REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD -oOo-

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 990 April 6, 2022

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE MONTHLY RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC ENFORCERS, LAYING DOWN THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code states 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. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people, to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants";

WHEREAS, traffic enforcers are mandated and obliged to strictly enforce the traffic ordinances of the city, issuing citation tickets for the violation of the said ordinances, direct traffic, and maintain the safety of people who attend on the roads;

WHEREAS, in the exercise of their duties and responsibilities, traffic enforcers are risking their lives directing traffic in the middle of the roads, taking into account the possibility of being hit by cars, jeepneys or trucks and reprisals from drivers apprehended or to whom citation tickets are issued;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to encourage and inspire traffic enforcers to continue performing their duties and responsibilities with utmost diligence and good faith despite the difficulty, danger and hazard they face each day.

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 "Monthly Recognition of Outstanding Traffic Enforcers Ordinance".

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Section 2 - SELECTION PROCESS:

The Head of the Bacolod Traffic Authority Office (BTAO) shall form a committee purposely to select the ten (10) nominees for the most outstanding traffic enforcer of the month. The Head of the Bacolod Traffic Authority Office shall then select from the ten (10) nominees the winner of the coveted award, a traffic enforcer whom he believes to have performed their duties and responsibilities taken into account the factors enumerated in Section 3 hereof.

Section 3 - CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED IN SELECTING THE MONTHLY OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC ENFORCERS:

The following factors/criteria which are not exclusive but should be considered by the Head of the BTAO in selecting the monthly outstanding Traffic Enforcers, to wit:

- 1. Attendance in work;
- 2. Demeanor during work hours toward his or her workmates and to the public;
- 3. Knowledge of traffic laws, rules and ordinances;
- 4. Performance of the traffic enforcer's duties and responsibilities with diligence and good faith.

Section 4. - RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The monthly outstanding traffic enforcers shall be given recognitions and awards which shall be composed of but not limited to recognition plaques, medals, certificates and cash. A nominee shall receive an amount of P1,000.00 each and the Most Outstanding Traffic Enforcer an amount of P5,000.00 as cash prizes.

Section 5. – LIMITATIONS

A traffic enforcer may only be declared as the Most Outstanding Traffic Enforcer for a maximum of three (3) months per year as to give other traffic enforcers chance to be awarded or recognized for the said award.

Section 6 – CEREMONY

The awarding and recognition shall be held during the second week of each month in a public place chosen by the City Mayor to ensure that the outstanding Traffic Enforcers are recognized publicly.

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Section 7. – PUBLICATION

The Public Information Office (PIO) of Bacolod City is hereby tasked to publish and post the names and pictures of the monthly outstanding traffic enforcers through the different channels such as its social media account, conspicuous place in the New Government Center and other mediums it deem appropriate with the purpose of recognizing them.

Section 8 - FUNDS

An amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P250,000.00) shall be appropriated from the General Fund of the City or form the FRUST FUND out of the share of BTAO from traffic fines payment in order to fully implement this Ordinance.

Section 9 - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Should any provision in this Ordnance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect..

Section 10 - 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 11 - EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately pursuant to law.

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, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Lady Gles Gonzales-

Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative: None.

Absent: None.

Author: Councilor Dindo C. Ramos

Passed: April 6, 2022 (144th Regular Session of the 10th Council via Zoom

Teleconference).

Comments: Passed.

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ATTESTED:

. VICENTE C. PETIERRE JII Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: April 29, 2022.

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