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PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN  
City of Tuguegarao

**EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL**



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN  
HELD ON MARCH 17, 2020, TUESDAY, 9:00 A.M.,  
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via teleconferencing)
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Ronald S. Ortiz	-do-
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via teleconferencing)
Hon. Winnoco R. Abraham	-do-
Hon. Grace B. Arago	-do-
Hon. Raymund P. Guzman	-do-
Hon. Karina S. Gauani	-do-
Hon. Victor Herbert N. Perez	-do-
Hon. Gil G. Pagulayan	Ex Officio Member (Liga ng mga Barangay President)
Hon. Karen L. Taguinod	Ex Officio Member (SK Federation President)

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Vacation Leave)
Hon. Danilo L. Baccay	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 07-08-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PROTECTION TO THE PEOPLE OF TUGUEGARAO CITY BY ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF BASIC NECESSITIES AND PRIME COMMODITIES AT REASONABLE PRICES DURING DECLARED NATIONAL EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND OTHER FORTUITOUS EVENTS EITHER ACTS OF GOD OR MEN, SUCH AS CONFLAGRATIONS, DISASTERS AND THE LIKE**

Sponsors: **Hon. Ronald S. Ortiz**  
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**WHEREAS**, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has issued Proclamation No. 922 placing the entire nation under a State of Public Health Emergency;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (WHO) likewise has earlier declared the COVID-19 as a public health emergency of international concern and is officially a pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of a state of public health emergency would capacitate government agencies and local government units to immediately act to prevent loss of lives and utilize appropriate

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resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to mitigate its effects and impact to the community;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has issued warnings that there is no need to do panic buying and asked grocery and supermarket owners to limit the quantity of items they are selling in light of the panic buying caused by the COVID-19 scare;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to protect the residents of Tuguegarao City against possible abuses of persons and business establishments by unreasonably hoarding supplies of basic and prime commodities including face masks, alcohol and hand sanitizers, among others;

**WHEREAS**, there is also a need to ensure the availability of basic necessities and prime commodities at reasonable prices during fortuitous events, either acts of God or men, such as conflagrations, disasters and the like.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED**, as it is hereby **ORDAINED**, by the Eighth City Council in Tuguegarao City, in session duly assembled to enact the following:

**Section 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be referred to as the “*Anti-Hoarding and Anti-Panic Buying Ordinance of Tuguegarao City.*”

**Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is the policy of the City Government of Tuguegarao to ensure the availability of basic commodities at reasonable prices at all times without denying the legitimate business establishments’ fair return of their investment.

It is also the declared policy of the city to provide effective and sufficient protection to consumers against hoarding, profiteering and cartels with respect to the supply, distribution, marketing and pricing of the prime commodities especially during period of calamity, emergency and other similar situations.

**Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be construed to mean:

1. **Basic necessities** – refer to rice, corn, root crops, bread; fresh, dried or canned fish and other marine products; fresh pork, beef and poultry meat; fresh eggs; potable water in bottles and containers; fresh and processed milk; fresh vegetables and fruits; locally manufactured instant noodles, coffee, sugar, cooking oil, salt, laundry soap and detergents, firewood, charcoal, household liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and kerosene, candles, drugs classified as essential by the Department of Health (price Act)
2. **Cartel** – refers to the combination of agreement between two or more persons engaged in the production manufacturing, processing, storage, supply, distribution, marketing, sale or disposition of any basic necessity or prime commodity designed to unreasonably increase or manipulate its price
3. **Hoarding** – refers to the undue accumulation by a person or combination of persons of any basic commodity beyond their normal inventory levels or the unreasonable imitation or refusal to dispose of, sell or distribute the stocks of any basic necessity of prime commodity to the general public or the unjustified taking out of basic necessity or prime commodity from the channels of production of trade, commerce and industry
4. **Person** – refers to a natural person or juridical person
5. **Prevailing price** – refers to the average price at which any basic necessity has been sold in a given time within a month from the occurrence of any of the conditions enumerated under Section 4 of this Ordinance
6. **Price ceiling** – refers to the maximum price at which any basic necessity or prime commodity may be sold to the general public
7. **Panic buying** – refers to the abnormal phenomenon where consumers buy basic necessities and prime commodities grossly in excess of their normal requirement resulting in undue shortages of such goods to the prejudice of less privileged consumers
8. **Prime commodities** – shall include fruits, flour, dried, processed or canned pork, beef and poultry meat; dairy products not falling under basic necessities, onions, garlic, vinegar, patis, soy sauce, toilet soap, fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides, poultry, livestock and fishery feeds and veterinary products, paper, school supplies, nipa shingles, sawali, cement, clinker, GI sheets, hollow blocks, plywood, plyboard, construction nails, batteries, electrical supplies, light bulbs, steel wire, all drugs not classified essential drugs by the Department of Health



9. **Profiteering** – refers to the sale or offering the sale of any basic necessity or prime commodity at a price grossly in excess of its true worth

**Section 4. POLICY.** It is the policy of the City:

1. To direct all covered establishments to post in a conspicuous place the list of items and limitations regulated by this Ordinance; and,
2. Subject to relevant laws, rules and regulations, it is encouraged that only persons fifteen (15) years old and above shall be allowed to visit the covered establishments.

**A. PER FAMILY OF 5 CONSUMPTION/DAY**

KINDS OF GOODS	LIMITS PER FAMILY OF 5 CONSUMERS (PER DAY)
Canned sardines	6 small can
Other canned goods (meat loaf, corned beef, tuna, etc.)	6 cans of each kind
Powdered Milk	400 mg
Milk Formula	1 pack/200 mg/head/day
Coffee refill	1 pack – 400 grams
Coffee (3 in 1)	Maximum of 12 sachet
Bread	2 packs
Milo / chocolate drinks	Maximum of 12 packs/ family
Instant noodles	6 pouches
Eggs	6 pieces
Cooking Oil	400 ml
Sugar	½ kilogram
Rice	Maximum of 2 kilograms
Alcohol	Maximum of 1 bottle – 250 ml/day
Hand Sanitizers	2 bottles – 100 ml
Toilet papers	2 rolls
Kitchen towels	1 roll
Bath soaps	1 bar
Disinfectant Solution (Clorox, Lysol, Domex and the like)	Maximum of 500 ml/day
Face Masks	15 pcs/family
Multivitamins/Vitamin C – 500 mg	10 tablets /day

Large packaging shall be available only to individual consumers with business permits.

**B. For registered retailers, sari-sari store owners, restaurants, hotels and the likes (subject to the presentation of copy or original copy of their valid Mayor's and/or Business Permit)**

KINDS OF GOODS	PER RETAILERS, SARI-SARI STORES, RESTAURANTS, HOTELS AND THE LIKES PER DAY on a distance of 1 kilometer
Canned sardines	36 small cans
Other canned goods (meat loaf, corned beef, tuna, etc.)	36 cans of each kind
Powdered milk 200 mg/pack	Maximum of 30 packs
Milk Formula 200 mg/pack	Maximum of 20 boxes or cans
Coffee refill	Maximum of 2 packs – 200 grams and above
Coffee (3 in 1)	12 ties
Bread - Large	20 packs
Instant Noodles	48 pouches
Eggs	7 Trays of 30s
Cooking oil	Maximum of 10 liters
Sugar ½ kilos	Maximum of 20 packs
Rice 50 kilos/cavan	2 cavan
Alcohol	15 bottles – 300 ml
Hand sanitizers	10 bottles – 100 ml
Bath soaps	Maximum of 24 bars of different variants
Liquid hand soap	10 bottles – 240 ml 10 bottles – below 500 ml
Disinfectant Solutions (Clorox, Lysol, Domex and the like)	20 bottles of 240 ml
Face masks	2 boxes on a radius of 1 kilometer serving 20 households
Multivitamins/Vitamin C 500 mg	200 tablets serving 20 households at a radius of 1 kilometer



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**Section 5. Powers and Responsibilities of the City Mayor.** The City Mayor or his duly authorized representative shall have the following additional powers and responsibilities to carry out the intents and purposes of this ordinance:

1. Establish mechanism that will readily protect consumers from inadequate supply due to hoarding by business establishments and unreasonable price increase during emergency situations.
2. Institute appropriate measures to ensure orderly and equitable distribution or sale to consumers of basic necessities and prime commodities by business establishments in Tuguegarao City.
3. To create a special task force for the implementation and monitoring of this ordinance and to issue, if necessary, additional implementing rules and regulations.

**Section 6. Exclusion from the Coverage of this Ordinance.** Manufacturers or producers are exempt from the coverage of this Ordinance.

In the performance of public service, local government units are likewise exempt from compliance hereof.

**Section 7. Funding and Appropriations.** The funding and appropriate funds shall be sourced from the General Funds of the Local Government Unit.

**Section 8. Penalty.** Any establishment found violating this Ordinance shall suffer the penalty of closure and/or revocation of their Mayor's and/or Business Permits.

**Section 9. Implementation.** The Office of the City Mayor, City Investments and Promotion Center (CIPC), the City Health Office (CHO), the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) and the City Information Office (CIO) are hereby tasked to implement and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.


**Section 10. Repealing Clause.** Any City Ordinance contrary to or inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 11. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason, a part of this Ordinance is declared illegal or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect.


**Section 12. Effectivity.** Due to the urgency of the concern caused by COVID-19 pandemic, this Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the Eighth City Council.

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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: 03/18/20

APPROVED:

  
**HON. ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO**  
City Mayor  
Date: 03/18/20

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