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A DRAFT ORDINANCE ENCOURAGING HOTELS, ACCOMMODATIONS, LODGING INNS, AND APARTELLES IN TUGUEGARAO CITY TO PROVIDE A 20% DISCOUNT TO EVACUEES AFFECTED BY FLOODING WHO SEEK TEMPORARY REFUGE

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WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City is frequently affected by flooding caused by typhoons, monsoon rains, and river overflows, resulting in the displacement of residents and damage to homes and properties;

WHEREAS, individuals and families who are forced to evacuate during flooding events often seek safer and more secure temporary shelter beyond government-managed evacuation centers;

WHEREAS, hotels, lodging houses, inns, and apartelles within the city may offer safer and more dignified accommodations for evacuees during times of disaster;

WHEREAS, the local government of Tuguegarao City seeks to promote public-private partnerships in addressing the needs of disaster-stricken individuals;

WHEREAS, encouraging the hospitality sector to provide discounted rates for evacuees is a compassionate and socially responsible act that reflects the values of community solidarity and disaster resilience;

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

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Flood Evacuee Accommodation Support Ordinance of Tuguegarao City."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is the policy of the City Government of Tuguegarao to support and protect the welfare of its residents during disasters by encouraging private sector participation in providing temporary shelter options to affected individuals and families.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms or phrases shall be construed to mean:

- A. Evacuees Individuals or families displaced from their residences due to flooding and temporarily unable to return home, as certified by the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) or Barangay Officials.
- **B.** Participating Establishments Hotels, lodging inns, apartelles, or similar businesses voluntarily offering discounted accommodation rates to certified evacuees.
- **C. Flooding** The overflow of water that submerges land that is usually dry, caused by natural weather disturbances or water system overflow within Tuguegarao City.

SECTION 4. DISCOUNT PROVISION - Participating establishments are encouraged to offer a 20% discount on regular or published room rates to certified evacuees affected by flooding who are seeking temporary refuge.

SECTION 5. VALIDATION AND CERTIFICATION- To avail of the discount, evacuees must present a **valid certification** issued by either of the following:

- · The City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO),
- Their Barangay Captain or Barangay Disaster Response Committee, confirming that they have been displaced due to flooding.

Certification must be dated and issued within seven (7) days from the declared flooding event.

SECTION 6. CITY GOVERNMENT SUPPORT AND INCENTIVES - Participating establishments shall receive the following forms of recognition and support from the City Government:

- Issuance of a Certificate of Recognition;
- Inclusion in the list of City-Recognized Disaster Support Establishments;
- Priority in City-led tourism and hospitality promotions;
- Consideration for non-monetary incentives or awards under future relevant city programs.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING - The **City Tourism Office** and the **City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO)** shall jointly oversee the implementation of this Ordinance, maintain an updated list of participating establishments, and facilitate coordination between evacuees and private accommodation providers.

SECTION 8. FUNDING. The budget needed for the implementation of this ordinance shall be appropriated and authorized in the succeeding Annual Budgets. It may also be funded under the supplemental budget of this City for the current year or the succeeding years. Provided further, that in both instances, the appropriation and authorization shall be subject to availability of funds and in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If, for any reasons, any part of the provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinance, Resolutions, Circular, Memorandums, or Rules and Regulation inconsistent with the provision of this Code are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its posting at Tuguegarao City Transparency Boards.