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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 960  
September 22, 2021

**COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE PARK ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a lifestyle park with trees and plants to help clean our city's air and stimulate the establishment of urban gardens in all open vacant lots, whether private or public. This park will also teach children about the importance and beauty of nature. It is here that they will learn to appreciate environmental stewardship while enjoying the simple pleasures of life. Here, families and senior citizens can bond and participate in recreational activities or simply relax in the shade of the trees, bask in the beauty of nature in the midst of an urban jungle, and find serenity and calm.

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs that incorporate sustainable and renewable energy, and water-smart landscaping features have been shown to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, provide wildlife habitat, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and enjoy outdoor recreation.

**WHEREAS**, the community lifestyle park will serve as the city's ideal lifestyle park that incorporates renewable energy and eco-friendly sustainable materials in all of its development and creation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City that:

**Section 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be called as the "**COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE PARK ORDINANCE**".

**Section 2. Definition of Terms.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall be construed, understood, and shall mean as follows:

- a) Community Lifestyle Park – a type of park wherein the community could enjoy, find relaxation, and improve their way of living through doing recreational activities which promote a happy and healthy lifestyle.
- b) Leisure Activities – activities that people usually do when they are free from the demands of work and which one can rest and exercise. It is a proven fact that doing the things that we enjoy can help delay aging and being stress-free can provide us with a sound and positive disposition in life.
- c) Water Catchment System - an area where water is collected by the natural landscape.
- d) Concessionaire - the proprietor or operator of a food and beverage concession stand in the Community Lifestyle Park.

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e) Protected Area - refers to a clearly defined geographical space, recognized, dedicated and managed, through legal or other effective means, to achieve the long term conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values.

**Section 3. Nature of the Community Lifestyle Park.** The Community Lifestyle Park shall be a protected area, modeled as a sustainable city park concept that incorporates eco-friendly practices, green spaces and supporting technology into the urban environment to reduce air pollution and CO2 emissions, enhance air quality, and protect natural resources.

**Section 4. Location of the Community Lifestyle Park.** The proposed location of the Community Lifestyle Park shall be at a considerable distance from the city center, as may be identified.

**Section 5. Proposed Development Plan of the Community Lifestyle Park.** In partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Tourism (DOT), Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Health (DOH), a site development plan will be conceptualized and will serve as a guide for potential developers and registered landscape architects.

The Proposed Development Plan shall incorporate the following:

1. Basic amenities and attractions of the Community Lifestyle Park, such as:
  - a. Benches and Picnic Tables
  - b. Lamp Posts
  - c. Comfort Rooms with
  - d. Segregated Garbage Bins
  - e. Shade Structures
  - f. Senior Citizen/PWD Lounge
  - g. Shuttle Service Station
  - h. Designated Parking Areas
  - i. Nursing Station
  - j. Age-Appropriate Playground Equipment
  - k. Bicycle Rental Stations and Bicycle Racks
  - l. Outdoor Fitness Equipment
  - m. Grandstand for Zumba Exercises
2. Security and safety systems (e.g., wireless security cameras, fire extinguishers, security outposts)
3. The use of environment-friendly materials in the development or construction of the park as recommended by the DENR.
4. The use of renewable energy to power 90% of the park in conformity to the National Building Code and the Philippine Electrical Code, and the Department of Energy

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5. The use of a water catchment system and underground water storage in which the harvested rainwater is used to provide for all the water needs of the park.
6. An area where the species of trees that will be allowed to be planted is limited to the following: Narra, Molave, Dao, kamagong, ipil, acacia, akle apanit banuyo, batikuling, betis, bolong-eta, kalantas, lanete, lumbayao, sangilo, supa, teak, tindalo, and manggis, referring to premium hardwood species as indicated in Section 1 of the DENR Administrative Order No. 78-87
7. The grass must be of the Kyoto variety that can withstand the heat, the tropical weather and the foot traffic in the CLP.
8. Installation of computer controlled water sprinklers for optimum maintenance and use of water.
9. The tallest flag- pole in the country will be constructed with the Philippine Flag at the center of the facility.
10. An area specific for organic agriculture, tree planting, environmental exhibits, and training will be constructed.
11. The divisions will be designed in the motif of the following sections and bear the specific names: Tubo for Agriculture, Maskara for Arts and Culture, Hacienda for Environment, Inasal for Food, Kasag for the Sea, and Askal for our Animals and Pets.

#### **Section 6. Community Lifestyle Park Committee (CLPC).**

**Sec 6.1. Composition and Appointment.** The CLPC shall consist of at least 8 members appointed by the Mayor through the endorsement and recommendation of the Committee on Environment and Ecology.

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Members - the members of the CLPC shall be formed from the following department or sectors:

- a. Committee Chairman on Environment
  - b. City ENRO
  - c. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
  - d. City Tourism
  - e. Department of Tourism (DOT)
  - f. Department of Education (DepEd)
  - g. City Health
  - h. Department of Health (DOH)
  - i. Representative from Non-Government Organizations, Peoples Organizations and Civil Society Organizations and other Basic Sectors
  - j. Environmental Organizations
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Provided that, in order to promote and observe a gender-responsive and balanced decision-making processes, not less than 40% of the entire committee must be composed of women; Provided further, that two (2) members must be from the youth sector, preferably with age ranging from 16-27 years old. Youth members shall have all powers of a member, including the power to vote and hold office in the CLPC.

**Sec 6.2. Term.** The term of the members of the CLPC shall be three years, with a maximum of two terms.

**Sec 6.3. Residency.** Membership requirements of the CLPC shall be bonafide residents of the city.

**Sec 6.4. Powers and Duties.** The CLPC shall be an advisory board and shall have the following powers:

1. Make recommendations to the city Mayor and the SP concerning the recreation and city park needs of the city, including how park improvement funds are used.
2. Update the Community Lifestyle Park master plan.
3. Expand park and recreational and health opportunities through commission sponsored events when appropriate.
4. Set its own rules and regulations, as well as craft supplementing rules and regulations to Section 7 of this Ordinance, as may be applicable.
5. Provide an annual report to the city SP.

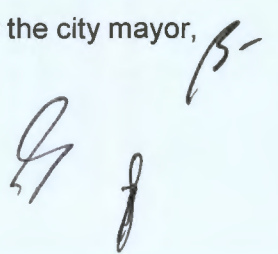
**Sec 6.5. Office Vacancy.** Vacancies must be filled in the same manner as new members are appointed. The office of any member shall be declared vacant if that person has three or more unexplained absences from commission meetings.

**Sec 6.6. Community Lifestyle Park Committee (CLPC) Recreation Department.** The purpose of this division is to provide for a CLPC recreation department.

**Sec 6.7. Duties.** The CLPC Recreation Department shall:

1. Recommend and implement recreation programs within the Community Lifestyle Park;
2. Study, search and apply for grants: national, local or otherwise;
3. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed by resolution of the city council or by direction of the City Mayor.

**Sec 6.9. Community Lifestyle Park Committee Director and Staff.**

1. Subject to funding, the city mayor shall appoint a parks and recreation director.
  2. The parks and recreation director shall be an administrative officer of the Community Lifestyle Park.
  3. Subject to funding, the city mayor shall appoint the staff as per the approved staffing pattern, upon recommendation of the parks and recreation director.
  4. The salary of the parks and recreation director and his staff shall be set by the city mayor, in accordance with budgetary appropriations.
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5. The parks and recreation director shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by ordinance or by direction of the CLPC.

## **Section 7. Rules and Regulations in the Community Lifestyle Park**

**Sec 7.1. Functions and Operations of the Community Lifestyle Park.** The function of the park system, city owned property and open areas is to:

1. Provide the citizens of the city with the opportunity to peacefully enjoy natural and scenic areas;
2. Provide recreational opportunities;
3. Preserve natural habitats for wildlife and biodiversity management;
4. Coordinate the management and execution of community services to be rendered in the park.

**Sec 7.3. Community Lifestyle Park Operation Hours.** The Community Lifestyle Park shall generally be open to the public between the hours of 5:00 AM and 8:00 PM, as may be adjusted by the CLPC Director. Specific portions may be closed at dates and times as ordered by the CLPC director upon approval of the city mayor.

**Sec 7.4. Community Lifestyle Park Security (CLPS).** The CLPS will be headed by a graduate in a course in security, criminology, police or any branches of the armed forces with at least 2 years experience in administration of securing a facility. A consultant from the active services or licensed security agency shall be hired.

Inclusions of the CLPS are the following but not limited to:

1. Community Lifestyle Park Security Officers (CLPSO) - personnel from a registered security agency in charge of patrolling the premises, securing safety, and inspecting structures and equipment, monitoring access points, as well as authorizing or prohibiting entry. They shall be equipped with scooters or vehicles that use renewable and eco-friendly energy for their monitoring of the park.
2. Safety Stations – areas in which the CLPS are located
3. Hospitality Shuttle – to be used by senior citizens or PWDs in traversing the park
4. Health Clinic – composed of a full-time nurse and two other health workers
5. Ambulance

The CLPSO shall roam around the park and see to it that no conflict shall arise among park-goers. They are tasked to ensure that all rules and regulations are followed.

## **Sec 7.5. Vehicle Operations.**

1. While in a city park, city owned property or open area, no person shall:
  - a. Operate, drive or park any automobile, bicycle, motorcycle, truck, trainer, motor scooter, or RTVs that operate on non-renewable energy except on paths and parking areas designated for the public. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area and walkway reserved for pedestrian use.

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i. All motor vehicles, bicycles and trailers shall at all times be operated with reasonable regard for the safety of others. In no event shall the maximum speed of any such conveyance exceed 15 miles per hour except those emergency vehicles, both city and private, which are en route to the scene of an accident or fire, or when leaving the scene of an accident or fire or the situation is one that necessitates speed.

ii. All such vehicles, except maintenance or utility vehicles, when left unattended shall be parked in an area and manner designated.

iii. No such vehicle shall be left unattended in any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by them.

iv. At no time shall washing, polishing, greasing or maintenance of a motor vehicle take place, except for those repairs necessitated by an emergency.

- b. Any vehicle will be deemed to be unlawfully parked or left standing and such vehicle may be ordered towed at the owner's expense away after operation hours. However, this subsection shall not apply to spectators and participants at events specifically authorized by the city manager or his designee if their vehicles are removed promptly after the termination of the event.

2. Any violation of this provision shall be treated as a civil offense.

**Sec 7.6. Proper Waste Segregation and Disposal.** While in the CLP, no person shall:

1. Dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or any other trash except in public receptacles and in such manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from the park by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
2. Distribute, circulate, give away, fasten to, throw or deposit in or on any city property any handbills, circulars, pamphlets, papers or advertisements or post such material to any tree, fence or structure, except by permit issued by the city manager or his designee. Provided, that it shall not be unlawful in any park, city owned property or open area within the city for any person to hand out or distribute, without charge to the receiver thereof, any noncommercial handbill to any person willing to accept it.
3. Pollute, deposit, or cause to be deposited any foreign materials such as glass, metal, paper, garbage or rubbish in any water owned, managed, controlled or operated by the CLP.
4. The disposal of animal waste and litter is the sole responsibility of the owners and is penalized with a fine under section 9.

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**Sec 7.7. Animals.** While in the CLP, no person shall:

1. Permit in or upon land or water, dogs, cats, horses, or other animals except at a place, time and in a manner as designated. At such time, the animal must be under the full and proper control of the person responsible by either a leash or halter and in a manner specified in by existing laws and city ordinances, except by permission granted by special permit of the city manager or his designee.
2. Ride a horse, pony or other animal of any description other than upon roads, trails and areas and at times designated for horseback riding, except by permission granted by special permit of the city manager or his designee.
3. Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw objects at any animal, reptile, or bird except for normal protective action against dangerous animals and poisonous reptiles, or pick, harm or destroy the natural plants, flowers, shrubs or wildlife.

**Sec 7.8. Food and Beverages.** Outside food and beverages are allowed in the CLP.

While in the CLP, food and beverage concessionaires shall:

1. Promote and sell the use of organic, recyclable, and re-usable utensils, straws, and food containers.
2. Prohibit the use of single-use, disposable plastic utensils, straws, and food containers.
3. No plastic in whatever form is allowed in the premises of the park.

**Sec 7.9. Prohibited Acts**

1. Use any device transmitting electronically amplified sound, including, but not limited to radios, tape recorders, automobile radios or music amplifiers at a volume so that the sound may be heard by persons of normal sensitivity at a distance of more than 50 feet, except by special permission and permit granted by the chief of CLPSO.
  2. Enter the premises of any park facility for which payment is required without making the required payments and being duly admitted to the use of the facility.
  3. Loiter in or about any restroom/washroom, or use such facilities for purposes other than those intended. In addition, male persons shall not resort to any restroom/washroom facilities set apart for women, and female persons shall not resort to any restroom/washroom facilities set apart for men, provided that this shall not apply to children accompanied by an adult.
  4. Carry, possess, or use any weapon, firearm, explosives or fireworks without legal authority exclusively only for members of the Philippine National Police or any uniformed personnel available who are part of the active personnel of the facility.
  5. Make or excite any disturbance so that the peace and good order of other persons using the park, city owned property or open area or persons in the neighborhood of such property are disturbed.
  6. Interfere with any game or authorized event in the CLP.
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7. Gamble or maintain a gaming table or pool tickets, used for gaming or knowingly suffer a gaming table or pool tickets to be kept, maintained, played or sold in the CLP.
8. Operate powered, line attached model crafts or remote controlled crafts of any kind or description, including, but not limited to airplanes, boats and automobiles, except in areas set aside for those specific activities.
9. Operate any portable electric generator, alternator or other machinery, except by permission and permit granted by the city mayor. All departments of the city and all franchise utility companies operating within the city are exempt from this provision.
10. Enter any body of water for the purpose of swimming, diving, wading, bathing, when such activities are prohibited by signs conspicuously posted.
11. Sell, offer to sell, show, hawk, display, or distribute any goods, wares, merchandise or refreshments, or conduct business of any kind, without a concessionaire permit or special events permit.
12. Smoke, light, or carry a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or other smoking device of any kind in any of the areas in the CLP. This prohibition includes the use of any e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, and any personal vaporizer or electronic nicotine and non-nicotine delivery system (ENDS/ENNDS) of any kind.
13. Damage, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace, remove or attach to, any building, bridges, deck, dock, tables, benches, fencing, fountains, paving or paving material, water lines, or other public utilities, or parts of appurtenances thereof, any signs, notices, placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities, either real or personal.
14. Attach any rope, wire or any other object to any light post, tree or planter or to use any tree, light post or planter as an anchor.
15. Climb any tree, or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, fountains, railings, fences or upon other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.
16. Build, light, kindle or maintain any open or outdoor fire, except in areas or facilities specifically built and designated for that purpose, or by special permission and permit granted by the city manager or his designee.
17. Meddle either directly or indirectly with any fountain, fixtures or appurtenance belonging to the CLP or with pipes to turn water off or on in fountains unless duly authorized by the city council.
18. Public assemblies, political or private demonstrations such as strikes, are strictly prohibited
19. All areas with grass, or any form of vegetation or plants are off limits to persons or vehicles except those designated by park rules.
20. No monuments, edifices commemorating events or depicting heroes or national leaders may be installed or created.
21. It is prohibited to distribute any material, pamphlets, souvenir or sample items advertisements, promotions, either commercial, religious, or political in whatever form.
22. No space for construction of any enclosed structure, stage, podium, grandstand, that may lessen the available open spaces may be allowed at any instance.

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23. Any activity that may violate the peace, quiet, serenity, and solace of the place will not be tolerated.
24. It is prohibited to leave pet litter. It is the owners' responsibility to clean up after their pets.

**Sec 7.10. Facility Rules and User Policy.**

1. The facility is open for use only on a scheduled basis. No activities can start before or end after the agreed times.
2. The person who obtains the building permit shall be responsible for the general conduct of the activity covered by such permit and the enforcement of the rules and regulations governing the use of the building. Permits are non-transferable. All laws and ordinances of the city government must be strictly adhered to and reservation holders assume the responsibility to see that such is done.
3. Department assigned staff has authority for building supervision and the authority to disperse any group for failure to comply with all rules. If such occurs, the group forfeits fees or deposits paid. If there has been a fee waiver, the fee waiver will be revoked and the amount waived shall become due and payable within five working days. The applicant further understands and agrees that if any nuisance or disturbance is caused by the use of the premises by the applicant, the use may be terminated with notice at the discretion of the chief of the CLPSO or his designate. Any applicant and all other persons on the premises at that time may thereupon be put off the premises and the use permit will be void.
4. The holder of the permit should arrive prior to the arrival of the other users. Users must plan to enter and leave the facility at the time specified on the permit. The organization or individual obtaining the permit shall accomplish the following within the time specified on the permit:
  - a. Putting up and taking down all decorations.
  - b. Any other preparations and cleanup associated with the activity being conducted.
  - c. The facility must be left in a condition equal to that condition when the facility was first occupied.
5. When the facilities are used by minors (under 18 years of age) the group must at all times be under the direction of its own adult leadership while on the premises.
6. The use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs on premises is strictly forbidden.
7. Should the use of department equipment, such as tables and chairs, be desired, such a request shall be submitted with the application for use of facilities.
8. Plans for decorations must be approved by the supervisor or the designated representative in advance of the reservation.
  - a. Cellophane adhesives, nails, screws, staples, etc., in walls or on woodwork are prohibited.
  - b. All decoration materials must be fireproof or of fire retardant materials.
  - c. At no time shall exit signs or exit doors be covered or obstructed.
9. No advertising shall be exhibited and no solicitations or sales made in the CLP.
10. Concessions of food and beverage stalls are exclusive only for residents of Bacolod City.
11. The whole park area excluding those designated for food and beverage concessionaires will be considered beyond the commerce of man.

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**Sec 7.11. Signages.** The Community Lifestyle Park shall impose the installment of all park rules and regulations signages which shall be prominently posted - with symbols illustrated separately or combined - in locations most visible to the public in the area.

**Section 8. Fees.** There shall be collected fees for non-resident visitors, concession of food and beverage stalls, and the use of comfort rooms and sanitation facilities. The following shall be imposed in the CLP:

1. All residents of Bacolod City can enter for free as long as they can show a valid ID with Bacolod City as an address.
2. All non-resident visitors will have to pay an entrance fee of P50.00 per person, subject to review and appropriate adjustment every three (3) years.
3. A Rental Fee of Php 300.00 shall be imposed daily and collected from the food and beverage concessions upon the first operating hour of the park, subject to review and appropriate adjustment every three (3) years.
4. Payments must be issued with corresponding accountable receipts.
5. Use of comfort rooms and sanitation facilities will be free, but a donation box may be set up to supplement for its maintenance and upkeep, subject to review and appropriate adjustments every three (3) years.
6. A "No Payment, No Entry" rule into the concession premises.

All income derived from the operations of the different facilities inside the park will be deposited to a separate revenue-generating unit under this ordinance.

**Section 9. Penalties and Fines.** The Community Lifestyle Park rules and regulations must be followed as fines and penalties in relation to the specific violation under a corresponding existing ordinance will be imposed upon the violator, as per existing laws and city ordinances, as may be applicable.

In addition to the following penalties,

First Offense : P 1,000.00

Second Offense: P 3,000.00

Third Offense: P 5,000.00

Fourth Offense: violator is banned from entering the park for 3 months

**Section 10. Funding.** An initial funding to defray the expenses necessary for or incidental to the implementation of this Ordinance in the amount of P5,000,000.00 which shall be sourced from the fund of the City Government, and is hereby allocated every year thereafter, at least P5,000,000.00 for its maintenance and upkeep, shall automatically be included in the Annual Budget of the city for the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

**Section 11. Repealing Clause.** All other Ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.

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**Section 12. Separability Clause.** Should any provision of the Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 13. Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take into effect 15 days after its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative :

Councilors : Cindy T. Rojas, Renecito S. Novero, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Carlos Jose V. Lopez, Archie S. Baribar, Al Victor A. Espino, Israel P. Salanga, Dindo C. Ramos, Bartolome N. Orola, Sr., Ana Marie V. Palermo, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

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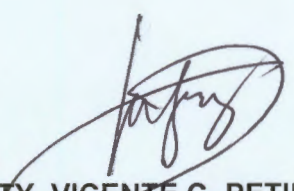
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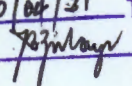
  
**ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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**ELCID M. FAMILIARAN**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: Oct. 01, 2021

  
**EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**  
City Mayor

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**CERTIFICATION**

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1. Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bacolod City Government Center
2. Old City Hall (Araneta-Luzuriaga Streets)
3. Bacolod Public Plaza
4. City Health Office
5. Hall of Justice
6. North (Burgos) Public Market
7. South (Libertad) Public Market
8. Central Market

Bacolod City, Philippines, October 18, 2021.

**ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian