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Excerpt from the journal of the 14th Regular Session of the 11th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez	
Councilor Renecito S. Novero	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	
Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor	

RESOLUTION NO. 868
Series of 2022

RESOLUTION ENJOINING BACOLOD CITY THROUGH THE HONORABLE MAYOR ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PALENG-QR PH PROGRAM FOR MERCHANTS AND BUSINESSES.

Upon motion of Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor, jointly seconded by Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino and Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic, the digitalization of payments proved to be effective in facilitating the continuation of business and government transactions amid mobility restrictions. This has enabled the government and private institutions to provide lifelines of support for vulnerable sectors. In addition, the availability of digitized payments provides for additional transaction options that are credited in real time, without need for queuing or exchange of money and other physical documents. To enable digitized transactions, clients, and customers must have accounts with financial service providers (FSPs) who are capacitated to provide contactless billings and payments solutions, and more and more FSPs are making their services available due to the growing interests in alternate transaction methods;



WHEREAS, over the years the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has established the regulatory foundation to promote account ownership and digital payments in the country. This includes the introduction of the basic deposit account (BDA) and e-money as a no frills and affordable account designed for the low-income unbanked clients; the cash agent regulation which allows banks to tap third-party retail outlets such as pawnshops and convenience stores to serve as cash-in and cash-out (CICO) points for bank clients; the launch of service providers to facilitate real-time electronic fund transfers between accounts held in different participating financial institutions; and the launch of QR Ph to promote use of Quick Response (QR) technology as an expedient and cost-efficient means for digital payment for taxes, purchases, and bills;

WHEREAS, launched in November 2019, QR Ph is the national QR code standard which serves as an instrument for cost-efficient digital payments, whether for person to person or person to merchant transactions. With QR Ph, small entrepreneurs need not invest in costly equipment such as point of sale (POS) terminals to accept digital payments from their customers. Instead, merchants only need to print and display the QR code tied to their transaction account, which their customers can scan to pay digitally;

WHEREAS, on 22 June 2022, the DILG and the BSP released a Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 01 Series of 2022 on the Paleng-QR Ph Program which established guidelines enjoining Local Government Units (LGUs) participation in the said program. The JMC provided the guidelines for the country-wide adoption and implementation of the said program by the LGUs to promote digital payments among market vendors, sari-sari store owners, tricycle drivers, consumers and commuters and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest if the public will adopt the Paleng-QR Ph Program within the City of Bacolod;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sangguniang Panlungsod enjoins Bacolod City through the Honorable Mayor Alfredo Abelardo B. Benitez to participate in the Paleng-QR Ph Program for merchants and businesses.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to task the Local Economic and Investment Promotions Office to initiate activities set under Section 5.2.3 of DILG and BSP JMC 01-Series of 2022 to effect participation.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :


Councilors : Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.



Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.

Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson was not around when this resolution was passed.


ELCID M. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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