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TENTH CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 69-10-2025
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Submitted by:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION- LEAD
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND WAYS AND MEANS

PRESENT:

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| HON. MARIA ROSARIO B. SORIANO | - Member (Education) |
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GUEST:

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FOR THE PRESIDING OFFICER:

The joint committees met and deliberated on the referral:

SUBJECT:

Draft Ordinance establishing the Tuguegarao City Technical Vocational Institute and Assessment Center (TCTVIAC) and providing funds therefor and for other purposes.

FINDINGS:

1. The integration of technical-vocational education in the implementation of RA 10533 has broadened the goals of basic education and strengthened the role and participation of Technical-Vocational Institutions.
2. The Local Government Unit of Tuguegarao City believes that education and skills are essential in developing a competent and skilled workforce.

3. The following amendments were introduced to the said ordinance:

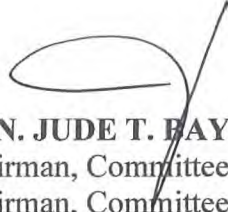
- a. *The Tuguegarao City Technical-Vocational Institute and Assessment Center (TCTVIAC) shall be renamed as The Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC).*
- b. Section 4. Human Resources:
 - *“Change the Skills Development and Assessment to Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center.”*
 - *The following position is hereby amended:*
 1. *College Administrator- SG 25*
 2. *Supervising Administrative Officer- SG 22*
 3. *Administrative Officer V - SG 18*
 4. *Registrar II- SG 15*
 5. *Cashier II – SG 14*
 6. *Instructors/Trainers (4)- SG 11*
 7. *Supply Officer I- SG 10*
 8. *Computer Operator II – SG 9*
 9. *Clerk III- SG 6*
 10. *Computer Operator I- SG 7*
 11. *Driver I- SG 3*
 12. *Utility I- SG 1*
 13. *Watchman- SG 2*
- c. Section 6. Operation and Maintenance of the Center:
 - *In letter c. “Change Personnel to Human Resource”*
- d. *Section 7 shall be deleted and its provisions incorporated into Section 10.*
- e. Section 9. TCTAC Board:
 - *i. City Mayor*
 - *v. Civil Society Organization Representative*
 - *vii. 3 Sectoral/Industrial representative shall be nominated by the CDC and appointed by the City Mayor*
 - *Include TESDA, DICT, DTI and DOLE*
- f. Section 10. Duties and Responsibilities of the TCTAC Board:
 - *iii. Identify the technical-vocational courses to be offered based on the available resources of the city, attuned to the needs/demands of the constituents and needs of the industry.*
 - *iv. Ensure that the policy and guidelines of the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) in its standard manual of operations are strictly followed and implemented.*
 - *Delete vi*
 - *viii. Identify reasonable standard training fees and charges for Tuguegarao City Government and managed Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) based on the lists of fees promulgated by the TESDA Board.*
- g. *Section 11 shall be integrated in Section 3.*
- h. Section 13. Exemptions and Discounts: *“The Executive Department shall establish a program that will grant discounts and/or subsidies to Tuguegarao City public learners and marginalized residents of Tuguegarao City, subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.”*

- i. Section 14. Payment:
 - *i. The Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) Cashier.*
- f. Section 15. *“Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center Trust Fund (TCTACTF).”*
- g. Section 16. Disposition of the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center Trust Fund:
 - *ii. letter c. Cost of supplies, equipment and materials*
d. honoraria of trainors
e. Program and project development and implementation related to the provision of training and assessment services
- h. Section 17. Sustainability Plan: *“The Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) Cashier Administrator, in coordination with the Office of the City Mayor, shall prepare within a specified period a sustainability plan to ensure the effectiveness and relevance of trainings and programs. The plan shall include provisions for fund allocation, capacity development of teaching and non-teaching staff, and benchmarking activities for Tuguegarao City College.”*
- i. Section 18. Implementing Rules and Regulations: *“The Office of the City Mayor shall spearhead the formulation of implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance within ninety (90) days from this approval.”*
- j. Section 19. Appropriations. *“The Local Finance Committee shall determine the appropriate amount for the initial implementation of this Ordinance in the annual and/or supplemental budget, subject to availability of funds.”*
- k. Section 20 Donations. *“The Center, through the City Mayor, may receive donations or bequests of property or services which shall be utilized for the implementation of the program, subject to the approval of the City Council.”*
- l. Section 22. Effectivity Clause: *“This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting and publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.”*

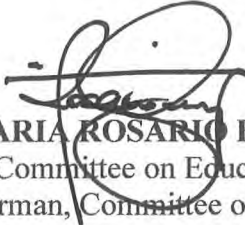
RECOMMENDATION:

After thorough discussion, the joint committees recommend the passage of a Draft Ordinance establishing the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC), providing funds therefor, and for other related purposes.

Respectfully submitted:



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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TUGUEGARAO CITY TRAINING AND
ASSESSMENT CENTER (TCTAC) AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by: **Hon. Jude T. Bayona**

Co-introduced by: **Hon. Rodrigo Rosauo G. Resuello**
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WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (5) of the same article further provides that the State shall provide adult citizens, the disabled, and out -of-school youth with training in civics, vocational efficiency, and other skills;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10533, otherwise known as the "Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013," covers vocational and technical career opportunities as well as creative arts, sports and entrepreneurial employment;

WHEREAS, the integration of technical-vocational education in the implementation of R.A 10533 has broadened the goals of basic education and strengthened the role and participation of Technical-Vocational Institutions;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Tuguegarao City believes that education and skills are essential in developing a competent and skilled workforce;

WHEREAS, it is also a fact that due to limited resources, a significant number of residents in the city are forced to stop enhancing their knowledge and skills because there is no government operated-technical and vocational school within the territorial jurisdiction of the city;

WHEREAS, Section of 458 (5) (x) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that, "subject to the availability of funds and to existing laws, rules and regulations, establish and provide for operation of the vocational and technical schools and similar post-secondary institution and, with the approval of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports or the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), fix and collect reasonable fees and other school charges in educational institutions supported by the city government;"

WHEREAS, this ordinance aims to establish a TESDA accredited, LGU-operated Training and Assessment Center in the city;

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

SECTION 1. Title - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as ***"TUGUEGARAO CITY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER."***

SECTION 2. Objectives and Goals - The primordial goal of establishing an Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center is to provide skills training that will generate livelihood opportunities for the marginalized sectors, men, women, youth, senior citizens and persons with disabilities in order to prepare them to engage in gainful employment and/or entrepreneurship, and to enhance their quality of life by expanding their capacities for economic productivity and increase their income potentials. Further, it also aims to support the poverty reduction programs in the city.

TITLE I

TUGUEGARAO CITY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT CENTER

SECTION 3. Powers and Functions of the Center – Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center shall:

- a. Provide technical-vocational trainings;
- b. Adopt a continuing manpower development program and modern technology to update knowledge and skills;
- c. Conduct a continuous study, research, training development and evaluation of various courses and seminars by tapping governmental agencies and private sectors that are involved in socio-economic development programs geared to uplift the general welfare of the people;
- d. Develop its capability to devise and formulate training curricula and training designs;
- e. Develop its own capacity as a resource center for technical vocational and skills training by developing-in-house trainers to provide training services;
- f. Coordinate and orchestrate the conduct of technical vocational, livelihood and skills training independently or in partnership with national government agencies or/ private sectors;
- g. Recommend imposition of fees or charges to cover the expenses of trainings, seminars, workshops, and short courses to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for its approval except those programs, trainings, seminars, workshops or short courses which the City Government expressly exempts payment of fees or charges;
- h. Conduct competency assessment
- i. Issue training certificates after completion of the trainings, seminars or workshops.
- j. Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center under the Office of the City Mayor shall be school-based or stand-alone facilities accredited by TESDA to assess and certify an individual's skills, knowledge, attitude and work values relative to a unit or cluster of units of competency prescribed by the industry and contained in a promulgated Training Regulation.

SECTION 4. HUMAN RESOURCES

The creation of the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center necessitates qualified human resources such trainers, instructors, and administrative staff whose competence and professional skills meet the demand of the center in its operations.

The following are immediate human resources under the Office of the City Mayor who will manage the center;

1. College Administrator (SG 25)
2. Supervising Administrative Officer (SG 22)
3. Administrative Officer V (SG 18)

4. Registrar II (SG 15)
5. Cashier II (SG 14)
6. Instructors/Trainers (SG 11)
7. Supply Officer 1 (SG 10)
8. Computer Operator II (SG 9)
9. Computer Operator I (SG 7)
10. Clerk III (SG 6)
11. Driver I (SG 3)
12. Utility I (SG 1)
13. Watchman (SG 2)

SECTION 5. Control and Supervision - The control, supervision, management and operation of the Center is vested with the Office of the City Mayor.

SECTION 6. Operation and Maintenance of the Center - the City Government shall appropriate in its CY 2026 Annual Budget (General Fund- Scholarship Program) an initial amount of Two Million Pesos (Php2,000,000.00) and upon the recommendation of the TCTAC Board, the succeeding funds necessary or incidental for the operation, maintenance, management and administration of the Center.

- a. Maintenance - The City Government shall ensure that the Center is supported by appropriate network of organizational support systems and mechanisms, including human resource;
- b. Supervision - The City Mayor shall have over all supervision over the programs and services offered by the Center and in organizing, strengthening and sustaining it;
- c. Human Resource - For the initial operation of the TCTAC, the City Mayor shall appoint/designate the head of the center and the number of staff complement from among LGU employees who have undergone and trained by TESDA to act as trainers. The Head of the center shall manage and oversee the day-to-day operations of the Center.

SECTION 7. Venues - The training venues for the technical- vocational courses shall be at designated buildings owned by the City Government suited to each course being offered.

TITLE II

TCTAC BOARD

SECTION 8. TCTAC Board - The TCTAC Board shall be composed of the following:

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| i. City Mayor | - Chairperson |
| ii. SP Committee Chairperson on Education | - Vice Chairperson |
| iii. City Administrator | - Member |
| iv. City Budget Officer | - Member |
| v. Civil Society Organization Rep. | - Member |
| vi. TCTAC Administrator | - Member |
| vii. 3 Sectoral/Industrial representative appointed by the City Mayor | - Member |
| viii. Schools Division-Superintendent | - Member |
| ix. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Rep. | - Member |

- x. Department of Information and Communications
Technology Rep. - Member
- xi. Department of Trade and Industry Rep. - Member
- xii. Department of Trade and Industry Rep. - Member
- xiii. Department of Labor and Employment Rep. - Member

SECTION 9. Duties and Responsibilities of the TCTAC Board

- i. Establish the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance;
- ii. Formulate a standard manual of operations of TCTAC;
- iii. Identify the technical-vocational courses to be offered based on the available resources of the city, attuned to the needs/demands of the constituents and needs of the industry;
- iv. Ensure that the policy and guidelines of the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) in its standard manual of operations are strictly followed and implemented;
- v. Monitor the effective and efficient operation of Competency Assessment Center;
- vi. Ensure that the programs and service of Competency Assessment Center are attuned and aligned with the City's thrusts and responsive to market needs locally and overseas;
- vii. Identify reasonable standard training fees and charges for Tuguegarao City Government and managed Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) based on the lists of fees promulgated by the TESDA Board; and
- viii. Collaborate with national agencies, non-government organizations and private sector for improvement of programs and expansion services.

SECTION 10. Fees - The TCTAC shall collect assessment fees based on prevailing issuances and directives of TESDA and shall be reviewed after every two years unless cost of the assessment fees will have a significant impact that might necessitate an earlier review. In keeping with the network demand and priority, the TCTAC shall offer technical-vocational courses attuned to the needs and demands of the constituents.

SECTION 11. Exemptions and Discounts - The Executive Department shall establish a program that will grant discounts and/or subsidies to Tuguegarao City public school learners and to marginalized residents of the City, subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 12. Payment - Prior to the conduct of assessments, payments shall be made thru any of the following available options:

- i. The Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) Cashier;
- ii. The Tuguegarao City Treasurer's Office;
- iii. Designated satellite cashier offices of the City Treasurer's Office.

SECTION 13. Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center Trust Fund (TCTACTF) - There is hereby created a Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center Trust Fund which shall be maintained by the Treasury and Accounting Departments. All charges, fees and other income realized from the management and operation of the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center, including donations received for the development and operation of the center, shall be kept by the City Treasurer as trust fund of the Center.

SECTION 14. Disposition of the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center Trust Fund - The management and disposition of the trust fund shall be governed by the following:

- i. The disbursement and liquidation of the trust fund shall be in accordance with the pertinent government accounting and auditing rules and regulations as audited by the resident auditor;
- ii. The trust fund shall be reserved exclusively and strictly for the Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center's expenses enumerated below:
 - a. Center rehabilitation and improvements;
 - b. Operations and maintenance;
 - c. Cost of supplies, equipment's and materials;
 - d. Honoraria of Trainors
 - e. Program and project development and implementation related to the provision of training and assessment services.

SECTION 15. Sustainability Plan: The Tuguegarao City Training and Assessment Center (TCTAC) Cashier Administrator, in coordination with the Office of the City Mayor, shall prepare within a specified period a sustainability plan to ensure the effectiveness and relevance of trainings and programs. The plan shall include provisions for fund allocation, capacity development of teaching and non-teaching staff, and benchmarking activities of Tuguegarao City College.

SECTION 16. Implementing Rules and Regulations - The Office of the City Mayor shall spearhead the formulation of implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance within ninety (90) days from its approval.

SECTION 17. Appropriations - The Local Finance Committee shall determine the appropriate amount for initial implementation of this Ordinance in the Annual and/or Supplemental Budget, subject to the availability of funds.

SECTION 18. Donations - The Center, through the City Mayor, may receive donations or bequests of property or services which shall be utilized for the implementations of the program, subject to the approval of the City Council.

SECTION 19. Repealing Clause - Any ordinance/s inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 20. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remaining provisions be given full force and effect as completely as if the provision held invalid had not been included therein.

SECTION 21. Effectivity Clause - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting and publication in local newspaper of general circulation.

CITY ORDINANCE NO. ____-10-2025

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING MENDICANCY IN THE CITY OF TUGUEGARAO

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Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and improved quality of life for all;

Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that every local government unit shall exercise express and implied powers essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

Presidential Decree No. 1563, otherwise known as the "Anti-Mendicancy Law of 1978," prohibits mendicancy and provides penalties and rehabilitative measures for mendicants;

Republic Act No. 9344 otherwise known as the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act declares as State policy to recognize the vital role of children and youth in nation building and shall promote their well-being, protect their best interests in line with international standards, uphold their rights to care and protection from abuse and exploitation, and, pursuant to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, ensure that those in conflict with the law are treated with dignity and guided toward reintegration through appropriate and rehabilitative measures;

Mendicancy or the act of begging or soliciting alms in public areas, which have become apparent in some areas in Tuguegarao City pose various societal problems and safety concerns to the public as this contravenes Presidential Decree No. 1563 (Anti-Mendicancy Law of 1978), existing national laws, and the City's commitment to maintain public order, safety, and general welfare;

Pursuant to existing laws and in consideration of social realities, it is the duty of the City Government of Tuguegarao to protect public order, promote social justice, and ensure the safety and well-being of its constituents by discouraging mendicancy and addressing the root causes of poverty through programs and services;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the 10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City in session assembled to enact:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the ***"ANTI-MENDICANCY ORDINANCE OF TUGUEGARAO CITY."***

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is the policy of the City Government of Tuguegarao to uphold human dignity by discouraging mendicancy and promoting programs to prevent the proliferation of such act, rehabilitation mechanism, and social welfare programs for those who resort to mendicancy in a humane and lawful manner, and taking into consideration legal and reasonable precepts.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a) **Children in Street Situations** – includes the following : (a) children who depend on the streets to live and/or work, whether alone, with peers or with family; and (b) a wider population of children who have formed strong connections with public spaces for whom the street plays a vital role in their everyday lives and identities (General Comment No. 21 (2017) on Children in Street Situations, 2017)
- b) **Elderly** – refers to any person sixty (60) years of age or older, as defined under Republic Act No. 7432 (Senior Citizens Act), as amended.
- c) **Exploited Infant/Child** – refers to an infant or child 8 years and below who is used in begging or one who accompanies a habitual vagrant or beggar.
- d) **Habitual Mendicant** - refers to one who has been convicted of mendicancy under Presidential Decree 1563 or this Ordinance for two or more times.
- e) **Homeless Street Families** – refers to the displaced families, either by fire, demolition, family crisis or false hopes on an improved life in the cities who had no choice but to go to the street. They reside in sidewalks and pavements where they also sleep, eat play, take a bath, etc.
- f) **Illness** – refers to any state of poor health or medical condition, whether temporary or chronic, that prevents an individual from engaging in lawful employment or productive activity.
- g) **Mendicant** – refers to any person who has no visible and legal means of support, or lawful employment and who is physically able to work but neglects to apply himself to some lawful calling, but engages, as a means of living, in mendicancy which is the act of begging or soliciting alms in public places, whether by words, gestures, signs, or the use of any object or means.
- h) **Monitoring** – Refers to regularly tracking the activities and progress of the client to ensure that the objective are being met effectively and that interventions the intended individuals and communities.
- i) **Pag-Abot Program** – Flagship Program of DSWD that reaches out to vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals, children and families in street situations by providing immediate assistance to help them improve their living conditions and reintegrate into the community.
- j) **Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)** – refers to individuals who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7277 (Magna Carta for Disabled Persons), as amended.
- k) **Public Places** – includes streets, alleys, parks, transport terminals, plazas, markets, churches, schools, and any other area accessible to the public.
- l) **Public Solicitation** – refers to any project of activity intended to generate funds from the general public for social, public welfare, and charitable purposes. It may also be

solicitation activities for persons, groups, organizations/agencies and/or communities in need, other than one's self.

- m) **Reach out-** refers to the process where profiled children, individuals and families in street situations who are reached out from the streets and brought to the identified processing center for further assessment and proper case management, provision of assistance, appropriate interventions and protection from harm, abuse or risks present on the streets that highlight their vulnerabilities.
- n) **Rehabilitation Program** – Government or accredited NGO-led activities designed to assist mendicants through livelihood, skills training, and reintegration into society.
- o) **Reintegration** – refers to the process of integrating the individuals and families reached out back into their place of origin and participating in community affairs and activities.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITED ACTS. The following acts are hereby prohibited within the territorial jurisdiction of Tuguegarao City:

- a. Engaging in or commission of mendicancy in any public place;
- b. Using or exploiting children or infants, persons with disabilities, persons with illness, or elderly persons for the purpose of begging or soliciting alms in public places;
- c. Allowing children under one's care, custody, parental or special parental authority, to be engaged in of begging or soliciting alms in public places;
- d. Exploiting, recruiting, obtaining, hiring, providing, offering, transporting, transferring, maintaining, harboring, or receiving of persons with or without any person's consent or knowledge, or introduce such persons to the City, through any means for the purpose of mendicancy;
- e. Giving alms or donations to mendicants in public places, unless through authorized charitable activities.
- f. Considering those who lease/shelter the mendicants.

SECTION 5. PROCEDURE IN HANDLING CHILD MENDICANTS. Any child below eighteen (18) years of age who is used or exploited in begging or soliciting alms in public, or one who accompanies a mendicant shall be rescued and handled with in accordance with *Section 21* and *Section 22* of *RA 9344* or the *Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act*.

A child fifteen (15) years of age or under at the time of rescue for committing the act of begging or soliciting alms in public shall be exempt from criminal liability. However, the child shall be subjected to an intervention program pursuant to *Section 20* of *RA 9344*.

A child rescued under this Ordinance who is above fifteen (15) years but below eighteen (18) years of age shall likewise be exempt from criminal liability and be subjected to an intervention program, unless he/she has acted with discernment, in which case, such child shall be subjected to the appropriate proceedings in accordance with *RA 9344*.

The exemption from criminal liability provided under this Ordinance and *RA 9344* does not include exemption from civil liability, which shall be enforced in accordance with existing laws.

SECTION 6. PROCEDURES IN RESCUING MENDICANTS. Any person not otherwise covered in the preceding paragraph of this Section who is found begging and who is physically or mentally incapable of gainful occupation shall undertake the programs and interventions

implemented by the CSWDO, after the observance of the relevant provisions of the Revised Criminal Rules of Procedure on Arrest, and existing guidelines of law enforcement officers such as the Philippine National Police.

Elderly, PWDs, or persons with illness rescued in violation of this Ordinance shall be turned over to the TCCPS and, upon observance of proper procedures, be referred to the CSWDO for appropriate assistance and disposition under existing laws.

SECTION. 7. COMPOSITION OF THE TASK FORCE. The Task Force shall be composed of heads of permanent representatives of the following Departments/offices and or Barangay Council for the Protection of Children in 49 Barangays.

Chairperson: CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Co-Chairperson: CITY ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE

Members: TUGUEGARAO CITY COMPONENT POLICE STATION

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY OFFICE

CITY HEALTH OFFICE

TUGUEGARAO CITY INFORMATION OFFICE

CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE

CITY LEGAL OFFICE

CITY LIVELIHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION

SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS OF THE TASK FORCE. Aside from the interventions imposed by the provisions of this Ordinance, the Multi-Disciplinary Team shall also fulfill the following duties:

8.1 CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

- a) Identify, document, and store information on rescued mendicants in the city, with full observance of the provisions of *Republic Act No. 10173* or the *Data Privacy Act*;
- b) Develop programs or projects aimed to address problems and needs of rescued individuals based on the assessment and information gathered from them.
- c) Develop and implement programs as may be provided by the City Government or the national government to provide alternative livelihood, shelter, education, and rehabilitation for mendicants, child mendicants, and exploited infants/children;
- d) Coordinate with the barangays, NGOs, and other agencies in implementing this ordinance.

8.2 CITY ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE

- implement and coordinate programs for prevention, intervention, and support, which includes enforcing anti-mendicancy ordinances, allocating budget for facilities and campaigns, and coordinating with other agencies to provide care and rehabilitation for mendicants.

8.3 TUGUEGARAO CITY COMPONENT POLICE STATION

- support the primary implementing agency, the City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD), by rescuing individuals found begging and assisting in the enforcement of the Anti-Mendicancy Law.

8.4 PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY OFFICE

- to enforce the law through rescue and the prevention of exploitation, while also coordinating with other agencies for the rehabilitation of individuals involved.

8.5 CITY HEALTH OFFICE

- to address the health-related aspects through preventive measures, health education, and providing access to health services for mendicants and the community at large.

8.6 CITY INFORMATION OFFICE

- to mobilize and sustain citywide information and education campaigns to raise public awareness about the issue, the law, and the available support systems.

8.7 CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE

- to implement programs and strategies that prevent, mitigate, and prepare for disasters, with a specific focus on its territorial jurisdiction.

8.8 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE

- to provide a direct path to employment, livelihood, and self-sufficiency for individuals who are begging, by connecting them with skills training, job opportunities, and entrepreneurship programs.

8.9 CITY LEGAL OFFICE

- to provide legal and staff support for the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and other agencies in enforcing the Anti-Mendicancy Law (Presidential Decree 1563).

8.10 CITY LIVELIHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

- to provide livelihood programs and support to individuals who lack a means of support, aiming to move them from streets to sustainable living.

8.11 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION

- to include offering services like food and healthcare, lobbying governments for social protection and rehabilitation programs, and working with local communities to understand and address the root causes of poverty that drive mendicancy.

SECTION 9. ROLE OF BARANGAYS. Barangay officials shall assist in the identification and rescuing of mendicants. It shall be the primary responsibility of each barangay unit to ensure the identification and rescuing of mendicants within their respective jurisdiction.

SECTION 10. PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. The City Government through the Tuguegarao City Information Office with the CSWDO shall conduct information drives and lectures as often as may be deemed necessary to educate the public about:

- a) The salient provisions of this Ordinance and its implementing rules and regulations;
- b) The adverse effects of giving alms in public and the citizen's role in reducing mendicancy;
- c) Appropriate interventions to families and the barangay to prevent and avoid mendicancy or exploitation of children as regards begging or soliciting in public;
- d) Existing social services offered by the City Government, the DSWD, other government agencies, or non-government organizations available to those in need;

The public may report any mendicant or children in street situation encountered within the City to the Barangay or the Philippine National Police through their respective hotlines.

SECTION 11. PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS. The City Government in coordination to other line agencies and stakeholders.

- Financial Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Livelihood Assistance
- Transitory Shelter Assistance
- Employment Assistance
- Psychosocial support
- Capability Building for Community
- Balik Probinsya Program
- Community Assistance

SECTION 12. REACH OUT, REINTEGRATION AND MONITORING PLAN. The City Government, through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), City Livelihood and Development Office (CLDO), and the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), in coordination with concerned national government agencies such as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional Field Office No. 02 and the Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division of Tuguegarao City, shall formulate, adopt, and implement a comprehensive reach out activities and Reintegration Plan.

Section 12.A The City Government, through the Task Force shall coordinate with the DSWD Pag-Abot Program for the reach-out activities of recorded mendicants willing to be reach out and reintegrated to their families/communities.

Section 12.B The Task Force shall develop a reintegration plan to the reach-out mendicant for actual reintegration and/or provision of package of services.

Section 12.C The Task Force shall develop a plan for monitoring the status of reintegrated mendicants to prevent possible return to begging or soliciting alms in public places.

This plan shall be based on the identification and profiling records of rescued persons under this Ordinance and shall include the appropriate programs, services, and interventions necessary for their rehabilitation programs, education such as, but not limited to Alternative Learning System (ALS), skills development, employment counseling, and livelihood training.

The Reintegration Plan shall be geared towards addressing the root causes of mendicancy and ensuring the successful reintegration of beneficiaries into mainstream society, with the ultimate goal of gradually and sustainably eliminating the incidence of mendicancy in the City.

For purposes of transparency and accountability, the implementing offices shall conduct a regular monitoring and evaluation of the Reintegration Plan, with progress reports submitted

annually to the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the SP Secretary, together with recommendations for enhancement or expansion of the programs.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTATION. Within ninety (90) days from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance, the Office of the City Mayor shall formulate and promulgate implementing rules and regulations relative to this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. FUNDING. Funds necessary for the implementation of this ordinance, including the rehabilitation and other programs which may serve best the purpose of this Ordinance, shall be included in the City's Annual Budget.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous ordinances, resolutions, issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY. The ordinance shall be effective upon the upholding of its validity by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and the eventual fifteen (15) days publication thereafter.