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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ENTRY OF PRIVATE VEHICLES INTO INNER ROADS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY BASED ON THE LAST DIGIT OF THEIR LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code provides among others that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare":

WHEREAS, pursuant to the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code, shall "ensure and support efforts to maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants," which necessarily includes mechanisms to ensure smooth traffic flow;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City has been experiencing increasing vehicular congestion along its major thoroughfares, particularly during peak hours;

**WHEREAS**, Tuguegarao City is the regional center of Cagayan Valley where major businesses, industries, and academic institutions are located and as such an influx of people and vehicles are expected, adding to increasing heavy traffic congestion in its thoroughfares;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government seeks to implement proactive traffic management schemes to reduce congestion, improve air quality, and encourage ride-sharing and public transportation;

WHEREAS, the City Government sees that regulating the entry and traversing of private vehicles along inner roads of the City and imposing a modified traffic scheme along the peripheral roads based on a private vehicle's last digit of their license plate shall

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

**SECTION 1. TITLE**. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Tuguegarao City Private Vehicle Number Coding Ordinance."

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. Under this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a) **INNER ROAD** shall refer to the roads within the territorial jurisdiction of Tuguegarao City which do not fall under the peripheral roads identified herein and where private vehicles are prohibited from entry or passage during the regulated hours prescribed under this ordinance.
- b) **PERIPHERAL ROAD** shall refer to the outer surrounding roads of Tuguegarao City as identified in this Ordinance which allow the entry and passage of all vehicles even during the regulated hours prescribed herein.
- c) NUMBER CODING SCHEME is a method intended to regulate the volume of vehicles from entry into or passage along city roads, provincial roads and national highways in the City of Tuguegarao based on the last digit of the vehicles license plate, enforced during weekdays from Monday to Friday
- d) **PRIVATE VEHICLE** shall include cars, trucks, vans, and multi-purpose utility vehicles that operate along major roads but do not have a public franchise. They are not classified as public utility vehicles and are primarily used for the personal or private needs of their owners or authorized users.
- e) PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (PUVs) shall include all standard forms of public transportation authorized by the LTFRB under either distance-based or zonal

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classifications. Examples include Public Utility Buses, Public Utility Mini-Buses, Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs), Taxis, Shuttle Services, and Tourist Transport Services (the latter must have a valid contract between the common carrier and the transport provider, or operate under a special service arrangement without a fixed route).

f) REGULATED HOURS – shall refer to the period of time wherein the regulation on private vehicles entering and passing along Tuguegarao City's peripheral roads as defined herein shall take effect.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE AND APPLICATION**. This Ordinance shall apply to all private motor vehicles such as but not limited to cars, SUVs, and vans entering or traversing along inner roads and peripheral roads of Tuguegarao City as defined by the immediately preceding section during regulated hours prescribed herein.

The peripheral roads include:

- 1. Cataggaman-Buntun Road
- 2. Pallua-Buntun Road connecting to Tramo Road
- 3. Corner Tramo Road to Linao Provincial Road corner Maharlika Highway
- 4. Maharlika Highway corner Linao Road-Enrile Boulevard
- 5. Enrile Boulevard-Caggay Highway corner Teresita Boulevard
- 6. Teresita Boulevard-Gunnacao Street

A detailed map depicting the peripheral roads which allow entry and traversing of private vehicles under this Ordinance is hereto attached.

**SECTION 4. NUMBER CODING SCHEDULE.** The entry into and passage of private vehicles along inner roads shall be restricted and the same shall be allowed ONLY along the identified roads under Section 3 based on the last digit of the license plate number or conduction sticker (for new vehicles), as follows:

Last Digit of Plate	Day Prohibited
1 and 2	Monday
3 and 4	Tuesday
5 and 6	Wednesday
7 and 8	Thursday
9 and 0	Friday

**SECTION 5. REGULATED HOURS**. The coding restrictions prescribed in the immediately preceding section shall be enforced during the following hours:

7:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Weekdays 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Weekdays

**SECTION 6. EXEMPTIONS.** The following vehicles shall be exempted from the number coding scheme:

- a) Government vehicles and emergency vehicles (ambulances, fire trucks, police units);
- b) Private vehicles carrying persons with disabilities (PWD), senior citizens, or medical patients
- c) Rescue vehicles or patient transport vehicles such as ambulances
- d) Public utility vehicles (jeepneys, buses, taxis, tricycles);
- e) Delivery vehicles transporting perishable goods;

**SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**. Enforcers of the Tuguegarao City Traffic Management Group (TCTMG), in coordination with the police officers of the Tuguegarao Component City Police Office shall implement this Ordinance. In case of violation of this Ordinance, violators shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense:	Five Hundred Pesos (P500)
Second Offense:	One Thousand Pesos (P1,000)
Third Offense and Subsequent Offenses:	P2,000.00 and, in the case of an offender residing outside the City, a recommendation for the passage of a city resolution declaring the offender as persona non-grata

**SECTION 8. SUBMISSION OF RECORDS.** All records of violations shall be submitted to the TCTMG who shall further submit the records of the names and plate numbers of violators to the Barangays and the City Government of Tuguegarao through the Office of the City Mayor. Violators who have yet to settle their penalties as prescribed under Section 9 hereof shall be denied issuance of clearances and permits from the barangays and the City Government.

**SECTION 9. INFORMATION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**. The City Government shall conduct a wide-reaching public information campaign through media platforms, social media, and barangay officials at least 30 days before implementation.

**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions and executive orders inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part or portion of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

## Tuguegarao City Map

