

DRAFT ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE SPECIFIC DESIGN FOR WATER REFILLING STATIONS' DELIVERY SERVICE VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF TUGUEGARAO, PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 15 of the Declaration of Principles and State Policies under Article II of the Constitution of the Philippines, the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them. Under the operative principles of decentralization and as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, the capabilities of the local government units shall be enhanced to participate actively in the implementation of national programs and projects. Within the respective territorial jurisdictions, local government unit shall ensure the supports, among other things, the promotion of health and safety, and preservation of comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Local Health Board of the City Government of Tuguegarao issued a Resolution No. 03 series of 2024 titled "RESOLUTION PRESCRIBING THE SPECIFIC DESIGN FOR EVERY WATER REFILLING STATIONS DELIVERY SERVICE VEHICLES IN THE CITY OF TUGUEGARAO";

WHEREAS, considering the paramount importance of having healthful and hygienically clean environment and to ensure the protection and promotion of health among the people of the city, the City Government of Tuguegarao directs all its efforts toward attaining its objective, Similarly, there is a need for updating the codifying sanitary laws to ensure that they are in keeping with the advance and modern standards of sanitation, as well as, provide a handy reference guide for their implementation and enforcement;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 4.2.2 of the Supplemental Implementing Rules and Regulations of Chapter II- "Water Supply", of the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (P.D. 856) states that the design, construction and specification of delivery vehicles, mobile water tankers or bulk water tankers shall be submitted by the applicant to the local health office for approval. On-site visitation, where necessary, shall be conducted by the local health office;

WHEREAS, the transportation of bottled water from water refilling stations to consumers poses potential risks of contamination, especially when delivery vehicles fail to comply with safety, cleanliness, and design standards, and as prescribed by law, all water refilling stations must use closed delivery service vehicles to prevent dust, exposure to direct sunlight, or fumes that may cause water contamination.

WHEREAS, the City Government of Tuguegarao aims to safeguard the health of its constituents by ensuring that water delivery service vehicles adhere to prescribed design and sanitation standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tuguegarao City, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Design Standards for Water Delivery Vehicles in Tuguegarao City.**"

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is the policy of the City Government of Tuguegarao to:

- a) Protect the public from health risks caused by the contamination of water during delivery;
- b) Ensure all water refilling stations operating in the city comply with vehicle design standards for hygienic delivery services;
- c) Promote accountability and quality assurance in water delivery operations.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE

This Ordinance shall apply to all water refilling stations operating within the City of Tuguegarao that utilize delivery vehicles for the distribution of bottled or purified water.

SECTION 4. VEHICLE DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

All delivery service vehicles used by water refilling stations in Tuguegarao City must conform to the following specifications:

a) Enclosed Cargo Area

- Delivery vehicles must have an enclosed cargo area made of durable, non-corrosive, and washable materials such as stainless steel or food-grade plastic.
- The enclosure must prevent dust, dirt, and other contaminants from coming into contact with the water containers.

b) Interior Design

- The interior of the cargo area must be smooth, non-porous, and easy to clean and sanitize.
- Proper racks or holders must be installed to secure water containers and prevent spillage or movement during transport.

c) Ventilation

- The vehicle must be equipped with proper ventilation to prevent overheating and maintain the integrity of the water containers.

d) Sanitation Features

- A dedicated space for cleaning and sanitizing equipment (e.g., gloves, cloths, disinfectants) must be available.
- The cargo area must be cleaned and disinfected regularly, with records maintained for inspection purposes.

e) Labeling

- Delivery vehicles must display the business name, address, contact number, and the phrase **"Water Delivery Service"** in bold, visible letters on both sides of the vehicle.
- The vehicle registration number must also be displayed on the rear side.

f) Color Code

- Delivery vehicles must use a standard color white or light blue to ensure uniformity. These colors are often associated with cleanliness, safety, and water, which align with the industry's emphasis on hygiene and purity.

Example:



CLOSED DELIVERY VEHICLE

SECTION 5. PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Water refilling stations must secure a **Delivery Vehicle Compliance Certificate** from the City Health Office (CHO) before operating their delivery services and approved Business Permit from the Local Chief Executive through Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO).

SECTION 6. INSPECTION AND MONITORING

The City Health Office, in coordination with the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), shall conduct regular inspections of water delivery vehicles to ensure compliance with this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PENALTIES

Non-compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall result in the following penalties:

a) First Offense:

- Warning and a directive to comply within 15 days.

b) Second Offense:

- Fine of **Php 5,000** and suspension of delivery services until compliance is achieved.

c) Third and Subsequent Offenses:

- Fine of **Php 10,000**, revocation of the Delivery Vehicle Compliance Certificate, and suspension of the business permit.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)

The City Health Office, in coordination with the Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO), shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance within 60 days upon approval.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation or posting in conspicuous places within Tuguegarao City.