

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TUGUEGARAO CITY  
BAHAYANIHAN PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

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**WHEREAS**, Sec. 9, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that, “The State shall 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**, under the General Welfare Clause of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the promotion of the general welfare is essential to the enjoyment by all the people of the blessing of democracy. Thus, the State must find and take advantage of every opportunity available to improve the welfare and condition of its people;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that “Every LGU shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare x LGUs shall ensure and support, among other things, xxx enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.”;

**WHEREAS**, the Tuguegarao City Government commits itself to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity among its constituents especially those belonging to the less fortunate members of the city;

**WHEREAS**, the Bahayanihan Program aims to assist and extend a helping hand to our fellow Tuguegaraoños belonging to the indigent families whose present habitation are less resilient to calamities;

**WHEREAS**, the Bahayanihan Project launched on September 16, 2023 through the concerted efforts of the city government and stakeholders became a resounding success and as of this date, 32 houses were already built for the benefits of the constituents;

**WHEREAS**, the Bahayanihan Program under the Ten -Point Agenda on the 2024 Annual Budget is one of the most preferred needs due to the fact that the Province of Cagayan is vulnerable to typhoons and floods;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, the continuity of the Bahayanihan Program shall foster social justice, unity and a viable economic development with the end in view of providing optimum service to fellow Tuguegaraoños especially to the most vulnerable members of the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the 9<sup>th</sup> City Council of Tuguegarao City, in Session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the “**TUGUEGARAO CITY BAHAYANIHAN PROGRAM.**”

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared to be policy of the Tuguegarao City Government to uphold human dignity among its constituents especially the less fortunate sectors and in order to provide assistance for their benefits and welfare, the time-honored tradition of Bayanihan to foster social justice, solidarity and sustainable development must be rekindled in every Filipino.

**SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.** This ordinance aims to fulfill the following:

- a. To institutionalize a program committed to enhance the quality of life especially to the less fortunate by providing them decent shelters
- b. To ensure that beneficiaries under this program are safe and secured especially during calamities
- c. To ensure dignity and provide stability to beneficiaries knowing that they have a permanent and stable structure to live in
- d. To inculcate and revive the “Bayanihan Spirit” among Tuguegaraoños
- e. To reinforce that genuine public service is felt in the grassroots level

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

- a. **Bahayanihan Program** – refers to the program of the City Government of Tuguegarao, the target beneficiary, and volunteers from different line agencies for the construction of a house unit, the construction materials needed thereof shall be provided by the City Government.
- b. **Beneficiary** – refers to a person qualified under this ordinance who belongs to the less fortunate sector in Tuguegarao City as identified by the TCBC.
- c. **House** – shall refer to the physical structure subject of the Bahayanihan program.
- d. **Profiling** – shall refer to the process to be conducted by the CSWDO or the Secretariat in identifying and reviewing the beneficiaries of the program.
- e. **Tuguegarao City Bahayanihan Committee (TCBC)** – or “Committee” as may be used herein shall refer to the committee which shall oversee the identification, processes, and the implementation of the Bahayanihan program.
- f. **Volunteer** - refers to an individual or group who contribute time, service and resources to the Bahayanihan program.

**SECTION 5. TUGUEGARAO CITY BAHAYANIHAN COMMITTEE (TCBC).** There shall be created a policy and advisory body under the office of the City Mayor which shall oversee the identification, processes, and the implementation of this Ordinance.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

**Composition**

Chair:	City Mayor
Vice Chair:	City Social Welfare and Development Officer
Members:	City Administrator City Engineer City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer City Treasurer City Legal Officer City Planning and Development Coordinator City General Services Officer President, Liga ng Mga Barangay Tuguegarao Component City Police Station

Bureau of Fire Protection  
Civil Society Organization  
Representative from Business Sector

**SECTION 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF TCBC.** The following shall be the powers and functions of the TCBC:

- a) Formulate policies and guidelines for the implementation of the program.
- b) Conduct ocular inspections on the target beneficiaries before the start of the Bayanihan Project.
- c) Evaluate and review the pertinent documents submitted by target beneficiaries.
- d) Recommends to the City Mayor for approval the target beneficiaries of the program.
- e) Recommends to the City Council legislative measures relative to the Bayanihan program.
- f) Performs other functions relative to the objective of this ordinance.
- g) Collaborates with other government agencies, civil society organizations and volunteers in furtherance of the objectives of this ordinance.

**SECTION 7. SECRETARIAT.** There shall be a Secretariat which shall be composed of employees of the City Social Welfare Development Office of Tuguegarao City designated by the City Mayor, which shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Receive application forms and documents relative to the qualifications of the target beneficiary
- b. Conduct evaluation for proper profiling of the target beneficiaries
- c. Evaluate documents and submit findings and recommendations to the Committee for its final approval.
- d. Coordinate with the Office of the City Engineer for progress monitoring during the construction period.
- e. Submits to the Office of the City Mayor the progress of the activities.
- f. Prepares meeting agenda and keep records of meeting.

**SECTION 8. QUALIFICATIONS/ REQUIRMENTS FOR TARGET BENEFICIARIES.** In order to qualify for the financial aid, the applicant must possess with the following:

- a. The beneficiary must be identified under the first priority level in the automated family data profiling system of the CSWDO subject for final validation.
- b. The beneficiary's house is made of salvaged or temporary structure.
- c. The beneficiary is owner of the real property subject of the program.
- d. The beneficiary shall secure certificate of indigency and residency from their barangay.

**SECTION 9. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.** The City Engineering office shall provide technical services and design for the construction of the house and shall ensure that all materials are disaster resilient. The said office shall also conduct proper monitoring during construction.

**SECTION 10. LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** The City Legal Office shall provide necessary and appropriate assistance in terms of the legality of the recipient's ownership of the lot where construction of the program shall be implemented.

**SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Office the City Mayor shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations in consultation with CSWDO, CDRRMO, City Engineer, and different stakeholders.

**SECTION 12. SOURCE OF FUND.** Funds shall be sourced out from 3% of the revenue collection from registered businesses in the City, and shall be appropriated under the Office of the City Mayor.

**SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the ordinance not otherwise declared so shall remain valid and effective.

**SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All Ordinances, rules and regulations, executive orders and portions thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.