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Chairman, Committee on Transportation

WHEREAS, the Batangas City Traffic Ordinance of 2020 was enacted to ensure safe thoroughfares and efficient transportation for the residents of Batangas City;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Local Government Units (LGUs) to regulate tricycle operations, including setting fares;

WHEREAS, continuous oil price hike has significantly affected the tricycle operators and drivers' income making it essential to establish realistic fare adjustments that reflect current operating costs while protecting commuters from overcharging;

WHEREAS, the shift toward sustainable urban mobility has introduced electric tricycles (e-trikes) as an eco-friendly and efficient mode of public transport, requiring their integration into the city's traffic framework to ensure public safety and effective regulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. - This Ordinance aims to include "Electric Tricycles or E-Trikes" in the definition of Tricycle for Hire, amend the provisions of the existing Batangas City Traffic Ordinance of 2020 pertaining to tricycle for hire's operating conditions and fare matrix.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS. -

A. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II (Definition of Terms) Section 2, 2.60 is hereby amended and to include Subsection 2.66, which shall read as follows:

*"**2.60 Tricycle for Hire** – is a motor vehicle with issued City franchise engaged in ferrying passengers or cargoes for a fee, composed of a motorcycle fitted with a single wheel side, or a motorized three-wheeled vehicle, or an electric tricycle.*

*"**2.66 Electric Tricycle or E-Trike** – Refers to a three-wheeled motor vehicle propelled by an electric motor and powered by rechargeable batteries, intended for the transport of passengers or goods."*

B. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XXXII (Operating Conditions) Sections 166 and 169 are hereby amended, establishing a revised fare matrix and the allowed number of paying passengers, which shall now read as follows:

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***"Section 166** - Unless otherwise provided by law or ordinances, a minimum fare is set to Fifteen Pesos (₱15.00) for the first two (2) kilometer distance. An additional fare of Five Pesos (₱5.00) shall be charged by the operator from each passenger for every succeeding kilometer thereafter. Persons with disabilities (PWDs), senior citizens and students shall be entitled to a 20% discount on the prescribed fare, as provided by Ordinance No. 10 Series of 1996."*

*"**Section 169.** Existing types of tricycles are authorized to carry a maximum of four (4) paying passengers, while motorized three-wheeled vehicles are allowed five (5) paying passengers and E-Trikes are authorized to carry a maximum of five (5) paying passengers at any given time, respectively."*

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision or part of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, orders, rules and regulations, or other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon approval by the City Mayor and completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Cities and Province of Batangas.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 16th day of February, 2026.

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

MARIO VITTORIO A. MARIÑO
City Mayor

Date Approved: FEB 24 2026

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY ON FEBRUARY 16, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIAN SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Maria Claudette U. Ambida,	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	"
Hon. Arthur G. Blanco,	"
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig,	"
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca,	"
Hon. Armando C. Lazarte,	"
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	"
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez,	"
Hon. Isidra "Ched" M. Atienza,	"
Hon. Michael C. Villena,	"
Hon. Macario L. Macalalad,	Liga ng mga Barangay President
Hon. Sherwin C. Tejada,	SK Pederasyon President

LATE:

Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino,	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Ailin Grace O. Dimacuha, (Vacation Leave)	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member

"On motion of SP Member Lazarte seconded by SP Member Gamboa, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-043 S. 2026

ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23 S. 2019 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF 2020

RESOLVED, to adopt the report of the Committee on Transportation and to approve on Second and Final Reading the ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 23 S. 2019 Otherwise Known as the Batangas City Traffic Ordinance of 2020."

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED."

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 25-043 S. 2026 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on February 16, 2026.

ROSEMARIE D. HERNANDEZ
Board Secretary IV

NOTED:

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

ATTESTED:

ATTY. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ
Presiding Officer

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23 S. 2019 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BATANGAS CITY TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF 2020

BACKGROUND

The aforementioned subject was referred to the Committee on Transportation. A Public Hearing was held on February 9, 2026 at 1:00 in the afternoon at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, Batangas City.

In attendance were the following:

Hon. Armando C. Lazarte	Committee Chairman
Hon. Jose Jonash Luis F. Tolentino	Committee Vice Chairman
Hon. Arthur G. Blanco	Committee Member
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo	Committee Member
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca	Committee Member
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz	SP/Vice Mayor
Hon. Claudette U. Ambida	SP Member
Hon. Andrea Loise F. Macaraig	SP Member
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.	SP Member
Hon. Zester Carlo M. Hernandez	SP Member
Hon. Isidra M. Atienza	SP Member
Hon. Macario L. Macalalad	ABC President
Hon. Sherwin C. Tejada	SK Federation President

Representatives from other relevant offices were:

Herminia M. Villena	City Admin Representative
Myla B. Delgado	TDRO
Cris Mark Banaag	TDRO
Derwin Panganiban	LTO, Supervising TRO
PLT Osmundo Calalo	PNP
John August Vianney Guese	City Legal Office
Eufracio E. Plata	City Treasurer's Office
Engr. Simeon P. Perez	President, Batangas City People's Council
Hermie Andal	CSO, Transport Sector
Luisa A. Arellano	CSO, Transport Sector

Attendance of TODA, Barangay Council and other stakeholders is hereto attached:

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OBSERVATIONS

The Committee conducted a Public Hearing involving key stakeholders (TODA, LTO, PNP, and Barangay Councils) and other relevant city departments to discuss the proposed amendment of the Ordinance No. 23 S. 2019 otherwise known as the Batangas City Traffic Ordinance of 2020. The primary focus is the integration of Electric Tricycles (E-Trikes) into the city's transport system and the adjustment of fare matrices to reflect current economic conditions.

The public hearing was held on February 9, 2026 at 1:00 in the afternoon at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, Batangas City.

Based on the consultation, the following were noted:

1. A brief explanation regarding the subject matter was explained by the TDRO representative. The ordinance will now formally include Electric Tricycles or E-Trikes under the definition of "Tricycle for Hire," provided that they comply with the requirements of the national government, proper registration and existing traffic laws and regulations.

2. The proposed fare structure addresses the inflation since the 2019 rates. As stipulated on the ordinance, the tricycle fare was Php12.00 since then. Currently and as practiced by TODA, the minimum fare is set to fifteen pesos (₱15.00) for the first two (2) kilometer distance and additional fare of five pesos (₱5.00) shall be charged by the operator from each passenger for every succeeding kilometer thereafter. Persons with disabilities (PWDs), senior citizens and students, still, shall be entitled to a 20% discount on the prescribed fare, as provided by Ordinance No. 10 Series of 1996.

3. To maximize efficiency while ensuring passenger's safety, the following capacities are proposed:
   a. Traditional Tricycles: Up to 4 paying passengers.
   b. Motorized 3-Wheeled Vehicles: Up to 5 paying passengers.
   c. E-Trikes: Up to 5 paying passengers.

4. As per LTO Memorandum Circular 94-199, the power to give franchise was divulged to the LGUs. The Electric Vehicle Industry Act (EVIDA), or R.A. No. 11697, enacted in 2022 in the Philippines, promotes electric vehicle (EV) adoption to enhance energy security and reduce pollution.

5. The granting of franchises shall be strictly contingent upon the request of the relevant transport association and after the comprehensive assessment of the TDRO. This ensures that the supply of public transport units remains proportional to the actual commuter demand in specific localities, preventing over-saturation.

6. To maintain a manageable number of vehicles on the road, existing franchise holders of traditional tricycles shall be given priority in the transition to electric/solar-powered models to lower operational costs and increase their income. This initiative ensures that the introduction of electric vehicles is a replacement process rather than an expansion, thereby preventing additional traffic congestion.

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7. The City Legal Office affirms that the regulation of tricycle fares falls within the official powers of the City Government of Batangas. Furthermore, the following provisos are recommended for inclusion in the definition of Electric Tricycles wherein said units must strictly adhere to national laws, safety and transport regulations. Also, only electric tricycles with a minimum weight capacity of 50kg shall be authorized for use as public transport to ensure passenger safety and vehicle stability.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the foregoing and based on the feedback gathered, the Committee hereby recommends the following:

1. The adoption of this Committee Report; and

2. The approval of the proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 23 S. of 2019 otherwise known as the Batangas City Traffic Ordinance of Batangas City of 2020 for Second Reading and scheduled for Final Reading come next Regular Session.

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Respectfully submitted, February 13, 2026.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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