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Province of Isabela
MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Literal Copy of *Municipal Ordinance No. 2020- 059* approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its *Regular Session* on August 24, 2020 held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

Sponsored by: **HON. GLORIA D. CAUILAN**, Sangguniang Bayan Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-059

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF CYCLING LANES AND WALKING PATHS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF PALANAN, ISABELA

WHEREAS, the National Transport Policy of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) encourages local government units (LGUs) to accord highest priority to the development of proper sidewalks and networks of bicycle lanes to promote a more sustainable and inclusive transport system that encourages active transport and provides safe and direct access to priority services;

WHEREAS, DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-100, dated July 17, 2020, provides the Guidelines for the Establishment of a Network of Cycling Lanes and Walking Paths to Support People's Mobility;

WHEREAS, through careful planning and adoption of appropriate strategies, the shift of mobility mode to walking and cycling may significantly decrease the vehicular volume, minimize traffic congestions in major roads and highways, and improve urban air quality levels through reduced transport emissions;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Palanan, Isabela prepares for its transition to the " New Normal amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the use of bicycles and walking lane have been promoted as essential and safer modes of transport as this allows physical distancing and provides the needed mobility for citizens to proceed with their daily routines;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PALANAN, ISABELA IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the " Cycling and Walking Lanes" Ordinance.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- a. **ACTIVE TRANSPORT** refers to physical activity undertaken as a means of transport.
- b. **CYCLING LANE** refers to a road, street, or pathway where motorized transport is not allowed to ensure the safety of bicycle users or those using light mobility transport vehicles.
- c. **LIGHT MOBILITY** refers to travel using electronic or non-motorized vehicles weighing not more than 100 kg.
- d. **LOCAL ROADS** refer to Provincial, City/Municipal and Barangay Roads:
 - **Provincial Roads:** Connect cities and municipalities without traversing national roads; connect national roads to barangays through rural areas; and connect to major provincial government infrastructures.
 - **City/Municipal Roads:** Roads within the Poblacion, roads that connect to provincial and national roads; roads that provide inter-barangay connections to major municipal and city infrastructure without traversing provincial roads.
 - **Barangay Roads:** Other public roads (officially turned over to the LGU) within the barangay and not covered in the above definitions.
- e. **PEDESTRIAN** refers to a person who uses the shared paths or sidewalks.
- f. **WALKING PATHS** refer to pathways, which can be used by pedestrians.
- g. **MOTORIZED TRANSPORT** refers to motorized vehicles weighing more than 100 kg.

SECTION 3. INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM. The LGU shall create an Active Transport Office, or designate an appropriate office or officials within its organization in the fulfillment of the following functions:

- a. Develop a plan for the establishment of network of cycling lanes and walking paths;
- b. Implement programs, projects and activities (PPAs) to support active transport;
- c. Oversee the implementation of the plan and/or proposed scheme;
- d. Develop a monitoring and evaluation mechanism to ensure proper implementation; and
- e. Ensure strict law enforcement in accordance to local and national laws and policies.

SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE IN IDENTIFYING AND ESTABLISHING CYCLING LANES AND WALKING PATH NETWORKS. The Local Government Officials concerned shall review all local road structures within our area of jurisdiction, including provincial, city, municipal and barangay roads, and determine sections that may be developed into a continuous cycling lanes network with walking paths, in consideration of the following objectives:

- a. To provide active transport access, favoring the shortest and most direct routed to the entire municipality, particularly vital establishments or social services, such as, but not limited to: public hospitals, public markets and other authorized commercial spaces; public schools; public transport terminals; government center and offices; and public open spaces; historical heritage sites; and local tourist destinations;

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- b. To prioritize moving the largest volume of people possible to maximize the use and value of street space to be measured by the flow of people, rather than the volume of vehicles;
- c. To prioritize safety and welfare of people using active transport, ensuring that cyclists, other light mobility users, and pedestrians are not placed at risk due to motorized transport;
- d. To ensure that people of all ages and abilities are able to safely use active transport access services in the locality; and
- e. The LGU shall establish cycling lanes and walking paths in local roads, which based on the assessment and with consideration of the unique physical characteristics of this municipality, suitable and safe for active transport users.

4.1. CLEARING OF ROADS OF ILLEGAL OBSTRUCTION. The LGU shall strictly and effectively implement the Presidential directive to clear roads of illegal obstructions, including illegally parked cars on streets pursuant to DILG MC No. 2020-027 dated February 7, 2020. Local roads cleared of illegal obstruction may be utilized as cycling lanes and walking paths.

4.2. COMPLEMENTING TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS. The LGU shall plan, identify and adopt the appropriate traffic engineering and infrastructure solutions that will ensure the safe access, functionality and sustainability of identified local roads to be converted or redesigned for cycling lanes and walking paths. The strategies and solutions that will be adopted shall:

- 4.2.1. clearly delineate cycling lanes and walking paths;
- 4.2.2. guarantee the safety of active transport users from motorized transport and other foreseen threats;
- 4.2.3. maintain clear and unobstructed lanes for smooth travel;
- 4.2.4. provide adequate space and lane width; and
- 4.2.5. consider user's level of comfort.

4.3. SAFE INTERSECTIONS. The LGU shall evaluate all intersections to ensure that people using active transport are able to safely cross and change directions without requiring the use of a footbridge or any other pedestrian crosswalks that divert away from the street level. The LGU shall consider the following guidelines:

- 2.3.1 Provision of bike boxes on intersections whenever possible. Time duration of traffic signals must allow enough time for safe and reasonable crossing;
- 2.3.2 Utilize appropriate traffic signal timing which prioritizes safety and mobility of pedestrians and cyclists;
- 4.3.3. Any pedestrian crosswalk that diverts active transport away from the street level (e.g. footbridge, underpass) must be compliant to existing accessibility laws and design standards. The pedestrian crosswalk shall enable independent use of a personal mobility aid (e.g. wheelchairs); and
- 4.3.4. The LGU shall ensure that there are first-aid stations and/or medical facilities, at regular intervals along the cycling lanes.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. The Members of the Philippine National Police, Active Transport Office, Office of the Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, Office of the Municipal Engineer and Punong Barangays are hereby ordered to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. FUNDING. An initial funding to defray the expenses necessary for or incidental to the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced out from the 20% Economic Development Fund of this Local Government Unit.


SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE - All provisions of ordinances, resolutions and orders contrary or inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any part, section or provisions of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, no other parts, section or provisions hereof, shall be affected thereby.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Enacted, August 24, 2020.

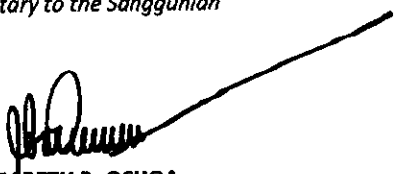
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
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