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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 250
February 24, 2000

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL AND ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in regular session assembled, that:

Section 1. The title of this ordinance shall be **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL AND ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD.**

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - The City of Bacolod holds the primary distinction of being the cleanest and greenest highly urbanized city in the country, and, in order to sustain that honor and distinction it hereby declares and establishes as a matter of policy this system of garbage disposal and ecological waste management for the protection, well-being, health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS - As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

GARBAGE - refers to the wastes or rejected food constituents which have been produced during the preparation, cooking or storage of meat, fruit, vegetables, and other food materials.

REFUSE OR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT - an integral system, approach of process on the generation, segregation, storage, collection, transport, processing, recycling, recovery and final disposal containment of solid waste.

ECOLOGICAL WASTE MANAGEMENT - a method of handling wastes that facilitates their sanitary retrieval, reuse or recycling without degrading the environment nor polluting air, water and soil.

BIODEGRADABLE WASTE - any material that can be reduced into finer particles (degraded or decomposed) by micro-biological organisms or enzymes.

NON-BIODEGRADABLE WASTE - refers to non-compostable/non-putrescible waste.

DOMESTIC REFUSE - refuse from households, as distinguished from industrial, commercial and institutional waste.

COMMERCIAL REFUSE - refuse resulting from the use or occupation of any commercial or business establishments or premises where any business or work is carried out, other than a manufacturing process.

DISPOSAL AREA - any site, location, tract of land, or structure used or intended to be used for refuse disposal.

COMPOSTING - a process of biological degradation under controlled conditions; the processing of biodegradable waste such as food waste, garden waste, animal waste, human waste into soil conditioners/enhancer or humus by mixing them with soil, water, biological additives or activators and air.

GENERAL/ORDINARY WASTE - domestic type of waste and other waste materials or substances that do not require special handling.

HAZARDOUS WASTE - any waste that is potentially dangerous to environment and health because of chemical reactivity, flammability, and explosiveness.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to dump, place, throw, or scatter waste, refuse, garbage, and all biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste materials in public places or areas such as buildings, streets, parks, and other places not designated as a dumping place of disposal area.

Section 5. All households, occupants, owners, tenants, lessees of buildings and dwelling houses, owners or operators of industrial, commercial or business establishments shall provide their own garbage or waste containers or receptacles for purposes of garbage disposal and sanitation.

Section 6. No garbage shall be brought out of the house, building, or establishment including its frontage or immediate vicinity as well as in any public place such as streets, alleys, sidewalks, canals, ditches, parks, plaza, open spaces, including empty or vacant lots except in the manner provided in this ordinance.

Section 7. Waste or garbage shall be brought out of the house, buildings, or establishments by any person for collection by the garbage truck and brought to designated pick-up areas only on the day and time designated by the department of Public Services except remains of dead animals which shall be either buried by their owners and human and animal waste which shall be disposed of by means of toilet, septic tanks or other similar disposal facilities.

Section 8. The day, time, and pick-up areas of garbage truck of waste in the different areas of the City shall be designated by the Department of Public Services and the same shall be publicly announced and given the widest dissemination by means of, but not limited to media/press releases, posters, placards, signs, and notices of similar nature.

Section 9. Any person who shall be found defacing, destroying or otherwise removing notices caused to be posted by the government through the Department of Public Services shall be penalized by an administrative fine of not less than P500.00 but not more than P1,000.00 or imprisonment of not less than ten (10) days but not more fifteen (15) days or both at the discretion of the Court.

Section 10. No person shall throw, dump or dispose of waste such as cigarette butts, candy and food wrappers, fruit peelings, and other similar wastes or rubbish in public place other than the appropriate receptacles or containers provided for that purpose.

Provided further that owners and operators of public utility vehicle plying routes within the territorial jurisdiction of the city of Bacolod shall provide appropriate and covered garbage/waste receptacles inside their vehicles as provided under a separate city ordinance. Any person found throwing, dumping, or disposing of waste, cigarette butts, candy wrappers, and fruit peelings, and similar waste in any public place other than the appropriate receptacles/containers provided for that purpose shall be fined as follows:

First Offense	-	P150.00
Second Offense	-	P300.00
Third offense	-	P500.00

Section 11. All households, operators, owners, tenants, lessees of buildings and dwelling houses, owners or operators of industrial and commercial establishments shall sort the garbage at source and place them in at least two (2) containers in the manner provided below.

- a) Biodegradable waste or garbage containers/receptacles shall be tied with a green rope or other similar green material to serve the purpose of identifying biodegradable waste materials, and
- b) Non-biodegradable waste material shall be placed in containers or receptacles tied with any kind of rope or material other than green to identify the same as non-biodegradable.

Provided, however, that at the appropriate time as may be determined by the City Mayor, color coding for containers or receptacles may be established to accomplish the sorting of garbage at source.

Section 12. A Garbage Task Force is hereby created from the Department of Public Services and the Office of the City Agriculturist, the members thereof to be designated by the City Mayor to perform, among others, the following tasks:

- a) Make compost/fertilizer out of all biodegradable materials, garbage or waste;
- b) To set up or establish as may be practicable, recycling centers for non-biodegradable materials, garbage or waste;
- c) To operate a sanitary landfill or garbage disposal area for such other materials that cannot be recycled; and
- d) To properly dispose of hazardous wastes which are flammable, toxic, or detrimental to the health of the community;

Section 13. The Office of the City Mayor shall establish such implementing guidelines, rules and regulations to implement proper garbage/waste disposal and ecological waste management for all households, occupants, tenants, lessees of buildings, and dwelling houses, owners or operators, industrial and commercial establishment and the like that are generating, accumulating, and storing garbage, refuse or other waste materials.

Section 14. PENALTIES - Any person found dumping, storing, or placing garbage or waste other than the mode prescribed under this ordinance shall be penalized with an administrative fine of not less than P500 but not more than P1000 or upon court conviction, an imprisonment of not less than ten (10) days and not more than fifteen (15) days at the discretion of the Court.

Section 15. If a person caught violating this ordinance is a minor, the penalty provided above shall be imposed upon the head of the family or the person who actually instigated such violation,

Section 16. In case of violation by a corporation or partnership, the penalties above provided shall be imposed on the President, Manager, Director, Managing Partner, or person responsible for its operation of said entity as the case may be;

Section 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - Should any section or provision of this ordinance be found by the proper Court to be unconstitutional or not in accordance with law, the other sections shall continue to remain valid and effective.

Section 18. EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacolod.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors: Alex A. Paglumotan, Archie S. Baribar, Juanito S. Amihan, Jr., Lorendo K. Dilag, Ricardo L. Tan, Ramiro L. Garcia, Jr., Ana Marie V. Palermo, Jose Max S. Ortiz, Celia Matea R. Fior, Roberto M. Rojas, Al Victor A. Espino, Elmer T. Sy, Pepito T. Malapitan, Christine Angelie M. Espinosa.

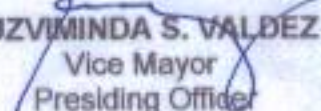
Negative : None.

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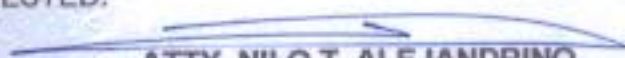
Absent : None.

Passed : February 24, 2000 (80th Regular Session)

Comments: Passed.


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Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: MARCH, 2000

OSCAR R. VERDEFLORES
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