

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Davao del Norte
CITY OF TAGUM

BEFORE THE `SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD`

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON FEBRUARY 26, 2002.

PRESENT:

Hon. GERARDO R. RACHO, JR.,	City Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
Hon. ALLAN L. RELLON,	Member
Hon. OSCAR M. BERMUDEZ,	Member
Hon. VICENTE C. ELIOT,	Member
Hon. AGRIPINO G. COQUILLA, JR.,	Member
Hon. RAYMOND JOEY D. MILLAN,	Member
Hon. BERTHELYN L. SAN JOSE,	Member
Hon. ANTONIO B. VICADA,	Member
Hon. TRISTAN ROYCE R. AALA,	Member
Hon. FRANCISCO C. REMITAR,	Member (ABC Representative)
Hon. REY CYRIL T. ALBA,	Member (SK Representative)

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. GETERITO T. GEMENTIZA,	Member
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 21, s-2002

“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF TAGUM CITY PEACEKEEPERS ORGANIZATION AND PROVIDING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNDS THEREOF”.

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tagum City in Session Assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be known as Tagum City Peacekeepers Organization (TACIPEOR).

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY/RATIONALE.

- a.) Threats from communist insurgency movement, moro secessionist movement, as well as from ordinary criminals are among Tagum City's great concerns;
- b.) The maintenance of peace and order is a joint effort of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the Tagum City Local Government, and the civilians;
- b.) The peace and order in every purok is vital to the maintenance of the peace of the entire city. The Purok Leaders can best assist, maintain, and secure peace and order in their respective puroks in particular, and in the entire city, in general;
- c.) Economic progress and development is synonymous with the stable peace and order situation of our city;
- d.) Section 116 of Republic Act 7160 requires the establishment of the Tagum City Local Peace and Order Council. It allows the creation of

- e.) The creation, establishment, and organization of the Tagum City Peacekeepers Organization (TACIPEOR) which is composed of Purok Leaders of the city is necessary

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a.) Purok – under the general supervision and control of the Punong Barangay. It is a quasi-government unit as defined and provided under Municipal Ordinance No. 49, series 1989;
- b.) Purok Leaders - civilian leaders of a particular purok, elected and qualified under Municipal Ordinance No. 49, series of 1989;
- c.) Tagum City Local Peace and Order Council – It is an Organization established and organized by the Tagum City Local Government as provided in Section 116 of the Local Government Code;
- d.) Tagum City Peacekeepers Organization - It is an organization composed of purok leaders duly appointed by the City Mayor to assist in the maintenance of peace and order in the city.

SECTION 4. COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP. The Tagum City Peacekeepers Organization (TACIPEOR) shall be composed of all Purok Leaders of the City duly appointed by the City Mayor.

SECTION 5. QUALIFICATION. A member of the Tagum City Peacekeepers Organization must be a Purok Leader as defined and provided in the Municipal Ordinance No. 49, series of 1989. Appointment by the City Mayor is also required.

SECTION 6. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. Members of the TACIPEOR shall assist the respective barangays and the city in the implementation of its programs, plans, and activities in their puroks, maintain peace and order in their respective purok and barangay in particular, and the entire city in general. They shall likewise perform peacekeeping efforts as duly called upon by the Punong Barangay and City Mayor.

SECTION 7. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a.) Shall be responsible in the overall safety, peace and order of his/her purok;
- b.) Shall coordinate with his respective Barangay Peace and Order Council (BPOC) through its Chairman (Punong Barangay), the City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) through its Chairman (City Mayor), the Philippine National Police , National and Local authorities concerned in the exercise of his /her duties and responsibilities;
- c.) Submit quarterly written reports to the Office of the City Mayor not later than 15 days from the quarter **ended**. Unjustified non-submission of written reports is a ground to withhold the grant honorarium to the member concerned;
- d.) The Punong Barangay and the Tagum City Peace and Order Council Secretariat shall be furnished a copy of the quarterly reports;

SECTION 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. There shall be an annual general assembly meeting of all the members of the Tagum City Peacekeepers Organization (TACIPEOR) every 2nd Sunday of April of a particular year. Purpose of said meeting is to orient members of the plans and programs of the city in maintaining peace and order, cause its implementation as well as its improvement.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL MEETING. When national or local security is endangered, or in times of emergencies or calamities, as often as the need arises, the Mayor may call for a special meeting of all the members of TACIPEOR.

SECTION 10. FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY MAYOR. The City Mayor shall be the Chairman of TACIPEOR who shall exercise general supervision and control over all its members. The City Mayor shall see to it that all the members perform their duties and functions and comply with their given responsibilities as provided in the sections 6 & 7 of this ordinance. The City Mayor shall likewise assisted by the CPOC Secretariat in providing administrative support to the organization.

SECTION 11. COMMENCEMENT AS MEMBER OF TACIPEOR – Every member of TACIPEOR may discharge his duties and functions as well as comply with his responsibilities only after he shall have been appointed as such by the City Mayor.

SECTION 12. TERM OF OFFICE. The term of office of a member of the Tagum City Peacekeepers Organization shall be coterminous to his election into office as purok leader, unless earlier removed or suspended in accordance with section 13 of this ordinance.

SECTION 13. SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL. Only the City Mayor may suspend or remove any purok leader as member of TACIPEOR. The following are the grounds:

- a.) Disloyalty to the Republic of the Philippines;
- b.) Culpable violation of the constitution;
- c.) Dishonesty, oppression, misconduct, and neglect;
- d.) Commission of an offense involving moral turpitude;
- e.) Abuse of authority;
- f.) Unauthorized absence for three consecutive months;
- g.) Non- submission of quarterly written reports;
- h.) Removal or suspension as purok leader;
- i.) Negligence of duties as peacekeeper.

SECTION 14. VACANCY. In case of removal of a Purok Leader as member of TACIPEOR, the City Mayor upon endorsement of the Punong Barangay concerned shall appoint a new member thereto from any of the Purok Kagawads of the purok concerned, preferably the first Kagawad.

SECTION 15. FUNDING SUPPORT. Budgetary requirements and amounts to be incurred in connection with the operation of TACIPEOR or this ordinance shall be charged to the peace and order council fund of the city and other available funding sources.

SECTION 16. GRANT OF SUBSIDY/BENEFITS.

- a. To complement their efforts in assisting the Tagum City Local Government in maintaining peace and order, every member of TACIPEOR shall receive a rice subsidy of one (1) sack of rice every quarter ended.
- b. In addition thereto, each member shall receive Five Hundred (P500.00) pesos at year-end as Year-end cash subsidy.
- c. The City Mayor shall cause for the annual group insurance coverage of all TACIPEOR members.
- d. Such subsidy/benefits may be upgraded or increased as the need arises and should budget warrants.

SECTION 17. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. Upon approval of this Ordinance, the City Mayor shall promulgate implementing rules and regulations for its effective and efficient implementation through an Executive Order.

SECTION 18. APPLICATION. That this Ordinance applies only to all existing puroks duly created before the enactment of this ordinance.

SECTION 19. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for whatever or any reason any part of this ordinance shall be declared illegal or invalid, the other provisions or parts not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 20. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect one month after its circulation to all the 23 barangays in Tagum City. The Punong Barangays shall be responsible in the dissemination of copies of this ordinance to the respective Purok Leaders within the jurisdiction of their respective barangays.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

ENACTED AND PASSED this 26th day of February, 2002.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing.

(Sgd) **CARMEN B. APURA**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) **GERARDO R. RACHO, JR.**
City Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:

(Sgd) **GELACIO P. GEMENTIZA**
City Mayor

