



CITY ORDINANCE NO. 298

May 9, 2002

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS, CANTEENS, FOOD OUTLETS, HOTELS, CATERERS, HOSPITAL, FOOD MANUFACTURERS, OR PROCESSORS AND ALL SIMILAR BUSINESS ENTITIES TO USE IODIZED SALT ONLY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod, that:

Section 1. Title - This ordinance shall be known as the "Bacolod City Iodized Salt Ordinance";

Section 2. Policy - It is a policy of the City Government of Bacolod to protect and ensure public health and general welfare of its constituents thru proper nutrition, particularly by elimination of iodize deficiency disorder;

Section 3. Applicability - This ordinance shall be applicable within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bacolod define: sale or market and shall apply to all food establishments, restaurants, canteens, food outlets, stores, hotels, caterers and hospitals, food manufacturers or processors and all similar business entities;

Section 4. Requirement for Use of Iodized Salt - All food establishments, stated in Section 3 of this Ordinance, are hereby required to use only iodized salt is needed, in the preparation of food for human consumption;;

Section 5. Information and Educational Campaigns - The City health Office of Bacolod City shall provide information aids, brochures, reading materials as well as conduct seminars and other related activities pertaining to information dissemination and educational campaign about Salt Iodization and the related provisions mandated by the ASIN (An Act Promotion Salt Iodization Nationwide and for related Purposes) LAW or Republic Act No. 3172;

It shall coordinate and collaborate with the Department of Health, other concerned government agencies and interested Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in the said information dessimation and educational campaigns;

Section 6. The Enforcement of this Ordinance - The Sanitation Inspections Section of the City Health Office shall serve as the inspection and monitoring team to ensure the use of iodized salt at all times in all food establishments and entilies stated in Section 3 hereof.

The Sanitary Inspection Section shall provide all these entities with guidelines to be followed during inspection and monitoring for better coordination;

Section 7. Penalty - Any person, whether, natural or juridical, who violates the provisions of Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense. A fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) but not more than One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00);

- b) Second Offense. A fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) but not more than three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than seven (7) days but not more than one (1) months or both at the discretion of the Court;
- c) Third Offense. A fine of not less than Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) or an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than three (3) months or both at the discretion of the Court and revocation of the offender's License to Operate.

Provided, however, that if the violation is committed by any officer, director or member of a business or juridical entity acting beyond the scope of his authority such officer, director or member responsible shall be personally liable for the penalty imposed.

Section 8. Separability Clause - Any court declaration which declares a provision of this Ordinance unlawful or unconstitutional, shall not affect the other provision not affected by such declaration and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause - Any provision of other ordinance, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith, are repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity - This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors: Archie S. Baribar, Roberto M. Rojas, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Cella Matea R. Flor, Jose H. Gabuat, Bobbie S. Lucasan, Greg G. Gasataya, Reynold I. Iledan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Pepito T. Malapitan, Christine Angelle M. Espinosa.

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

Official Leave: Councilors Lyndon P. Caña and Elmer T. Sy

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Comments: Passed.

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RAMIRO L. GARCIA, JR.

Vice Mayor
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ATTESTED:

ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: May 10, 2002.

LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ
City Mayor

