

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-15-716
February 17, 2015**

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING SCHOOLS AND OTHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS IN BACOLOD CITY TO PROVIDE ARMCHAIRS FOR LEFT-HANDED PRE-SCHOOLERS, ELEMENTARY PUPILS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the DepEd Vision as a learner-centered public institution, is to continuously improve itself to better serve its stakeholders;

WHEREAS, the DepEd Mission is to protect and promote the right of every Filipino to quality, equitable, culture-based and complete basic education where students learn in a child-friendly, gender-sensitive, safe and motivating environment, where teachers facilitate learning and constantly nurture every learner; where administrators and staff, as stewards of the institution, ensure an enabling and supportive environment for effective learning to happen and where family and other stakeholders are actively engaged and share responsibility for developing life-long learners;

WHEREAS, in its Mandate, the Department of Education (DepEd) formulates, implements and coordinates policies, plans programs and projects in the areas of formal and non-formal basic education. It supervises all elementary and secondary education institutions, including alternative learning systems, both public and private; and provides for the establishment and maintenance of a complete, adequate, and integrated system of basic education relevant to the goals of national development.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City, in session assembled, that:

Section 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the ‘Required Armchairs for Left-Handed Pupils and Students Ordinance’.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It shall be the policy of the City to promote and protect the rights of children to quality, equitable and complete basic education; and to provide child-friendly, gender-sensitive, safe and supportive environment for effective learning of the students.

Section 3. OBJECTIVE. The City of Bacolod, through this Ordinance aims to provide equitable and motivating learning environment for its pupils and students who are in school or in other learning facilities.

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Towards this end, the City of Bacolod thru the Department of Education, will take cognizance of the plight of left-handed students who struggle while writing during classes in schools or in other learning institutions with facilities, such as armchairs, that cater to the predominantly right-handed studentry.

Section 4. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall cover and benefit all pupils and students in all private and public primary and secondary schools and learning institutions, including other pre-school learning facilities in Bacolod City that provide armchairs for their pupils.

Section 5. MECHANISM FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ARMCHAIRS. The covered public and private educational institutions and pre-school facilities shall, through its appropriate administrative Boards and/or Officials, come up with its respective mechanism and/or procedure in the procurement of armchairs designed for left-handed pre-schoolers, pupils and students subject to their existing school policies, rules and regulations and pursuant to DepEd Educational Facilities Manual Series of 2010.

Section 6. APPROPRIATION – For purposes of the implementation of this Ordinance, the City Government of Bacolod through its School Board shall appropriate annually the needed funds to be taken from the Special Education Fund (SEF) in the case of public schools; and/or from such other fund sources of the city subject to existing COA rules and regulations as to its disbursements.

In the case of private schools and other learning facilities through their respective Boards, may likewise appropriate annually the needed funds from their School Facilities and Equipments Fund and/or from such other similar fund sources, for the implementation of this Ordinance, subject to their respective school policies and procedures.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

Councilors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Roberto M. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Carlos Jose V. Lopez, Caesar Z. Distrito, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Sonya M. Verdeflor, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Noli B. Villarosa.

Negative : N o n e .

Official Leave : Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella.

Absent : N o n e .

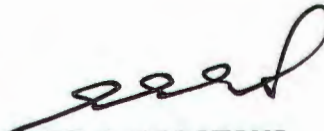
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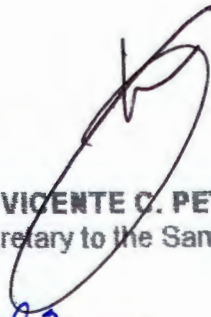
Passed : February 17, 2015 (85th Regular Session of the 8th Council)

Comments : Passed.
Floor Leader Archie S. Baribar and Councilor Alex A. Paglumotan were not around when this ordinance was passed.



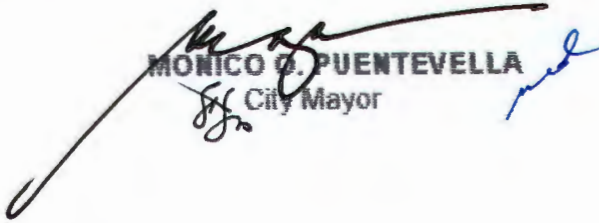
GREG G. GASATAYA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: March 3, 2015.



MONICO G. PUENTEVELLA
City Mayor

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