

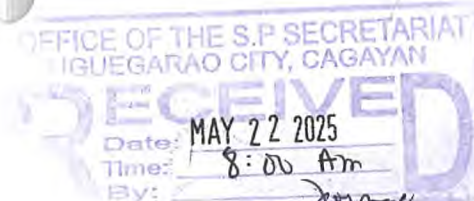
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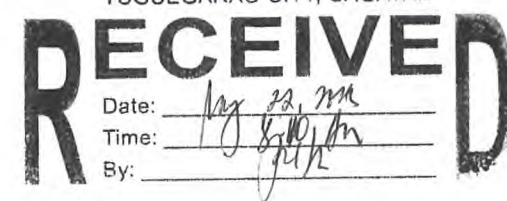
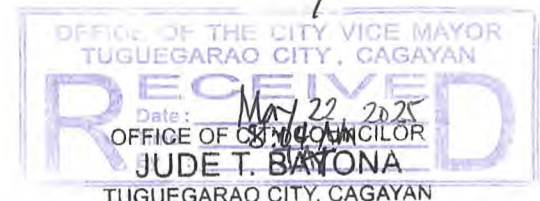
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR



CHRISTIAN ALVIN SINGSON  
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21 May 2025

MR. JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO, Ph.D.  
Secretary to the Sanggunian  
This City

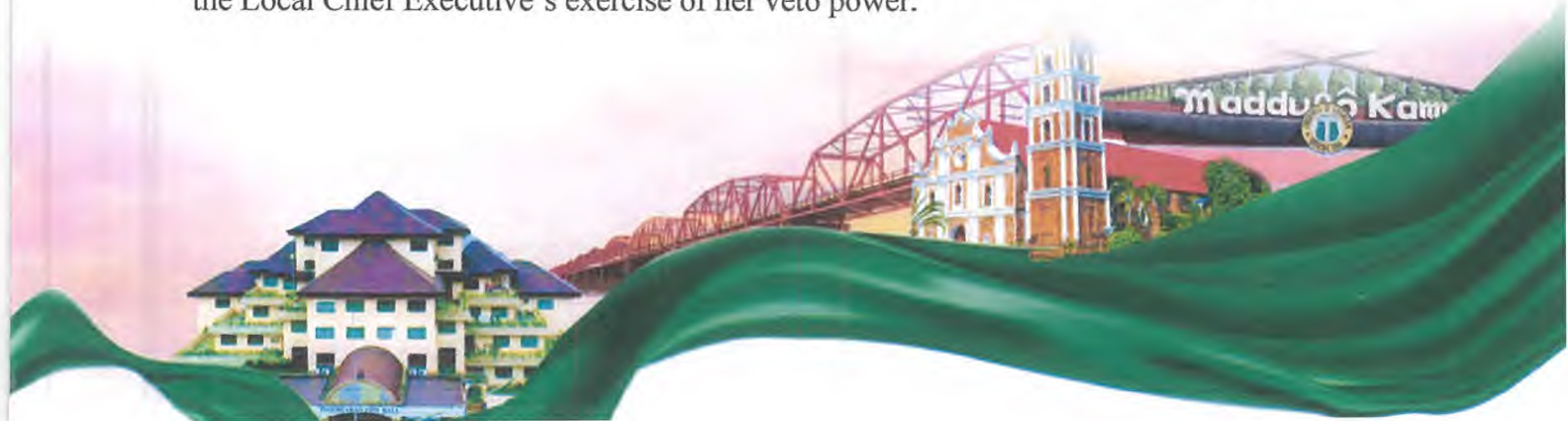


Sir:

This has reference to the item veto that I exercised on the following resolution and ordinance, and the corresponding action of the Vice Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod:

- i. City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 otherwise known as **RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING CDC RESOLUTION NO. 07-2025 TITLED RESOLUTION ENDORSING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD THE HEREIN SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SAIP) NO. 1 CY 2025; and**
- ii. Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025 **OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 01 (CY 2025) OF TUGUEGARAO CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-FOUR PESOS (83,345,094.00).**

The veto message, which specifically enshrines the position of the Local Chief Executive on the substantial reduction of the amount for the procurement of the inert soil, was duly received by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on April 7, 2025. It remained unacted upon by the august body for several weeks, and the Office of the City Mayor was only informed by the Vice Mayor, through a letter dated April 30, 2025, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod, with eight out of its fourteen members voting against the veto, failed to override the action of the Local Chief Executive. Thereafter, on May 21, 2025, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, acting as a collegial body and by virtue of City Resolution No. 225-09-2025, officially informed the Office of the City Mayor of its actions appurtenant to the Local Chief Executive's exercise of her veto power.







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Sir, the prolonged inaction of the Sanggunian has stalled the vital programs and projects embodied in the executive budget. Its failure to override the Local Chief Executive's item veto power results in the applicability of Section 55 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991. Moreover, considering that the Local Chief Executive vetoed only a specific item, the remainder of the subject resolution and ordinance are deemed to be unaffected; thus, deemed approved. The Sangguniang Panlungsod, through its secretariat, is respectfully reminded of the statutory mandate that it is bound to uphold, to wit:

**Section 56. Review of Component City and Municipal Ordinances or Resolutions by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.**

(a) **Within three (3) days after approval**, the secretary to the sanggunian panlungsod or sangguniang bayan shall **forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan for review**, copies of approved ordinances and the resolutions approving the local development plans and public investment programs formulated by the local development councils.

With the foregoing, I respectfully request information on the transmittal to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, including the date of receipt of the subject resolution and ordinance by the reviewing authority. In the event that the aforementioned documents have not yet been transmitted, I request that they be immediately forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review and action.

Thank you!

In the name of public service,

  
**MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE**  
City Mayor







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PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN  
Tuguegarao City  
**NINTH CITY COUNCIL**



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NINTH CITY  
COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD ON MARCH 27, 2025  
(THURSDAY), 8:30 A.M., AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Jude T. Bayona	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	Ex Officio Member (via Teleconferencing)

ABSENT:

Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	-do-
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member (on Official Business)

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 01-09-2025**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 01 (CY 2025) OF  
TUGUEGARAO CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-FOUR PESOS (P83,345,094.00)**

**WHEREAS**, Section 458 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and Article 99 (2)(i) of the Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991 provide that the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the power to “approve annual and supplemental budgets of the City Government and appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and activities of the city, or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to promote the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;”

**WHEREAS**, Tuguegarao City Government needs funding for the implementation of priority plans, projects and activities of the City;

**WHEREAS**, City Development Council (CDC) Resolution No. 7, series of 2025 titled “*Resolution Endorsing to the August Sangguniang Panlungsod the Herein Supplemental Annual Investment Program (SAIP) No. 1 CY 2025 for Appropriate Action*” was adopted and approved through City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 by the Ninth City Council during its Special Session held on March 7, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the City Mayor, Hon. Maila Rosario S. Ting-Que, has endorsed to the Ninth City Council the request for the enactment of an Appropriation Ordinance authorizing Supplemental Budget No. 1 for CY 2025 in the amount of **Eighty-Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Ninety-Four Pesos (P83,345,094.00)** to fund priority plans, projects and activities as contained in CDC Resolution No. 07, series of 2025;

**WHEREAS**, Supplemental Budget No. 1 of Tuguegarao City for CY 2025 has fully complied with the budgetary requirements and general limitations as provided by Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and other laws.

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

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION.** Supplemental Budget No. 1 of Tuguegarao City for CY 2025 with a total appropriation of **Eighty-Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Ninety-Four Pesos (P83,345,094.00)** is authorized for the implementation of Priority Plans, Projects and Activities of the local government unit of Tuguegarao City.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF SAVINGS AND SOURCES OF FUNDS.** The total amount of **Eighty-Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Ninety-Four Pesos (P83,345,094.00)** is hereby declared as savings and sourced from the following items:

<u>SOURCE OF APPROPRIATION:</u>		AMOUNT
1. Retained Earnings	P	64,775,094.00
2. 20% Development Fund		
- Construction of Pedestrian Footbridge Along Maharlika Highway (Round About)		6,000,000.00
- Construction of Pedestrian Footbridge Along Maharlika Highway (CVMC)		6,000,000.00
3. Reprogrammed from Projects 2025		
20% Development Fund		
- Construction of Masonry Drainage Structure Along National Highway, Namabbalan Sur		1,045,000.00
- Rehabilitation of Masonry Drainage Structure Along Gomez Street, Centro 07		2,000,000.00
- Rehabilitation of Masonry Drainage Structure Along Luna Street, Interior, Ugac Norte		1,125,000.00
- Rehabilitation of Masonry Drainage Structure Along Cusipag Street, Caggay		500,000.00
- Rehabilitation of Masonry Drainage Structure Along Cauilan Street, Caggay		1,500,000.00
- Construction of Multi-Purpose Building (Evacuation Center) Perimeter Fence at San Roque Street, Pengue-Ruyu		400,000.00
TOTAL	P	83,345,094.00

**SECTION 3. USE OF FUNDS.** The amount of **Eighty-Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Ninety-Four Pesos (P83,345,094.00)** is hereby appropriated for Supplemental Budget No. 1 of Tuguegarao City for CY 2025 as follows:

**FOR APPROPRIATION**

<b>MAYOR'S OFFICE</b>	
<b>Personal Services</b>	
Information Technology Officer 1 SG-19	
3 Administrative Aide 1 (Crafts and Trade Helper-Casual)	
Salaries and Wages-Regular	P 2,914,822.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual	2,013,230.00
PERA	96,000.00
Representation Allowance	12,300.00
Transportation Allowance	12,300.00
Clothing Allowance	28,000.00
Year End Bonus	420,541.00
Cash Gift	20,000.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium	591,369.00
PhilHealth Contributions	119,715.00
Pag-Ibig	9,600.00
Employees Compensation Insurance Premium	4,800.00
Mid Year Bonus	403,621.00
Other Personnel Benefits-PEI	20,000.00
- Medical Allowance	28,000.00

	P	6,694,298.00
<b>MOOE</b>		
General Services	P	1,000,000.00
Repair and Maintenance-Buildings and Other Structures		600,000.00
- City Hall Façade and Welcome Arch		
Repair and Maintenance of Comfort Room		
- Agricultural Training Center, Demo Farm, Gosi Norte		150,000.00
- Tuguegarao City Hall, City Hall Grounds, Carig Sur		1,400,000.00
- People's Gymnasium, Magallanes Street, Centro 3		260,000.00
- Tuguegarao City Commercial Center, Bonifacio Street, Centro 7		205,729.00
Repair and Maintenance-Infrastructure Assets-Streetlights		2,260,000.00
Along Namabbalan Sur, Namabbalan Norte, Gosi Sur, Libag Sur, Libag Norte, Capatan, Caggay, Tanza, Carig Sur, Carig Norte, Pengue-Ruyu, Diversion Road, Balzain, Don Domingo, Bagay, Buntun, Cataggaman Nuevo, Viejo, Pardo, Ugac Sur and Norte		
Repair and Maintenance-Other PPE		2,342,000.00
- Barricades and Street Markings along Bonifacio Street, Legaspi Street, Gonzaga Street, Gomez Street, Aguinaldo Street, Arellano Street, Bagay Road, Caritan Highway, Magallanes Street, Del Rosario Street, Blumentritt Street and Mabini Street		
Repair of Elevator at City Hall Building		1,800,000.00
Environmental Management (Inert Soil)		3,000,000.00
Character First Program		500,000.00
Solo Parent Program		3,600,000.00
Senior Citizen Development Program		4,644,500.00
	P	21,762,229.00

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Information Technology and Communication Equipment		1,000,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures		1,701,839.00
STAC Equipment		414,000.00
Other PPE		971,500.00
Upgrading and Improvement of Slaughterhouse-Capatan		2,500,000.00
	P	6,587,339.00

**Total P 35,043,866.00**

#### **CITY VICE MAYOR'S OFFICE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	376,771.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		171,244.00
Representation Allowance		6,000.00
Transportation Allowance		6,000.00
Year End Bonus		46,792.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		65,762.00
PhilHealth Contributions		12,305.00
Mid Year Bonus		44,865.00
	P	729,739.00

#### **SP LEGISLATIVE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	1,412,900.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		115,556.00
Representation Allowance		71,400.00
Transportation Allowance		71,400.00
Year End Bonus		130,484.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		183,415.00
PhilHealth Contributions		14,815.00



Mid Year Bonus		125,148.00
	P	2,125,118.00

**SP SECRETARIAT**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	631,419.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		171,259.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		68,788.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		96,321.00
PhilHealth Contributions		18,490.00
Mid Year Bonus		65,534.00
	P	1,069,211.00

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	100,309.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		27,358.00
Representation Allowance		5,100.00
Transportation Allowance		5,100.00
Year End Bonus		10,888.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		15,320.00
PhilHealth Contributions		1,585.00
Mid Year Bonus		10,461.00
	P	176,121.00

**CPDO**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	624,454.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		53,432.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		74,935.00
PhilHealth Contributions		12,340.00
Mid Year Bonus		51,042.00
	P	833,603.00

**CCR**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	208,896.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		41,270.00
Representation Allowance		5,100.00
Transportation Allowance		5,100.00
Year End Bonus		21,343.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		30,020.00
PhilHealth Contributions		4,770.00
Mid Year Bonus		20,493.00
	P	336,992.00

**MOOE**

Other Maintenance and Operating Expense

- Request certified true copies of CRDs from PSA-PSA Production Fee	P	350,000.00
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**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Information Technology and Communication Equipment	P	150,000.00
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**Total**

P	836,992.00
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**CGSO**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	566,445.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		499,335.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		90,880.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		127,894.00
PhilHealth Contributions		81,965.00
Mid Year Bonus		<u>87,340.00</u>
	P	1,471,259.00

#### **MOOE**

Electricity Expenses	P	7,000,000.00
Repair and Maintenance-Transport Vehicle		<u>327,000.00</u>
	P	7,327,000.00

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Information Technology and Communication Equipment	P	450,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures		580,000.00
Motor Vehicle		160,000.00
Other PPE		<u>500,000.00</u>
	P	1,690,000.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>10,488,259.00</b>
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#### **CITY BUDGET OFFICE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	306,973.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		35,691.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		29,267.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		41,119.00
PhilHealth Contributions		6,925.00
Mid Year Bonus		<u>28,047.00</u>
	P	465,422.00

#### **CITY ACCOUNTING OFFICE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	325,870.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		39,898.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		31,232.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		43,892.00
PhilHealth Contributions		7,560.00
Mid Year Bonus		<u>29,944.00</u>
	P	495,796.00

#### **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Information Technology and Communication Equipment	P	200,000.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>695,796.00</b>
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#### **CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	521,183.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		146,600.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		56,971.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		80,134.00
PhilHealth Contributions		14,970.00



Mid Year Bonus	54,704.00
P	891,962.00

#### **CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	357,317.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		55,806.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		35,264.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		49,574.00
PhilHealth Contributions		8,718.00
Mid Year Bonus		33,829.00
P		557,908.00

#### **CITY LEGAL OFFICE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	274,024.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		19,791.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		25,100.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		35,258.00
PhilHealth Contributions		5,705.00
Mid Year Bonus		24,045.00
P		401,323.00

#### **CDRRMO**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	225,933.00
Representation Allowance		5,100.00
Transportation Allowance		5,100.00
Year End Bonus		19,323.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		27,111.00
PhilHealth Contributions		3,990.00
Mid Year Bonus		18,474.00
P		305,031.00

#### **CITY HEALTH OFFICE**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	1,035,109.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		141,405.00
Representation Allowance		5,100.00
Transportation Allowance		5,100.00
Year End Bonus		100,865.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		141,182.00
PhilHealth Contributions		25,670.00
Hazard Pay		294,129.00
Mid Year Bonus		96,027.00
P		1,844,587.00

#### **TCPGH**

##### **Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	2,193,333.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual		601,019.00
Representation Allowance		8,700.00
Transportation Allowance		8,700.00
Year End Bonus		238,773.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		335,323.00
PhilHealth Contributions		68,475.00
Hazard Pay		698,588.00
Mid Year Bonus		228,641.00



P 4,381,552.00

**CSWDO**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P 278,240.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual	94,020.00
Representation Allowance	8,700.00
Transportation Allowance	8,700.00
Year End Bonus	31,794.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium	44,671.00
PhilHealth Contributions	7,695.00
Hazard Pay	93,065.00
Mid Year Bonus	30,470.00
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P	597,355.00

**CITY AGRICULTURE'S OFFICE**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P 491,245.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual	96,942.00
Representation Allowance	8,700.00
Transportation Allowance	8,700.00
Year End Bonus	50,212.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium	70,583.00
PhilHealth Contributions	13,130.00
Mid Year Bonus	48,161.00
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P	787,673.00

**CITY VETERINARY OFFICE**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P 111,061.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual	9,882.00
Representation Allowance	5,100.00
Transportation Allowance	5,100.00
Year End Bonus	10,309.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium	14,513.00
PhilHealth Contributions	1,345.00
Mid Year Bonus	9,914.00
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P	167,224.00

**CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE**

**Personal Services**

Salaries and Wages-Regular	P 784,372.00
Salaries and Wages-Casual	148,149.00
Representation Allowance	8,700.00
Transportation Allowance	8,700.00
Year End Bonus	80,163.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium	111,902.00
PhilHealth Contributions	21,610.00
Mid Year Bonus	75,958.00
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P	1,239,554.00

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

Installation of Streelights

- Along Bagay Road, Bagay

P	630,000.00
P	630,000.00

**20% Development Fund**

**ENVIRONMENAL DEVELOPMENT**

Construction of Drainage Structure

- Along National Highway, Namabbalan Sur

P	1,045,000.00
P	1,045,000.00

Rehabilitation of Drainage Structure		
- Along Gomez Street, Centro 7	P	2,000,000.00
- Along Luna Street Interior, Ugac Norte		<u>1,125,000.00</u>
	P	3,125,000.00

Construction of Masonry Drainage Structure with RCPC		
- Macapagal Avenue, Balzain East	P	611,000.00
- Anza Street, Ugac Sur		<u>500,000.00</u>
	P	1,111,000.00

Construction of Masonry Drainage Structure		
- Apple Street, Pengue	P	728,005.00
- Along Langcay Street, Carig Sur		1,680,000.00
- Maggay Street (Maggay Street to Stephen Street) Ugac Sur		1,450,000.00
- Along Cauilan Street, Caggay		<u>2,000,000.00</u>
	P	5,858,005.00

Construction of RCPC Drainage Structure		
- Tumanguil Street, Zone 7, Annafunan East	P	920,000.00
- Road Toward Core Shelter, Annafunan East		<u>1,135,000.00</u>
	P	2,055,000.00

Construction of Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert		
- Along Zone 5, Buntun	P	<u>150,000.00</u>
	P	150,000.00

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Concreting of Road		
- Along Abana Street, Carig Sur	P	1,025,995.00
- Pinya Street, Pengue-Ruyu		1,000,000.00
- Baral Street, Caggay		1,000,000.00

Rehabilitation of Road		
- Along Pinacanauan nat Tuguegarao Avenue, Centro 10 and 11	P	<u>300,000.00</u>
	P	3,325,995.00

#### SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Land Development		
- Perimeter Fence – Multipurpose Building Evacuation Center, San Roque Street, Pengue-Ruyu	P	400,000.00

Installation of Streetlight		
- Along Bartolome Street, Caggay	P	<u>1,500,000.00</u>

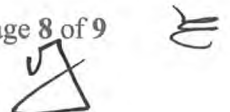
**Total P 20,439,554.00**

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Personal Services		
Salaries and Wages-Regular	P	386,952.00
Year End Bonus		33,016.00
Ret. & Life Insurance Premium		46,434.00
PhilHealth Contributions		8,700.00
Mid Year Bonus		<u>31,696.00</u>
	P	506,798.00

**GRAND TOTAL P 83,345,094.00**

**SECTION 4. CONDITIONS.** The disbursements of funds shall be made subject to the usual accounting, auditing and procurement laws, rules and regulations.




**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason that any section or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or contrary to other laws and statutes, other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY.** This Appropriation Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:

  
**JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO, Ph.D.**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian 

ATTESTED:

  
**HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer  
Date: 03-28-2025

APPROVED:

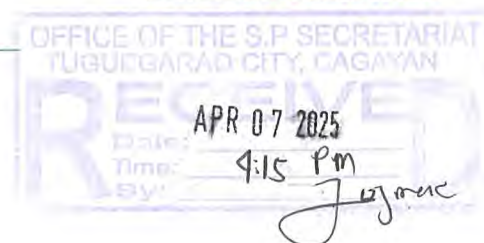
**HON. MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE**  
City Mayor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tuguegarao City Hall, Carig Sur,  
Tuguegarao City Cagayan 3500



07 April 2025

**THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND MEMBERS**

Sangguniang Panlungsod

This City

Dear *Presiding Officer and Members of the Sanggunian*:

The following city resolution and ordinance were received by my office on March 28, 2025, to wit:

1. **CITY RESOLUTION NO. 205-09-2025 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING CDC RESOLUTION NO. 07-2025 TITLED RESOLUTION ENDORSING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD THE HEREIN SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SAIP) NO. 1 CY 2025"**
2. **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 01-09-2025 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NO. 01 (CY 2025) OF TUGUEGARAO CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF EIGHTY-THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-FOUR PESOS (P83,345,094.00)"**

Pursuant to Section 54 of Republic Act No. 7160, being the Local Chief Executive of this City, I am exercising my veto power and vetoes the above-mentioned city ordinances.

This veto is being made in the interest of public welfare and good governance on the following grounds:

1. **THE REDUCTION OF FUND FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF INERT SOIL WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY CAUSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH PROBLEMS**

Under the 10<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS on page 2 of the City Resolution No. 205-09-2025, provides, to wit:

"1. xxx

2.Reduction of the allocation for the procurement of inert soil from Seven Million Two Hundred Sixty Thousand and Nine Hundred Six pesos (P7,260,906.00) to Three Million Pesos (P3,000,000.00)";"

In the same manner, the Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025 which pertains to the supplemental budget for CY 2025, it allocated the *fund for inert soil amounting to P3,000,000.00* under the MOOE of the City Mayor.

The drastic reduction in the allocation of fund for inert soil raises an immediate concern about the coherence of the resolution's intent and the practical implications of implementing such a cut. If the resolution and ordinance acknowledge the necessity for the procurement of inert soil, a reduction of this magnitude inherently questions whether the allocated funds are sufficient to meet the intended operational requirements.

It is of public knowledge that "waste" is considered as one of the major concerns in the city. The volume of waste generated and produced by households, businesses, and industrial activities are significantly increasing and uncollected waste can lead to environmental contamination and community safety issues. Addressing this concern is crucial. As a matter of fact, we are collecting tons of waste each day, leading to an overwhelming accumulation. Landfilling is an effective and environmentally-friendly method for waste disposal. The inert soil to be procured is intended to cover the collected waste in accordance with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) regulations on waste management and disposal. Ensuring our compliance with these regulations is a shared responsibility among residents, community and city leaders.

The soil we intend to procure serves the purpose of covering the waste and acting as a seal for our dumpsite. According to our program of work, we need to cover an area of 14,750 square meters, which requires approximately 16,596 cubic meters of soil, with a projected funding amount of P7,260,906.00. This quantity of soil would fully cover the designated area. However, if the funding is reduced, it will leave the 59% or the equivalent 8,703 square meters of the dumpsite uncovered.

Drastically reducing funding for inert soil procurement has direct implications for environmental and public health concern. Without adequate inert soil to cover waste materials, there is a higher probability of surface and groundwater contamination. This may expose communities to hazardous materials, leading to health complications over time. Likewise, inadequate inert soil can cause unpleasant odors, air pollution and attract pests, heightening the risks of disease transmission among community members. Allocating sufficient funds for procuring inert soil is therefore critical for maintaining environmental and public health standards.

The insufficient fund for the procurement of inert soil could result in far greater costs in terms of environmental remediation and public health interventions should pollution or health crises arise. If environmental management and public health problems arise as a direct result of inadequate funding, the city may find itself compelled to allocate emergency funds to address these issues, leading to potential budget overruns in the future.

## **2. THE DRASTIC REDUCTION OF THE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF INERT SOIL WOULD AFFECT OUR COMPLIANCE**



## WITH THE WASTE MANAGEMENT LAWS AND OTHER EXISTING POLICIES

The drastic reduction of the allocation for the procurement of inert soil raises significant concerns regarding our city's ability to comply with existing waste management laws and policies. Adhering to these legal frameworks is not only a legal obligation but also a fundamental responsibility to protect public health and the environment.

Local government units are mandated to adhere to national and local waste management laws, such as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (Republic Act No. 9003) and local ordinances that govern solid waste disposal, treatment, and environmental protection. Inert soil plays an essential role in compliance with these regulations.

Inert soil is critical for the proper capping or covering of dumpsites. This practice is a legal requirement aimed at minimizing contamination and managing waste effectively. Reducing the allocation undermines our ability to meet these essential legal requirements. The procurement of inert soil is vital for ensuring that waste is managed according to the stringent environmental safety measures prescribed by law.

Non-compliance with waste management laws can lead to legal implications, including fines and sanctions imposed by regulatory agencies. This financial burden could far exceed the savings anticipated by reducing the allocation for inert soil. Also, it can lead to public health risks, including exposure to hazardous waste or contaminated water supplies, which may result in litigation, increased healthcare costs, and harm to community well-being.

Beyond legal compliance, the procurement of inert soil aligns with our city's broader environmental policies aimed at fostering sustainable waste management practices. Our city has developed a Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan that emphasizes responsible waste handling. Ensuring adequate procurement of inert soil is a fundamental component of executing this plan effectively. As our community moves towards sustainability goals, reducing the procurement of inert soil contradicts these objectives. Sustainable practices necessitate adequate resources to manage waste responsibly, thereby demonstrating our commitment to environmental stewardship.

From an ethical standpoint, the city has a moral obligation to protect the environment and ensure the health and safety of its residents. Prioritizing funding for inert soil procurement is not only a legal and fiscal responsibility but also a societal imperative.

The people of Tuguegarao City expect their local government leaders to prioritize environmental protection and public health. A decision to reduce funding for waste management initiatives could undermine public trust and jeopardize community well-being. Investing in effective waste management solutions today ensures that future generations inherit a healthier environment. The decision to reduce funding for inert soil procurement reflects a lack of foresight regarding intergenerational equity.



In light of the potential environmental degradation and public health risks with the reduction in funding for the procurement of inert soil, it is imperative to veto City Resolution No. 205-09-2025 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 01-09-2025. Restoring the allocation for inert soil to the original amount of P7,260,906.00 reflects a commitment to safeguarding the environment and ensuring public responsibility. The well-being of Tuguegarao City's residents must remain a priority, and prudent investment in environmental management is fundamental to achieving this goal.

The drastic reduction in the allocation for the procurement of inert soil presents significant challenges in maintaining compliance with waste management laws and policies, safeguarding public health, and upholding ethical obligations as a governing body. Funding allocation is essential to fulfilling legal requirements, avoiding negative consequences of non-compliance, and aligning with our all-encompassing sustainability goals. It is imperative that we protect our community and environment through responsible and informed decision-making. Thus, a reconsideration of this funding reduction is not only necessary but critical to the best interest of all stakeholders in our community.

For your information and appropriate action.

Thank you!

In the name of public service,

  
**MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE**  
*City Mayor*