

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 273
January 25, 2001

**AN ORDINANCE CONVERTING BACOLOD CITY AGRICULTURE OFFICE
INTO BACOLOD CITY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

WHEREAS, Bacolod City has a land area of 16,145.83 hectares and 9,251 hectares of which is agricultural, further subdivided into sugarcane plantations, and rice farm lands which constitutes 7,281.050 and 843.10 hectares, respectively, and a balance of 1,126.85 planted to other crops. And the balances of 6,894.83 hectares are classified into residential, commercial, and industrial;

WHEREAS, in 1998, Bacolod City was able to produce 3,502 metric tons of rice. In 1998 Bacolod rice consumption was 43,775 metric tons. There was a deficit of 40,273 metric tons or 92%. In short, Bacolod City alone cannot supply rice to its own people, hence there is always a rice shortage;

WHEREAS, on basic commodities, a 1998 survey had shown that Bacolod City was consuming about 79,688 metric tons of basic food items. That basic food demand volume is growing at an average of 2% annually relative to population growth;

WHEREAS, on the basis of the 1998 Bacolod City Basic Food Demand study marginal producers are producing 8.2% while farmers outside of the city are supplying the 91.8% basic requirement of the city;

WHEREAS, with the above mentioned food capacity outlook, Bacolod with a population of 425,000 and an annual average population growth of 2% needs not an Agriculture Office but an Agriculture Department to help increase the basic food production capabilities of farmers and fisher folks and hasten the growth of agriculture and fishery.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in Session assembled, that:

ARTICLE I - TITLE AND DECLARATION OF POLICY

Section 1.- This ordinance shall be known as the Conversion of the City Agriculture Office into the Bacolod City Department of Agriculture.

Section 2. The City Agriculture Office is hereby converted into the Bacolod City Department of Agriculture.

Section 3.- The Department shall provide the City Council and the Office of the City Mayor studies and recommendations of policies regarding Agriculture and Fishery, creation of Protected Areas for Agricultural and Agro Industrial Development, the Strategic Agricultural and Fishery Development Zones, Vegetable and Fruit Terminal and Fishery Ordinance and other policies related to Agriculture and Fishery Development.

Section 4.- The Department shall enforce laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, related to Agriculture and Fishery.

Section 5.- The Department shall conduct and transfer Agriculture and Fishery Applied Sustainable Technologies critical to productivity improvement on Agriculture and Fishery Productions.

ARTICLE II - SOURCE OF FUNDS

Section 1.- An initial sum of TWO MILLION PESOS (P2,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated from any unappropriated funds thereof. Subsequent funding requirements of the Bacolod City Department of Agriculture shall be included in the Annual General Fund Budget of the City Government.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Section 1.- The City Agriculturist with a Salary Grade 26 shall head the Bacolod City Department of Agriculture.

Section 2.- The Bacolod City Department of Agriculture shall be composed of 3 Divisions as follows:

1. Agriculture and Fishery Production Division
2. Agriculture and Fishery Regulatory Division
3. Technical and Support Services Division

Each division shall be under a Supervising Agriculturist, who shall oversee the planning and implementation of the Division Plans and Programs.

Section 3.- The Office of the City Agriculturist shall be composed of:

- a. 1 City Department Head II (Salary Grade 26)

Section 4.- The Agriculture and Fishery Production Division shall be composed of:

- a. 1 Supervising Agriculturist (Salary Grade 22)
- b. 2 Senior Agriculturists (Salary Grade 18)
- c. 1 Senior Aquaculturist (Salary Grade 18)
- d. 2 Agricultural Technologists (Salary Grade 10)
- e. 2 Aquacultural Technologists (Salary Grade 10)

Section 5.- The Agriculture and Fishery Regulatory Division shall be composed of:

- a. 1 Supervising Agriculturist (Salary Grade 22)
- b. 2 Senior Agriculturists (Salary Grade 18)
- c. 1 Senior Aquaculturist (Salary Grade 18)
- d. 2 Agricultural Technologists (Salary Grade 10)
- e. 1 Aquacultural Technologist (Salary Grade 10)
- f. 4 Laborers II (Salary Grade 3)

Section 6.- The Technical and Support Services Division shall be composed of:

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| a. | 1 | Supervising Agriculturist | (Salary Grade 22) |
| b. | 2 | Senior Agriculturists | (Salary Grade 18) |
| c. | 1 | Agricultural Technologist | (Salary Grade 10) |
| d. | 1 | Administrative Officer II | (Salary Grade 15) |
| e. | 3 | Clerks II | (Salary Grade 4) |
| f. | 1 | Driver I | (Salary Grade 3) |
| g. | 1 | Laborer II | (Salary Grade 3) |

Section 7. - The Civil Service Commission and the Bacolod City Human Resource Office shall determine the qualification and eligibility of the City Agriculturist and the personnel of the different Divisions of the BCDA.

Section 8. - The City Agriculturist and the personnel of BCDA shall receive compensation equivalent to their respective Salary Grades including all emoluments and allowances pertinent thereto in accordance with existing laws.

ARTICLE IV - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE AGRICULTURIST

(As per Local Government Code 1991, Book III Title V, Section 482 Paragraph B & C)

The Agriculturist shall take charge of the office of the Agricultural services and shall:

1. Formulate measures for the approval of the Sanggunian and provide technical assistance and support to the Mayor in carrying out said measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities relative to agricultural services as provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code.
2. Develop plans and strategies and upon approval thereof by the Mayor, implements the same, particularly those which have to do with agricultural programs and projects which the Mayor is empowered to implement and which the Sanggunian is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code.
3. In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the agriculturist shall:
 - (a) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural and aquacultural and marine products are extended to farmers, fishermen, and local entrepreneurs;
 - (b) Conduct or cause to be conducted location specific agricultural researchers and assist in making available appropriate technology arising out of and disseminating information on basic research on crops, preventive and control of plant diseases and pests, and other agricultural matters which will maximize productivity;
 - (c) Assist the Mayor in the establishment and extensive services of demonstration farms or aquaculture and marine products;

- (d) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture and aquaculture;
 - (e) Coordinate with government agencies and non-government organizations, which promote agricultural productivity through appropriate technology compatible with environmental integrity.
4. Be in the frontline of delivery of basic agricultural services, particularly those needed for the survival of the inhabitants during and in the aftermath of man made and natural disasters.
 5. Recommend to the Sanggunian and advice the Mayor on all other matters related to agriculture and aquaculture which will improve the livelihood and living conditions of the inhabitants.
 6. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as maybe prescribed by the law and ordinance.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OPERATING DIVISIONS

Section 1.- Functions of the Agriculture / Fishery Production Division

- a. Plan and implement programs and projects of the Division on the aspect of crop production, and livestock production.
- b. Coordinate with other divisions regarding program planning and implementation.
- c. Develop linkages with other Government Agencies and Non Government Organizations on activities related to the division function.
- d. Extend production loans such as seeds, fingerlings, livestock breeding materials and other agriculture / aquaculture inputs to help farmers and fisher folks in their operation.
- e. Organize farmers and fisher folks association.
- f. Assist farmers and fisher folks regarding farm and fishery plans.
- g. Conduct regular farmers / fisher folks field visits.

Section 2.- Functions of the Agriculture / Fishery Regulatory Division

- a. Plan and implement programs and projects of the division regarding regulatory activities in the Agriculture and Fishery Sectors.
- b. Coordinate with other divisions regarding program and planning implementation.
- c. Develop linkages with other government agencies and non government organizations on activities related to the division functions.
- d. Implement Agricultural and Fishery laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances.

- e. Promote Government's Program on Agricultural Pests and Diseases Management, Marine Protection, and Coastal Resource Management.

Section 3.- Functions of the Technical and Support Services Divisions

- a. Plan and implement programs and projects of the division.
- b. Identify and develop applied technologies in crop production, fishery production, and livestock production.
- c. Transfer applied technologies to farmers, fisher folks as support in building technical capabilities.
- d. Conduct on site farmers and fisher folks applied technologies demonstration sites for technical showcase.
- e. Conduct surveys, studies related to Agriculture and Fishery Sectors and take the lead in the packaging and interpretation of these data for recommendation of policies and likewise critical tool in planning directions favorable to Agriculture and Fishery. In close coordination with the City Agriculturist and other operating Divisions.
- f. Handle the office administration of the Department.
- g. Coordinate with other divisions regarding program planning and implementation.
- h. Develop linkages with other government agencies and non-government organizations on activities related to the division function.

ARTICLE VI - REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 1.- All other ordinances, other rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are thereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

ARTICLE VII - EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE

Section 1.- This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval

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, Roberto M. Rojas, Al Victor A. Espino, Elmer T. Sy, Pepito T. Malapitan.

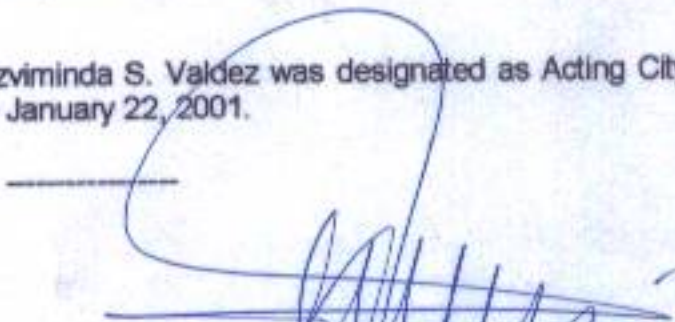
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Passed : January 25, 2001 (**124th Regular Session**)

Comments: **Passed.**
Vice Mayor Luzviminda S. Valdez was designated as Acting City Mayor effective January 22, 2001.



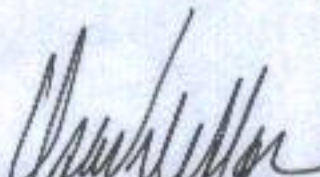
ALEX A. PAGLUMOTAN
Acting Vice Mayor
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 23, 2001



OSCAR R. VERDEFLOR
City Mayor

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