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Tuguegarao City

OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

August 20, 2013

Atty. Rosalinda P. Callang
OIC Secretary to the Sanggunian
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 Sangguniang Panlungsod on July 31, 2013, specifically:

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 02-2013 – “AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING A STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (SFAP) FOR POOR BUT DESERVING
STUDENTS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**

Thank you.

Yours truly,


Joel Joseph L. Egipio, Ph. D.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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Tuguegarao City

SIXTH CITY COUNCIL

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN HELD
ON JULY 31, 2013, WEDNESDAY, AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Engelbert C. Caronan, Jr.	City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Rosauro G. Resuello	-do-
Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que	-do-
Hon. Noel A. Mora	-do-
Hon. Jude T. Bayona	-do-
Hon. Kendrick S. Calubaquib	-do-
Hon. Estelita U. Dayag	-do-
Hon. Aurora A. Ave	-do-
Hon. Anthony C. Tuddao	-do-

ABSENT:

Hon. Perla C. Tumaliuan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (On Official Business)
Hon. Ronald S. Ortiz	-do-
Hon. Loreto B. Valdepeñas	-do-
Hon. Hilario Larry S. Ting	-do-
Hon. Nadine Jerome A. Cabugos	-do-

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 02-2013

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(SFAP) FOR POOR BUT DESERVING STUDENTS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY AND
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Principal Sponsors: **HON. ROSAURO G. RESUELLO
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HON. RONALD S. ORTIZ
HON. ANTHONY C. TUDDAO
HON. NADINE JEROME A. CABUGOS**

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that “the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;”

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution further provides that “the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total human liberation and development;”

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 10 (5k) of Republic Act No. 8755, otherwise known as the "Tuguegarao City Charter", provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

WHEREAS, access to tertiary level of education for many students from Tuguegarao City is almost prohibitive by reason of poverty and very high tuition fee rates resulting to a need to make college education available especially to poor but deserving students;

WHEREAS, there is a need to make tertiary education accessible to all students by providing a student financial assistance program for poor but deserving students of Tuguegarao City;

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

CHAPTER I SHORT TITLE AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP) Ordinance of 2013."

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared to be a policy of Tuguegarao City Government to uplift the living condition of its less fortunate constituents by providing a financial assistance program for poor but deserving students for them to be given equal chance and opportunity to acquire a college education and to be able to participate in bringing a better society that is progressive, peaceful and successful.

CHAPTER II DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – When used under this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall mean as follows:

- a. "CITY" shall refer to Tuguegarao City covering all the areas within its territorial jurisdiction as provided for by law and its charter;
- b. "CITY GOVERNMENT" shall refer to the Tuguegarao City Government;
- c. "COMELEC" shall refer to Commission on Elections;
- d. "DESERVING STUDENTS" shall refer to students with good moral character and who have met all the requirements set forth in this ordinance;
- e. "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" shall refer to the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) to be given by the City Government every semester to the grantees of this program;
- f. "MORAL TURPITUDE" shall refer to a gross violation of standards of moral conduct;
- g. "POOR" shall refer to a student who belongs to a family whose gross annual income does not exceed P156,000.00;
- h. "SFAP" shall refer to Student Financial Assistance Program; and,
- i. "VOCATIONAL COURSE" shall refer to a two-year formal study in an accredited vocational school in the province.

CHAPTER III STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SFAP)

SECTION 4. PROGRAM. The City Government of Tuguegarao shall offer financial assistance to poor but deserving college students of the city. The program is open to all college students in any year level enrolled in a University/College or duly accredited Vocational School within the province.

The City Government shall initially open 200 slots for the said program every school year. Each grantee shall be given the amount of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) every semester.

**CHAPTER IV
SCREENING AND APPLICATIONS**

SECTION 5. SECRETARIAT. There shall be a secretariat who shall be responsible in screening and selecting the applicants for this program.

The members of the Secretariat shall be designated by the City Mayor.

**CHAPTER V
QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPLICATIONS**

SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE STUDENTS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. In order to qualify for the Student Financial Assistance Program (SFAP), the applicant must conform with the following requirements, to wit:

- a. The applicant must be a bonafide resident of Tuguegarao City.
- b. The applicant must have the aptitude, willingness and diligence to finish his/her studies.
- c. The applicant must be of good moral character as certified by the Punong Barangay where the applicant actually resides and the school where the applicant has graduated from high school or by the university or college or vocational school where the applicant is currently enrolled.
- d. The applicant must not belong to a family whose gross annual income is over P156,000.00.
- e. The applicant must not be a holder of any other scholarship grant or recipient of any financial assistance program from a private or public entity.

**CHAPTER VI
SFAP REQUIREMENTS**

SECTION 7. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION OF SFAP. Any student who wishes to apply shall upon application submit the following requirements:

- a. A certified copy of his/her birth certificate.
- b. A photocopy of his/her latest school registration and valid assessment form.
- c. A copy of parents income tax return (ITR) for the preceding year or if married, the applicant's ITR or if none, a certification to that effect issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.
- d. Barangay Clearance.
- e. Police Clearance.
- f. A sworn statement that the applicant is not a grantee of any scholarship, study grant or financial assistance program from any private or public entity.

SECTION 8. REQUIREMENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SFAP.

- a) The grantee shall enroll immediately at the opening of the school year following the award of the financial assistance.
- b) The grantee shall finish his/her course within the prescribed course duration.
- c) A grantee of the SFAP shall maintain the passing grade of 75% during the semester.

**CHAPTER VII
DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM THE STUDENT FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SFAP)**

SECTION 9. DISQUALIFICATIONS. The grantee by his/her act or omission shall be disqualified from the Scholarship Program (SFAP) on any of the following grounds or reasons:

- a. He/she has failed to meet the required grade as provided in this scholarship program.
- b. He/she has willfully misrepresented or withheld vital information relative to his/her SFAP application.
- c. He/she has committed a serious infraction of any of the rules or regulations of the school where he/she is enrolled, giving cause for his/her suspension.
- d. He/she has discontinued or stopped schooling, unless due to serious illness.
- e. He/she has been charged with an offense involving moral turpitude.

**CHAPTER VIII
APPROPRIATIONS**

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS. The amount of One Million Two Hundred Pesos (P1,200,000.00) shall initially be appropriated to implement the program and any additional amount necessary for the sustainable implementation of this Ordinance in the Annual Budget of Tuguegarao City.

**CHAPTER IX
FINAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and in the event that one or more of the other provisions are held illegal or unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances, executive orders and other local legislation inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code.

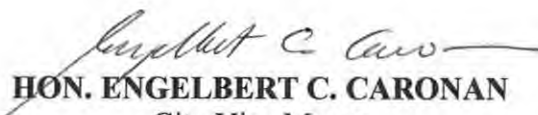
On motion of all members present, **CITY ORDINANCE NO. 02-2013** was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPTO, Ph. D. ^{D80113}
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


HON. ENGELBERT C. CARONAN
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor ²⁰¹³
Date approved: _____

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