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Ordinance No. 2026-xxx

AN ORDINANCE MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF THE SUDDEN INCREASE IN FUEL PRICES, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE DRIVERS, PROMOTING THE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE CITY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR:

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to provide relief, assistance, and subsidies to the vulnerable sectors during emergencies and calamitous situations;

WHEREAS, the sudden and sharp increase in fuel prices, triggered by the ongoing global oil crisis as of March 2026, has severely burdened drivers and operators of mass transportation public utility vehicles (PUVs), including jeepneys and tricycles, who form the backbone of Naga City's local public transport system;

WHEREAS, these PUV drivers and operators face skyrocketing operational costs, threatening their livelihoods and the affordability of public transportation for Naga City residents, particularly low-income commuters;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Naga recognizes the critical role of PUVs in maintaining mobility, economic activity, and access to essential services, and seeks to provide immediate relief without resorting to fare increases that would further burden the riding public;

WHEREAS, Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has declared a state of national energy emergency through Executive Order No. 110, entitled "Declaring a State of National Energy Emergency and Authorizing the Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport," to address potential disruptions in fuel supply and to stabilize the country's energy sector;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Naga City to promote social equity, public welfare, and sustainable transportation in Naga City;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Naga in session assembled, to:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "**Fuel Price Impact Mitigation and Public transport Promotion Ordinance of Naga City.**"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the City Government of Naga to promote social equity, public welfare, and sustainable transportation, and to encourage residents, including private car owners, to prioritize public transportation over private vehicles. This initiative aims to support the vulnerable sector of society, economize on fuel consumption amid rising costs and global energy challenges, promote environmental health by

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

1. **Local Public Utility Vehicle (LPUV)** - refers to duly registered and franchised for-hire trimobile that are authorized to operate within Naga City.
2. **Fuel-Powered Tricycle** - refers to a three-wheeled motor vehicle-for-hire consisting of a motorcycle with an attached sidecar that is propelled by an internal combustion engine using gasoline, diesel, or similar liquid petroleum-based fuel, and duly registered and franchised to operate as public transportation.
3. **Naga City Urban Transport and Mobility Council (NCUTMC)** - refers to the duly constituted inter-agency policy and coordinating body of Naga City responsible for planning, regulation support, program implementation, and oversight of matters concerning urban transport systems, traffic management, and public mobility within the City.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. Authorize the provision of one-time emergency assistance in the form of fuel subsidy equivalent to Two Thousand Pesos (₱ 2,000) per driver of a franchised fuel-powered tricycle operating within Naga City.

This assistance shall be drawn from the City's Quick Response Fund under the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, or from such other sources as may be available, not to exceed Five Million Pesos (₱ 5,000,000.00) for the initial rollout, subject to availability of funds and certification by the City Budget Officer.

SECTION 5. ELIGIBILITY. Eligible driver beneficiaries must be:

- 1) Drivers of fuel-powered trimobile with valid franchises issued by the City Government of Naga.
- 2) Using City-registered trimobile units verified by the Naga City Trimobile Task Force (SP Secretariat) and validated by the Public Safety Office as active individual units or TODA members.

Units with multiple drivers are eligible; provided that they are legitimate drivers of the said unit, vouched by their membership in a legitimate tricycle drivers association.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITION ON FARE INCREASES. Fuel-powered trimobile-for-hire receiving assistance under this Ordinance are strictly prohibited from imposing fare rate increase unless the same is adjusted through an ordinance.

Violation of this provision shall result in:

- a) Immediate forfeiture of financial assistance; and
- b) Imposition of applicable penalties under City Ordinance No. 2024-002 and other existing ordinances.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION. The City Mayor is hereby authorized to set the timetable for the implementation of this ordinance through the Naga City Urban Transport and Mobility Council (NCUTMC), in coordination with the local Land Transportation Office, relevant City offices, and accredited Tricycle Drivers and Operators Association (TODA) and the Federation of Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association (FETODA).

All disbursements shall be subject to existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 8. REPORTING. The NCUTMC shall submit a progress report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod within 30 days and a final report within 60 days, including the number of beneficiaries, fund utilization, and impact assessment.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain valid for 60 days unless extended by subsequent ordinance.

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