



Republic of the Philippines
 PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
 City of Tuguegarao
EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8th REGULAR SESSION
 OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN
 HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2019, 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY,
 AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL



PRESENT:

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| Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II | City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan | Sangguniang Panlungsod Member |
| Hon. Gilbert S. Labang | -do- |
| Hon. Danilo L. Baccay | -do- |
| Hon. Ronald S. Ortiz | -do- |
| Hon. Arnel T. Arugay | -do- |
| Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin -Chan | -do- |
| Hon. Grace B. Arago | -do- |
| Hon. Raymund P. Guzman | -do- |
| Hon. Karina S. Gauani | -do- |
| Hon. Victor Herbert N. Perez | -do- |
| Hon. Karen L. Taguinod | Ex Officio Member |

ABSENT:

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| Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que | Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Official Business) |
| Hon. Winnoco R. Abraham | -do- (on Sick Leave) |
| Hon. Gil G. Pagulayan | Ex Officio Member (on Official Time) |

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 35-08-2019

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MASS WEDDING PROGRAM OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TUGUEGARAO IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CITY REGISTRY MONTH AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

- Sponsors:
- Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan**
 - Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II**
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WHEREAS, the Civil Registry Month is observed every February by virtue of Proclamation No. 682 signed on January 28, 1991 by then President Corazon Aquino;

WHEREAS, the Mass Wedding is grounded, among others, on Article II, Section 12 of the Philippine Constitution which provides that the State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Tuguegarao has been initiating and conducting free Mass Wedding Programs for the past years in celebration of the Civil Registry Month;

WHEREAS, a number of couples of legal age in Tuguegarao City could not legitimize their union because of financial issues;

WHEREAS, the Mass Wedding Program shall also provide protection to the couple and the future of their children since the marriage is the foundation of the family being an inviolable social institution whose nature, consequences and incidents are governed by law.

WHEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Eighth City Council in session assembled to enact:

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall also be known as *“Tuguegarao City Mass Wedding Ordinance.”*

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES: The institutionalization of the Mass Wedding Program of the City Government of Tuguegarao in observance of the City Registry Month shall endeavor to:

- a. Provide legitimacy to relationships and unions of couples in the city;
- b. Secure the future of the children of the couples to be wed;
- c. Stress the importance of marriage to couples living together for several years already; and,
- d. Strengthen the relationship and family life of unmarried individuals making it more beneficial to them and their children having all positive legal effects for all intents and purposes

CHAPTER 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 3. Whenever used in this Ordinance, the following terms hereunder shall mean:

- a. **Couple** – male and female of legal age; one of them should be from Tuguegarao City.
- b. **Indigent** – a person of no source of livelihood or person living below the poverty level as certified by the City Social Welfare and Development Office.
- c. **Marriage** – a special contract of permanent union between a man and a woman entered into in accordance with law for the establishment of conjugal and family life.
- d. **Marriage License** – a document issued either by a church or state authority authorizing a couple to marry.
- e. **Mass Wedding** – marriage ceremony in which several couples are married at the same time.
- f. **Pre-Marriage Counselling and Seminars** – counselling provided by marriage and family counselor to help a couple prepare the marriage.

CHAPTER 3. SCOPE AND DELIMITATION

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall cover the following:

- a. The couples shall be indigent members of the community and shall submit Certificate of Indigency.
- b. Both or either one of the parties is a resident of Tuguegarao City.
- c. Marriage license of applicants should originate from the City Civil Registry Office.

CHAPTER 4. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE

SECTION 5. The City Civil Registry Office (CCRO) is responsible in carrying out the objectives of this ordinance, ensures the availability of the solemnizing officer for the scheduled date of the Mass Wedding Program, provides procedures for availment of benefits under this ordinance and guidelines as to the qualifications of applicant spouses including those couples living as husband and wife for at least five (5) years without any legal impediment to contract marriage pursuant to Article 34 of the Family Code.

CHAPTER 5. PROCEDURE

SECTION 6. The applicants for the Mass Wedding Program scheduled every February of the year shall:

- a. Secure:
 - i. Birth Certificate;
 - ii. Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR) at the Philippine Statistic Authority (PSA);
 - iii. Community Tax Certificate (Cedula)
If foreigner,
 - iv. Legal Capacity to Marry from the Embassy
- b. Go to CCRO to submit the above documents
- c. Undergo Pre-Marriage Counselling and Seminars being conducted by the City Health Office and City Social Welfare Development.
- d. After ten (10) days, go back to CCRO for the Marriage License.

SECTION 7. All expenses in the application of marriage license shall be free of charge including pre-marriage seminar fee and marriage certificate expenses.

SECTION 8. The Mass Wedding set in the month of February of every year shall be solemnized by the City Mayor at his discretion, pursuant to the powers granted to him under Section 455 Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 5. APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 9. Funding for the Mass Wedding Program of the City Government of Tuguegarao in Observance of the City Registry Month shall be provided in the Annual Budget of the City Government.

CHAPTER 6. FINAL PROVISIONS

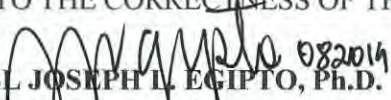
SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable; in the event that one or more of the provisions are held illegal or unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. Ordinances, executive orders and other local legislations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.


SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code.

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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. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer
Date: 08 - 22 - 19

APPROVED:


HON. ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor
Date: 08/24/19

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