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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 970
November 3, 2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND RESPONSE CENTER OF BACOLOD CITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 4 and 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that, "The prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people, and that the maintenance of peace and order, protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, the frequency natural disasters and the threat to peace and order posed by the criminality and other disturbances require the dedicated efforts of both the government and the private sector;

WHEREAS, there is a need to improve public safety services and existing peace and order and public safety mechanisms by providing a clear command structure for responsibility and accessibility and by encouraging and facilitating the prompt deployment of a seamless emergency services;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a centralized system that will strengthen the emergency response of Bacolod City to further increase the survival rate of its constituents and maximize existing logistics and manpower;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in session assembled that:

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the Bacolod 911 Ordinance.

Section 2. COVERAGE. The Bacolod 911 Ordinance shall be implemented within the whole jurisdiction of Bacolod City and shall include all medical, emergency, disaster, peace and order response personnel whether volunteers or not.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

1. BDDRMO - Bacolod City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
2. BCPO - Bacolod City Police Office
3. DSSD- Bacolod City Department of Social Services and Development
4. Disaster - a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources.
5. Emergency - unforeseen or sudden occurrence, especially danger, demanding immediate action.



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6. Private Sector- the key actor in the realm of the economy where the central social concern and process are the mutually beneficial production and distribution of goods and services to meet the physical needs of human beings.
 7. Response - any concerted effort by two (2) or more agencies, public or private, to provide assistance or intervention during or immediately after a disaster to meet the life preservation and basic subsistence needs of those people affected and in the restoration of essential public activities and facilities.

Section 4. 911 NUMBER. The number designated for all emergency, medical, calamity, disaster, peace and order concerns. The BDRRMO shall appeal to network providers to make the 911 calls from Bacolod City free so that it will encourage our indigent fellowmen to use the service.

Section 5. EMERGENCY SYSTEM. There shall be a Medical and Emergency Response Center (MERC) to be established in an office to be designated by the BDRRMO. The MERC shall be the only agency that will answer all emergency call from the "911 number" and shall dispatch the needed response team by coordinating to the respective volunteer or government agency that are near the area of incidence, calamity or disaster.

Section 6. ON-SCENE FIRST RESPONDERS. Private volunteers who are first on-scene during crisis/emergency can help the victims right away however they will need to coordinate to the BDRRMO or 911 system for proper documentation and to avoid response redundancy.

Section 7. DATABASE. The MERC shall have a digital database that will store every important information in every distress call such as and not limited to the number of the caller, the name of the caller, nature of incident, the names of the responders and the date and time of the incident. The information will be stored for five years and can only be disclosed if by a court order in compliance to Republic Act 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012.

Section 8. BARANGAY COORDINATION. All Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council members shall have a close coordination with MERC and must also encourage its constituents to make use of the 911 number in cases of emergency, calamity, disaster, peace and order concerns.

Section 9. INFORMATION DRIVE. The Bacolod City Public Information Office shall promote the "911 number" and MERC through all social and mass media agencies especially to the Bacolod City website and Bacolod City Government controlled social media pages. The volunteer emergency response teams are also urged to promote the same to their respective reach. All Punong Barangays are also enjoined to promote the same to their respective communities.

Section 10. ACCREDITATION OF COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. All Punong Barangays are required to have all their community volunteers for emergency response be accredited by the BDRRMO. The guidelines for such accreditation should be set forth by the BDRMMO.

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Section 11. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. There shall be a Technical Working Group that shall be established for the implementation of this ordinance and continuous updating of the national emergency and disaster response guidelines. The TWG will be composed of the following:

Chairman	-	City Mayor
Vice Chairman	-	City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer
Members	-	SP Chairperson, Committee on Fire, Calamity and Disaster City Director, Bacolod City Police Office Fire Chief, Bacolod Fire Protection City Chief, Bacolod Coast Guard President, Liga ng mga Barangay Three (3) Representatives from private volunteers

The TWG shall meet at least once every three months or if by required by the Chairman.

Section 12. BUDGET. The City shall appropriate an initial budget of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 500,000.00) to be taken from the DRRMO Fund to defray all the expenses it may incur to implement this ordinance.

Section 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or the section hereof that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional.

Section 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

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

Negative : None.

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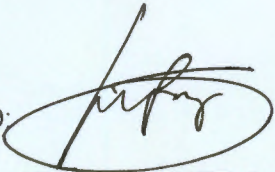
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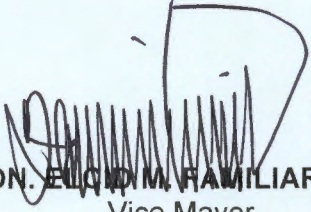
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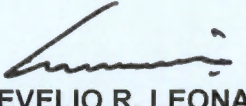


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APPROVED: NOV. 11, 2021



HON. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/llt

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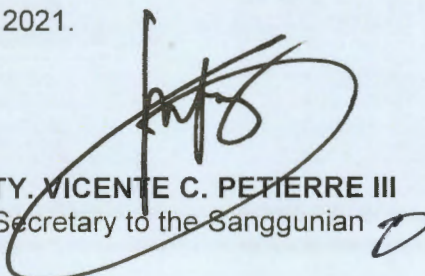
This is to certify that **CITY ORDINANCE NO. 970, Series of 2021** passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod on November 3, 2021 entitled:

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1. Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
2nd 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, December 13, 2021.


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