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TUGUEGARAO CITY

TENTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT
January 27, 2026

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 36-10-2026

Submitted by:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

PRESENT:

HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA	-	Chairperson
HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA	-	Vice Chairperson
HON. KARINA S. GAUANI-VIERNES	-	Member

RESOURCE PERSONS:

MR. DEXTER Z. SINGSON	-	SI-II/Representative, City Health Office
DR. GILBERT ALLEN MATEO	-	MO-IV/ Representative, City Health Office
ENGR. KENDRICK S. CALUBAQUIB	-	GSO, Officer
MR. JOEL C. BARIUAN	-	BPLO, Officer

SUBJECT:

DRAFT ORDINANCE MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF BIDET SPRAY OR HYGIENE-FRIENDLY WASHING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT IN TUGUEGARAO CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES- SPONSORED BY HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY ET AL.

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The Members of the committee met and deliberated on the *Draft Ordinance mandating the Installation of Bidet Spray or Hygiene-Friendly Washing Facilities in Public and Commercial Establishment in Tuguegarao City and for other purposes- Sponsored by Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay et al.*

As a result of the deliberation, the Committee respectfully submit the herein Committee Report consisting of the action taken, findings and recommendations of the Committee.

ACTION TAKEN:

The members of the Committee conducted a committee meeting on January 27, 2026 to thoroughly and extensively evaluate the Draft Ordinance referred to the Committee for review. During the meeting, the Committee Chairperson relinquished the chair and did not preside over the proceedings, being a co-sponsor of the said Draft Ordinance.

The presiding of the meeting was accordingly relinquished to Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes, a member of the Committee on Health. The resource persons were also invited to provide necessary information to aid the Committee during the deliberations.

FINDINGS:

1. The Draft Ordinance Mandating the Installation of Bidet Spray or Hygiene-Friendly Washing Facilities in Public and Commercial Establishments in Tuguegarao City and for Other Purposes was referred to the Committee on Health for thorough review and evaluation.

2. The proposed measure seeks to promote public hygiene, sanitation, and health by ensuring the availability of bidet sprays or hygiene-friendly washing facilities in both public and commercial establishments, in line with national health standards and best practices.

3. The Committee recognizes that proper hygiene facilities are essential for preventing the spread of communicable diseases, promoting personal health, and enhancing the overall well-being of the residents and visitors of Tuguegarao City.

4. During the committee meeting, Engr. Kendrick Calubaquib of the City General Service Office recommended that, for new applications, a separate pro forma checklist should be prepared to serve as reference and as a basis for evaluation by the City Health Office and the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO). It was also noted that existing establishments shall be granted a six-month grace period to comply with the requirements of the proposed ordinance.

5. The following amendments were introduced and deliberated upon during the committee meeting:

   a. Section 2 – Coverage. Under letter b, ***include private cemeteries, private schools and panciteria***. Add letter d, to read as follows: ***"Places of public accommodation, such as churches, shrines, and other religious buildings."***

   b. Section 3 – Definition of Terms. ***Add letter c to provide a definition of germicidal soap.***

   c. Section 4 – Mandatory Installation shall read as follows: ***"All covered establishments shall install bidet sprays or other hygiene-friendly washing facilities in all public comfort rooms or restrooms and shall ensure the availability of germicidal soap."***

   d. Section 7 – Inspection and Monitoring. ***Remove the terms City Health Office and the City Engineering Office and replace them with Joint Inspectorate Team (JIT).***

6. Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay manifested the inclusion of Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes as one of the sponsors of the said ordinance.

7. After thorough deliberation and consideration of the inputs provided, the Committee supports the passage of the Draft Ordinance to ensure accessible, safe, and hygiene-friendly facilities in public and commercial establishments throughout Tuguegarao City.

RECOMMENDATION:

After a thorough discussion and deliberation, the committee favorably recommends the passage of the Draft Ordinance Mandating the Installation of Bidet Sprays or Hygiene-Friendly Washing Facilities and Commercial Establishments in Tuguegarao City and for other purposes subject for public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted:

HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA
Chairperson, Health and Sanitation

HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA
Vice Chairperson, Health and Sanitation

HON. KARINA S. GAUANI-VIERNES
Member, Health and Sanitation

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DRAFT ORDINANCE MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF BIDET SPRAYS OR HYGIENE-FRIENDLY WASHING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY OF TUGUEGARAO, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Introduced by: HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY

Co-Sponsors:
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA, HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ, HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO
HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA, HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA, HON. KARINA G. VIERNES

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers every local government unit to exercise the powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and to promote the general welfare of its constituents;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 856 (Code on Sanitation of the Philippines) provides the national mandate for LGUs to regulate all establishments' sanitary facilities

WHEREAS, the use of bidets or hygiene-friendly washing facilities in comfort rooms promotes cleanliness, prevents the spread of communicable diseases, and upholds the dignity and comfort of users;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish minimum sanitation standards in public and commercial establishments in the City of Tuguegarao to safeguard public health and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. _____ and duly seconded by Hon. _____, be it:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the ***"Bidet Installation Ordinance of Tuguegarao City."***

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to:

a. **Government-owned buildings** and facilities accessible to the public;
b. **Commercial establishments**, such as malls, restaurants, panciterias, cinemas, supermarkets, gasoline stations, private cemeteries, private schools, and similar enterprises;
c. **Public utility facilities**, including transport terminals, and public markets; and
d. **Places of public accommodation**, such as churches, shrines, and other religious buildings.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

a. *Bidet Spray* – a hand-held water spray device installed near a toilet bowl for hygienic washing after using the toilet.
b. *Hygiene-Friendly Washing Facility*—refers to any sanitary installation that provides running water for personal cleaning purposes.
c. *Germicidal Soap*—a soap used to help remove or kill germs for proper personal hygiene.

SECTION 4. MANDATORY INSTALLATION. All covered establishments shall install bidet sprays or other hygiene-friendly washing facilities in all public comfort rooms or restrooms and shall ensure the availability of germicidal soap.

SECTION 5. STANDARDS.

a. **Placement.** Bidet sprays shall be installed adjacent to each water closet. In PWD-accessible stalls, the spray must be mounted between 400mm and 1,200mm above the floor.
b. **Maintenance.** Establishments must ensure that bidet sprays are functional at all times. Leaking hoses or broken triggers must be repaired within 72 hours of discovery or notice.
c. **Water Safety.** All installations must include a backflow prevention mechanism and be connected to the building's potable water line.
d. **Signage.** For high-pressure systems, a small cautionary sign (e.g., "High Water Pressure") is encouraged to prevent accidental injury.

SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE THROUGH BUSINESS PERMITTING. The Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) shall require compliance with this Ordinance as a condition for the issuance or renewal of business permits for covered establishments.

No permit or renewal shall be issued unless compliance has been verified and certified by the City Health Office and the City Engineering Office.

SECTION 7. INSPECTION AND MONITORING.

a. Inspection for compliance shall form part of the regular inspection activities conducted by the Joint Inspectorate Team (JIT).
b. These offices shall prepare an inspection checklist specific to this ordinance.
c. Inspection findings shall be recorded and form part of the official permit evaluation.

SECTION 8. GRACE PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE. Existing establishments are given a period of six (6) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance to comply. New establishments shall comply prior to the issuance of business permits or occupancy permits.

SECTION 9. PENALTIES. Non-compliance with this ordinance shall subject the owner/operator of the establishment to the following penalties:

- First Offense: Written warning and advice to comply within thirty (30) days.
- Second Offense: Fine of ₱3,000.00 and suspension of business permit until compliance.
- Third Offense: Fine of ₱5,000.00 and possible revocation of business permit.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS. Funds necessary for the initial implementation of this Ordinance, particularly for inspection and monitoring, shall be charged to the budget of the concerned offices, subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules, or regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the city.