

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 05-2011 TITLED "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE TUGUERARAO CITY DENGUE CONTROL PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR TO INCLUDE THE PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED ACTS

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**WHEREAS**, it is provided in Section 16 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the local Government Code of 1991 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. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, 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**, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, one of the dangers being faced by residents of the City is dengue fever that has been claiming hundreds of lives all over the country since the last decade;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Unit of Tuguegarao City sees it imperative to address dengue to avoid outbreaks from happening, and saving the lives of its constituents in doing so;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government needs to implement a more comprehensive and aggressive effort to curtail the proliferation of the dengue virus with the active cooperation of various stakeholders in Tuguegarao City;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to update the existing City Ordinance No. 05-2011 titled "An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Tuguegarao City Dengue Control Program and Providing Funds Therefor";

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

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** – This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE TUGUEGARAO CITY DENGUE CONTROL PROGRAM, PENALIZING VIOLATORS THEREOF AND ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREOF."

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.** It is the purpose of this ordinance to safeguard public health and ensure the well-being of all its constituents by protecting them from Dengue.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall apply to all persons, whether natural or juridical, whether resident or not, and in all places found within the territorial jurisdiction of the Local Government Unit of Tuguegarao City, Cagayan.

**SECTION 4. DEFINATION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following terms are hereby defined as follows:

- a. **4S STRATEGY** – the anti-dengue strategy implemented by the Department of Health which involves searching and destroying all mosquito breeding sites, self-protection measures, seeking early treatment and saying no to indiscriminate fogging except during outbreaks;
- b. **AEDES AEGYPTI** – a mosquito specie that is totally black with white spots on the body and head regions and has white rings on the legs and a known carrier of dengue virus;
- c. **BODIES OF WATER** - earth diggings with accumulated water, residential drainage canals
- d. **DENGUE**- an acute infections disease caused by a flavivirus (species Dengue virus of the genus Flavivirus), transmitted by aedes mosquitoes, and characterized by headache, severe joint pain, and a rash – also called break bone fever, dengue fever;
- e. **ESTABLISHMENT**- hotels, motels, dormitories, commercial buildings, lodging and boarding houses, apartments, hospitals, libraries, museums, offices, malls, markets, supermarkets, movie houses, schools, colleges and universities and other similar institutions;
- f. **FOCAL SPRAY** - the act of applying, releasing or dispensing a toxic chemical so that it reaches the target organism primarily or wholly in gaseous state;
- g. **FOUR O’CLOCK HABIT**–the initiative of the Philippine Government that encourages government employees and residents to practice the cleaning of their surroundings and draining water containers to prevent the spread of mosquitoes in support of the Dengue Control Program;
- h. **HYGIENE** – the practices associated with ensuring good health and cleanliness;
- i. **INDISCRIMINATE FOGGING** – a process of using an equipment to deliver the insecticide in very tiny particles which drives away the mosquitoes to other areas;
- j. **NGO** – the Non-government Organization;
- k. **PTA** – Parent Teachers Association;
- l. **SANITATION** – the hygienic disposal or recycling of waste, as well as the policy and practice for protecting health through hygiene measures;
- m. **STAGNANT WATER** – motionless water, not flowing in a stream or current, also known as standing water;
- n. **TODA** – the Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association;
- o. **TCDCC** – the The Tuguegarao City Dengue Control Council;
- p. **PREMISES** – a house or building, together with its land and outbuildings, occupied by a business or house;
- q. **PERIMETER**- from Latin, meaning “around” (peri) and “measure” (metron), a perimeter is basically a boundary of any kind. In this ordinance it is the boundary of houses, buildings or any establishment;
- r. **PERSON-IN-CHARGE** - those persons in charge of households or establishments
- s. **WATER CONTAINERS**- any open receptacles such as, discarded tin cans, buckets/pails or “laton” (large plastic bucket/containers of margarine or lard/orocan, empty pots, empty bottles);
- t. **WATER CONTAINING OBJECTS**- any object that collects/accumulates water such as plastic/ metal bottle caps, pitcher plants, tires and the like.

**SECTION 5. THE TUGUEGARAO CITY DENGUE CONTROL COUNCIL (TCDCC).** There is hereby created a TCDCC for the purpose of monitoring and overseeing the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. COMPOSITION OF THE TCDCC.** The TCDCC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Mayor  
Vice Chairperson: Vice Mayor

Members: City Health Officer  
Chairman of Committee on Health and Sanitation  
Liga ng mga Barangay President  
City Schools Division Superintendent  
Sangguniang Kabataan President

**SECTION 7. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TCDCC.** The TCDCC shall have the following functions:

- a. To formulate the policies and programs on the prevention and control of the occurrence of dengue in Tuguegarao City.
- b. To ensure the creation in every barangay of Dengue Brigade.
- c. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the programs and activities geared towards the prevention of dengue.
- d. To coordinate with the government and non-government agencies in the implementation of the prevention and control programs and encourage the practice of the four o'clock habit by all sectors within the City.

**SECTION 8. BARANGAY DENGUE BRIGADE.** There shall be created in all barangays of Tuguegarao City a Barangay Dengue Brigade (BDB) which shall be composed but shall not be limited to the following:

Chairperson: Punong Barangay  
Vice Chairperson: Kagawad Chairperson on Health  
Members: Barangay Health Workers  
Barangay Tanods  
School Representatives

**SECTION 9. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BDB.** It shall be the responsibility of the BDB to implement the Dengue Control Program and other policies and programs formulated by the TCDCC.

**SECTION 10. DENGUE CONTROL PROGRAM.** The Dengue Control Program shall be composed of the following:

- A. **EDUCATION AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.** The BDB shall conduct regular education and information dissemination campaign in order to instill among residents the proper knowledge regarding dengue prevention and control with emphasis on the 4S strategy of the DOH, which refers to Search and Destroy, Self-protection Measures, Seek Early Consultation and Say No to Indiscriminate Fogging, in preventing the outbreak of Dengue. The program shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
  1. Provide appropriate and adequate training to the members of BDB and other persons responsible in the implementation of the Dengue Control Program.
  2. Conduct barangay assemblies to be participated by residents, TODA groups, PTA members, religious organizations and youth groups.
  3. Distribute dengue prevention and control Information Education Communication (IEC) materials to the residents of the barangay.
  4. Affix placards, billboards or posters to conspicuous places in the barangay.
  5. Broadcast the anti-dengue campaign through local television, radio stations and on Barangay's Official Facebook Page

- B. **ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION.** The BDB shall promote an Aedis Aegypti-free environment through the implementation of cleanliness campaigns and effective dengue control measures in the community. The program shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
1. Eliminate possible mosquito breeding sites in the community on a year-round basis.
  2. Mobilize community volunteers for a house to house cleanliness campaigns.
  3. Maintain proper sanitation and clean surroundings in the school premises.
  4. Prevent water stagnation in canals and formation of mud puddle and water pool in the surroundings.
- C. **MONITORING AND COORDINATION.** The BDB shall assist in the conduct of surveillance which is considered one of the most important strategies of any prevention and control program. Through surveillances, prediction for early detection of dengue cases can be made so that prompt application of appropriate control measures can be affected and further spread of dengue can be prevented. The program shall include but shall not be limited to the following:
1. Conduct ocular inspection to identify Aedes Aegypti breeding sites and to determine high-risk puroks or zones in the barangay.
  2. Regularly monitor the health sanitation in the barangay.
  3. Advise suspect cases of dengue to go to the nearest dengue dengue facility
  4. Report to the CHO the result of their ocular inspection and the occurrence of dengue cases in their barangay.

**SECTION 11. PROHIBITED ACTS.** The following acts are declared prohibited by this Ordinance:

- a. Stockpiling of water in open water containers for more than seven days within the premises and perimeter of houses and establishments.
- b. Leaving empty open water containers or water containing objects within the perimeter of houses and establishment;
- c. Leaving of uncleaned or unmaintained open containers or water containing objects filled with water in the premises of houses and establishments; and
- d. Maintaining undrained bodies of water within the perimeter of houses and establishment.

**SECTION 12. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PERSONS-IN-CHARGE.** Person – in-charge shall:

1. Search and destroy breeding sites of mosquitoes.
2. Protect self.
3. Allow inspectors acting under Section 12 which may include members of the Task Force, entry into the premises and perimeter of houses and establishments during regular business hours for the purpose of inspecting its compliance with this ordinance.

**SECTION 13. PENALTIES.** The following penalties shall be imposed on violators of this ordinance.

1. **Violation of Section 5 for person –in –charge of houses:**
  - a. First Offense – Two (2) hours Community service
  - b. Second offense- P 250.00
  - c. Third and Subsequent Offense – P 500

2. **Violation of Section 5 for person- in- charge of establishments:**
  - a. First Offense- Four (4) hours Community Service
  - b. Second Offense- P 500
  - c. Third and Subsequent Offenses – P1000

**SECTION 14. ENFORCEMENT ON HOUSES AND ESTABLISHMENTS.** The inspection teams/ composed of the members of the BDB ( Barangay Dengue Brigada ) shall conduct inspection of all houses and establishment to determine their compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Quarterly inspection shall thereafter be conducted by the barangay. The inspection team shall provide the persons-in-charge of the houses and establishment the primer of this Ordinance. The inspection team shall issue a Citation Ticket against the violators upon finding of non-compliance with or any violation of this Ordinance.

If the person-in-charge of houses and establishments fails to comply with the duties and obligations stated in this Ordinance upon re-inspection, the inspection team shall issue another Citation Ticket and request the assistance of the Barangay Council members for the enforcement of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 15. CONDUCT OF ORIENTATION, SEMINARS AND TRAININGS.** The Health Officer with the assistance of the Health Education and Promotion Officer and the Sanitation Inspector shall develop and conduct a series of orientation, seminars and trainings for the enforces of this Ordinance, at least one for BDB ( Barangay Dengue Brigade )

**SECTION 16. BLOOD TYPING CAMPAIGN.** There shall be an annual conduct of free blood typing test in every barangay or blood type identification of the residents

**SECTION 17. BLOOD DONORSLIST.** Barangay are encountered to maintain a list of probable blood donors which is necessary in case the need for blood donors arises during dengue outbreaks.

**SECTION 18. APROPRIATIONS.** The amount necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance shall be appropriated in the Annual Budget of Tuguegarao City subject to the approved Program of Work.

**SECTION 19. SEPARABILTY CLAUSE.** If any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions hereof which shall remain valid and effective.

**SECTION 20. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, orders, or rules and regulations inconstant with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 21. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take immediately after its publication.