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TO : PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND RIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN TUGUEGARAO CITY

SUBJECT : TUGUEGARAO CITY ORDINANCE NO. 07-08-2021: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNAL VEGETABLE AND MEDICINAL GARDENS IN BARANGAY HALLS, SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES IN TUGUEGARAO CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF

DATE : February 15, 2021

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", this Office hereby disseminates the attached City Ordinance No. 07-08-2021: An Ordinance Requiring the Establishment of Communal Vegetable and Medicinal Gardens in Barangay Halls, Schools and Universities in Tuguegarao City and Providing Funds Thereof.

For your information/reference.

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City of Tuguegarao

EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 74th REGULAR SESSION
OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN
HELD ON FEBRUARY 09, 2021, 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 07-08-2021

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNAL VEGETABLE AND MEDICINAL GARDENS IN BARANGAY HALLS, SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES IN TUGUEGARAO CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Sponsors: **Hon. Victor Herbert N. Perez**
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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection and conservation of the country's environment and natural resources and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of the present and future generations;

WHEREAS, medicinal plants play a vital role in disease prevention and treatment since they have been used in healthcare since time immemorial;

WHEREAS, the Eighth City Council deems it necessary to require all barangays, schools and Universities in Tuguegarao City to plant and grow vegetables and medicinal plants to promote sustainable lifestyle and to provide alternative treatment in case of emergencies and diseases.

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVE, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, by the Eighth City Council in session assembled to enact the following:

Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as "*Urban Gardening Ordinance of Tuguegarao City*".

Section 2. Declaration of Police. It shall be the policy of the City of Tuguegarao to reduce incidence of hunger and malnutrition through sustainable backyard gardening at the family level, school level and barangay level.

It shall also be the policy of the City to promote ecological well-being through the promotion and adoption of organic gardening among the constituents.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be understood as follows:

1. **Communal Garden** – a piece of ground or receptacle such as, but not limited to, clay pot, plastic container and sack in the backyard or premises in the barangay hall or school premises planted with medicinal herbs and vegetables;
2. **Urban Garden** – the process of growing plants of all types and varieties in an urban environment;
3. **Schools** – primary and/or secondary educational institutions designed to provide learning spaces and learning environments in the City of Tuguegarao, whether public or private;
4. **Universities** – educational institutions providing tertiary and/or tertiary with elementary, secondary and higher levels of learning in Tuguegarao City, whether public or private;
5. **Medicinal Plants** – herbs that possess therapeutic properties or exert beneficial pharmacological effect on the human or animal body; and,
6. **Vegetables** – plants used for food such as, but not limited to, beans, cabbage, eggplants, okra and pepper.

Section 4. Communal Garden of Vegetables and Medicinal Plants. All barangay halls, schools and universities in the City of Tuguegarao are required to maintain year-round a backyard garden consisting of at least five (5) varieties of vegetables and medicinal plants. The produce of the said communal gardens shall be enjoyed equally by the members of the community, in accordance to rules and regulations that may be prescribed by the barangay, school and university administrative officers.

Suggested Medicinal Plants:

a. Citronella	g. Lemon Balm
b. Catnip	h. Rosemary
c. Basil	i. Mint
d. Lavender	j. Marigold
e. Geranium	k. Garlic
f. Lemon Grass	l. Pitcher Plant

Within two (2) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance, a visible communal garden shall be established pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 5. Maintenance of the Communal Garden. The proper officials and/or designated point persons or groups of the barangays, schools and universities shall primarily responsible for the maintenance of the communal garden.

a. Training and mentoring on current technology and techniques for sustainable backyard and/or urban garden such as, but not limited to, self-watering bottle gardening, backyard plot gardening, etc. is hereby recommended.
b. Use of organic fertilizers and pesticides is strongly encouraged.

Section 6. Planting of Anti-Dengue Plants. It is also likewise required by this Ordinance that Anti Dengue Plants should be planted in strategic areas within the barangays, schools and universities. The maintenance of which shall be similar to that provided in Section 5.

Section 7. Conduct of Orientations, Seminars and Trainings. Within sixty (60) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance and periodically thereafter, the City Agriculture Office shall develop and conduct a series of orientations, seminars and trainings for the development and proper care of organic food gardens.

In addition, the City Health Office shall also conduct seminars and orientations to educate the households about the use and benefits of the different medicinal plants.

Section 8. Monitoring Team. There is hereby created a City Monitoring Team (CMT) to check on the proper implementation of this Ordinance and shall be composed of the following:

a. Chairperson - City Agriculturist
b. Vice Chairperson - City Health Officer
c. Members

i. City Information and Tourism Officer
ii. City Planning and Development Coordinator
iii. City General Services Officer
iv. Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Food, Market and Livestock Auction
v. Chair, Committee on Education
vi. Chair, Committee on Barangay Affairs
vii. Department of Agriculture Region 02 Representative
viii. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 02 Representative

Section 8. Periodic Monitoring. The CPT shall conduct monitoring in the implementation of this ordinance by all concerned at least once every quarter of the year.

Section 9. budgetary Requirements. The City Government of Tuguegarao City shall allocate funds under the City Agriculture and City Health Office for the implementation of this ordinance.

Section 10. Repealing Clause. All ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

Section 12. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local or general circulation or posting in at least two conspicuous places in the City.

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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: 2/10/2021

APPROVED:

HON. ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor
Date: 2/10/2021

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