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February 22, 2022

HON. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor
Bacolod City

Dear Sir:

We have the honor to furnish you herewith copy of City Ordinance No. ~~982~~ dated January 12, 2022, (for approval), passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod which is/are self-explanatory.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

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Very truly yours,

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

By:

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JEMAB. ZOLAYVAR
Local Legislative Staff Assistant III

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 982

January 12, 2022

CITIZENS LOVE FOR HONESTY ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, Section 27, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that “The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption”;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the “Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees states that” It is the policy of the State to promote a high standard of ethics in public service.

WHEREAS, the same section above mentioned further stated that, “Public officials and employees shall at all times be accountable to the people and shall discharge their duties with utmost responsibility, integrity, competence, and loyalty, act with patriotism and justice, lead modest lives, and uphold public interest over personal interest”;

WHEREAS, “public office is a public trust, and as public officials and employees, we have the duty of protecting and promoting not only our integrity but also that of the government and the people”;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize and operationalize these values by creating enabling mechanisms that will advise and guide not our elective and appointive officials as well as among our constituents;

WHEREAS, this vision can only be realized if all the stakeholders of the society and the City will have an active part in the development of short-term, medium-term, and long-term initiatives for the City;

Section 1. Proclamation and Designation of the Month of October the Citizens Love for Honesty and Integrity Month. The month of October is hereby proclaimed and designated as the Citizens Love for Honesty and Integrity Month. For this purpose, programs and activities to reiterate and reinforce these values shall be developed, institutionalized, mainstreamed, and conducted in the said month on an annual basis.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The City shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.

Section 3. Creation of the Committee on Honesty and Integrity. There is hereby created a Committee on Honesty and Integrity of twelve (12) Representatives, composed of the following:



1. Representative of the Chief Executive;
2. Representative of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
3. Representative of the Judiciary in the City;
4. Representative of the Local Development Council, or from any Civil Society Organizations;
5. Representative of the Local Youth Development Council, or from any youth-led Civil Society Organizations;
6. Representative of the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation;
7. Student Representative from Primary Schools;
8. Student Representative from Secondary - High Schools;
9. Student Representative from Senior High Schools;
10. Student Representative from Colleges/ Universities;
11. Representative from Faith-based Organizations;
12. Representative from the Private Sector;

Representation in the Committee shall be changed annually, provided, that to ensure the widest participation of all stakeholders, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected from among the members; provided further, that a Co-Chairperson and Co-Vice Chairperson will be elected among the members who are of legal age if a minor will be elected, to ensure that proper guidance and support will be provided for implementation and logistical purposes.

Section 3. Functions of the Committee on Honesty and Integrity. The Committee shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Prepare the general program of the annual Citizens Love for Honesty and Integrity Month and submit it to the City Mayor for approval;
2. Promote and direct innovative plans, programs, and activities celebrations throughout the City and its communities;
3. Commission and publish works and initiatives that are considered necessary in the proper understanding of the meaning of values and conducts related to honesty and integrity;
4. Recognize and award individual persons and associations having juridical personalities who have contributed to promoting best practices in furtherance of this lifestyle;
5. Co-administer and manage all funds solicited and donated for the conduct of the event by private and public, as well as the Government for the purposes of this Citizens Love for Honesty and Integrity Month;
6. Coordinate with the Office of the City Mayor, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and the Judiciary to ensure synchronized activities. Take all other measures necessary for the successful execution of all the programs and activities adopted in celebration of the Citizens Love for Honesty and Integrity Month.
7. Meet and report from time to time, but not less than once in six months, its activities and functions to the City Mayor and the City Sangguniang Panlungsod, who shall cause such reports to be published for the information and guidance of the public.



Section 4. Enjoining Active Participation in the Honesty and Integrity Program.

All citizens of all ages and all sectors of our society are hereby enjoined to actively participate in the city campaign and program for Honesty and Integrity Program.

These campaigns and programs shall aim to inculcate the following virtues for ethical and sustainable development: ethical indigenous values and traditions (e.g., Bayanihan, caring and sharing); transparency and accountability; self-reliance; good manners and right conduct, including, but not limited to the value and habits of courtesy, discipline, and respect for authority and institutions; people empowerment; and, self-reflection and analysis.

Section 5. Implementing Arm of the Committee on Honesty and Integrity. The Barangay Lupong Tagapamayapa and the Sangguniang Kabataan are hereby tasked to serve as the implementing arm of the Committee on Honesty and Integrity. Among others, it shall ensure the long-term integration of these values in the implementation of various government programs and projects.

All local departments, bodies and the judiciary in the City are enjoined to actively promote and participate in these efforts in view of their crucial role in the promotion of this endeavor.

Section 6. Creation of the Council of Advisers. A Council of Advisers on Honesty and Integrity shall be constituted to advise and provide guidance to the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod on all matters pertaining to the current state of honesty and integrity, as well as relevant and related concerns in the City. This shall be composed of individuals of legal age who are living exemplars of Filipino ethical values as nominated by the members of the said committee for submission to the City Mayor. The members and composition of the Council of Advisers shall then be appointed by the City Mayor within thirty (30) days of such submission, and shall serve on a pro-bono, voluntary basis for the duration of the term of the appointing authority. The Committee on Honesty and Integrity shall serve as the main Secretariat of this Council of Advisers, without prejudice to the assistance that may be provided to them by the City Government.

Section 7. Funding Support - The Funding necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included by the City Budget Officer in the proposed Annual Appropriation of the City Government starting end of 2022.

Section 8. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect 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, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.
Negative :	N o n e.
Absent :	N o n e.

Author : Councilor Carlos Jose V. Lopez

Passed : January 12, 2022 (132nd Regular Session of the 10th Council via Zoom Teleconference)

Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., was not yet around when this ordinance was passed.


ELPIDIO FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: _____

10 DAYS LAPSED
AS OF 3/4/2022
DEVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/ngb