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**LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**  
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 925**  
**May 6, 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING ANY ACT OF DISCRIMINATION  
AGAINST PATIENTS OF COVID-19.**

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a global pandemic and has jeopardized the health, safety, security, property and lives of people with no respect of boundaries;

**WHEREAS**, persons infected thereof or even mere suspects of its infection have been victims of many kinds of discrimination which affect their mental, physical, emotional, economic, spiritual and social balance;

**WHEREAS**, these incidence of discrimination should be halted and should not be tolerated as they are neither helpful nor healthful to the community;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5, paragraph 5 of the 29 April 2020 Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the Inter-Agency task Force For the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases enjoins all Local Government Units to issue the necessary executive orders and/or enact ordinances prohibiting and penalizing these discriminatory acts;

**WHEREAS**, these Omnibus Guidelines are confirmed and adopted under Section 3 of Executive Order No. 112 issued by the President of the Republic of the Philippines through Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea on 30 April 2020;

Be it therefore enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City in session assembled:

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as brief an Anti COVID-19 Patient Discrimination Ordinance.

**Section 2. Definition of Terms.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **COVID-19** - The New Corona Virus discovered in the year 2019 which became a world pandemic threatening the health, safety, security, property and lives of our fellow citizens.
- b. **Patient** – Any person considered by the City Health standard either as Person Under Monitoring (PUM)/Suspect of COVID-19 infection, or Person Under Investigation (PUI)/Probable of Covid-19 infection, or Confirmed Positive of COVID-19 infection. The term includes those persons who underwent or are still undergoing treatment, have recovered, or have been quarantined at home or in any quarantine facilities for COVID-19 cases. The term includes also the repatriated Overseas Filipino Contract Workers (OFWs) or non-OFWs who have returned to the City of Bacolod during the period of COVID-19 emergency.





- c. **Person** – Any human being not criminally exempt under the law. A juridical person, while may not be criminally liable, may be held civilly and administratively responsible under this ordinance for the criminal act of discrimination by any of its officer or employee. The parent of a minor who is exempt from criminal prosecution under the law but violates this ordinance in the presence of his/her parent who has failed to restrain the child may be held civilly liable for damages as circumstances.
- d. **Discrimination** – Any act of omission which coerces, libels, slanders, injures, dishonors, or deprives the patient; or any act of omission which impedes, disrupts or breaks any contract (i.e. among others, contract of lease or employment); or any such analogous act or omission committed for reason of COVID-19. This term includes any act or omission committed for reason of COVID-19. This term includes any act or omission which withholds, excludes, restricts, curtails, impairs or otherwise makes more difficult the access to services, goods, benefits, or privileges, and any act which causes or tends to cause any stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or deprivation of the patient for being as such.

**Section 3. Prohibited Acts.** Discrimination of the patient under this ordinance is hereby prohibited.

**Section 4. Penalty.** Any person found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be penalized by a Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) and imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year. Should the convict fail to pay the fine for any reason, his/her employer shall be subsidiarily liable for the same.

**Section 5. Separability Clause.** Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, the remaining portions thereof not thereby affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 6. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it shall been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacolod.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative:

Councilors : Cindy T. Rojas, Renecito S. Novero, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Al Victor A. Espino, Archie S. Baribar, Israel P. Salanga, Dindo C. Ramos, Bartolome N. Orola, Sr., Ana Marie V. Palermo, Elmer T. Sy, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative : N o n e .

Official Leave : Councilors Carlos Jose V. Lopez and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen.

Absent : N o n e .

Author : Floor Leader Renecito S. Novero.


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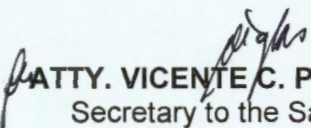


Passed : May 6, 2020 (45<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 10<sup>th</sup> Council).

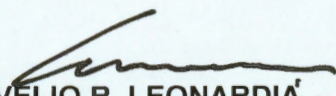

Comments : Passed.

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Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

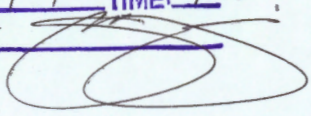
ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: May 8, 2020.

  
EVELIO R. LEONARDIA  
City Mayor  


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**CERTIFICATION**

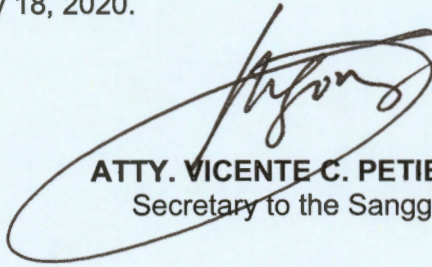
This is to certify that **City Ordinance No. 925, Series of 2020** passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod on May 6, 2020 entitled:

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was published in Sunstar Bacolod dated May 15, 2020 and posted on May 11, 2020, in the following conspicuous places in the City of Bacolod, to wit:

1. Bulletin Board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Bacolod City Government Center
2. Old City Hall (Araneta-Luzuriaga Streets)
3. Bacolod Public Plaza
4. City Health Office
5. North (Burgos) Public Market
6. South (Libertad) Public Market
7. Central Market

Bacolod City, Philippines, May 18, 2020.

  
**ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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