

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-15-739

May 27, 2015

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT MASSKARA MARKER AT THE
PUBLIC PLAZA OF BACOLOD CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, thirty five (35) years after its foundation, the Masskara Festival as a world class festivity is now an event of national and global interest, paving the way as a focal point of Bacolod's pride and as a dynamic instrument of bolstering our socio-economic opportunities to a greater perspectives, in preserving the cultural milestone and boosting to the highest level the tourism industry of Bacolod City;

WHEREAS, the world-renowned Masskara Festival of our beloved "City of Smiles" was originated in 1980, founded by some notable former city officials and pioneer artists of the Art Association of Bacolod (AAB) and it was "conceived during the time when the sugar industry was collapsing and people were mourning because of the MV Don Juan tragedy on April 21, 1980;

WHEREAS, according to the AAB pioneers, the true essence of the Masskara Festival is fundamentally originated to "assuage the sorrow in the hearts of the people and bring back the smile in the faces of the Bacolodnons and the festival is not hiding behind the mask, but it is showing a smiling face as a symbol of triumph over any crisis and challenges";

WHEREAS, the establishment of this permanent Masskara Marker giving due and full recognition in honor of all its originators reflects the common sentiments and the monumental gratitude by the People of Bacolod City, and through this historic symbol, we recognize the remarkable contributions of these exemplary Bacolodnons worthy of emulation by the future generation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:**

Section 1. Short Title: This ordinance shall be known as "THE PERMANENT MASSKARA MARKER ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD"

Section 2. IMPLEMENTING LINE AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

2.1 For the sole purpose of its implementation, the Chief Executive/City Mayor shall appoint or create a committee compose of the City Engineer's Office (CEO), City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), City Tourism Office (CTO), Office of the Building Officials (OBO), City Treasurer's Office, City Administrator's Office and the Art Association of Bacolod (AAB)

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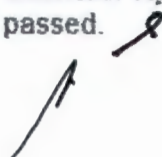
- 2.2 The committee to be created under the executive supervision shall be responsible to, conduct the necessary planning, historical research, technical and engineering design, identification of a strategic location at the public plaza and cause for the realization of this ordinance not later than six (6) months after its approval.
- 2.3 The technical or engineering description of the historical Masskara marker, the names of people to be etched or inscribed and any structural designs for that purpose, shall be subject to the final review by the Sangguniang Panlungsod through Committees on Tourism, Local and International Cooperation and the History Culture and Arts.
- 2.4 The final approval of the committee recommendation and prior to its implementation shall be vested in the Office of the City Chief Executive.

Section 3. Funding. The amount of Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) shall be appropriated for the purpose of implementing this ordinance by way of establishing the permanent marker and other commemorative signages.

Section 4. Effectivity: This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

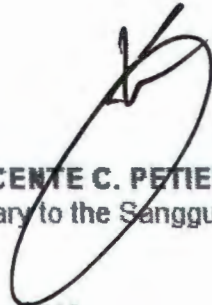
- Affirmative :**
Councilors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Roberto M. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Caesar Z. Distrito, Archie S. Baribar, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Alex A. Paglumotan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Ana Marie V. Palermo.
- Negative :** None.
- Official Travel :** Councilor Carlos Jose V. Lopez.
- Absent :** None.
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- Passed :** May 27, 2015 (99th Regular Session of the 8th Council).
- Comments :** Passed.
Councilor Noli B. Villarosa was not around when this ordinance was passed.



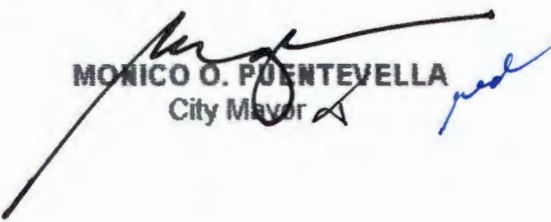



GREG G. GASATAYA
Vice Mayor
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ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:  June 4, 2015.


MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA
City Mayor

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