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LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 258
August 3, 2000

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING, IDENTIFYING AND REGULATING A ZERO WASTE ZONE IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen the resolve of the City of Bacolod to be the cleanest and greenest highly urbanized city in the country;

WHEREAS, this objective can be accomplished and maintained with the passage of more innovative ordinances that are simple, practical, and sustainable;

WHEREAS, to complement the ordinance establishing an effective garbage disposal system and ecological solid waste management, there is a need to constitute, establish, identify and regulate a Zero Waste zone within the City of Bacolod;

WHEREAS, the example or model of a totally clean, sanitary, and tidy Zero Waste Zone will help people appreciate the true meaning and value of cleanliness and sanitation and hopefully provide a model for them to follow down to the purok level and their own homes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod in session assembled, that:

Section 1.- This ordinance is entitled, **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING, IDENTIFYING, AND REGULATING A ZERO WASTE ZONE IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

Section 2.- DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared a policy of the City of Bacolod, through its local government and its people, to make a City that is totally clean, tidy, and sanitary, conducive to growth, progress, and healthful living, with the character and singular distinction as the cleanest and greenest highly urbanized City in the Philippines.

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.

RUBBISH - refers to the non-putrescible solid waste constituents and includes such items as papers, tin cans, glass, wood, bottles, broken glass, cardboard, plastics, yard cuttings, discarded porcelain wares, pieces of metals and other wrapping materials.

REFUSE OR SOLID WASTE - all organic and inorganic non-liquid, and non-gaseous portions of the total waste mass. It consists of all putrescible and non-putrescible solid materials except for body waste.

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-conformist/non-putrescible waste.

ZERO WASTE ZONE - an area or zone where there is total absence of scattered waste, garbage, litter, refuse, and biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste materials;

Section 4.- There is hereby constituted, established, identified, and regulated a zero waste zone within the City of Bacolod more particularly described and bounded as follows:

- (a) Bounded on the **North** by Rizal Street starting from the corner of Lacson Street until the corner of San Juan Street;
- (b) Bounded on the **East** by Lacson Street starting from corner Rizal Street until corner Rosario Street;
- (c) Bounded on the **South** by Rosario Street starting corner Lacson Street until corner San Juan Street;
- (d) Bounded on the **West** by San Juan Street from corner Rosario Street until corner Rizal Street.

Section 5.- Within the areas of public streets, sidewalks, public parks, or public structures, the Zero Waste Zone herein constituted, established and identified, it shall be unlawful for any person to throw, scatter, dispose, or place garbage, rubbish, refuse or solid waste whether biodegradable or non-biodegradable such as, but not limited to items like paper, trash, glass, wood, bottles, broken glass, cardboard, plastics, yard cuttings, discarded porcelain wares, pieces of metals, empty cigarette packs, fruit peelings, corncobs, paper cups and other similar litter or waste.

Section 6.- All occupants, owners, tenants, lessees of buildings, dwelling houses, and commercial and business establishments shall provide their own trash cans, waste containers, or garbage receptacles to be placed inside their premises or vicinity.

Section 7.- Every vendor doing any economic activity within the Zero Waste Zone shall provide his/her own receptacle or container for rubbish, garbage, or any kind of waste or litter.

Section 8.- For this purpose, each occupant, owner, operator, tenant, lessee of building, dwelling houses, and commercial and business establishment or vendor shall be held responsible for any dirt, garbage, rubbish, litter or waste materials found within its/his or her business premises and the presence of the same within their premises or vicinity, without the said dirt, garbage, litter, rubbish being placed inside the proper receptacles or containers, shall constitute as prima facie evidence of violation of this ordinance.

Section 9.- The Office of the City Mayor shall create or organize an adequate enforcement unit which shall have the task of implementing and enforcing this ordinance including the regular and consistent inspection of receptacles/containers for said garbage, rubbish or waste.

Section 10.- All persons staying or passing through the herein established zero waste zone shall put, deposit, or leave their waste, rubbish, or trash above-described inside properly designated garbage, rubbish or waste receptacles placed by the government or garbage/waste receptacles and containers of vendors, business or commercial establishments as may be allowed by them upon request by said persons.

Section 11.- The City Government shall encourage business and commercial establishments and vendors and seek the cooperation of the public and the entire citizenry to stop or refrain from simply throwing or scattering their rubbish, waste, or trash within the zero waste zone and instead, throw, drop, place and leave the same in the nearest trash can, garbage and waste receptacle provided by the government or those provided by the said business and commercial establishments and vendors.

Section 12.- An intensified information and dissemination campaign for a period of at least sixty (60) days shall be conducted by and under the control of the City Mayor's Office which is likewise tasked with the issuance of guidelines and procedures as may be found necessary to effectively implement and enforce this ordinance.

Section 13.- Enforcement units shall be provided with an adequate number of bull horns or properly regulated public address systems to be used during the campaign period in order to effectively implement and enforce this ordinance.

Section 14.- Any violation of this ordinance shall be imposed an administrative fine of P50.00 for the first offense for every act of unlawful throwing, scattering, disposing, or place, leaving garbage, rubbish or waste as defined in this ordinance.

For any succeeding offense, an administrative fine of P250.00 shall be imposed with subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency.

Section 15.- All sixty-one (61) barangays of the City of Bacolod through their respective Barangay Councils shall by way of a proper ordinance establish their own zero waste zones within their respective barangays within a period of six (6) months to one (1) year from the effectivity of this ordinance and said Barangay Councils shall be responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this ordinance within their own barangay.

Section 16.- REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances and resolutions that are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 17.- SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or word of this ordinance, declared invalid for any reason the other provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby.

Section 18.- EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance will take effect after fifteen (15) days from approval and date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacolod.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :
Councilors : Archie S. Baribar, Juanito S. Amihan, Jr., Lorendo K. Dilag, Ramiro L. Garcia, Jr., Ana Marie V. Palermo, Jose Max S. Ortiz, Roberto M. Rojas, Al Victor A. Espino, Elmer T. Sy, Pepito T. Malapitan.

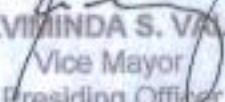
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Negative : None.


Official Leave : Councilor Alex A. Paglumotan
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor
Councilor Christine Angelie M. Espinosa

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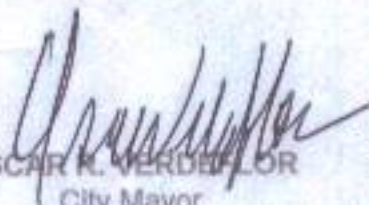
Comments : Passed.
Councilor Ricardo L. Tan was out of the Session Hall when this ordinance was passed.


LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: AUGUST 31, 2000


OSCAR R. VERDELLOR
City Mayor

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