

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD  
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-15-737  
May 20, 2015**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED TRAFFIC RELATED SIGNAGES, BARRIERS OR OBSTACLES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND SIDEWALKS OF BACOLOD CITY THAT WOULD DENY OR LIMIT ACCESS OR PASSAGE OF PEDESTRIANS AND MOTOR VEHICLES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, R.A. 7160 Section 16 provides that every local government unit shall exercise the power expressly granted, those necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;

**WHEREAS**, R.A. 7160 Section 458 (5), states that the Sangguniang Panlungsod can regulate traffic on all streets and bridges prohibit encroachment or obstructs thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare, authorized the removal of encroachment and illegal construction in public places;

**WHEREAS**, it has been observe that many streets in Bacolod City are not being utilized or used for the purpose of which they were intended by reason of unauthorized traffic-related signages and/or physical barriers or obstacles;

**WHEREAS**, it has been observed that those barriers, such as: stones, benches, piles of wood, tire and similar material are placed for the purpose of denying or limiting access or passage of pedestrians and vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, these unauthorized traffic-related signages and illegal barriers or obstacles are placed without an ordinance or resolution and are mostly done by private individuals for private purposes;

**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance 559 Series of 2011 known as an "Ordinance prohibiting all store owners and establishments from putting-up signs for "Exclusive Use" or "Reserve Parking Only" and other obstacles in front of their stores and business establishment as the space is for public use and providing penalties for violation thereof" has limited coverage as it covers only the streets in front of their stores and establishments;

**WHEREAS**, such practices must cease for the benefit of the general public.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT OBTAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BACOLOD CITY, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED;**

**Section 1. SHORT TITLE**

This ordinance shall be called "An Ordinance prohibiting the unauthorized placement of traffic-related signs, barriers and obstructions on public streets and sidewalks"

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**Section 2. DEFINITIONS**

Traffic-related signs – refer to signages giving any kind of direction or warning to motorists. These shall include signs giving directions in going to a business establishment.

**Section 3. PROHIBITED ACTS**

The placement of unauthorized traffic-related signages on public streets or sidewalks, whether temporary or permanent such as but not limited to "Do not Enter, One Way, No Loading and Unloading, Road Closed, For Exclusive Use, No Parking, Don't Block the Driveway, signs giving directions in going to a business establishment and the like", on any part of the public street or sidewalk without the required ordinance or resolution from the Sangguniang Panlungsod or authorization from the Bacolod Traffic Authority/Traffic Management Unit, City Engineer's Office or the Department of Public Works and Highways are hereby prohibited.

It is likewise prohibited for any person or entity to place whether temporary or permanent, stones, piles of sand, soil, wood, tire, steel, plastic, or any other materials or devices constituting a barrier or obstruction, which will prevent, deny or limit the passage of vehicles or pedestrian on any public street, carriageway or public sidewalk without the required ordinance or resolution from the Sangguniang Panlungsod or authorization from the Bacolod Traffic Authority/Traffic Management Unit, City Engineer's Office or the Department of Public Works and Highways.

**Section 4. PENALTIES**

The following penalties shall be imposed for violation of any act mentioned in Section 3:

- a) A fine of P1500.00 for first apprehension
- b) A fine of P3000.00 for second apprehension
- c) A fine of P5000.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than seven (7) days for third and succeeding apprehensions

In case the offender is a corporation, the aforesaid penalties shall be imposed on the President and/or General Manager.

**Section 5. EXEMPTION**

Traffic-related signages, barriers or obstructions on streets and sidewalks during repair and/or construction of roads, sidewalks, drainages, bridges and/or public utility works or during emergencies are not covered by this ordinance.

**Section 6. ENFORCEMENT**

The Traffic Management Unit (TMU); the Bacolod Traffic Authority Office (BTAO); the agents of the Public Order and Safety Office (POSO), Barangay Officials and Tanods; The City Legal Enforcement Unit as well as all enforcement agencies in the City are mandated to enforce this Ordinance. Enforcement shall include the removal of the unauthorized private traffic-related signs, barriers and obstructions.

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**Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE**

Provisions of existing ordinance contrary to or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

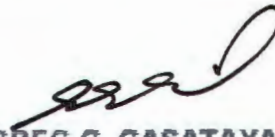
If any part or portion of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the other remaining part or portion shall remain in force and in effect.

**Section 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**

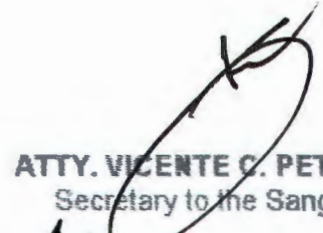
After approval, this ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

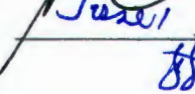
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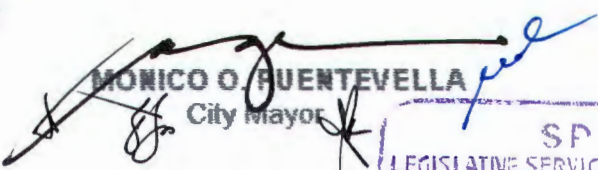
- Affirmative :  
Councillors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Roberto M. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Caesar Z. Distrito, Archie S. Baribar, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Alex A. Paglumotan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Noli B. Villarosa.
- Negative : None.
- Absent : None.
- Author : Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr..
- Passed : May 20, 2015 (98<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 8<sup>th</sup> Council).
- Comments : Passed.  
Councilor Carlos Jose V. Lopez was not around when this ordinance was passed.

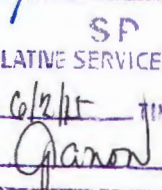
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**GREG G. GASATAYA**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED:  2015.  
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**MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA**  
City Mayor

SP  
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES SECTION  
DATE 6/2/15 TIME 10:00am  
BY: 



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Lungsod ng Bacolod

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### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **City Ordinance No. 08-15-737**, Series of 2015, passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on May 20, 2015, entitled:

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was published in the June 25, 2015 issue of the Sun-Star Bacolod 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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