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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 18-20 (GENERAL)

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REGULATING THE SPEED LIMITS OF ALL KINDS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND PROVIDING FURTHER, FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, every year, an estimated 1.2 million die and over 50 million are injured in road crashes across the world, with around 85% of these numbers coming from low and middle-income countries;

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Philippines, through the Department of Transportation (DOTr), developed the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan (PRSAP) 2011 to 2020 with the goal of reducing the number of road crashes in the Philippines by 50% by 2020;

WHEREAS, since the development of the PRSAP, the number of road crashes has been steadily rising;

WHEREAS, in the City of General Trias, the number of road crashes is a cause for significant concern. In the year 2017, the City recorded 1 381 road crashes resulting to 69 fatalities and 360 injuries, and with increasing number of incidents in Barangays Manggahan, Tejero, Bacao II and San Francisco.

WHEREAS, speeding is the most important contributor to road fatalities and is at the core of the road injury problem, as it influences both crash risk and crash severity, and as it significantly affects vulnerable road users;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) prescribes the setting and strong enforcement of speed limits as one of the most effective interventions in significantly reducing road crashes and road crash fatalities and injuries;

WHEREAS, Sections 35 and 38 of Republic Act No. 4136 otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, prescribes the maximum allowable speed for specific road classes and motor vehicles, and mandates the provincial board, municipal board or city council to classify roads within their jurisdiction for traffic purposes;

WHEREAS, under Section 458 (a) (5) (vi) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, cities and municipalities have the power to regulate traffic in all streets and bridges within their territorial boundaries;



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WHEREAS, there is a need to regulate speed limits in roads within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of General Trias in order to protect all of its road users from road crashes;

WHEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Mario C. Amante duly seconded by SP Member Jowie S. Carampot,

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of General Trias that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Regulating the Speed Limits of All Kinds of Motor Vehicles Within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the City of General Trias, Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof and Providing Further, Funds for the Purpose".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. This Ordinance is intended to safeguard all road users within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of General Trias and to promote public safety and convenience.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to all types of motor vehicles driven within, or passing through the City of General Trias, and the drivers and owners thereof.

SECTION 4. INTERPRETATION. Words and phrases not defined in this Ordinance shall be given their customary meanings, unless the context requires otherwise. All words, phrases and provisions shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the purpose and spirit of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section:

a. City of General Trias Streets - roads within the Poblacion area, roads that connect to the national and provincial roads, and roads that provide inter-barangay connections to major city infrastructure without traversing provincial roads, within the jurisdiction of the City of General Trias, not otherwise designated as national roads, provincial roads, barangay roads, and crowded streets;

b. Crowded Streets - streets with heavy pedestrian traffic, including all streets within one-kilometer radius of the perimeter of schools, public transportation terminals, markets, government buildings, churches and other places of worship, recreational places/facilities frequented by the youth, parks, shopping malls, movie houses, hotels, restaurants, and other public places as may be determined by the City.

In case of linear strips of crowded areas, the reckoning point for the 500-meter radius shall be the first and last crowded public place;

c. Driver - any person operating a motor vehicle.

d. Impoundment - the act of placing a motor vehicle in a designated impoundment or holding area by an authorized Traffic Law Enforcement Officer or authorized impounding service provider.

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- e. Law Enforcement Officer members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), members of the Traffic Management Office (TMO), and other public officers such as Punong Barangays or Barangay Officials, authorized by the City of General Trias to enforce this Ordinance;
- f. Motor Vehicle any vehicle propelled by any power other than muscular power using public highways, excepting road rollers, trolley cars, street sweepers, sprinklers, lawn mowers, bulldozers, graders, forklifts, amphibian trucks, and cranes if not used on public highways, vehicles that run only on rails or tracks, and tractors, trailers and traction engines of all kinds used exclusively for agriculture purposes. Private cars, private jeepneys, utility minibuses, passenger jeepneys, trucks of all kinds, motorcycles, and tricycles, vans, electric motorcycles, and electric cars shall be considered as vehicle;
- g. Owner the person in whose name the motor vehicle is registered, as indicated on the Certificate of Registration issued by the Land Transportation Office (LTO);
- h. Road any public highway, street, thoroughfare, alley, boulevard, and the like within the City of General Trias.
- i. Speed Gun a speed measuring device using Radio Detection and Ranging (RADAR) or Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) technologies for the purpose of determining the speed of motor vehicles.
- j. Speed Enforcement Camera camera based speed enforcement systems that may be installed on highways or used by law enforcers to determine the speed of motor vehicles for purposes of detecting violations of speed limit;
- k. Traffic Citation Ticket (TCT) the ticket issued by Law Enforcement Officers in the City of General Trias for a violation of its Traffic Ordinance/s.

SECTION 6. SPEEDING.

- a. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any road in this City at a rate of speed greater than that permitted by this Ordinance;
- b. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed that is not appropriate for the width, traffic, grades, crossing, curvatures, visibility, or other condition of the road, as to endanger the safety of road users and their properties;
- c. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed greater than that which will permit the vehicle to stop within the assured clear distance ahead, in order to prevent a road crash.

SECTION 7. SPEED LIMIT.

- a. Subject to the provisions of the preceding section and unless otherwise provided herein, the speed limit on all streets within the City of General Trias shall be 30 kilometers per hour (kph) for all motor vehicles; and
- b. The following speed limits shall apply to the roads and motor vehicles identified below, and other similar motor vehicles:

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MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SPEED

Road Classification (RA 4136)	Roads Covered	Public Vehicles, Private Cars, and Motorcycles (kph)	Trucks and Buses (kph)
Open Roads	NATIONAL ROAD From Trece Martires City to Dasmariñas City Boundaries (Along Governor's Drive)	60	50
Open Roads	NATIONAL ROAD From Bgy. Panungyanan to Bgy. Pinagtipunan	60	50
Open Roads	NATIONAL ROAD From Tanza Bridge (Tejero) to Noveleta Boundary (Along Antero Soriano Highway)	60	50
Open Roads	NATIONAL ROAD From Bgy. San Juan I to Tejeros Convention Boundary	50	40
Through Streets	PROVINCIAL ROAD From Governor's Drive (San Francisco) to Sta. Clara Bridge (Arnaldo Highway)	40	30
Through Streets	All other streets or roads within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of General Trias	30	30
Crowded Streets	Within Poblacion Area	20	20
Crowded Streets	500-metre radius of schools, public transportation terminals, markets, government buildings, churches and other places of worship, recreational places, facilities frequented by the youth, parks, shopping malls, movie houses, hotels, restaurants, and other public places as may be determined by the City Government.	20	20

SECTION 8. EXEMPTIONS. The speed limits prescribed under Section 7 shall not apply to drivers or owners in the following circumstances, provided that these exemptions shall not be construed to allow unnecessary fast driving or endanger the life, health, or property of any person:

a. A physician or his driver when the former responds to emergency calls;

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- b. The driver of a hospital ambulance on the way and from the place of accident or other emergency;
- c. Any driver bringing a wounded or sick person for emergency treatment to a hospital, clinic or any other similar place;
- d. The driver of a motor vehicle belonging to the armed forces while in use for official purposes in times of riot, insurrection or invasion;
- e. The driver of a vehicle, when he or his passengers are in pursuit of a criminal;
- f. A law enforcement officer who is trying to overtake a violator of traffic laws:
- g. The driver officially operating motor vehicle of any fire department, provided that exemption shall not be construed to allow unless or unnecessary fast driving of drivers aforementioned; and
- h. For security reasons, very important persons (VIPs) such as visiting National Government Officials and other dignitaries.

SECTION 9. LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES. The Office of the City Mayor through the General Trias Philippine National Police (PNP) and Traffic Management Office (TMO) shall serve as the lead agencies in implementing this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. The Traffic Management Committee shall, in addition to other functions under other ordinances, orders, or policy issuances, have the following functions:

1. ENFORCEMENT

- a. Cause the installation of speed limit signs, in accordance with the speed limits provided in Section 7,
- b. Assign Traffic Law Enforcement Officers for the enforcement of speed limits within the City,
- c. Enforce this Ordinance, through Traffic Law Enforcement Officers, by apprehending offending drivers/motor vehicles, issuing Traffic Citation Tickets (TCTs), and resolving protests, without prejudice to the authority of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to enforce traffic rules and regulations, including reckless driving,
- d. Coordinate with the Philippine National Police (PNP) of the City of General Trias, Barangay Officials, and other deputized Law Enforcement Officers to harmonize deployment and field operations within the City, and
- e. Train Law Enforcement Officers on the use of speed guns, speed enforcement cameras, and other speed enforcement strategies, in coordination with the Land Transportation Office (LTO);

2. DATA COLLECTION, PLANNING AND COORDINATION

- a. Collect road crash data using the Road Crash Data Survey Form, including road crash fatalities, injuries and other relevant information, to be submitted quarterly to the Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the Office of the City Mayor for the purpose of developing road safety policies and to the DOTr,
- b. Submit a speed management plan to the City Mayor annually, identifying "traffic blackspots" or roads with high road crash incidence, and proposing measures to address the same, and proposing appropriate speed limits for roads within the City to improve road safety,

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c. Submit an annual budget plan in accordance with Section 16, for the implementation and enforcement of speed limits, which shall include, among others, the installation and maintenance of speed limit signs, procurement and maintenance of speed guns and speed enforcement cameras, construction of speed management infrastructure, and other speed calming engineering treatments, and information and education campaigns,

d. Coordinate with the City Engineer's Office and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) on the construction of infrastructure and other engineering treatments designed to manage

or calm speed, and

e. Ensure connectivity with the current LTO Information Technology (IT) System to allow for uploading of the details of drivers who fail to pay their fines and other penalties, and fail to redeem their driver's license.

In cases where the connection with the LTO IT System has not yet been established, the Traffic Management Committee shall submit a quarterly report to the Regional LTO containing the relevant information;

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN AND OTHER TASKS.

a. Conduct public information campaigns on speed limit enforcement and road safety, and

b. Perform other tasks as may be assigned by the Mayor for the purpose of implementing this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. The City Engineering Office in coordination with the Traffic Management Office (TMO) shall provide the plan for the installation of Speed Limit Signs and the Engineering Office is directed to install appropriate traffic signs indicating the speed limits on all roads within the City.

For national roads, the Traffic Management Committee shall coordinate with the DPWH Regional Office on the installation of appropriate speed limit signs. The speed limit signs shall conform to the standards prescribed by the DPWH Manual on Highway Safety Design Standards.

In areas where no speed limit sign is installed, the default speed limit provided in Section 7 (a) of this Ordinance shall be observed.

SECTION 12. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE. The enforcement of speed limits within the City shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:

1. VIOLATION OF SECTION 6 (A) DETECTED USING SPEED GUNS

- a. Upon detection of a violation of Section 6 (a) using speed guns, the Law Enforcement Officer shall flag the offending driver or motor vehicle down,
- b. Upon apprehension, the Law Enforcement Officer shall inform the offending driver of the violation and show him/her the speed detected by the speed gun. The Law Enforcement Officer shall demand the presentation of the driver's license of the offending driver and motor vehicle Certificate of Registration and Official Receipt of Registration,

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- c. The Law Enforcement Officer shall indicate the following details on the Traffic Citation Ticket (TCT):
 - Name and address of the driver
 - Driver's license number and date and place of issuance
 - Driver's birth date
 - Name of motor vehicle owner
 - Certificate of Registration number
 - Speed registered on the speed gun
 - Speed limit on the road where the violation was committed,
- d. Upon issuing the Traffic Citation Ticket (TCT) to the offending driver, the Law Enforcement Officer shall confiscate the driver's license. The TCT shall be valid as a temporary operator's permit for a period of seventy-two (72) hours from the time of its issuance, and
- e. The driver shall have seven (7) days within which to settle the fine or to file a protest in accordance with Section 13. Failure to file a protest within the prescribed period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to protest and shall result in the automatic resolution of the violation against the registered owner;
- 2. VIOLATION OF SECTION 6 (A) DETECTED USING SPEED ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS
 - a. Upon detection of a violation of Section 6 (a) using speed enforcement cameras, the Law Enforcement Officer shall issue a notice to the registered owner of the motor vehicle via registered mail.
 - b. The notice shall indicate the speed limit of the road where the violation was committed and shall include a photograph of the vehicle with the speed detected by the camera at the time of violation legibly shown,
 - c. The registered owner shall be presumed to be the driver of the motor vehicle unless he/she can prove that the motor vehicle was driven by another person,
 - d. The registered owner shall have seven (7) days from the date of receipt of the notice within which to settle the fine indicated in the notice, or to file a protest in accordance with Section 13. Failure to file a protest within the prescribed period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to protest, and shall result in the automatic resolution of the violation against the registered owner,
 - e. In case of a protest based on the identity of the driver, the registered owner shall have the duty to provide under oath the name of the driver of the motor vehicle, his known address, and other details as may be required by the Traffic Management Committee. Except in cases where the protest is based on stolen vehicles, no protest based on the identity of the driver shall be allowed unless the alleged driver at the time of violation is identified, and
 - f. Upon a finding that the registered owner is not the driver of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation, the Traffic Management Committee shall send a notice to the driver, as identified by the registered owner, subject to the requirements of Section 12 (2) (b) and (d);

APPREHENSION FOR SPEEDING UNDER SECTION 6 (B) AND (C)

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- a. Where a driver is found to have violated Section 6 (b) and (c) of this Ordinance, the offense shall be considered "reckless driving". The Law Enforcement Officer shall flag down the driver and inform him/her of the violation and the circumstances surrounding the violation,
- b. Upon apprehension, the Law Enforcement Officer shall inform the offending driver of the violation, demand the presentation of the driver's license of the offending driver and motor vehicle Certificate of Registration and Official Receipt of Registration,
- c. The Law Enforcement Officer shall indicate the following details on the TCT:
 - · Name and address of the driver
 - Driver's license number and date and place of issuance
 - Name of motor vehicle owner
 - Certificate of registration number,
- d. Upon issuing the Traffic Citation Ticket (TCT) to the offending driver, the Law Enforcement Officer shall confiscate the driver's license. The TCT shall be valid as a temporary operator's permit for a period of seventy-two (72) hours from the time of its issuance, and
- e. The driver shall have seven (7) days within which to settle the fine or to file a protest in accordance with Section 11. Failure to file a protest within the prescribed period shall be deemed a waiver of the right to protest and shall result in the automatic resolution of the violation against the registered owner.

SECTION 13. PROTEST ADJUDICATION. All protests shall be lodged with the Traffic Management Office (TMO). The TMO shall conduct an investigation and hearing, and shall have the authority to issue summons to Law Enforcement Officers and registered owners of motor vehicles, and receive evidence in relation to the protest.

In case of dismissal of the protest, the driver or registered owner shall have seven (7) days within which to settle the fine indicated in the decision. Otherwise, the driver or registered owner shall be issued a clearance by the Traffic Management Committee, indicating that the driver/registered owner has been cleared of the violation, cancelling the Traffic Citation Ticket (TCT), and directing the appropriate office to return the confiscated license.

SECTION 14. FINES AND PENALTIES. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

Offense	Fine	Concurrent Penalty	
1 st Offense	Php 2 000.00	Four (4) hours seminar on road safety	
2 nd Offense	Php 2 500.00	Four (4) hours seminar on road safety and three (3) hours of community service	
3rd and Subsequent Offense	Php 3 000.00	Imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days at the discretion of the court and Impoundment of motor vehicle	

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SECTION 15. IMPOUNDMENT. In the event that the motor vehicle involved in a speeding violation is found to have been involved in the violation of Section 6 of this Ordinance for the 3rd and subsequent offenses, the vehicle shall be impounded for five (5) days. The driver's license of the offending driver shall not be released until the term of the impoundment of the motor vehicle has been served. The offending driver shall present the offending motor vehicle for impoundment at the Traffic Management Committee's designated impounding area.

SECTION 16. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO SETTLE FINES AND SERVE PENALTIES. In the event of failure to settle the fines or penalties within the period provided in this Ordinance, the Traffic Management Committee shall file a complaint before the appropriate Court for the enforcement of said fines or penalties. The Traffic Management Committee shall also submit the details of the offending driver and registered owner to the Land Transportation Office (LTO), requesting the said office to hold in abeyance the registration of the Page 9 of City Ordinance No. 18-20 (General):

motor vehicle involved in the violation until such time that the fine is settled or the penalty is served. The unpaid fine shall be subject to an interest rate of one percent (1%) per month, but shall in no case exceed seventy-two (72) months.

SECTION 17. PROCUREMENT. The Office of the City Mayor is hereby authorized to cause the procurement of speed guns, speed enforcement cameras, and speed limit signs in compliance with Republic Act No. 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

SECTION 18. DATA COLLECTION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION. All Traffic Citation Tickets (TCTs) shall be submitted by the apprehending Law Enforcement Officer to the Traffic Management Committee within 24 hours from the time of issuance thereof.

The Traffic Management Committee shall collect road crash data from police reports and other data sources such as hospitals, barangay reports, etc. and shall monitor and evaluate the impact of this Ordinance on the number of road crashes, road crash fatalities and injuries, and traffic flow.

The Traffic Management Committee shall likewise collect data on the number of apprehensions, fines collected, cases resolved, and other relevant data pertaining to the enforcement of this Ordinance.

The Traffic Management Committee shall request for access to the IT infrastructure of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to ensure that relevant data are encoded through the Data for Road Incident Visualization Evaluation and Reporting (DRIVER) System.

SECTION 19. REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS. The Traffic Management Committee shall conduct a review of the speed limits provided in this Ordinance every three (3) years to ensure that the speed limits are appropriate for the actual road conditions.

SECTION 20. INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN. The Traffic Management Committee shall conduct a continuing information, education and communication campaign on the speed limits within the City, the impact of the implementation of this Ordinance, and other speed enforcement activities.

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SECTION 21. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 22. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulations, executive orders, proclamations and administrative regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 23. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after posting in three (3) conspicuous places within the City or after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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