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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-15-729  
April 29, 2015

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ACTS OF PROCURING OR SOLICITING PASSENGERS OR WOULD-BE-PASSENGERS TO ANY MOTORIZED PASSENGER VEHICLE-FOR-HIRE ON THE STREETS, TRANSPORT TERMINALS AND PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BACOLOD CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, the goal of this Ordinance is to make Bacolod City an orderly urban locality with a comprehensive, measurable and sustainable traffic management coordinated by the united efforts of all traffic agencies concerned;

**WHEREAS**, the acts of procuring, soliciting passengers or would be passengers for a fee have continued unabated and unregulated. These acts have continued in nefarious, oppressive and coercive in manner to the prejudice and detriment of the transport sector and commuters;

**WHEREAS**, complaints from drivers and operators of vehicles-for-hire have been received by authorities that in every loading area they have to pay these passenger callers;

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the transport sector as well as the general public that the aforementioned activities be regulated and violators penalized.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in assembled in session, to pass "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ACT OF PROCURING OR SOLICITING PASSENGERS OR WOULD-BE-PASSENGERS TO ANY MOTORIZED PASSENGER VEHICLE-FOR-HIRE ON THE STREETS, TRANSPORT TERMINALS AND PARKING SPACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BACOLOD CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

**Section 1. Short Title.** This ordinance shall be known as "The Ordinance Regulating the Acts of Passenger Calling to Vehicles-for-hire".

**Section 2. Definitions**

**Barker** – refers to the passenger caller or the person who procures or solicits passengers or would-be passengers to any passenger vehicle-for-hire.

**Public Transport Terminals** – include seaport terminals, airports, and bus terminals.

**Motorized Vehicle** – refers to land transport passenger vehicle powered by an engine other than muscle power.

**"Conductors"** – refer to persons who collect fares in public utility buses.



**Associations** – refer to legitimate transport associations composed of operators and drivers as its members and officers.

### **Section 3. Violations**

Unless authorized by the respective transport associations or terminal operators and approved by the Bacolod Traffic Authority/Traffic Management Unit, it shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons to procure or solicit passengers or would-be-passengers to any motorized passenger vehicle-for-hire on the streets, terminals and parking spaces within the territorial jurisdiction of Bacolod City and shall be penalized as follows:

- a. One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) fine and/or fifteen (15) days imprisonment or upon discretion of the Court for every apprehension.
- b. The same penalty as mentioned above will be imposed to those persons who ask considerations from drivers and/or passengers of vehicles-for-hire under some kind of threat or coercion.

### **Section 4. Enforcement**

This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Bacolod Traffic Authority/Traffic Management Unit (BTAO/TMU), the Bacolod City Police Office or the City Legal Enforcement Unit.

### **Section 5. Authorized Passenger Caller**

Authorization of the passenger caller shall be through an identification card worn by him bearing the signature of the authorized officer from Bacolod Traffic Authority Office/Traffic Management Unit (BTAO/TMU) and with the respective transport association signatory or the terminal operator signatory.

### **Section 6. Identification Card**

The identification card shall be provided by the respective transport associations or terminal operators with the reasonable specifications set by BTAO/TMU for uniformity at no cost to the passenger caller. BTAO/TMU shall maintain a list of these passenger callers. The identification card worn shall indicate the area to which the caller shall operate at the points of origin of the route of vehicles-for-hire.

If the authorized passenger callers operate beyond his authorized area as indicated in the identification card or if the identification card shall be used by any person other than the designated, the same shall be confiscated and revoked by the BTAO/TMU personnel or by the Bacolod City Police.

### **Section 7. Exemption**

Drivers and "conductors" of legitimate passenger vehicles-for-hire are not covered by this ordinance.

**Section 8. Repealing Clause**

All previous ordinances if any which are inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 9. Effectivity**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon approval and fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative :

Councilors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Em L. Ang, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Caesar Z. Distrito, Archie S. Baribar, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Alex A. Paglumotan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Noli B. Villarosa.

Negative : None.

Official Leave : Councilor Roberto M. Rojas.


Official Travel : Councilor Carlos Jose V. Lopez.

Absent : None.

Author : Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.

Passed : April 29, 2015 (95<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council).

Comments : Passed.

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**GREG G. GASATAYA**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

By:

  
**HELEN P. LEGASPI**  
Board Secretary IV

APPROVED: June 4, 2015.  
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**MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA**  
City Mayor



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### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **City Ordinance No. 08-15-729**, Series of 2015, passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on April 29, 2015, entitled:

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was published in the June 25, 2015 issue of the Negros Daily Bulletin and was posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Old City Hall and City Health Office as required under the above mentioned City Ordinance and is now, therefore, legally in effect.

Bacolod City, Philippines, July 21, 2015.

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

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