MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA BULACAN
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 033 - 2023

DIRECTING MUNICIPAL OFFICES AND THE BARANGAYS TO IMPLEMENT THE PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 41 PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF PASS-THROUGH FEES ON NATIONAL ROADS AND SUSPENDING THE COLLECTION OF ANY FORM OF FEES UPON ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTING GOODS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 155 of RA No. 7160, a local sanggunian may prescribe the terms and conditions, and fix the rates for the imposition of toll fees or charges for the use of any public road, pier or wharf, waterway, bridge, ferry or telecommunications system funded and constructed by the LGU concerned;

WHEREAS, Section 133(e) of RA No. 7160 provides that the taxing powers of local governments shall not extend to the levy of taxes, fees, and charges and other impositions upon goods carried into or out of, or passing through, the territorial jurisdictions of LGUs in the guise of charges for wharfage, tolls for bridges
or otherwise, or other taxes, fees, or charges in any form whatsoever upon such goods or merchandise;

WHEREAS, the unauthorized imposition of pass-through fees has a significant impact on transportation and logistics costs, which are often passed on to consumers, who ultimately bear the burden of paying for the increase in prices of goods and commodities;

WHEREAS, in order to uphold the welfare and advance the best interest of the Filipino people, it is the overarching policy of the present Administration to consolidate all essential components within the value and supply chain, and reduce the costs of food logistics, which play a pivotal role in effectively tempering the inflation rate in the country, not discounting the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS, Municipal Mayor of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Pass-Through Fees for the Use of National and Local Roads. In the interest of public welfare, all municipal offices and barangays concerned in this responsibility, in the jurisdiction of the municipality of Santa Maria are hereby directed to suspend or discontinue the collection of fees, such as but not limited to, sticker fees, discharging fees, delivery fees, market fees, toll fees, entry fees, or Mayor's permit fees, or barangay permit fees, that are imposed upon all motor vehicles transporting goods and passing through any local public roads constructed and funded by the local government unit until further notice.

Section 2. Sanctions. Any violation of this Order shall be a ground for the imposition of administrative or disciplinary sanctions against any erring public official or employee, as provided under existing law, rules and regulations.

Section 3. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SO, ORDERED.

Done this 11th day of October, 2023 at the Municipal Hall, Poblacion, Santa Maria, Bulacan.

BARTOLOME R. RAMOS
Municipal Mayor