

“AN ORDINANCE CONFERRING THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF TUGUEGARAO WHO HAVE SERVED FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS, ESTABLISHING FRAMEWORK AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.”

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SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “**The Tuguegarao City Public Service Achievement Award to Elective Barangay Officials Who Have Served for Three (3) Consecutive Terms Ordinance**”.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to honor and recognize the dedicated public service of elective Barangay officials in Tuguegarao City who have served for three (3) consecutive terms.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms when used in this ordinance shall mean:

- a) Award – shall refer to the Public Service Achievement Award which is conferred to barangay officials who have served three consecutive terms under this ordinance.
- b) Barangay Officials – shall refer to the elected barangay officials, specifically the Punong Barangay and the Barangay Kagawad, who have successfully completed three-consecutive terms as prescribed by Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991.
- c) Barangay Kagawad – shall refer to the duly-elected members of the Sangguniang Barangay.
- d) Cash Incentive – shall refer to the amount to be awarded under this ordinance in due recognition of the public service of qualified three-term barangay officials.
- e) Committee – shall refer to the Committee on Awards which is tasked to evaluate and confer the awardees under this program.
- f) Punong Barangay – shall refer to the duly-elected local chief executive of the barangay.

SECTION 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. The Public Service Award recipients shall be all elective barangay officials who have served as punong barangay and barangay kagawads for three (3) consecutive terms commencing in 2024.

SECTION 5. ELIGIBILITY. In order to be conferred the award, a barangay official:

- a) must not be declared guilty by final judgment in any court of law or administrative charges in relation to his/her office by any court of justice, quasi-judicial body at any time during his incumbency, wherein the judgment includes forfeiture of all government benefits;
- b) is the highest-ranking Barangay Kagawad who is in his/her third consecutive term by succession becomes the Punong Barangay as provided under Section 44 of the Local Government Code of 1991, is entitled to this award for the position he was elected; or
- c) has failed to finish his/her third consecutive term due to resignation or other events similar in nature shall not be entitled to the award except when the elective official dies during his/her third consecutive term he/she shall still receive posthumously the award through his/her heir or nearest kin.

SECTION 5. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS. The following shall be the documentary requirements to be submitted by the recipient within one month after his/her final day in office:

- a) Original or Certified True Copy of his/her Oath of Office for his three (3) consecutive terms.
- b) Certification from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) that barangay official has not been declared by final judgment of any criminal or administrative case as provided under Section 4 (a) hereof.
- c) Certification from Commission on Audit (COA) that he has been cleared from all accountabilities.

SECTION 6. COMMITTEE ON AWARDS. A committee for the evaluation and conferment of the Public Service Achievement Award shall be established and composed of three (3) members headed by the City Mayor, City Local Government Operations Officer (CLGOO), the Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) President of the City shall oversee the award process.

The committee shall form a task force consisting of City Government employees who shall assist the committee in the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. FUNCTIONS. Among the duties and functions of the committee include the following, to wit:

- a) Formulate the process and flow for the evaluation and verification of records of the barangay official;
- b) Develop mechanisms and necessary tools for the assessment of documents submitted by barangay officials in support of their award;
- c) Conduct committee meetings and deliberations;
- d) Determine and approve the list of awardees;
- e) Facilitate the conduct of the awarding programs;
- f) Keep a record of all the documents, proceedings and activities of the committee for future reference and guidance; and
- g) Other duties and functions necessary in furtherance to this ordinance's purpose and faithful implementation thereof.

SECTION 8. AWARDING CEREMONY. The award shall be given in an appropriate ceremony which shall be done three (3) months after the end of the three (3) consecutive terms of the barangay official.

In case the Punong Barangay or Barangay Kagawad failed to submit the documentary requirements as provided under Section 5 hereof, the award shall be made one (1) month after the submission is made.

SECTION 9. FORMS OF AWARD. Qualified barangay officials under this ordinance shall receive a Plaque of Recognition – “**Public Service Achievement Award**”, and a Cash Incentive of FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) for Punong Barangay, and THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00) for barangay kagawads.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS. 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 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any part or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for whatever reason, the other parts or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other ordinances, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent or any of its provisions, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. TRANSITORY PROVISION. All elective barangay officials whose third consecutive term shall end in the next Barangay election following the approval of this ordinance, are entitled to the award.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect take effect immediately upon its approval subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code.

ON JOINT MOTION, City Ordinance No. _____ was APPROVED under suspended rules.