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TUGUEGARAO CITY

TENTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT
February 03, 2026

Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE REPORT NO.45-10 -2026

PRESENT:
Committee Members:

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO	-	Chair
HON. MYRNA G. TE	-	Vice Chair
HON. JUDE T. BAYONA	-	Member
HON. KARINA S. GAUANI-VIERNES	-	Member

GUESTS:

HON. RONALDO S. ORTIZ	-	City Councilor
HON. MARC ALDOUS C. BACCAY	-	City Councilor
HON. TIRSO V. MANGADA	-	City Councilor
HON. DENNIS RYAN G. AVILA	-	City Councilor

RESOURCE PERSONS:

Atty. Roderick S. Iquin	-	City Legal Officer
Mr. Melvin T. Perez	-	CSWDO Head
Ms. Luthgarda T. Bingcang	-	City Budget Officer
Ms. Angelina T. Somera	-	City Accountant

Presidents and other officers of OSCA- Brgy. Level
Federation Officers of OSCA

SUBJECT:

Draft Ordinance amending Sections 4(a) and 5 of City Ordinance No. 71-09-2022, otherwise known as An Ordinance granting additional incentive to Senior Citizens of Tuguegarao City and providing funds thereof, to include ages 65 and 70 and the increase of cash incentive "

FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The members of the committee met and deliberated on the *Draft Ordinance amending Sections 4(a) and 5 of City Ordinance No. 71-09-2022, otherwise known as An Ordinance granting*

additional incentive to Senior Citizens of Tuguegarao City and providing funds thereof, to include ages 65 and 70 and the increase of cash incentive ".

As a result of the deliberation, the committee respectfully submits 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 February 03, 2026 to thoroughly and extensively evaluate the Draft Ordinance referred to the Committee for review.

Resource persons were invited to provide necessary information to aid the committee during deliberation.

FINDINGS:

1. Hon. Ortiz, the main sponsor of the Draft Ordinance, explained the rationale behind its drafting. Since the national law granting incentives to senior citizens covers only those aged 75 years and above, he sought to extend similar benefits to individuals aged 65 and 70, in the spirit of compassion and inclusivity."

2. In addition to the proposed amendment in Section 5(A), it was also suggested that centenarians be granted continuing incentives. After receiving the initial centenarian incentive, a similar amount of Php 20,000.00 shall be granted to them every year thereafter."

3. Ms. Bingcang, the City Budget Officer, raised her observation on the draft ordinance. She suggested for the rewording of section 4 (a) from cash award to cash incentives to be consistent with the title of the draft ordinance and the program of work.

4. Ms. Bingcang also shared the budgetary requirements for the proposed additional incentives. Based on her computation, if the proposed increase in incentives and the expanded coverage are implemented, the amount needed is estimated to exceed Php 12 million. This figure is almost double the current budget allocation of slightly over Php 6 million. As such, she manifested that the proposed increase needs refinement to consider existing budgetary constraints.

5. A suggestion was also raised by some officers of the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs that individuals aged 60 and above should be included and granted incentives. However, due to budgetary constraints and the fact that the majority are still actively working, as the mandatory retirement age is 65, their inclusion is not warranted at this time. Nevertheless, they may be considered for inclusion in the next amendment.

6. Based on the latest databank from the CSWDO, Tuguegarao City records a total of 4,012 Senior Citizens, comprising of **1,360** aged 65 years old, **895** aged 70 years old, **805** aged 75 years old, **466** aged 80 years old, **231** aged 85 years old, **170** aged 90 years old, **65** aged 95 years old, and **20** aged 100 years old.

7. Ms. Paddayuman, one of the OSCA officers, shared that according to the January2026 databank of their office, there is an increase of 1,436 aged 65 years old from 1,360 and increase of 1,285 under aged 70 years old from 895.

8. Ms. Bingcang stated that an estimated **₱3,830,000.00** is required to fund the proposed incentives for individuals aged 65 and 70 years old. Further, an estimated **₱8,314,000.00** will be needed for the proposed additional incentives for

aged 75 to 100 years. However, when taking into account the increase in the number of individuals aged **65 and 70 years old**, an estimated **₱4,724,000.00** will be required. Additionally, in consideration of the proposed continuing incentives for those aged **101 years and above**, an estimated **₱240,000.00** will be needed.

9. In total, the projected funding requirement is **₱12,483,000.00**, which is significantly higher than the current allocation of **₱2,450,000.00** in the 2026 annual budget.

10. Considering that the primary concern is the funding requirement, it was suggested that the amount indicated in the proposed amendment to Section 5(A) be reconsidered and refined.

RECOMMENDATION:

Finding the "*Draft Ordinance amending Sections 4(a) and 5 of City Ordinance No. 71-09-2022, otherwise known as An Ordinance granting additional incentive to Senior Citizens of Tuguegarao City and providing funds thereof, to include ages 65 and 70 and the increase of cash incentive*" to be in order, meritorious and beneficial to the constituents of Tuguegarao City, the Committee favorably recommends for its approval on second reading.

Respectfully submitted by:

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