maintenance of the same shall be included in the allocation of funds in line with the City Public Works and Development.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTATION - The Public Safety Office shall be the primary authority with regards to the implementation of this Ordinance; and for this purpose, the proceeds of the imposition of the same shall be as follows:

The Public Safety Office, in coordination with the Philippine National Police, shall enforce the prohibition of all kinds of parking on public roads specified under Section 5 of this Ordinance, and in such enforcement, the following shall be observed:

a. The PSO shall ensure that all roadsides in areas under Section 5, in coordination with the Philippine National Police, are cleared from any obstructions, including those specified under Section 4, subparagraph 4.3. of Ordinance No. 2022-064-A;

- b. The PSO shall likewise ensure that all vehicles shall not be parked in any pavements or sidewalk within the City of Naga, on which area are exclusively for the passage of pedestrians;
- c. The PSO shall see to it that all bike lanes are freely used by bicycles and shall prohibit any form of parking, and other obstructions as defined by law;
- d. There shall be at least two enforcers assigned by the Public Safety Office in the areas specified under Section 5 of this Ordinance; provided that, such visibility will guarantee the respect of the right of way, safety of pedestrians, and apprehension of violators;
- e. Each allotted open public parking areas shall be under the supervision of the City Government of Naga through the Public Safety Office and City Engineer's Office, and;
- f. For purposes of imposing penalties for violators, the guidelines under Ordinance No. 2018-018 are hereby applied. Furthermore, these proceeds shall likewise be observed:
 - i. For the first apprehension, a wheel-clamp shall be installed on the vehicle, be issued by a ticket, and such redemption by the owner shall have a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00);
 - ii. For the second apprehension, a tow-truck shall remove the illegally parked vehicle in areas provided under Section 5 of this Ordinance. Such redemption by the vehicle owner shall have a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00);
 - iii. For the third apprehension, the vehicle owner shall be detained for at least 48 hours upon apprehension by any authority; and the Public Safety Office may sequester the vehicle, depending on the gravity and number of offenses committed.
- g. For purposes of this Ordinance, the Public Safety Office shall submit to the City Mayor, a quarterly accomplishment report regarding their implementation of this Ordinance. A furnished copy of the same shall likewise be submitted to the Vice Mayor and the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision, section, or part thereof in this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional by a competent court or jurisdiction, those provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE - All previous ordinances, rules, and regulations, orders which are found to be inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, modified, and/or amended accordingly.

SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Naga.

Adopted.