

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cagayan
TUGUEGARAO CITY

NINTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

September 29, 2023

Submitted by:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND WAYS AND MEANS

PRESENT:

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| HON. JUDE T. BAYONA | - Chairperson |
| HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY | - Member |
| HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN | - Member (via zoom) |
| HON. KAREN L. TAGUINOD -NARAG | - Member (via zoom) |

RESOURCE PERSONS:

MS. POTENCIANA I. CAMPOS - City Budget Office Head

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The committee met and deliberated on the referral:

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 011-2024

SUBJECT:

Draft Ordinance granting Cash Incentives to National Topnotchers in the Professional Licensure Examination administered by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) and the Supreme Court of the Philippines (SC) who are residents of Tuguegarao City and providing funds thereof-sponsored by Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz et. al.

FINDINGS:

1. In order to motivate graduates to become topnotchers in their board/bar exams, Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz, et.al sponsored an Ordinance titled *Draft Ordinance granting Cash Incentives to National Topnotchers in the Professional Licensure Examination administered by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) and the Supreme Court of the Philippines (SC) who are residents of Tuguegarao City and providing funds thereof*
2. Section 2 (3) of Article XIV of the 1987 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loans, programs, subsidies and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the under-privileged.
3. Examinees taking national licensure examinations experience not only physical and mental hardships but also financial and economic problems prior and during the scheduled examinations.
4. The Tuguegarao City Government deems it necessary to give commendations and due recognitions to Tuguegaraeños who performed remarkably in national licensure examinations through a reward of cash incentives for topnotchers who are residents of Tuguegarao City.
5. The Cash Incentives shall be charged to the Office of the City Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION:

Finding the request to be in order and merit, the committee recommends for the approval of Ordinance Granting Cash Incentives to National Topnotchers in the Professional Licensure Examinations administered by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) and the Supreme Court of the Philippines (SC) who are residents of Tuguegarao City and providing funds thereof.

Respectfully submitted:



HON. JUDE T. BAYONA
Chairperson



HON. ARNEL T. ARUGAY
Member



HON. IMOGEN CLAIRE M. CALLANGAN
Member



HON. KAREN L. TAGUINOD-NARAG
Member

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL TOPNOTCHERS IN THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY COMMISSION (PRC) AND THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES (SC) WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

SPONSOR BY: HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ
HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA
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HON. MARK ANGELO B. DAYAG
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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (3) of Article XIV of the 1987 of the Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall establish and maintain a system of scholarship grants, student loan programs, subsidies and other incentives which shall be available to deserving students in both public and private schools, especially to the underprivileged;

WHEREAS, in line with the policy of the state to encourage and support the youth to excel in their educational endeavors, the Tuguegarao City Government deems it necessary to give commendations and due recognitions to Tuguegaraoño who performed remarkably in national licensure examinations;

WHEREAS, examinees taking national licensure examinations experience not only physical and mental hardships but also the financial and economic problems prior and during the schedule examinations dates, thus the reward of cash incentives for topnotchers is deemed proper and equitable;

WHEREAS, board/ bar topnotchers who are residents of Tuguegarao City bring pride and honor to their families, schools our city and most importantly, inspire the youth to strive in their studies thus, it is deemed fit and proper to give these successful professionals the recognitions for their hard work in the pursuit of academic excellence;

BE IT ENACTED by the 9th City Council of Tuguegarao City duly assembled in Session that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the "Tuguegarao City National Topnotchers Incentives Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Tuguegarao City Government hereby institutionalizes the granting of cash incentives to Tuguegaraoños who become topnotchers in the National Licensure/ Bar Examinations.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This ordinance shall cover qualified board/ bar topnotchers who are bona fide residents of Tuguegarao City who took the latest Board/Bar Examinations conducted by PRC/SC and garnered the ranked from Top one to Top Ten.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a. **BAR EXAMINATIONS** – is the professional licensure examination for lawyers in the Philippines exclusively administered by the Supreme Court of the Philippines through the Supreme Court Bar Examination Committee.
- b. **BOARD EXAMINATIONS** - refer to Professional Licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC)
- c. **CASH INCENTIVES** – refer to the amount of money given to the national topnotchers of the Professional Licensure Examinations/ Bar Examinations conducted by the Professional Regulatory Commission and the Supreme Court of the Philippines.
- d. **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY COMMISSION (PRC)** – created under Presidential Decree No. 223, is the licensing and regulatory agency of the National Government for the practice of regulated professions.
- e. **RESIDENTS** – refer to the topnotcher examinees who are bonafide residents of Tuguegarao City;
- f. **TOPNOTCHERS** – refer to persons who ranked top 1 up to 10th place in the national board/ bar examination conducted by PRC and SC.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS. Examinees who obtained the top one to top ten places shall submit the following to the City Human Resource Office:

- a. Photocopy of Birth Certificate
- b. Photocopy of Diploma or Certificate from the school where the awardee graduated
- c. Certificate of Residency;
- d. Authenticated Copy of Supreme Court / PRC certificate of rating/examination result

SECTION 6. CASH INCENTIVES. The awardee, upon verifications of the submitted documents as provided under Section 5 shall receive cash incentives as provided under Section 8 of this Ordinance.

Top One (1) -

Top Two (2) -

Top Three (3)-

Top Four (4) -

Top Five (5)-

Top Six (6)

Top Seven (7)

Top Eight (8)

Top Nine (9)

Top Ten (10)

SECTION 7. NON-RETROACTIVITY- This Ordinance is non-retroactive. The cash incentives shall only be applicable to the latest national board /bar examinations and thereafter upon the effectivity of this ordinance.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Office of the City Mayor shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations including the corresponding amount in each category for the effective implementation of the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS. The funding and appropriations of this Ordinance shall be sourced from the General Fund of the city government.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainders of the ordinance not otherwise declared so shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, rules and regulations, executive orders and portions thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.