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TUGUEGARAO CITY



◆NINTH CITY COUNCIL◆

COMMITTEE REPORT

June 14, 2024

Submitted by:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDER AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

PRESENT:

HON. MARK ANGELO B. DAYAG	-Chairman, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness
HON. RESTITUTO C. RAMIREZ	-Vice Chairman, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness
HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ	-Member, Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	- Member, Committee on Public Safety and Order and Disaster Preparedness (<i>via Zoom</i>)

GUEST:

HON. MARY MARJORIE P. MARTIN-CHAN	- City Councilor
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RESOURCE PERSONS:

ARTHUR T. BLAQUERA	- <i>Head, Public Safety and Security Unit (PSSU)/ Traffic Management Group (TMG)</i>
MARLON B. MARUZZO	- <i>PSSU/TMG</i>
HON. RONALD BUCAYU	- <i>Brgy. Chairman, Brgy. Cataggaman Pardo</i>

FOR THE PRESIDING-OFFICER:

The Joint-Committees met and deliberated on the referral:

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 186-2024

SUBJECT:

“Ordinance Implementing No Left Turn traffic scheme along Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area)”

ACTION TAKEN:

The members of the committees met to discuss the subject matter with the presence of the resource person/s.

FINDINGS:

- 1.) The Ninth City Council in its 89th Regular Session held on April 30, 2024 passed City Ordinance No. 01-10-2024 titled “AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC SCHEME ALONG CAGAYAN-APAYAO ROAD (BUNTUN AREA INTERSECTION) UNTIL JUNE 30, 2024;”
- 2.) The PSSU/TMG conducted several surveys and studies during the period of implementation of the experimental traffic scheme.

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- 3.) PSSU/TMG presented their findings and observations derived from the study and survey on the Buntun Intersection Area and found out that the No Left Turn experimental traffic scheme is effective in easing heavy traffic in the area during peak hours;
- 4.) PSSU recommended for a permanent implementation of the No Left Turn traffic scheme in the area with window period, implementing the said traffic scheme from 6 AM to 9 AM and 4 PM to 7 PM which corresponds to peak hours of vehicular traffic.

RECOMMENDATION:

After thorough discussion on the subject matter, the Committee recommends for the passage of an Ordinance Implementing No Left Turn Traffic Scheme Aong Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area) subject to the requirement of conducting a public hearing;

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING NO LEFT TURN TRAFFIC SCHEME ALONG CAGAYAN-APAYAO ROAD (BUNTUN AREA INTERSECTION) FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 6AM-9AM AND 4PM-7PM, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

WHEREAS, the Ninth City Council in its 75th Regular Session held on January 23, 2024 passed City Ordinance No. 01-09-2024 titled "ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AN EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC SCHEME ALONG CAGAYAN-APAYAO ROAD (BUNTUN AREA INTERSECTION) FOR THE PERIOD STARTING FEBRUARY 1, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 29, 2024;"

WHEREAS, the Ninth City Council in its 83rd Regular Session held on March 19, 2024 passed City Ordinance No. 01-10-2024 titled "ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AN EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC SCHEME ALONG CAGAYAN-APAYAO ROAD (BUNTUN AREA INTERSECTION) UNTIL APRIL 30, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Ninth City Council in its 89th Regular Session held on April 30, 2024 passed City Ordinance No. 01-10-2024 titled "AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC SCHEME ALONG CAGAYAN-APAYAO ROAD (BUNTUN AREA INTERSECTION) UNTIL JUNE 30, 2024;"

WHEREAS, the study and data derived thereon on the experimental traffic scheme were presented by the Public Safety and Security Unit during the committee meeting of the Committee on Public Safety and Order & Disaster Preparedness on June 14, 2024;

WHEREAS, during the deliberation, the PSSU recommended for a permanent implementation of the No Left Turn traffic scheme in the area with window period, implementing the said traffic scheme from 6 AM to 9 AM and 4 PM to 7 PM which corresponds to peak hours of vehicular traffic.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Ninth City Council of Tuguegarao in session assembled, to enact:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Implementing No Left Turn Traffic Scheme Along Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area Intersection) From Monday To Friday, 6AM-9AM And 4PM-7PM, and Providing Penalties for Violation Therefor"

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to ease the traffic flow at the Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area Intersection) and to enhance traffic management, ensure public safety and impose appropriate traffic control measures in the area.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. When used under this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall mean as follows:

- a) **Area** – shall refer to the Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area Intersection near Buntun Bridge).
- b) **Traffic scheme** – refers to a planned and organized arrangement or system to control vehicular movement specifically in the prohibition of left turns at designated intersections along the Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area Intersection).
- c) **Restricted Turns** - refer to the prohibition of left turns at the Buntun Area Intersection along the Cagayan-Apayao Road, particularly from Western Area

turning left to Pallua Sur and from Eastern Area/Centro Tuguegarao turning to Cataggaman Pardo.

- d) **Traffic flow** – refers to the movement and regulation of vehicles and pedestrians along roadways, including the direction, speed, and volume of traffic, aiming to ensure smooth, efficient, and safe travel.
- e) **Safety and public convenience** – refer to the protection and well-being of road users, as well as the ease and efficiency with which they can navigate the transportation system.
- f) **Driver's license** – license issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO) that certifies an individual's legal authorization to operate a motor vehicle on public roads.

SECTION 4. RESTRICTED TURNS. The following shall be declared as No Left Turn:

- a. From Western Area (Enrile/Solana, Cagayan) going to Pallua-Buntun Highway (Pallua Sur).
- b. From Eastern Area (Centro Tuguegarao) going to Cataggaman-Buntun Highway (Cataggaman Pardo).

SECTION 5. WINDOW HOURS. The restricted turns specified in the preceding section shall be implemented from Monday to Friday, from 6:00 to 9:00 in the morning and 4:00 to 7:00 in the afternoon/evening.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT. The City Mayor, through the Tuguegarao City Traffic Management and Public Safety and Security Unit (PSSU), with the Tuguegarao City Component Police Station and concerned barangay officials, shall be responsible for the strict implementation of this traffic scheme.

SECTION 7. CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK. The TMG/PSSU shall continue to conduct comprehensive assessment of the traffic scheme's impact on traffic flow, safety and public convenience which can be used as the basis in making the necessary adjustments to the traffic scheme or decide on its continuation, modification or termination, as the need arises.

SECTION 8. PUBLIC AWARENESS. The TMG/PSSU shall conduct an extensive information campaign to inform the public about this new traffic scheme. This shall include the posting of informative signs including "NO LEFT TURN" signages, media announcements and online posts through the Tuguegarao City Information Office and other social media sites.

SECTION 9. PENAL PROVISIONS. Any person who shall violate this said ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- (a) First offense — fine of two hundred pesos (P200.00)
- (b) Second offense — fine of five hundred pesos (P500.00)
- (c) Third and succeeding offenses — fine of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) and one (1) hour seminar
- (d) If and when the traffic enforcers will be deputized by the Land Transportation Office (LTO), they can confiscate driver's license

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any section or provision of this City Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances and other local legislations inconsistent with this Ordinance or parts thereof are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.