

CITY ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_



**CITY ORDINANCE CREATING THE BARANGAY TANOD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM IN TUGUEGARAO CITY**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution states that, "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy."

**WHEREAS**, Section 384 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code provides that the barangay, as the basic political unit, serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled;

**WHEREAS**, Section 393 (a) of the Local Government Code provides that barangay officials, including barangay tanods and members of the lupong tagapamayapa, shall receive honoraria, allowances, and such other emoluments as may be authorized by law or barangay, municipal or city ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Code;

**WHEREAS**, the Barangay Tanods of Tuguegarao City play a crucial role in assisting barangay officials in maintaining peace and order within their respective communities;

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that Barangay Tanods perform their duties and responsibilities with dedication and commitment despite facing various challenges and risks in their own safety;

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary to provide support and recognition to Barangay Tanods for their valuable contributions to the safety and security of Tuguegarao City;

**WHEREAS**, the acknowledgment of their efforts through assistance and capability enhancement programs extended by the City Government serves as encouragement for Barangay Tanods to continue and develop their services to the barangay.

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the **"TUGUEGARAO CITY BARANGAY TANOD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM."**

**SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.** The program aims to provide financial assistance, support, and capability enhancement to Barangay Tanods to improve their competencies and morale in carrying out their duties in ensuring safer and more peaceful communities in the City.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a) **Barangay Tanod** - shall refer to persons appointed by the barangay to assist in maintaining peace and order, implementing barangay ordinances, and performing other duties related to community safety and security within a specific barangay in the City.
- b) **Honorarium** – shall refer to a form of payment, compensation, or financial assistance granted to barangay tanods in appreciation of their services in their respective barangays.

- c) **Uniform-** shall refer to the standard attire prescribed for barangay tanods, which shall be provided to them as part of this ordinance to identify barangay tanods.
- d) **Training** – shall refer to organized learning activities which may include formal instruction, practical exercises, workshops, seminars, and other structured learning experiences aimed at equipping and enhancing the capabilities of Barangay Tanods in areas relevant to community safety and security.
- e) **Capacity Enhancement** – shall refer to initiatives aimed at improving the capability, effectiveness, and efficiency of barangay tanods in performing their duties, including provision of resources and equipment, adoption of best practices, and establishment of support systems to empower barangay tanods in their respective barangays.

**SECTION 4. HONORARIUM.** Each barangay tanod in all 49 barangays of Tuguegarao City shall receive every four months an honorarium of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) from the City Government of Tuguegarao.

**SECTION 5. UNIFORMS.** Each barangay tanod in Tuguegarao City shall be provided with two sets of uniform per year, the design of which shall be determined by the City Government of Tuguegarao.

**SECTION 6. TRAINING AND CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT.** To ensure continuous development of barangay tanods, there shall be a training and capability enhancement program to be facilitated and organized by the City Government of Tuguegarao.

The training program shall cover various aspects relevant to the roles and duties of barangay tanods, including but not limited to:

- a) Basic principles of community policing and crime prevention.
- b) Conflict resolution and mediation techniques.
- c) First aid and emergency response procedures.
- d) Legal aspects on their duties, including relevant laws, ordinances, and protocols.
- e) Communication and interpersonal skills.
- f) Disaster prevention, risk reduction, and management.
- g) Use of relevant technology and equipment for patrolling and monitoring purposes.

The City Mayor may coordinate with relevant government agencies or organizations to determine the schedule, content, and venue of training activities.

The training and capability enhancement in this provision shall be implemented concurrently with the provision on honorarium as outlined in this ordinance.

**SECTION 7: FUNDING.** To carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, funds shall be appropriated for the initial implementation and any additional amount necessary for the sustainable implementation of this Ordinance in the Annual Budget of Tuguegarao City.

**SECTION 8: IMPLEMENTATION.** The City Mayor shall formulate rules, guidelines, and procedures for the distribution of honorarium and uniforms to barangay tanods, and to ensure the faithful compliance with the ordinance, taking into account legal and practical precepts.

**SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and in the event that one or more of the other provisions are held illegal or unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Ordinances, executive orders and other local legislation inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 11: EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

On Motion of \_\_\_\_\_, CITY ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ was approved.