

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 848
April 11, 2018

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE UNMET NEED REDUCTION STRATEGY (UNRS)
FOR FAMILY PLANNING, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10354, otherwise known as the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Act of 2012 recognizes the right of Filipinos to decide freely and responsibly on their desired number and spacing of children, within the context of responsible parenthood and informed choice, and to access needed reproductive health care information services;

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 data of the Philippine Statistics Authority show that fifteen (15) percent of women in Bacolod City have unmet need for any modern method of contraception, and remain unable to fully exercise their reproductive right;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adopt the strategy in reducing the unmet need for family planning in order to achieve the desired family size and to reduce the incidence of teenage pregnancy in Bacolod City.

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

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "Unmet Need Reduction Strategy for Family Planning Ordinance".

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the Government of Bacolod City to implement an effective strategy in reducing the unmet need for family planning in the City.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following shall mean:

a. UNMET NEED FOR FAMILY PLANNING – Couples or women with unmet need for family planning are those who are fecund and sexually active and want to limit or space their children but are not using any method of contraception.

Section 4. CREATION OF UNRS COUNCIL. The UNRS Council is hereby created for the implementation, coordination, monitoring and enforcement of this ordinance. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairman - City Mayor

Vice Chairman - City Population Officer

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- Members**
- City Health Officer
 - Chairman, SP Committee on Health
 - Chairman, SP Committee on Family and Child Care Development
 - Chairman, SP Committee on Gender and Development
 - Director, Department of Interior and Local Government-Bacolod
 - Department of Education Bacolod Schools Division Superintendent
 - City Planning and Development Officer
 - City Social Service and Development Officer
 - City Budget Officer
 - President, Association of Barangay Captains
 - Representative, Non-Government Organization

Section 5. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The following are the powers and functions of the UNRS Council of Bacolod:

1. Survey all barangays to locate couples and individuals with unmet need for family planning.
2. Implement the RPRH law in the City particularly in the provision of modern family planning commodities and services.
3. Conduct intensive community-based and school-based information and education campaign regarding the modern family planning information and services.
4. Monitor the compliance of all barangays in the implementation of the Ordinance.
5. Make an annual progress report on the status of the implementation of the Ordinance.

Section 6. SECRETARIAT AND ITS FUNCTION. There shall be a Secretariat of the committee whose main function is to maintain and keep the records of the council. The Secretariat shall be appointed by the City Mayor.

Section 7. MEETINGS AND QUORUM. The UNRS Council shall meet once every quarter. Special meetings may be called as deemed necessary upon the call of the Chairman. Quorum shall be determined by the Council.

Section 8. COMPENSATION AND REMUNERATION. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members of the Council shall perform their respective duties and responsibilities as such without compensation or remuneration.

Section 9. BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION. The City shall appropriate an annual budget of ONE MILLION PESOS (Php 1,000,000.00) as initial fund to be taken from the General Fund and shall be augmented/supplemented as the need arises.

Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or the section hereof that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional.



Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation within the city.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Cindy T. Rojas, Renecito S. Novero, Em L. Ang, Elmer T. Sy, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Bartolome N. Orola, Sr., Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Sonya M. Verdeflor.

Negative : N o n e .

Official Leave : Councilor Dindo C. Ramos.

Absent : N o n e .

Main Author : Councilor Em L. Ang.

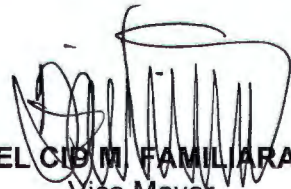
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Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilors Ricardo L. Tan and Noli B. Villarosa were not around when this ordinance was passed.

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian


EL CID M. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: April 26, 2018.


EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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