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MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA TERESITA

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 87<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SANTA TERESITA, CAGAYAN HELD ON MARCH 29, 2021 AT THE SB SESSION HALL.

Present: Hon. William A. Lorenzo - SB Member/Temporary Presiding Officer  
Hon. Ruben P. Fagela - Vice-Mayor (OIC at Mayor's Office)  
Hon. Jefferson M. Javier - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Mark Anthony P. Palor - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Conrado P. Tabaco - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Gloria O. Baldiviso - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Rhudel A. Castillo - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Jose I. Gonzaga - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Jethro S. Tibuc - Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Guevarra J. Gregorio - SK Federation President/Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Hon. Aider M. Javier - ABC President/Ex-Officio Member (on-leave)

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 11**  
**Series of 2021**

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 6 SERIES OF 2011, ENACTING A TRAFFIC CODE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA TERESITA, CAGAYAN".

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the state that Local Government Units shall exercise the powers granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient governance, as those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, the control and regulation of municipal-wide traffic through the application of sound traffic management measures has become an imperative towards this goal;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Rhudel A. Castillo duly seconded;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Santa Teresita, Cagayan the following:

Article A Title, Purpose and Definition of Terms

Section 1. Title – This Ordinance shall also be known by its short title, Municipal Traffic Code of 2011.

Section 2. Purpose – The maintenance of road safety and the prevention of vehicle-related accidents through the control and regulation of traffic, parking, loading, unloading and other related matters is the mission of this ordinance.

Section 3. Definition of Terms

- a. Vehicle – any means of land transport used for the conveyance of passengers and/or cargoes whether propelled by any power or by human or animal muscular power.
- b. Motor Vehicle - a vehicle power other than human or animal muscular power. The Term includes construction equipment such as road rollers, bulldozers, graders, cranes, and other related equipment when plying the public highways.



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- c. Highways – shall mean every thoroughfare, boulevard road, avenue, alley but shall not include any roadway upon privately owned grounds
- d. Public Vehicle – any vehicle authorized and licensed to convey passengers and / or cargoes. This includes pedicabs tricycles, PUJ's, PUB, freight and cargo truck.
- e. Driver – any person duly authorized and licensed to manipulate and control movement of a vehicle.
- f. Parked Vehicle – shall mean that the vehicle has been brought to a full stop on the shoulder or the proper edge of a highway, and remains inactive in that place for an appreciable period of time. A vehicle which properly stops merely to discharge or to take a passenger and / or cargo with reasonable dispatch shall not be considered as 'parked vehicle'.
- g. Safety Zones – a portion of a highway abutting the area of institutions such as public and private schools, churches, government offices and the like. For purposes of this ordinance, such safety zones shall encompass the distance reckoned twenty meters (20m) from each side by signboards.

Article B. Signal on starting, stopping or turning manner of driving and speed of motor vehicle.

Section 4. Signal on starting, stopping or turning – the following rules shall be observed before starting and turning a vehicle:

- a. The driver of any vehicle upon a highway, before starting, stopping or turning from a direct line, shall, first see that such movement can be made in safety, and if any pedestrian may be affected by such movement, shall give a clearly audible signal by sounding the horn, whenever the operation of any other vehicle approaching of following maybe affected by such movement, shall give a signal plainly visible to the driver of such other vehicles of the intention to make such movement.
- b. The signal herein required shall be given by means of extending the hand arm beyond the left side of the vehicle, or by any approved mechanical or electrical signal device.

Section 5. Manner of Driving, Speed restrictions and Exemptions.

- a. Right-side Driving. Unless a different course of action is required in the interest of safety and the security of life, person or property, or because of unreasonable difficulty of operation in compliance herewith, every person operating a motor vehicle or an animal-drawn vehicle on a highway shall pass to the right when meeting persons or vehicles coming toward him, and to the left when overtaking persons doing the same direction, and when turning to the left in going from one highway to another, every vehicle shall be conducted to the right of the center of the intersection of the highway.
- b. Speed Restriction. Any person driving a motor vehicle on a highway shall drive the same at a careful and prudent speed, not greater or less than is reasonable and proper, having due regard for the traffic and width of the highway and of any other condition then and there existing; and no person shall drive any motor vehicle as to endanger the life, limb and property of a person, not at a speed greater than will permit him to bring the vehicle to stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEED	MOTORCYCLES	TRUCKS & BUS
1. On open highways with "no blind corners".	80kph	50kph
2. On "through/thorough streets" clear with "no blind corners".	40kph	30kph
3. Through crowded streets, approaching intersections at "blind corners", passing	20kph	20kph



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- "school Zones", passing other vehicles which are stationary, or for similar dangerous circumstances.
4. Speed limit 40km/hr. of all types of vehicles passing through along the national highway within the town proper from 6am-6pm from East of Simpatuyo to Villa junction.
- c. Exemptions. The rates of speed herein above prescribed shall not apply to the following:
1. A physician or his driver when the former responds to emergency calls;
  2. The driver Of a hospital ambulance on the way to and from place of accident or other emergency;
  3. Any driver bringing a wounded or sick person for emergency treatment to a hospital, clinic or other similar place.
  4. The driver of a motor vehicle belonging to the Armed Forces while in use for official purposes in times of riot, insurrection or invasion.
  5. The driver of a vehicle when he or his passenger are in pursuit of a criminal.
  6. A law-enforcement officer who is trying to overtake a violator of traffic laws; and
  7. The driver officially operating a motor vehicle of any fire department, provided that these exemptions shall not be construed to allow useless or unnecessary fast-driving of drivers aforementioned.

Section 6. Overtaking and passing a vehicle.

- a. Overtaking a vehicle – the driver of any motor vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass at a distance to the left thereof, and shall not again drive to the right side of the highway until safety clear of such overtaken vehicle, except that, on a highway, within a business or residential district, having two or more lanes for the movement of traffic in one direction, the driver of vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle on the right. Anything in this article shall be construed to prohibit a driver overtaking and passing upon the right or other vehicle which is taking or about to make a left turn.
- b. Giving way to overtaking vehicle – the driver of the vehicle about to be overtaken by another vehicle approaching from the rear shall give way to the overtaking vehicle a suitable and audible signal being given by the driver of the overtaking vehicle, and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.
- c. Restrictions on overtaking and passing –
  - c.1. the driver of a vehicle shall not drive to the left side of the center line of a highway in overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking or passing to be made in safety.
  - c.2. the driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, when approaching the crest of a grade, nor upon a curve in the highway, where the driver's view along the highway is obstructed within a distance of 500 feet ahead, except on a highway having two or more lanes for movement of traffic in one direction where the driver of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle: provided that on a highway, within a business or residential district. Having two or more lanes for movement of traffic in one direction where the driver of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle on the right.
  - c.3. the driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction, at any direction, at any railway grade crossing nor at any intersection of highways, unless such intersection or crossing is in controlled by traffic signal, or



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unless permitted to do so by a watchman or a peace officer, except on a highway having two or more lanes for movement of traffic in one direction where the driver of a vehicle may overtake or pass another vehicle on the right.

- c.4. the driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass, or attempt to pass, any other vehicle, proceeding in the same direction, between points indicated by placing of official temporary warning or caution signs indicating that men are working on the highway.
- c.5. the driver of a vehicle shall not overtake or pass, or attempt to overtake or pass, any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction in any "no passing or overtaking zone".

Section 7. Right of way and exemption to right of way rule.

- a. Right of Way – the following rules shall be observed in yielding the right of way.
  - a.1. when two vehicles approach or enter an intersection at the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right of way to the vehicle on the right., except as otherwise provided herein. The driver of any vehicle travelling at an unlawful speed shall forfeit any right of way which he might otherwise have under the provision hereof.
  - a.2. the driver of a vehicle approaching but not having entered an intersection, shall yield the right of way to a vehicle within such intersection of turning therein to the left across the line of travel of such first mentioned vehicle, provided the driver of the vehicle turning left has given a plainly visible signal of intention to turn as required herein.
  - a.3. the driver of any vehicle upon a highway within a business or residential district shall yield the right of way to pedestrian crossing such highway within a crosswalk, except an intersection where movement of traffic is being regulated by a peace officer or by traffic signal. Every pedestrian crossing in a highway within a business or residential district, at any point other than a crosswalk, shall yield the right of way to vehicle upon a highway.
  - a.4. the driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall bring to full stop such vehicle before traversing any "through street" or railroad crossing: provided that when it is apparent that no hazard exists, the vehicle may be slowed down to ten kilometres per hour instead of bringing to full stop.
- b. Exemption to right of way rule.
  - b.1. the driver of a vehicle entering a highway from a private road or driver shall yield the right of way to all vehicles approaching on such highway.
  - b.2. the driver of a vehicle upon a highway shall yield the right of way to a police or fire department vehicle or ambulance when such vehicle is being operated on official business and the driver hereof sounds audible signal of his approach.
  - b.3. the driver of a vehicle entering a "through street" or "stop intersection" shall yield the right of way to all vehicle approaching in either direction on such "through street". Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed as relieving the driver of any vehicle being operated on a "through street or highway" from the duty of driving with due regard to the safety of vehicles entering such highway or street nor as protecting the said driver from the consequences or an arbitrary exercise of such right of way.

Section 8. Turning & Parking

- a. Turning at intersection – The following rules shall be observed when turning at intersections:
  - a.1. The driver of a vehicle intending turn to the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection in the lane for traffic nearest to the right-hand side of the highway



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- and, in turning, shall keep as close as possible to the right hand-curb or edge of the highway.
- a.2. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left shall approach such intersection in the lane for the traffic to the right of and nearest to the center of the line of the highway, and in turning, shall pass to the left of the center of the intersection, except that, upon highways laned for traffic and upon one-way streets, a left turn shall be made from the left lane of traffic in the intersection which the vehicle is proceeding.
  - a.3. For the purpose of this section, the center of the intersection shall mean meeting the medial lines of the highways intersecting one another, except when it is occupied by a monument, grass plot or any permanent structure, other than a traffic control device.
- b. Prohibited Parking . No driver shall park vehicle or permit to stand. Whether attended or unattended upon highway in any of the following places:
- b.1. within an intersection.
  - b.2. on a crosswalk.
  - b.3. within six meters of the intersection of curb lines
  - b.4. within four meters of the driveway entrance to any fire station.
  - b.5. within four meters of a fire hydrant.
  - b.6. in front of a private driveway.
  - b.7. on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the curve or edge of the highway.
  - b.8. at any place where official signs have been erected or installed prohibiting parking.
  - b.9. within four meters of the driveway of any hospital.
  - b.10. other places which are officially designated by the Sangguniang Bayan as a " no parking area" such as the safety zones.

Section 9. Reckless Driving – No person shall operate motor vehicles on any highway recklessly or without reasonable caution considering the width, traffic, grades, crossing, curvatures, visibility and other conditions of the highway and the conditions of the atmosphere and weather, or as to endanger the property or safety or rights of any person or as to excessive or reasonable damage to the highway.

Section 10. Right of way of police and other emergency vehicles – Upon the approach of any police or fire department vehicles, or of an ambulance giving audible signal, the driver of every vehicle shall immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge of the highway, clear of any intersection of highways, and shall stop and remain in such position unless directed by a peace officer, or until such vehicle have passed.

Section 11. Hitching to a Vehicle – No person shall hand on to, or ride on, the outside rear of any vehicle, and no person on a bicycle, roller skate or other similar device, shall hold fast to or hitch on to any moving vehicle, and no driver shall knowingly permit any person to hang on to or ride on, the outside or rear end of his vehicle or allow any person on a bicycle, roller skate or other similar device to hold fast or hitch to his vehicle.

Section 12. Loading & Unloading. Parking, loading and unloading of vehicles along the national highway in front of public market during market days (Tuesdays & Fridays) from 6:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the municipality of Santa Teresita, Cagayan is strictly prohibited.



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- 1) Designation Of Parking, Loading And Unloading Area. Parking, loading and unloading shall be allowed at the concrete shoulder of the highway not encroaching the 2 main lanes of the highway at the following areas:
  - a. Western side of the public market (going to Gonzaga) from the intersection of the national road and Dupaya St. up to the front of Bigmak Stall.
  - b. Right side of the national highway (going to Aparri) in front of Martinez Commercial Building up to the intersection of the national highway and Luis Florentino St.
- 2) Parking, loading and unloading of said areas shall be limited for five (5) minutes only.
- 3) Appropriate signboards shall be put-up in the abovementioned places.

Section 13. Driving while under the influence of liquor or narcotic drugs – no person shall drive motor vehicle under the influence of liquor or narcotic drugs.

Section 14. Obstruction of Traffic – No person shall drive his motor vehicle in such manner as to obstruct or impede the passage of any vehicle, nor while discharging or taking passage of other vehicles on the highways.

Section 15. Duty of driver in case of accident – in the event that any accident should occur as a result of the operation of a motor vehicle upon a highway, the driver of that vehicle shall stop immediately, and, if requested by any person present shall show his driver's license, give his true name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle.

No driver of a motor vehicle concerned in a vehicular accident shall leave the scene of the accident without aiding the victim except under any of the following circumstances.

1. If he is in imminent danger of being seriously harmed by any person or persons by reason of accident.
2. If he reports the accident to the nearest officer of the law.
3. If he has to summon a physician or nurse to aid the victim.

Section 16. Air and Noise Pollution Control.

- a. All vehicles plying the municipality shall undergo and conform to the requirements of the smoke-belching tests conducted by the LTO.
- b. All vehicles shall be provided by mufflers and/or silencers. No person shall tamper with factory-installed mufflers of any vehicle.
- c. The use of siren on unauthorized vehicle is prohibited.

Section 17. Rules with the Safety Zones.

- a. Parking is prohibited within the safety zones.
- b. Vending or peddling within school safety zones is prohibited.
- c. All vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed of twenty (20) kilometres per hour within the safety zones.
- d. During the Flag raising ceremony and Flag retreat all vehicles must come to a stop and everyone must refrain from causing any disturbance or noise.
- e. The blowing of horns when approaching safe zones shall be prohibited.

Section 18. Obstruction and misuse of Roads.

- a. It shall be unlawful for any contractor to any government project the dumping of gravel, sand or any other materials along the sides of the roads or near the approaches of bridges without providing the proper warning and cautionary devices.



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- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to utilize the roadway sidewalks as the dumping ground for gravel, sand or any other materials. The performance of auto-repair shop works like welding on sidewalks is likewise prohibited.
- c. It shall be unlawful for any person to make any cut, trench or excavation in any public road, or disturb or remove any public works or materials thereon without securing the proper authorization from the concerned authorities.

Section 19. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- a. All vehicles plying at night must be equipped with headlights.
- b. Vehicles parked on non-lighted or poorly lighted streets must be equipped with signal lights.
- c. All vehicles must have their official plate number and NOT EXPIRED registration.
- d. No driver of SINGLE MOTOR shall ply the highways without the wearing of the proper headgear.
- e. No drag racing shall be allowed without first securing permit from the LCE & PNP. All dragster should be equipped with all the necessary safety gadgets.
- f. Dump trucks and other kinds of haulers should use safety net when loaded with sand and gravels or loose junks.
- g. "Kuliglig" –plying at the national road should be equipped with reflectors/headlights and breaks.
- h. Health and or Sanitary Certificate of drivers/conductors of PUJ, PUB, vans and tricycles is mandatory.
- i. All PUJs, PUBs, vans and tricycles must have garbage box/basket in their utility vehicles.

Section 20. Parking Area and Fees.

The Designated parking areas are as follows:

TYPES OF VEHICLES	LOCATION
1. Commercial trucks, weapon carrier, panels, mini-bus, jeep, jeepneys and kuliglig	Southern portion of the public market compound during market days only (Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays)
2. Tricycles plying within Santa Teresita	
- Aridowen	Centro West-Masi junction
- Masi	Infront of SB Fagela stall
- Luga	Infront Of Milhan Lei stall
- Simpatuyo/Palagao/Kinali	Infront of Tibuc stall
- Simbaluca	Infront of Sotoza-Tactac stall
- Caroan	Infront of Martinez stall
- Caniugan	Infront of Penalozza stall
- Buyun	Infront of Cebuana Lhuillier stall
- Mission	Infront of Chelsea's Convenience stall
- Villa	Infront of RA Baldiviso stall
- Dungeg	Backside of RA Baldiviso stall
- Alucao	Western side of public market compound
- Poblacion/ramble area	Western side of public market compound (near gate fish and meat section)
3. Tricycles going to Gonzaga	
- Casitan/Cabanbanan	Infront of Double A drugstore stall
4. Multicas going to Aparri	Infront of Hallelujah Photo Lab



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There shall be collected a parking fee and shall be categorized as follows:

TYPES OF VEHICLES	PARKING FEE
Commercial trucks, weapon carrier, panels, mini-bus, jeep, jeepneys	P 50.00/market day and/or per delivery
Multicabs	P 15.00 per unit per day
Public Utility Bus going to Manila	P100.00 per unit per day
Tricycle	P10.00/market day
Kuliglig	P10.00/market day

A cash ticket corresponds to the amount collected shall be issued by the Municipal Treasury Personnel.

Section 21. Penal Provisions – Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall subjected to a fine to wit:

1. First Offense - Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)
2. Second Offense – one Thousand Pesos (P1, 000.00)
3. Third Offense – One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1, 500.00) and Imprisonment of not more than five (5) days or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the Court.

**10% of the fines collected shall accrue to the implementor (traffic Enforcer/Police/Barangay Officials/Barangay Tanods)**

Section 22. Repealing Clause – Ordinances or Provisions thereof found inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 23. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

APPROVED.

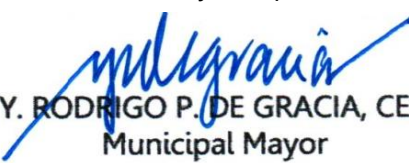
I CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance:

  
JOVY P. TACTAC  
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED & CERTIFIED TO BE ADOPTED:

  
WILLIAM A. LORENZO  
SB Member/Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED, this day of April 12, 2021:

  
ATTY. RODRIGO P. DE GRACIA, CESE  
Municipal Mayor

**APPROVED** by Sangguniang Panlalawigan as per Resolution No. 2021-10-261