

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 876
January 4, 2019**

PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FREE RESTING LOUNGE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITY KNOWN AS THE CONG. ROMEO G. GUANZON LOUNGE, PROVIDING FOR NECESSARY AMENITIES THEREON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to recognize the roles of the senior citizens and the persons with disabilities in nation-building and community development;

WHEREAS, there is no better way to recognize such important roles and participation of these senior citizens and persons with disabilities in community building than providing them with privileges and services that befit their statures in our community;

WHEREAS, the city government has existing edifice which can be of full use in affording these sectors the public services that they deserve, making them feel that the city government cares for them and is very compassionate of their plight;

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted as it is hereby enacted by the City Council of Bacolod City, by virtue of the powers vested in it by law, in a session duly assembled, that:

Section 1.- DEFINITION OF TERMS:

(a) **Senior Citizen** - refers to any person who is a resident of Bacolod City and who is at least sixty (60) years old;

(b) **Person with Disability** - refers to a resident of Bacolod City who is suffering from restriction or different abilities as a result of physical, mental or sensory impairment, to perform an activity in the manner or within the range considered for a normal human being;

(c) **Resting Lounge** – refers to a comfortable room equipped with facilities and amenities where one can rest and relax;

Section 2.- PROVISION OF RESTING LOUNGE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - A resting lounge shall be established for senior citizens and persons with disabilities at the ground floor of the Bacolod City Hall and the same shall be equipped with the following amenities, to wit:

1. National newspapers and local dailies;
2. Functioning Air Conditioners;



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3. Comfort Room with provision for PWD users;
 4. First Aid/Medical Kit with BP check-up area;
 5. Therapeutic Massage Area;
 6. Conference Room;
 7. Coffee and drinking water;
 8. Sofa, chairs and tables;
 9. Radio and Television Sets;
 10. Any other facilities that would make their stay comfortable and convenient;

The location of the Resting Lounge may be transferred to another location depending on the prevailing circumstances as determined by the Office of the City Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council;

Section 3.- CONG. ROMEO G. GUANZON LOUNGE - The Resting Lounge shall be known as the Cong. Romeo G. Guanzon Lounge in honor of the late former Mayor and Congressman Romeo G. Guanzon in recognition of his contribution to the plight of the elderly and persons with disabilities, and he himself being a Senior Citizen at the time of his death;

Section 4.- QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE FREE USE OF THE RESTING LOUNGE
- The following senior citizens and persons with disabilities are entitled to avail the free use of resting lounge if they possess the following qualifications, to wit:

- 1.- He or she must be holder of an Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) Identification Card or the official PWD Identification Card as the case may be;
- 2.- He or she must be a resident and registered voter of the City of Bacolod;
- 3.- He or she avails of these services while waiting for companions, or while waiting for the processing of papers or documents with the city government offices;

Section 5.- EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval in accordance to law.

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., Dindo C. Ramos, Bartolome N. Orola, Sr., Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.
Negative	:	None.
Official Leave	:	Councilor Ricardo L. Tan
Absent	:	None.



Author : Councilor Dindo C. Ramos.
Passed : January 4, 2019(131st Regular Session of the 9th Council)
Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Sonya M. Verdeflor was not around when this ordinance was passed.



ELPIDIO M. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: January 16, 2019.



EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/llt

