EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2019-026

BANNING THE USE OF NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS AND POLYSTYRENE IN ALL CITY GOVERNMENT-LED EVENTS AND MEETINGS

WHEREAS, experience shows and studies confirm that non-biodegradable plastics and polystyrene clog drainage systems and waterways, leading to worsening of flood problems and degrading our natural environment;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Naga commits to intensify its efforts on environment conservation, as exuded in its new brand duly-displayed in the thematic colors thereof of blue and green;

WHEREAS, leading by example, the City Government of Naga hereby initiates the campaign against use of non-biodegradable plastics and polystyrene in the City of Naga by banning the same in all city government-led events and meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NELSON S. LEGACION, Mayor of the City of Naga, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Ban in the Use of Non-Biodegradable Plastics and Polystyrene. Bags, straws, cups, plates and utensils made of non-biodegradable plastic and/or polystyrene are hereby prohibited to be used in the packaging and/or in the serving of food in all city government-led events, meetings and/or gatherings. Thus, henceforth, catering service providers shall utilize porcelains, papers, bioplastics, bagasse and/or other eco-friendly alternatives in the transportation, packing and provision of food. A provision to this effect shall be provided in the corresponding catering or supply contract. Ensuring the incorporation of the desired provision in the contract shall be the primarily responsibility of the department or office head concerned.

SECTION 2. Incentive to Innovative Eco-Friendly Ideas. City government personnel and/or office that will be able to introduce and successfully pilot groundbreaking mechanisms or procedures towards the city’s shift to the use of eco-friendly bags, straws, cups, plates and utensils shall be provided with incentives in accordance with the duly-approved Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE). Among the criteria for the incentive shall be the cost of the mechanism, its novelty as well as its impact.

SECTION 3. Consequences of Violations. Catering service providers and/or suppliers found in transgression of this Order will not only be paid but
also be blacklisted by the city government. Assigned employees of violating offices shall be held administratively liable.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. Strict compliance to this Order is enjoined immediately.

SECTION 5. Repealing Clause. All issuances and orders inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

LET COPIES of this Executive Order be furnished all concerned for their information and guidance.

Issued this 8th day of July, Two Thousand and Nineteen in the City of Naga, Philippines.

NELSON S. LEGACION
City Mayor

Attested by:

FRANCISCO M. MENDOZA
Acting City Administrator