

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-15-755
August 18, 2015**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF SKATE BOARDS OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE IN BACOLOD CITY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Article II of the Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates every local government unit to ensure and support the promotion of health and safety for the general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, skateboards having a small-wheeled device for transportation in public streets pose risk to the rider for they could be prone to accidents or maybe hit by other vehicles endangering their lives and limbs;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that there are people who use skateboards and/or roller skates in major streets and thoroughfares with motor vehicles without any protected gear that pose dangers to the life and property, not just of the skaters but also to the motorists;

WHEREAS, there is a need to prohibit skateboarding and similar activities on public streets, public parking areas and other unsafe places.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in session assembled, that:

Section 1. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Regulating Skate Boarding and any other similar activities in Public Streets of Bacolod City".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The City recognizes the importance of sports and recreation for health and social development of its constituents and the promotion and protection of life and property shall always be upheld.

Section 3. Definition of Terms – For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:



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- a. **Skateboard** – sports equipment propelled by pushing with one foot while the other remains on board, or by simply standing on the deck while on a downward slope, the rider allows the gravity to propel the board.
- b. **Skateboarding** – is an action sport which involves riding and performing tricks using a skateboard. It is also considered a recreational activity, an art form, a job, or a method of transportation.
- c. **Other similar device** – includes roller blades, roller skates, inline skates or blade, tri-skates, quintessence skate and other variations on the basic skate design.
- d. **Roller skating** – is the traveling on surfaces with roller skates. It is a form of recreational activity as well as a sport, and can also be a form of transportation.
- e. **City Public Streets** – all publicly owned roads, streets and highways of Bacolod City.

Section 4. Prohibited Acts – the use of skateboards or any other device similar in nature shall be prohibited in all public streets and thoroughfares including public parking areas of the City.

Section 5. Penalties. Subject to existing laws, rules and regulations, any person found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized with confiscation of skate boards or any other device similar in nature used, with the prescribed fines to wit:

First Offense	- P 500.00
Second Offense	- P1,000.00
Third and Succeeding Offenses	- P1,500.00

In case the offender is a minor, the skateboard or any other device similar in nature used shall be confiscated and can only be returned to parent and/or guardian upon presentation of receipt of payment as prescribed.

Section 6. Obligation of the Law Enforcer – it is hereby the duty of the Bacolod Traffic Authority Office (BTAO), Bacolod City Police Office (BCPO) and City Legal Office (CLO) enforcers or personnel to impose this Ordinance at any time within the jurisdiction of Bacolod City, as specified and described in this Ordinance.

Section 7. Exemption – Except for the City-sponsored and private events duly authorized to conduct skateboarding on public streets, the City Public Plaza, Bacolod Government Center ground and any other places that may be identified or designated by the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall be used as skateboarding areas subject to laws, rules and regulations imposed therein.



Section 8. Recognizing as one of the enjoyable sports and recreation, and having numerous skateboarding enthusiasts in the City, the Office of the Sports and Youth Development (OYSD) may conduct annual event in partnership with private organizations and institutions.

Section 9. Budget – For establishing safe skateboarding areas and promoting social and health development, the City shall allocate One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for the installation of signages and markings, construction and/or repairs of skateboarding areas and support for City sponsored events.

Section 10. Separability Clause. If any part of this Ordinance is declared not valid, unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections or parts thereof, which shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. All previous Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its approval and publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Bacolod City.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

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

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Absent : N o n e .

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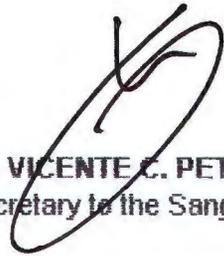
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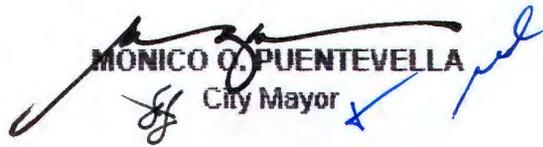

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