

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-15-747
June 24, 2015**

AN ORDINANCE OBSERVING MARCH 22ND OF EVERY YEAR AS THE WORLD WATER DAY OF BACOLOD CITY, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the rapidly-growing world water shortage which resulted to diminish the water supply, that adversely affects global health and food without borders calls action for our world leaders;

WHEREAS, scientists concluded that, the present planet-Earth is under the state of water stress, as data reveals, that: more than one out of six people lack access to safe drinking water or roughly, 1 billion people; more than two out of six lack adequate sanitation, roughly 2.6 billion people per UNICEF estimate in 2004; and based from WHO 2004 record, 3,900 children die every day from water-born-diseases. The same information points out, that in the next forty-years, with global population increasing from 40-50% simultaneous with the continuing urbanization and industrialization, tremendous increase for water demand would have a serious effect to our environment;

WHEREAS, water problem has been haunting the Country, that has been the object of incessant complaints, particularly on the water depletion, normally caused by drought and aggravated by dams and hydropower plants;

WHEREAS, such alarming state of water has not exempt Bacolod City. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has found that Bacolod is one of the seven (7) cities in the Country that has a critical ground water supply. JICA data reveals, that, by 2025, along with the biggest threat of salt water intrusion, the ground water supply of the City would deteriorate due to over-extraction and deep-well drilling;

WHEREAS, apprehension of the water-scarced situation that threatens worldwide, a movement for the "International Water Day" was initiated in the different Cities worldwide, geared to drum up and send message across the globe the urgency of global water crises, and set March 22 of every year as the World Water Day;

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, particularly, in reference to its General Welfare Clause, which states that - "Every Local Government Unit (LGU) shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare." the City, thereby, thru this celebration mainstreams a policy that will sustain efforts in managing its remaining fresh water resources and in conserving/preserving/protecting and rehabilitating it.

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

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Section 1. Title – This ordinance shall be known as the “The World Water Day Ordinance of Bacolod City.”

Section 2. Definition of Terms. – The following terms are defined as follow:

- a. **World Water Day** – refers to the day wherein the City’s programs and activities focused on effective water governance, which shall be participated by all the barangays, local offices, as well as national government agencies and NGOs/civil society organizations that are based in the City; and
- b. **Committee** – refers to the Body constituted under Section 4 of this ordinance that shall be responsible for the preparation, coordination and implementation of all the activities for World Water Day celebration.

Section 3. Time of Celebration. – The World Water Day shall be celebrated every 22nd of March of every year.

Section 4. Creation of a Committee and Its Composition – A Committee is hereby created, which shall be composed of the following:

- a. City Mayor - Chairman
- b. Vice Mayor - Vice Chairman

Members:

- a. SP Committee on Environment
- b. City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)
- c. Head – Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO)
- d. City School Superintendent
- e. Bureau of Fire
- f. BACIWA
- g. One (1) Representative from Water Refilling Stations in the City
- h. One (1) Representatvie from Bottled Water Business in the City
- i. Representative from HRANO – Hotels & Restaurants Association of Negros Occidental
- j. Representative from SMC (San Miguel Corp.)
- k. Representative from Coca-Cola Plant
- l. Representative from Pepsi Cola Plant
- m. Representative from the Association of Private Hospitals
- n. Representative from Corazon Locsin Montelibano Memorial Regional Hospital (CLMMRH)
- o. PAAD
- p. City Agriculture Office (CAO)
- q. PIO
- r. City Health Office (CHO)
- s. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Bacolod



- t. President – Liga ng mga Barangays
- u. Bacolod City Police Office (BCPO)
- v. One (1) Representative from each College/University that are based in the City
- w. Three (3) Representatives from NGOs Working for the Environment
- x. Bacolod Water Consumers Watch, Inc.

Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee – The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Prepare plans and programs for the celebration of the World Water Day; and
- b. Coordinate with all the national agencies, NGOs/civil society organizations and other concerned sectors with respect to the plans and programs geared towards for the promotion, protection/conservation and rehabilitation of water resources of the City.

Section 6. Appropriation – Certain funds shall be appropriated for this purpose every year to be taken from the 20% City Development Fund.

Section 7. Separability Clause – If provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, provisions which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

Councilors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue Carlos Jose V. Lopez, 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.

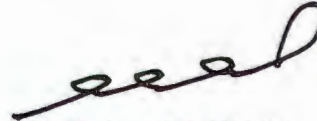
Official Leave : Councilors Roberto M. Rojas, Em L. Ang and Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella.

Absent : None.

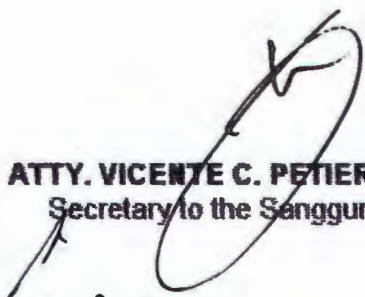
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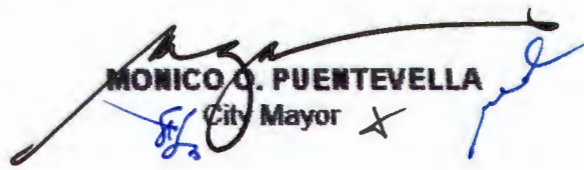
Comments : Passed.


GREG G. GASATAYA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: July 7 2015.


MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA
City Mayor

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