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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 944  
October 28, 2020

**AN ORDINANCE FOR MANDATORY USE OF FACE SHIELDS IN CERTAIN PLACES, AMENDING FOR THAT PURPOSE SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 AND 6 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 926, SERIES OF 2020, ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASK AND OBSERVANCE OF SOCIAL-DISTANCING IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES IN BACOLOD CITY DURING THE EMERGENCY CAUSED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020 Proclamation 922 "Declaring State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines" was issued by His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte as an emergency measure to address the outbreak of COVID-19:

**WHEREAS**, on March 15, 2020 the Honorable City Mayor of Bacolod City, Evelio R. Leonardia signed Executive Order #21 Series of 2020: An Order Declaring General Community Quarantine In The City Of Bacolod;

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020 the Sangguniang Panlungsod passed Resolution No. 324, Series of 2020, which declared the City under the State of Calamity due to the threat of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, part of the preventive measures against COVID-19, is the use of face mask and the observance of social distancing in all public places;

**WHEREAS, in addition to face mask, just recently, the National Inter Agency Task Force required the use of Face Shield, in certain places for certain people as an added safety measure against COVID-19 thus necessitating amendments to C.O. 926, Series of 2020.**

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

**Section 1.** Short Title The new title of this Ordinance shall be known as "Face Mask, **Face Shield** and Social Distancing Ordinance of Bacolod City".

**Section 2.** Definition of Terms

- a) **Face mask** – refers to a movable piece of cloth, plastic or porous material used to shield the face of a person for protection covering the mouth-to-nose surface. Its proper use is from the bridge of the nose downwards to the lower chin fully covering the mouth area.
- b) **Face Shield** – refers to a movable piece of plastic at least 7 inches in length, used to screen a person's face for protection covering the eye-nose-mouth surface. Its proper use covers part of the forehead downwards to the lower chin covering the mouth area

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- c) **Emergency**-refers to the period defined as Enhanced Community Quarantine or General Community Quarantine or any other status defined by the National-Inter Agency Task Force during the period of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
  - d) **Public Places** – refers to the areas accessible to and open for use by the general public, such as but not limited to alleys, streets, plazas, public buildings, hospitals, schools, transportation terminals, recreational places, and shopping malls.

All other areas where the general public may, for a fee or for free, be allowed to gather or use for the purpose of any private activity shall be included therein.

This will also include all vehicles found traversing on public roads.

- e) Social Distancing refers to the practice of observing a distance of at least one meter from the person on one's front, back or both sides at the same time at all times, while in a public place, or in a private premises doing private transaction;  
  
Provided however that social distancing inside vehicles for public transportation shall follow the rules promulgated by the appropriate National Agencies concerned.

**Section 3. MANDATED ACTS.** All persons in public places shall be required to wear Face Mask properly. The same shall be required even of occupants inside public or private vehicles as well as persons inside private office/place, where the general public may be allowed.

However, if an enclosed private vehicle is used only by the driver as lone occupant, use of face mask may be suspended.

In addition to mandatory use of face mask, face shield shall be used while inside supermarkets, public markets, malls, venues for meetings (private or government service initiated); venues where private or government services are provided; all enclosed Offices or establishments doing business; public transportation or public utility vehicles and enclosed work places.

All persons shall observe Social Distancing in all public places, private or public vehicles and private places where the public the public may be allowed.

**Section 4. PENALTY-** any persons who fails to wear properly the required Face Mask, or Face Mask and Face Shield or observe the mandated Social Distancing as defined under this Ordinance, shall be penalized with a fine of **TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P200.00)** OR EIGHT (8) hours community service, for every violation. Community Services shall be supervised by the City Health Office, in coordination with the Barangay where said violators resides.

If he is not a resident of Bacolod City, he shall be penalized with a fine of **THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P300.00)**

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**SECTION 5. CITATION TICKET SYSTEM.** A Citation Ticket shall be issued to all who will not observe this Ordinance, who then shall be informed of their violation and its penalty. The Citation Ticket System Shall have the following guidelines:

- a. Official booklets of Citation Tickets shall be issued by the Health Office to duly authorized enforcers.
- b. A Citation Ticket shall be issued to the person/s liable for any violation of this Ordinance upon finding of the violation by duly authorized enforcers.
- c. A Citation Ticket shall contain the following information:
  - 1) A checklist of the violations under this Ordinance.
  - 2) The fines associated with each violation
  - 3) Option to render community service in case violator who is resident of Bacolod City is unable to pay and
  - 4) Due date for compliance with the obligation imposed by the Ticket
- d. When a Citation Ticket is issued to a violator, the violator shall be made to report by the apprehending authority to the City Treasurer's Office or its duly authorized collection agent, within 24 hours from issuance. The violator may either pay the fine or manifest to render community service.
- e. The Health Office shall keep a duplicate of all Citation Ticket issued to violators as well as all other records of violation of this Ordinance.

Pending availability of Citation Tickets, the penalty may be paid directly to the City Treasurer's Office or its authorized representative.

**SECTION 6. TASK FORCE ON FACE MASK, FACE SHIELD, AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.** A Task Force shall be created to aid in the implementation, enforcement and monitoring of this Ordinance. It will also conduct educational awareness campaigns, train enforcement officers, initiate information dissemination programs, and direct capacity building programs, for the benefit of the general public.

- a. The Task Force shall be composed of the following:  
Chairperson-City Mayor  
Vice Chairperson-Vice Mayor  
Members:
  1. SP Chairman on Committee on Health and Sanitation
  2. City Administrator
  3. City Health Officer
  4. City Legal Officer
  5. City Treasurer's Office
  6. Representative of the Bacolod City Police Office (BCPO)
  7. Liga ng mga Barangay President
  8. Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President

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9. Another member as identified by the City Health Officer (whose function in the LGU and role in the effective implementation of this Ordinance may be considered invaluable)

**Section 7. BUDGET:** There shall be an initial appropriation in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) for the purpose of printing the Citation Ticket mentioned herein and for other administrative expenses. Thereafter, printing expenses shall be drawn from the Trust Fund herein.

**Section 8. TRUST FUND:** A trust fund shall be created out of the fees collected under this Ordinance, with 80% of the same to be used by the City Health Office in its anti-COVID-19 program and the other 20% to the Agency of LGU enforcing the same.

**Section 9. REPEALING CLAUSE:** All Ordinances contrary or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed

**Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE:** If any portion of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 11. EFFECTIVITY:** Considering the emergency situation obtaining, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its complete publication in newspaper of local circulation and shall remain throughout the duration of the State of Calamity as declared by the President under Proclamation 929 or as may be amended.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

Councilors : Cindy T. Rojas, Renecito S. Novero, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Carlos Jose V. Lopez, 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., Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative : None.

Official Leave :

Absent : None.

Author : Councilor Archie S. Baribar

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Comments : P a s s e d .

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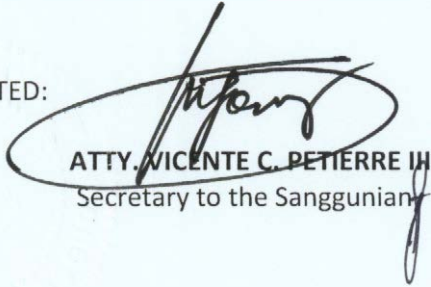
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EL CID M. FAMILIARAN  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: NOV. 3, 2020



EVELIO R. LEONARDIA  
City Mayor **6**

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**CERTIFICATION**

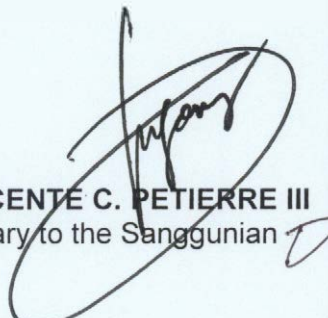
This is to certify that **City Ordinance No. 944, Series of 2020** passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod on October 28, 2020 entitled:

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was published in Sunstar Bacolod on November 6, 2020 and posted on November 4, 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. Hall of Justice
6. North (Burgos) Public Market
7. South (Libertad) Public Market
8. Central Market

Bacolod City, Philippines, November 6, 2020.

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