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HON. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA

City Mayor
Bacolod City

SP LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES SECTION

DATE: 2/27/2022 TIME: 2:24 PM

Dear Sir:

We have the honor to furnish you herewith copy of City Ordinance No. 983 dated February 09, 2022, (for approval), passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod which is/are self-explanatory.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

RECEIVED copy(ies) this 11th day
of Feb 2022. Time 10:20 am

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

By: _____

(Signature)

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(Printed Name)

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By: _____

JEMA B. ZOLAYVAR

Local Legislative Staff Assistant III

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 983
FEBRUARY 09, 2022**

**ORDINANCE MANDATING THE GRANT OF FINANCIAL SUBSIDY TO THE
INDIVIDUALS-IN-CRISIS SITUATION WHO WERE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE
COVID-19 CRISIS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

WHEREAS, Section 16, Chapter 1 of the Local Government Code posits that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 President Rodrigo Duterte declared a State of Public Health Emergency after health officials recorded additional cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, including the first case of local transmission in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte approved certain recommendation of the National Inter-Agency Task Force (NIATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases restricting movement in Bacolod City and temporary closure of business establishments and thereby preventing workers or laborers from working and earning their respective salaries, wages or compensation;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacolod has issued guidelines for the implementation of community quarantines recommended by the NIATF in the City through Executive Orders (EOs) which resulted to restrictions imposed on businesses allowed to operate during community quarantines and the temporary closure of several business not allowed during the said period which greatly affected its employees who are prevented to work and earn their salary affecting their capacity to provide food and sustenance for their family;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacolod empathized with the marginalized sectors particularly, the laborers, employees or workers affected by the restrictions imposed by the government in its fight to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and this ordinance is enacted in order to alleviate or at least compensate a portion of their supposed to be salaries or wages during the time they were prevented to go to work.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted as it is hereby enacted by the City Council of Bacolod City, by virtue of the powers vested in it by law, in a session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1.- SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as a "Financial Assistance To Marginalized Sectors Affected By COVID-19 Crisis";

SECTION 2.- COVERAGE. This ordinance shall cover all Bacolod City residents who were prevented to go to work or to earn a living OR those individuals in crises situation during the period the national government or the Local Government of Bacolod City imposed restrictions on movements or businesses to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by virtue of any laws, executive orders or ordinances;



SECTION 3.- DEFINITION OF TERMS:

1) Resident of Bacolod City- he or she must be actually residing at Bacolod City for at least six (6) months preceding the time he or she was prevented to go to work because of the restrictions imposed by the government;

2) Crisis- an occurrence which jeopardizes the basic values, the permanent and vital interests and goals of the state. For the purpose of this ordinance crisis shall refer to COVID-19 pandemic.

3) Individuals-in-crisis-Individuals belonging to the marginalized sector who suffered loss of income due to the restrictions imposed by the government to prevent the spread of Covid-19 such as but not limited to those employees who earn minimum wage, vendors, fishermen, and the like.

SECTION 4.- QUALIFICATIONS. To avail of the financial subsidy or aid from the City of Bacolod, the grantee must be:

1) He or she is a resident of Bacolod City for at least six (6) months;

2) He or she is employed or is earning a living during the time that certain restrictions on movements or businesses were imposed by virtue of any law, ordinance or executive order to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

3) He or she was prevented to go to work and earn his or her income compensation, salary or wage by the restrictions imposed by the government in its fight against COVID-19;

4) He is from the marginalized sector.

SECTION 5.- APPROPRIATION: The subsidy or aid to be granted to the beneficiaries shall be taken from the General Annual Appropriation and/or from the City Development Fund, if allowed under the circumstances, at the discretion of the Chief Executive.

SECTION 6.- GUIDELINES: The City Mayor's Office (CMO) is hereby empowered to make such guidelines as it may deem necessary for the prompt, orderly and convenient implementation of this ordinance with much consideration given to the employees or workers who were prevented to earn their salaries or wages by the restrictions imposed by the government.

SECTION 7.- LIBERAL INTERPRETATION: This ordinance is enacted in furtherance of social justice and therefore any doubts as to any provision of this ordinance shall be interpreted in favor of the employees, laborers or workers who are claiming financial assistance by virtue of this ordinance to alleviate the sufferings caused upon them by the COVID-19 crisis.

SECTION 8.- SEPARABILITY CLAUSE: Should any provision in this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

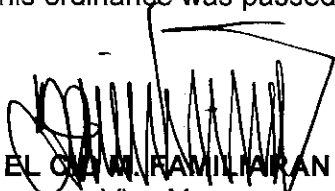
SECTION 9.- REPEALING CLAUSE: All existing ordinances, resolutions, executive orders or regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.



SECTION 10.- EFFECTIVITY: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval in accordance with procedure set forth by law.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

- Affirmative :
- Councilors : Cindy T. Rojas, Renecito S. Novero, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Carlos Jose V. Lopez, 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 : N o n e.
- Absent : N o n e.
- Author : Councilor Dindo C. Ramos
- Passed : February 09, 2022 (136th Regular Session of the 10th Council)
- Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilors Al Victor A. Espino and Archie S. Baribar were not around when this ordinance was passed.



ELPIDIO W. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

By:


CHRISTINE G. TEMPLA
Board Secretary IV

APPROVED: _____

EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/ngb

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