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

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 4PS ELEMENTARY AND SENIOR HIGH GRADUATES INCENTIVE PROGRAM OF TUGUEGARAO CITY**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 9, Article II of the 1987 Constitution declares the policy of the State to 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 an improved quality of life for all;

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 11310 or the “Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) Act” established the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) which is the national poverty reduction strategy and a human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfer to poor households to improve the health, nutrition and education aspect of their lives;

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the support provided by the 4Ps Program, many beneficiaries still struggle to meet the financial requirements associated with the education of their children, particularly during transitions in life such as graduation and further education;

**WHEREAS**, providing financial assistance to elementary and senior high school graduates from 4Ps beneficiary families will not only aid them in continuing their education but also to serve as an incentive and encouragement for them to pursue higher levels of learning.

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Tuguegarao recognizes the need to support its constituents, particularly those from marginalized sectors, in their pursuit of education and in alleviating the financial burden that graduation may bring;

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

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the “**Ordinance Establishing the 4Ps Elementary and Senior High Graduates Incentive Program of Tuguegarao City.**”

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared the policy of Tuguegarao City to support the education of its residents, particularly those from marginalized sectors, by providing financial assistance to elementary and senior high school graduates who are beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

**SECTION 3. PURPOSE.** This ordinance aims to provide an incentive in the form of financial support to 4Ps beneficiaries who have graduated from elementary and senior high school, and to encourage them to continue higher education to alleviate financial burdens faced by their families in supporting their children's education.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a) **4Ps Beneficiaries** - Families enrolled in and recipients of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

- b) **Elementary** – covers the first six years of compulsory basic education in the Philippines, from grades 1–6.
- c) **Financial Assistance** – refers to monetary aid provided to eligible graduates to support their further education.
- d) **Graduate** – refers to a learner who successfully completes the elementary or senior high program of the Department of Education (DepEd).
- e) **Incentive** – refers to a financial assistance for the purpose of motivating and encouraging elementary and senior high graduates who belong to 4Ps beneficiary families to pursue or continue higher education.
- f) **Resident** – shall refer to a person who is a permanent inhabitant in Tuguegarao City which has maintained an intention to stay or return.
- g) **Senior High** – covers Grade 11 and Grade 12 of the basic education program of the DepEd.

**SECTION 5. SCOPE AND COVERAGE.** This ordinance shall cover all elementary and senior high school graduates who belong to families who are beneficiaries of the 4Ps program and are residents of Tuguegarao City.

**SECTION 6. ELIGIBILITY.** To be eligible for financial assistance, applicants:

- a) Must be a bona fide resident of Tuguegarao City
- b) Must be a graduate of an elementary or senior high school located in the City
- c) Must be from a family that is registered as beneficiary of the 4Ps program in the City.

**SECTION 7. AMOUNT OF INCENTIVE.** The amount of financial assistance to be awarded as incentive to qualified graduates shall be FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000).

**SECTION 8. APPLICATION PROCEDURE.** Eligible graduates shall submit the following requirements to the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO):

- a) Duly accomplished application form.
- b) Photocopy of Certificate of Live Birth
- c) Photocopy of the graduation certificate or diploma.
- d) Photocopy of 4Ps identification card or certification from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).
- e) Barangay Certification as proof of residency in Tuguegarao City.

**SECTION 9. EVALUATION AND ENDORSEMENT.** After the applicant has submitted all necessary documents, the CSWDO shall evaluate the requirements and verify the eligibility of all applicants and shall endorse to the Office of the City Mayor the list of qualified beneficiaries.

**SECTION 10. RELEASE OF FUNDS.** Approved applicants shall receive their financial assistance through a scheduled distribution in cash or check by the Office of the City Mayor with the CSWDO.

**SECTION 11. FUNDING.** The necessary funds for the implementation of this ordinance shall be sourced from the annual budget of the City Government of Tuguegarao, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance to existing auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 12. MONITORING.** The CSWDO shall monitor the implementation of this ordinance and submit an annual report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod on the status of its implementation, including the number of beneficiaries and the financial disbursements made.

**SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES.** The Office of the City Mayor shall formulate the necessary guidelines and administrative procedures for the effective implementation of the Program.

**SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and in accordance with law.

**ON MOTION** of Hon. \_\_\_\_\_, City Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ was **APPROVED** on Third and Final Reading.