

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

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 889

April 10, 2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-14-694, SERIES OF 2014 KNOWN AS 'DIWALI FESTIVAL ORDINANCE OF BACOLOD CITY'.

WHEREAS, the DIWALI Festival or the 'Festival of Lights' was first celebrated by the Filipino-Indian Community of Bacolod City last November 2013, in partnership with the Bacolod City Government;

WHEREAS, the DIWALI Festival celebration supports the city's aim to be the Tourism Capital in the Western Visayas Region;

WHEREAS, the DIWALI Festival celebration in Bacolod City was made an annual event by virtue of C.O. No. 08-14-694, Series of 2014 and celebrated between mid-October and mid-November, to coincide with the Hindu Festival;

WHEREAS, in order to prepare the Filipino-Indian community in Bacolod City and the Bacolod City Government for the celebration of the DIWALI Festival, it is imperative to give a fixed date in the tourism calendar of Bacolod City for the celebration of DIWALI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City, in regular session assembled that the following Section of City Ordinance No. 08-17-694, Series of 2014 known as the DIWALI Festival Ordinance, be amended as follows:

Section 3. DIWALI, AN ANNUAL EVENT. The DIWALI Festival is henceforth made an annual event in the City of Bacolod.

The event aims to foster better friendship, cultural as well as economic ties between the Filipino and Indian Communities in Bacolod City thereby mutually supporting the city's Tourism Industry.

The Festival shall be celebrated between mid-October and mid-November in Bacolod City, to coincide with the Hindu Festival celebrated in autumn every year.

The preparation and conduct of the Festival celebration shall be jointly supervised by the Bacolod City government under the City Mayor's Office and the Filipino-Indian Community thru the Association of Filipino-Indians of Negros Occidental (AFINO), the Punjabi Khalsa Diwan and/or such other accredited Filipino-Indian Community in Bacolod City, and assisted by a duly-organized Committee composed of both the public and the private sector, by virtue of an Executive Order to be issued by the City Mayor.

To be amended as follows:



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The Festival shall be celebrated during the 2nd weekend of November of each year in Bacolod City.

The preparation and conduct of the Festival celebration shall be jointly supervised by the Bacolod City government under the City Mayor's Office and the Filipino-Indian Community thru the Association of Filipino-Indians of Negros Occidental (AFINO), the Punjabi Khalsa Diwan and/or such other accredited Filipino-Indian Community in Bacolod City, and assisted by a duly-organized Committee composed of both the public and the private sector, by virtue of an Executive Order to be issued by the City Mayor.

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, Dindo C. Ramos, Bartolome N. Orola, Sr., Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

Official Leave : Councilor Ricardo L. Tan.

Author : Councilor Sonya M. Verdeflor.

Passed : April 10, 2019 (145th Regular Session of the 9th Council).

Comments : Passed.

Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr. was not around when this ordinance was passed.

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: April 11, 2019.

EL CID M. FAMILARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/jbz

