

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 830
November 8, 2017

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING "WHISTLE FOR PROTECTION" AS A SAFETY AND PERSONAL PROTECTION DEVICE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, Article 3 (8) of Presidential Decree No. 603, otherwise known as "The Child and Youth Welfare Code" provides that, "Every child has the right to protection against exploitation, improper influences, hazards, and other conditions or circumstances prejudicial to his physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development";

WHEREAS, Section 2 (e) of Republic Act No. 7277, otherwise known as "An Act Providing for the Rehabilitation, Self-Development and Self-Reliance of Disabled Person and their Integration into the Mainstream of Society and for Other Purposes", provides that, "To facilitate integration of disabled persons into the mainstream of society, the State shall advocate for and encourage respect for disabled persons. The State shall exert all efforts to remove all social, cultural, economic, environmental and attitudinal barriers that are prejudicial to disabled persons";

WHEREAS, children not only have rights to health, nutrition and education, they have rights to protection, freedom from violence and exploitation, and to a safe and supportive environment;

WHEREAS, the report of the United Nation Development Program (UNDP) indicated that around ten percent (10%) of the world's population or 650 million people live with disability and about eighty percent (80%) of them live in developing countries;

WHEREAS, in the Philippines, the 2010 census of the National Statistics Office indicated that about 1.4 million households have members with disabilities accounting more than 10 percent (10%) of the national aggregate household population;

WHEREAS, child protection especially for children with disabilities is one of the concerns of the City of Bacolod, thus it is important to provide a supportive environment by creating a significant communication for children with disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, that:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall also be known as "WHISTLE FOR PROTECTION ORDINANCE OF BACOLOD CITY".

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the Bacolod City to take a proactive role in the protection of children and youth with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Section 3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to enhance and develop the capacities of children and youth with disabilities, parents/caregivers, service providers and partners, to promote and protect the rights of the children and youth with disabilities.

Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance the following shall mean:

- a. **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES** – refers to children up to the age of 18 who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. Also, refer to persons above 18 years old but still have the mental capacity of a child.
- b. **SAFETY WHISTLE** – is an instrument or safety device which produces sound from a stream of gas, most commonly air.
- c. **ELECTRONIC WHISTLE** – refers to a device that produces a clear and high pitched sound using only a push button.

Section 5. PROVISION OF WHISTLE FOR PROTECTION. The City of Bacolod shall provide safety whistles to children with disabilities in schools and communities. The safety whistles shall be attached to the school ID of children that are ready in school. The City shall likewise provide electronic whistles to those who are not able to blow the normal safety whistles.

Section 6. ANNUAL EVENT. The City of Bacolod shall hold every first week of December the Whistle for Protection Week, to keep the schools and communities abreast of the current trends of advocacy and to raise public awareness on child protection especially for children with disabilities.

Section 7. CREATION OF WHISTLE FOR PROTECTION COMMITTEE. In implementing the intents of this ordinance, there shall be created a Whistle for Protection Committee, the composition of which shall be as follows:

Chairman : Mayor

Vice-Chairman : Chairman, SP Committee on Social Services and Development

Members : Chairman, SP Committee on Family and Child Care and Development

Chairman, SP Committee on Gender and Development

Department of Social Services and Development

DepEd, Bacolod City

Persons with Disability Affairs Office - Focal Person
Public Information Officer
Bacolod City Police Office – Police Community Relation
2 Representatives from NOGs and POs for the protection of children

Section 8. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. The following are the functions of the Committee:

- a. Conduct Whistle for Protection campaign for children and youth with disabilities in schools and communities.
- b. Provisions of Information, Education and Communication materials for Whistle for Protection. (e.g. Purchase of distress Whistle and Reproduction of leaflets)

Section 9. BUDGET APPROPRIATION. The amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php200,000.00) shall be appropriated for the proper implementation of this ordinance. The same amount shall be funded in the Annual Budget as a regular item therein.

Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, the other sections and provisions hereof which are not affected shall remain valid and in full force and effect.

Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any and all resolutions, ordinance and allied issuances with provisions inconsistent or in conflict with those in this ordinance are hereby deemed repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Ricardo L. Tan, 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., Sonya M. Verdeflor, Noli B. Villarosa.

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

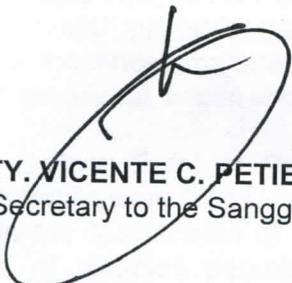
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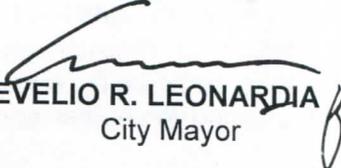
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Comments : P a s s e d .


EL CID M. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: November 16, 2017.


EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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