Republika ng Pilipinas Lungsod ng Dagupan

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, DAGUPAN CITY, HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON AUGUST 29, 2023.

PRESENT:

Hon. Dean Bryan L. Kua

Hon. Alipio Serafin D. Fernandez Hon. Maria Librada Fe M. Reyna

Hon. Alvin T. Coquia

Hon. Redford Christian P. Erfe-Mejia

Hon, Michael B. Fernandez

Hon. Jeslito C. Seen Hon. Celia C. Lim

Hon. Marilou Maria Lourdes S. Fernandez, DMD

Hon. Dennis C. Canto

Hon, Victoria Czarinna C. Lim-Acosta

Hon. Marcelino D. Fernandez

Hon. Joshua Bon Bon F. Bugayong

ABSENT:

None

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Presiding Officer Pro Tempore, Member

Majority Floor Leader, Member

First Deputy Majority Floor Leader, Member

Second Deputy Majority Floor Leader, Member

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Minority Floor Leader, Member

Deputy Minority Floor Leader, Member

City Councilor, Member City Councilor, Member City Councilor, Member

City Councilor, Member

Liga ng mga Barangay President, Ex-Officio

Member

Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan

President, Ex-Officio Member

ORDINANCE NO. 2273-2023

INCREASING THE ALLOWANCES GIVEN BY THE CITY GOVERNMENT TO COURT JUDGES, PROSECUTORS, AND PUBLIC ATTORNEYS ALL ASSIGNED IN JUSTICE HALL BUILDING, ALSO THIS CITY.

Explanatory Note

There is no question that the work of court judges is highly sensitive and very risky considering the nature of their function to settle controversies involving rights that are legally demandable and enforceable. They are expected to perform all judicial duties, including the delivery of reserved decisions, efficiently, fairly and with reasonable competence. On the other hand, prosecutors also act as prosecutors on behalf of the state against criminal offenders who are always present at the court during the trial and state the main point of indictment after the accused is interrogated by the judge. Prosecutors are expected to maintain their opinions after court investigation on evidence is shown. These members of the bench and bar contribute greatly in the orderly administration of justice.

To reciprocate these indispensable role, there is an imperative necessity to subsidize the salaries of these court judges, prosecutors and public attorneys by way of increasing their monthly allowances.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Alipio Serafin D. Fernandez, duly and jointly seconded by Councilors Alvin T. Coquia, Maria Librada Fe M. Reyna, and Marilou Maria Lourdes S. Fernandez, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in its regular session assembled that:

Section 1. The rate of allowance to be given to court judges, prosecutors, public attorneys assigned in the City of Dagupan is hereby increased as follows:



- a. Court Judges from Php15,000.00 to Php20,000.00 monthly
- b. Prosecutors from Php9,500.00 to Php15,000.00 monthly
- c. Public Attorneys Php15,000.00 monthly

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval

ENACTED WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE (COUNCILORS ALIPIO SERAFIN D. FERNANDEZ, MARIA LIBRADA FE M. REYNA, ALVIN T. COQUIA, REDFORD CHRISTIAN P. ERFE-MEJIA, CELIA C. LIM, MARILOU MARIA LOURDES S. FERNANDEZ and VICTORIA CZARINNA C. LIM-ACOSTA); FOUR (4) MEMBERS VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE (COUNCILORS JESLITO C. SEEN, DENNIS C. CANTO, MARCELINO D. FERNANDEZ, and JOSHUA BON BON F. BUGAYONG); AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (COUNCILOR MICHAEL B. FERNANDEZ).

COUNCILOR ALIPTO SERAFIN D. FERNANDEZ

COUNCILOR MARIA LIBRADA FE M. REYNA

COUNCILOR ALVIN T. COQUIA

COUNCILOR REDFORD OFRISTIAN P. ERFE-MEJIA

COUNCILOR CENTA C. LIM

COUNCILOR MARIEUU MARIA LOURDES S. FERNANDEZ

COUNCILOR VICTORIA CZARINNA C. LIM-ACOSTA

DEAN BRYAN L. KUA
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

RYAN C. RAVANZO City Secretary

APPROVED:

BELEN T. FERNANDEZ

City Mayor

Date:____



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR DAGUPAN CITY

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Sangguniane Penlungsod

Dagupan City, Pangasinan

September 22, 2023

Honorable Vice Mayor and all the Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Dagupan City OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR
Hon. DEAN BRYAN L. KUA
DAGUPAN CITY
Received By: SHELA
Date: 9/25/23
Time: // 3/4-

Sirs and Mesdames:

I am transmitting the attached Ordinance without my signature. Please see attached comments.

Very truly yours,

Belen T. Fernandez
City Mayor



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR DAGUPAN CITY

September 22, 2023

The Honorable Vice Mayor and Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod Ng Dagupan

OFFICE OF THE VICE MAYOR
Hon. DEAN BRYAN L. KUA
DAGUPAN CITY
Received By: SHIECA

Date: 9/25/23 Time: //: 3/ /m

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

With a heavy heart, although this ordinance is for the benefit of the Honorable members of the Judiciary and prosecution service, I am returning this ordinance without my approval and signature in view of its non-sustainability not only for this year but also for the coming calendar year. This year poses the inability to submit any supplemental budget because of what happened to our supposed to be annual budget for 2023. Your failure to revise your so called approved budget gave a bad impact on the operation of basic services hence in the preparation for 2024 budget everything again created focus on what was left to be prioritized.

Further the increase of allowance for our Honorable magistrates, the following provision must be considered:

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2.1 In accordance with Section 447 (a) (IXXI), 458 (aXI) (XI) and 458 (a)(IXXI) of R.A. No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), the following national government officials/employees may be granted additional allowance and other benefits chargeable against local funds, the total amount of which shall net exceed, however, the RATA authorized for the department heads of the LGU concerned.

2.1.2 Judges of Regional Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities and Municipal Trial Courts of the Supreme Courts.



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It appearing that the RATA for a Department Head of an LGU is P14,500.00 the increase amount would be violating the said guidelines as herein above mentioned.

I hope said Honorable Officials should understand this predicament which led me to return this proposed ordinance. But I am always looking forward for future increase as soon as I would be able to sustain first the much needed interests of our beloved employees, emergency workers and frontliners whose increase was not yet implemented and the people of Dagupan who were deprived of the basic services they needed most.

With all due respect, I am returning this ordinance without my signature.

Very truly yours,

Belen T. Fernandez City Mayor