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DR. ROSALINDA P. CALLANG

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Cagayan
Capitol Hills, Tuguegarao City

Madam:

Pursuant to Section 54 of the Local Government Code, we are now submitting for review and action the attached legislative measure enacted by the Tenth City Council during its Special Session on October 3, 2025:

1. **City Ordinance No. 10-10-2025** *An Ordinance Implementing An Experimental Traffic Scheme Along Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area Intersection) For A Period Starting October 6, 2025 Until December 31, 2025*

Thank you.

Yours truly,


JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Tuguegarao City
TENTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF
THE TENTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN
HELD ON OCTOBER 03, 2025 (FRIDAY), 10:00 A.M.,
AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Rosauro Rodrigo G. Resuello	City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	Panlungsod Member
Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag	-do-
Hon. Jude T. Bayona	-do-
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	-do-
Hon. Dennis Ryan G. Avila	-do-
Hon. Myrna G. Te	-do-
Hon. Anthony C. Tuddao	-do-
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Official Leave)
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	-do-
Hon. Mariel Ayna T. Calimag	-do-
Hon. Karina G. Viernes	-do-

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 10-10-2025

**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AN EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC SCHEME ALONG
CAGAYAN-APAYAO ROAD (BUNTUN AREA INTERSECTION) FOR A PERIOD STARTING
OCTOBER 6, 2025 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Sponsors: **Hon. Rosauro Rodrigo G. Resuello**
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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that *"Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, 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, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Region 02 requested the Office of the City Mayor for specific No Left Turn traffic scheme along Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Area) during peak hours as a means to safeguard the Buntun Bridge from the increasing volume of traffic and the growing concern of overloaded vehicles;

WHEREAS, such predicament poses heightened risks on Buntun Bridge that, if left unaddressed, may lead to serious structural damage thereto, or catastrophic collapse while vehicles are on the bridge, posing a grave risk to lives and property;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City recognizes that this concern is further aggravated by heavy traffic conditions frequently experienced along the entire stretch of the bridge where vehicles are often temporarily stationed or moving slowly, occupying its full length;

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the need for a No Left Turn traffic scheme to the aforementioned concerns along Buntun Bridge, with a commitment to exploring effective solutions that prioritize the safety and convenience of the community;

WHEREAS, implementing an experimental traffic scheme along the Cagayan-Apayao Road (Buntun Bridge Area Intersection) during a prohibited time of the day shall address the overall traffic management system at the subject area for the benefit of the community;

WHEREAS, the Tuguegarao City Government has previously implemented a similar experimental traffic scheme in 2024 through various ordinances passed by the Ninth City Council to address traffic flow in the same area;

WHEREAS, the period for the experimental traffic scheme under this Ordinance shall be effective starting October 6, 2025 and remain effective until December 31, 2025, or until such time that the City Council enacts an ordinance adopting the traffic scheme on a permanent basis, whichever comes first;

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the ***“ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AN EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC SCHEME ALONG CAGAYAN-APAYAO ROAD (BUNTUN AREA INTERSECTION) FOR A PERIOD STARTING OCTOBER 6, 2025 UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025.”***

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to implement an experimental traffic scheme along the Cagayan-Apayao Road, particularly at the Buntun Area intersection by prohibiting left turns during a prohibited time of the day which reflect peak traffic hours in order to decongest traffic, safeguard the structural integrity of Buntun Bridge, ensure the safety of motorists and commuters, and improve overall road efficiency in the area.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. When used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **No Left Turn Traffic Scheme** – refers to the traffic scheme that prohibits all types of vehicles from making left turns at designated intersections and road sections within specified time periods as stated under this Ordinance.
- b. **Buntun Bridge Area Intersection** – refers to the portion along the Cagayan–Apayao Road near the Buntun Bridge, particularly the intersection connecting Enrile/Solana, Centro Tuguegarao, Pallua Norte, Pallua Sur, and Cataggaman Pardo.
- c. **Prohibited Time** – refers to the designated time periods from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Monday to Friday, during which the “No Left Turn” traffic scheme shall be strictly enforced.
- d. **Informative Signs** – refer to traffic signages, markers, or road symbols installed to notify, guide, or warn motorists of the No Left Turn restrictions under this Ordinance.
- e. **Emergency response vehicles (ERVs)** – encompass all vehicles whether public or private in nature used as emergency services to respond to incidents quickly.

SECTION 4. SCOPE. This Ordinance shall cover all types of vehicles traversing along the Cagayan-Apayao Road, particularly at the Buntun Bridge intersection within the period set herein, subject to emergency cases as provided under this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. RESTRICTED TURNS. The following shall be declared as No Left Turn:

- a. From Enrile/Solana, Cagayan going to Pallua;
- b. From Centro Tuguegarao going to Cataggaman Pardo;
- c. From Cataggaman Pardo going to Buntun Bridge;
- d. From Pallua going to Centro Tuguegarao.

SECTION 6. PROHIBITED TIME. The No Left Turn Traffic Scheme shall be implemented from Monday to Friday from 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

SECTION 7. EXEMPTIONS. Emergency response vehicles (ERVs) including but not limited to police vehicles, fire trucks, and private vehicles when used to respond to emergency situations are hereby exempted from the preceding sections pertaining to the No Left Turn traffic scheme.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT. The City Mayor, through the Tuguegarao City Traffic Management and Public Safety and Security Office (TMG/PSSO), with the Tuguegarao Component City Police Station (TCCPS), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Regional Office 02, Land Transportation Office (LTO) Regional Office 02, and in coordination with barangay officials, shall be responsible for the strict implementation of the subject traffic scheme.

SECTION 9. ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK. The TMG/PSSO shall conduct regular monitoring and a comprehensive assessment of the experimental traffic scheme's effectiveness in regulating the flow of traffic along Buntun Bridge, as well as its impact on public safety and convenience. A periodic report shall be submitted to the Office of the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat, which shall serve as the basis for making necessary adjustments to the traffic scheme or for deciding on its continuation, modification, or termination.

SECTION 10. PUBLIC AWARENESS. The Tuguegarao City Information Office with the assistance of concerned government and private mass media outlets shall conduct an extensive information campaign to inform the public about the new traffic scheme.

Further, the TMG/PSSO is hereby tasked to install informative signs including "NO LEFT TURN" signages near the vicinity of the Buntun Bridge intersection, in coordination with the DPWH R02.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES. The City Mayor's Office shall formulate immediately after the approval of this Ordinance its implementing rules and regulations (IRR).


SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any section or provision of this City Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances and other local legislations inconsistent with this Ordinance or parts thereof are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.


SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and shall remain in force until December 31, 2025 or until a permanent ordinance is passed whichever comes first, subject to the requirements of the Local Government Code of 1991.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. ROSAURO RODRIGO G. DESUELLO, CPA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Date approved: October 6, 2025

APPROVED:


HON. MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE
City Mayor
Date approved: October 8, 2025

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