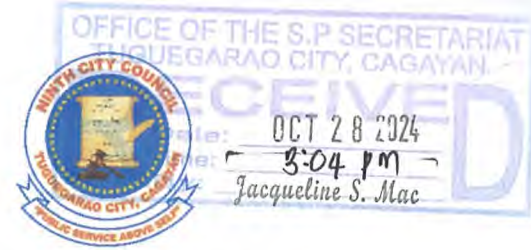




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 PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
 Tuguegarao City

NINTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 86th REGULAR SESSION OF THE NINTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD ON APRIL 11, 2024 (THURSDAY) IN LIEU OF APRIL 9, 2024 (TUESDAY) 9:00 A.M., AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Mark Angelo B. Dayag	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Maria Rosario B. Soriano	-do-
Hon. Ronaldo S. Ortiz	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	-do-
Hon. Jude T. Bayona	-do-
Hon. Karina S. Gauani-Viernes	-do-
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	-do-
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Tirso V. Mangada	-do-
Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay	-do-
Hon. Restituto C. Ramirez	Ex Officio Member
Hon. Cerene Pearl T. Quilang	-do-

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 13-09-2024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CANCER COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

- Sponsors:**
- Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan**
 - Hon. Marc Aldous C. Baccay**
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WHEREAS, Section 16 on General Welfare of the Local Government Code 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, Section 458 of the Local Government Code provides, too, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approved resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided under Section 22 of Republic Act 7160;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11215 “An Act Institutionalizing a National Integrated Cancer Control Program and Appropriating Funds Therefor,” also known as the “National Integrated Cancer Control Act,” was enacted on the twenty-third day of July, two thousand eighteen;

WHEREAS, the World Health Assembly passed a Resolution for Cancer Prevention and Control in the context of an integrated approach that urges governments and the World Health Organization (WHO) to accelerate action in achieving the targets specified in the Global Action Plan for the prevention and control of NCDs 2013-2020 and the 2030 United Nations (UN) Agenda for Sustainable Development to reduce premature mortality from cancer;

WHEREAS, the Seventieth World Health Assembly considered the report on cancer prevention and control in the context of an integrated approach and acknowledging such that in 2012, cancer was the second leading cause of death in the world with 8.2 million cancer-related deaths, the majority of which occurred in low-and middle-income countries;

WHEREAS, cancer is a leading cause of morbidity globally and a growing public health concern, with the annual number of new cancer cases projected to increase from 14.1 million in 2012 to 21.6 million by 2030;

WHEREAS, from 2021 to 2023, according to Tuguegarao City Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) records, 175 registered cancer patients and/or survivors in Tuguegarao City availed of the Persons with Disability (PWD) identification cards with their consent;

WHEREAS, in order to strengthen and enhance the health system of the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Tuguegarao City, there is a need to establish a dedicated council to address issues related to cancer prevention, awareness, education and support services within the jurisdiction of the City;

WHEREAS, with the above-stated law and with the support of the Tuguegarao City Government, it is essential to allocate funds specifically for initiatives aimed at combating breast cancer and supporting those affected by it.

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

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as “*THE CANCER COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY.*”

SECTION 2. CREATION OF THE CANCER COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY.

1. The Tuguegarao City Cancer Council is hereby created to serve as the main body responsible for establishing policies, arranging for their implementation and keeping an eye on concerns raised by cancer patients and/or survivors with the Office of the City Mayor.
2. The Tuguegarao City Government, in collaboration with the City Health Office and the Department of Health, will oversee the operations of the Council. The Council is authorized to establish subcommittees, regulations and procedures as necessary to accomplish its objectives.

SECTION 3. SCOPE AND APPLICATION. This ordinance shall benefit cancer patients and cancer survivors who are residing within the territorial jurisdiction of Tuguegarao City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms shall be construed and understood when used in this ordinance, as follows:

1. *Cancer* refers to a generic term for a large group of diseases that can affect any part of the body. Other terms used are malignant tumors and neoplasms. One defining feature of cancer is the rapid creation of abnormal cells that grow beyond their usual boundaries, and which can then invade adjoining parts of the body and spread to other organs;
2. *Cancer Control* refers to the strategies to reduce the incidence, morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life of cancer patients in a defined population, through the systematic implementation of evidence-based interventions for prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and palliative care;
3. *Palliative Care* refers to an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems on physical, psychosocial and spiritual;



4. *Supportive care* refers to prevention and management of the adverse effects of cancer and its treatment which includes management of physical and psychological symptoms and side effects across the continuum of the cancer experience;
5. *Treatment* refers to the series of interventions aimed at curing the disease and improve the patient's quality of life, such as psychosocial and nutritional support, surgery, radiotherapy, radioisotope therapy and drug therapy, which includes chemotherapy, hormone therapy, biotherapeutics, immunotherapy, gene therapy and supportive therapy.

SECTION 5. GENERAL FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL. The following shall be the general functions of the Council classified accordingly:

1. **CANCER PREVENTION** - Develop and implement strategies to reduce the incidence of cancer through education, awareness campaigns and advocacy for healthy behaviors and lifestyle choices known to lower cancer risk.
2. **EARLY DETECTION AND SCREENING** - Promote the importance of early detection through regular screenings and raising awareness about the signs and symptoms of various types of cancer to facilitate timely diagnosis and treatment.
3. **SUPPORT SERVICES** - Provide support services to individuals affected by cancer including patients, survivors, caregivers and their families which may include, but not limited to, counselling, support groups, financial assistance programs and access to resources for navigating treatment and survivorship.
4. **RESEARCH FUNDING AND ADVOCACY** - Support cancer research through funding initiatives, grants and partnerships with research institutions to advance scientific knowledge, develop new treatments and improve outcomes for cancer patients.
5. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY** - Advocate for public policies and legislation at the local, national and international levels to address cancer-related issues including access to healthcare, funding for cancer researches and prevention programs, and environmental factors impacting cancer risk.
6. **PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS** - Conduct public education campaigns to raise awareness about cancer prevention, risk factors, treatment options and survivorship issues. This may involve disseminating information through various channels including media, community events and educational materials.
7. **COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS** - Collaborate with government agencies, healthcare providers, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups and other stakeholders to leverage resources, share best practices and coordinate efforts in the fight against cancer.
8. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** - Engage with communities to address local cancer-related needs and disparities, promote health equity and empower individuals to take proactive steps in cancer prevention and control.
9. **TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** - Provide training programs, workshops and resources for healthcare professionals, volunteers and community members to enhance their knowledge and skills in cancer prevention, detection, treatment and support services.
10. **QUALITY ASSURANCE AND STANDARDS** - Set and promote standards of excellence in cancer care, including guidelines for screening, diagnosis, treatment and supportive care services to ensure quality and consistency in cancer management.

SECTION 6. COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL WITH SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Council shall consist of the following members with their respective functions and duties:

1. **CHAIRPERSON** – City Mayor
The City Mayor shall:
 - a. Call and preside over meetings;
 - b. Manage and administer the affairs of the council;
 - c. Ensure that the decisions and policies of the council are implemented;
 - d. Sign and represent the council.
2. **CO-CHAIRPERSON** – City Health Office (CHO)
The City Health Office serves as a key partner in the Cancer Council, contributing its expertise and resources to promote cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and support services within the community through collaboration, advocacy and innovation, and help advance the Cancer Council's mission to reduce the burden of cancer and improve the health and well-being of residents.

3. **VICE CHAIRPERSON** - Legislative Chair: Committee on Health and Sanitation
The Legislative Chair of the Committee on Health and Sanitation shall:
 - a. Assist the Chairperson in fulfilling his/her duties and responsibilities, and provide assistance as needed to facilitate the effective operation of the Cancer Council;
 - b. Assume the responsibilities of the chairperson in his/her absence including presiding over meetings, making decisions and representing the Cancer Council as necessary;
 - c. Provide support and guidance to council members; help foster a collaborative and inclusive environment that encourages participation, engagement and contribution to the council's work.

4. **MEMBERS.** The following shall be the members of the Council with their specific functions and responsibilities:
 - a. Committee on Women, Children, Family and Gender Relations - The chairperson of the Committee on Women, Children, Family and Gender Relations plays a crucial role in advancing the Cancer Council's mission to address cancer-related issues with a focus on the unique needs and concerns of women, children, families and individuals of diverse genders through leadership, advocacy, collaboration and community engagement, and works to promote equity, access to care and support for those affected by cancer.
 - b. Department of Health (DOH) - The Department of Health plays a central role in supporting Cancer Councils in their efforts to prevent, diagnose, treat and control cancer and through collaboration, capacity-building and advocacy, DOH and Cancer Councils shall work together to reduce the burden of cancer and improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities across the country.
 - c. Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) - The Cagayan Valley Medical Center plays a central role in supporting Cancer Councils in their efforts to assist cancer survivors or warriors in their Cancer Center to reduce the burden of cancer and improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities across the country.
 - d. City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) - The City Social Welfare and Development Office plays a vital role in providing essential support services and assistance to individuals and families affected by cancer by working collaboratively with other stakeholders within the Cancer Council to address the holistic needs of the community.
 - e. Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) - The Persons with Disability Affairs Office plays a vital role in ensuring that individuals with disabilities affected by cancer to have equitable access to support services, resources and accommodations within the Cancer Council and the broader healthcare system. Through advocacy, empowerment and collaboration, the PDAO works to promote the inclusion, dignity and well-being of individuals with disabilities in the fight against cancer.
 - f. Barangay Affairs Office (BAO) - The Barangay Affairs Office plays a critical role in facilitating community engagement, grassroots initiatives and local-level support services within the Cancer Council, contributing to efforts to prevent, detect and address cancer within barangays and local communities.
 - g. City Information Office (CIO) - The City Information Office shall disseminate accurate information, raise awareness, and mobilize public support for cancer prevention, early detection and support services through strategic communication and engagement with the community.
 - h. Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) - The Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education shall promote cancer awareness, prevention and education among students, teachers and school communities, contributing to efforts in reducing the burden of cancer and improve public health outcomes. Through curriculum integration, teacher training, school-based programs and partnerships with stakeholders, the DepEd and CHED help empower young people with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about their health and well-being.
 - i. Tuguegarao Component City Police Station (TCCPS) - The Tuguegarao Component City Police Station shall ensure peace and order, and offer security and logistical assistance during cancer awareness events, fundraising activities and other initiatives organized by the Cancer Council in order to guarantee the well-being of participants and facilitate smooth operations during sizable gatherings.
 - j. Advocacy Group - The Advocacy Group shall raise awareness, prevent cancer and support individuals and communities affected by the disease through various supportive roles and



collaborations at the local level and promote community involvement, legislative reform and public awareness in the fight against cancer. The Advocacy Group will support initiatives to lessen the burden of cancer and enhance outcomes for those impacted by the disease by promoting evidence-based policies, enlisting the public's support, and enable people to take action.

SECTION 7. TERM OF OFFICE. The chairperson, vice chair and members of the Council shall serve for a period of three years.

SECTION 8. VACANCY. In case of death, permanent disability, resignation of any member or change in the representative of the member organization, the council shall recommend to the Chairperson for the replacement. The said appointment shall be made within a period of thirty days. The new appointee shall only serve the unexpired term of the said member, subject to re-election for another term.

SECTION 9. MEETINGS. The council shall meet every quarter or as often as the need arises at the call of the chairperson. Majority of the council shall constitute a quorum. However, when a decision made by such quorum, it must carry unanimous vote of all members to be valid.

SECTION 10. THE SECRETARIAT. The council shall have the secretariat composed of the CHO coordinator assigned by the CHO Head.

SECTION 11. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATIONS. The funding and appropriations of this Ordinance shall be sourced from the annual budget or any supplemental budget, subject to availability of funds.

SECTION 12. ACCOUNTABILITY. All disbursements shall be in accordance with prescribed guidelines subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

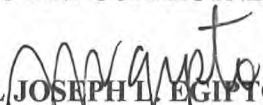
SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the remainders of the ordinance not otherwise declared so shall remain valid and effective.

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.

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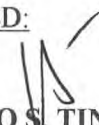
I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


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

ATTESTED:


HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Date: 04-16-24

APPROVED:


HON. MAILA ROSARIO S. TING-QUE
City Mayor
Date: APR 16 2024

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