

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 2019 - _____

AN ORDINANCE ENHANCING PARTICIPATION AND LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIVENESS BY MANDATING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) FEDERATION IN THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF NAGA CITY.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Naga City, as the Center of Good Governance, has been known all throughout the country as an embodiment of people empowerment. This has been manifested, not only through legislative acts, but by actual practice of inclusive governance within the City's several legislative and executive bodies, consultative boards and organized councils with the inclusion of necessary stakeholders in the planning, decision-making and implementation of programs and measures of the City Government.

Recognizing, however, the need for continuity of good governance entails the constant participation of new members of the community especially those of the volatile youth sector whose involvement will ensure that the City Government will continue to be responsive to the ever changing needs of our society.

At present, the 30 Standing Committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga include representatives from the Naga City People's Council, Naga City Women's Council, and the Liga ng mga Barangay, in addition to the City Councilors who are designated as Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons and Members of certain committees. Thus, mandating the inclusion of representatives from the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation in the standing committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga City will greatly complement responsiveness of legislative acts to its stakeholders ensuring an empowered citizenry and a mechanism that will last through generations.

Therefore, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall otherwise be known as the *"Enhancement of Responsive Legislation by Strengthening Youth Participation Ordinance of Naga City"*

SECTION 2. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN (SK) FEDERATION. The SK Federation shall elect among themselves who shall sit as representative in the 30 Standing Committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and shall thereafter submit a resolution constituting the representations of the SK Federation in the standing committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

No SK Federation Member shall sit in more than three standing committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Furthermore, the SK Federation shall not amend the duly approved and submitted committee representations for at least one (1) year.

SECTION 3. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. SK Federation Representatives shall be entitled to rights and privileges as representatives in the Standing Committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, not limited to the following:

- a) Be furnished with the agenda and its corresponding attachments at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled committee hearing;
- b) As a representative of the youth sector, the representative shall be entitled to take part and deliberate during discussions, vote or abstain on particular matters, and shall be included in the determination of quorum as a regular member of the committee;
- c) Claim reasonable emoluments, reimbursements for fares and expenses in connection with the attendance during Committee Meetings, chargeable against the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) Fund of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- d) Report to the SK Federation, assembled in session, the salient matters taken up during the committee meeting respectively attended by the representative;
- e) Other rights and responsibilities which would render the most functional and effective representation of the Youth Sector in the Standing Committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Such, however, should not mean to give the youth sector any preference over the other representations of equal importance.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any or part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the effectivity and validity of the other provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any ordinance, executive issuance or regulation not in conformity with this ordinance are deemed repealed.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval and due promulgation.

APPROVED AND ENACTED: _____

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