



CITY ORDINANCE NO. 275

February 1, 2001

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BACOLOD CITY HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is the announced policy of the National Government to encourage the promotion among Filipinos of a deeper love and understanding of our cultural and historical heritage.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City Government to foster among our people, knowledge of, appreciation for and pride of our culture and heritage;

WHEREAS, there is still no definitive body in the City of Bacolod created so far to collect, collate, safeguard and study historical documents, cultural artifacts and important relics of our past;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to gather and synthesize some of our folklores, folk songs and folk dances;

WHEREAS, the City Government is interested in the protection and preservation of our valuable historical and cultural buildings, documents and art works;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to fill the gap in the knowledge of our historical past among the present and future generations of Bacolodnons.

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

Section 1 - Rationale of the Commission. To create a body that shall oversee, study, collate and safeguard items, documents, works of art and buildings in order to promote a deeper love and understanding of our cultural and historical heritage.

Section 2 - The Bacolod City Historical and Cultural Commission, Creation of. A body to be known as the Bacolod City Historical and Cultural Commission is hereby created, which shall be under the supervision of the Office of the City Mayor, and shall be composed of a Chairman and six members as follows:

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| a. City Mayor of his duly authorized representative | - Chairman |
| b. Chairman of the Committee on Education and Culture of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City | - Member |
| c. School Division Superintendent of the Dept. of Education & Culture for Bacolod City | - Member |
| d. A representative of the Tourism and Cultural Development Council of Bacolod City | - Member |

e. Three Private Sector Representatives to be appointed by the City mayor as follows:

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| 1. a representative of the private schools | - Member |
| 2. a representative of the tourism sector | - Member |
| 3. a representative of the cultural sector | - Member |

The terms of office of the Private Sector Representatives shall be co-terminus with that of the City Mayor. In the appointment of the Private Sector Representatives, the City Mayor shall call for nominations from the concerned organizations or associations existing in the City of Bacolod.

The Commission shall meet at least once a month.

Section 3 - Duties and Functions of the Commission. The primary role of the Commission is to collect, collate and preserve historical documents and cultural artifacts as well as undertake such other tasks as it may deem necessary to attain its objectives.

In the attainment of the above-stated objectives, the Commission shall have the following functions:

- a. Collect, collate, safeguard and study historical documents, cultural artifacts and important relics of our past;
- b. Gather and synthesize our folklores, folk songs and folk dances;
- c. Gather and preserve valuable historical and cultural documents and art works;
- d. Plan and work towards the establishment of a Bacolod Museum and Cultural Building to house all items mentioned above;
- e. Identify historical buildings and edifices and recommend to the National Historical Institute for their declaration as historical buildings and/or markers;
- f. Plan and implement programs to enrich the knowledge of our historical past among the citizens of Bacolod, especially the youth;
- g. Submit to the Honorable City Mayor periodic and special reports relative to the Commission's activities;
- h. Perform such other related functions as may be necessary to ensure the effective implementation of its objectives.

In fulfillment of their functions, the Commission may create its own committee structure with committees to be headed by one of its members and composed of members coming from the public and private sector of Bacolod City.

Section 4 - Funding. The funding requirements of the Commission shall be included in the Annual General Fund Budget of the City Government. In the absence of such at its initial organization, the Commission shall submit a request through the Office of the City Mayor for an appropriation through the passage of a Supplemental Budget to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for its consideration.

Section 5 - Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

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

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

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Passed : February 1, 2001 (125th Regular Session).

Comments: Passed.
Councilor Lorendo K. Dilag was out of the session hall when this ordinance was passed.

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Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

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ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: February 19, 2001

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City Mayor

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