

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 525
September 22, 2010**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 387, SERIES OF 2005, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 290, SERIES OF 2001, AND CITY ORDINANCE NO. 361, SERIES OF 2004, KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SERVICE FEE FOR LABORATORY AND ANCILLARY SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod has passed & approved City Ordinance # 387, series of 2005 as amended;

WHEREAS, present health challenge calls to review for the pertinent section of such Ordinance in the light of the common diseases, such as TB where 75 filipinos died each day and which Philippines ranked 9th of the 22 high burdened tuberculosis countries in the world;

WHEREAS, while the World Health Organization (WHO) report showed that the Philippines has slight increase in TB cure, nevertheless, the same report stated that provinces (Bacolod is included) remain below due to the systemic and social factors;

WHEREAS, that systemic and social factors are attributed to the capacity of our ordinary people, especially our under-privileged and/or indigents to access health services, particularly on the early detection and prevention of common diseases, such as TB;

WHEREAS, in many cases, a lot of TB carriers and patients in our City have not been able to be diagnosed on the early detection and prevention of this illness because they (patients) cannot even afford to pay even just for an X-ray;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in Session assembled, that:

Section 1. Paragraph C4 under 12 C & E of Section 1 of Ordinance 387, series of 2005 as amended is hereby further amended to read as:

Indigents living in the City of Bacolod shall be exempted to pay on the following X-ray fees:

C4 Chest PA or AP	- P100.00
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E. For purposes of this Ordinance, charges for the Pathologist who is not a government employee to the indigents who avail of this exemption shall be 30.00 per X-ray.

Section 2. Criteria/Requirements of Availing Fees Exemption – The criteria/requirements of availing of these fees exemption are the following:

- 1) Certificate of Indigency duly signed by the Punong Barangay or indigents who possess Philhealth Card.
- 2) And, Voter’s ID, as registered voter of Bacolod City or in its absence, a master-list of voters whose name of patient appeared thereon. And, in case, patient is child or minor, voter’s ID or a master-list of voters whose name of his/her parent as appeared thereon is enough.

Section 3. Penalty – Any concerned personnel who in one way or the other, deliberately or a neglect violate this Ordinance shall be subject to a disciplinary action, pursuant to the Civil Service laws or thru an administrative action.

Section 4. Separability Clause – If any clause or section of this Ordinance is declared void or invalid by a competent Court of jurisdiction, the remaining clause or section thereof which is not affected, thereby shall remain valid and has a force and effect.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Homer Q. Bais, Archie S. Baribar, Catalino T. Alisbo, Em L. Ang, Elmer T. Sy, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Caesar Z. Distrito, Kevin Daniel L. Ramos.

Negative : N o n e .

Absent : N o n e .

Official Leave: Councilors Dindo C. Ramos and Carlos Jose V. Lopez.

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Passed : September 22, 2010 (12th Regular Session).

Comments: P a s s e d .
Councilors Roberto M. Rojas, Al Victor A. Espino and Diosdado A. Valenzuela were not around when this ordinance was passed.

JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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Girl Vice Mayor

ATTESTED:

HELEN P. LEGASPI
Board Secretary IV
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APPROVED: October , 2010

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