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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Ng Bacolod
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 314
NOVEMBER 21, 2002

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BACOLOD CITY GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, there is a need to address gender issues and concerns in the City of Bacolod;

WHEREAS, addressing these issues and concerns would involve various government agencies and Non-Government and People's Organizations (NGOs/POs);

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

SECTION 1 - TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as an "Ordinance Creating the Bacolod City Gender and Development Council" or GAD Council.

SECTION 2 - DEFINITION OF TERMS.

1. Gender - is a social construct used to identify the differences between men and women as social beings, and the social meaning of what is important to being men and women. It refers to men and women not as sexual categories, but to the relationships between them, and the way these relationships are socially constructed. (Moser, 1987:6)
2. Non-Government Organization (NGO) - "refer to independent private organizations involved in promoting the welfare of the majority of the population" (Phil. Constitution). NGOs are non-profit voluntary organizations that are committed to the task of socio-economic development and established primarily for service. Such service may involve assisting citizens or people's organizations in various ways as in educating, training or giving financial assistance to them" (NEDA)
3. People's Organization (Pos) - refer to independent community and/or class-based associations established to protect and advance the interest of specific caucus or sectors, e.g. labor, farmers fisherfolk, peasants, women, and students" (NEDA)

SECTION 3. POLICY. The State recognizes the role of women in nation-building as provided under Section 14, Art XIII of the Philippine Constitution under R.A. 7192 or the "Women in Nation-Building Act," and shall ensure the fundamental equality before the law of men and women. Thus, the creation of the Bacolod City Gender and Development Council shall take cognizance of the collective and coordinative work of women's groups within the City, and is intended to strengthen such efforts and initiatives.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE. The Bacolod City Gender and Development Council (BCGDC) shall cover all the barangays within the political and administrative jurisdiction of Bacolod City.

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION. The Council shall be composed of One (1) representative (either male or female) from each Sangguniang Barangay of the City, and One (1) women representative duly elected from each sector, including but not limited to NGO, labor, urban poor, health, professionals, business and entrepreneurs, academe, fishesfolks and media. It shall include the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee Chair on Women & Family and the SK Federation President.

The barangay representatives shall be chosen by their respective Sangguniang Barangay, while sectoral representatives shall be properly endorsed by the duly accredited women and sectoral organization duly accredited by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, pursuant to Article 64 of the Implementing Rules & Regulations of the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 6. CONVENING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. The City Mayor shall convene the Council within 60 days after the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. TERM OF COUNCIL MEMBERS. Each member of the Bacolod City Gender Development Council shall have a term of three (3) years, co-terminus with the Chief Executive.

SECTION 8. COMPOSITION OF BACOLOD CITY GAD COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS. The GAD Council shall elect at large fifteen (15) members to the Board, based on the following representation, to wit:

- a. Ten (10) from the Sangguniang Barangay;
- b. Five (5) from Non-Government Organizations/ People's Organizations (NGO/ PO), the Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee Chair on Women & Family and the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation President who shall be ex-officio Members of the Board.

The Board shall elect from among themselves the EXECOM Members:

- a. Chairperson
- b. Vice Chairperson
- c. Secretary
- d. Assistant Secretary
- e. Treasurer, and
- f. Information/Liaison Officer

SECTION 9. TERM OF OFFICE OF THE EXECOM. The term of office of the EXECOM shall be determined by the Council.

SECTION 10. MEETINGS OF COUNCIL. The GAD Council shall meet regularly once every semester while Special Meetings maybe called upon approval by the Board, or upon request of at least Thirty Percent (30%) of the Council members.

SECTION 11. MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND EXECOM. Members of the Board shall meet quarterly, while the EXECOM shall meet once (1) a month. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the Chairperson or upon request by the majority of its members.

SECTION 12. FUNCTION AND POWERS. The Bacolod City Gender and Development Council shall have the following functions and powers, to wit:

1. Recommend gender-based policies, programs and strategies toward securing and advancing women's right and welfare in the City of Bacolod;
2. Recommend appropriate and relevant legislative and administrative measures concerning women, and coordinate with agencies undertaking gender-based research to generate data in support of legislation, public policy formulations and direction, among others;
3. Coordinate the planning, monitoring, evaluation and implementation of a local Gender and Development GAD plan;
4. Coordinate for the release of funds for gender programs and projects;
5. Advocate continuing education, training and advocacy programs towards attaining people's economic, social and political empowerment;
6. Encourage and promote GAD mainstreaming within the barangays and in various Non-Governmental Organizations and People's Organization (NGO/PO) within the City of Bacolod;
7. Strengthen networking and linkages among government and women NGO or PO, and promote active participation in governing and policy-making bodies, and
8. Promote any other projects and function needed to promote and institute gender-based concerns.

SECTION 13. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. The Board shall have the following functions and powers, to wit:

- a. Formulate and prepare its program, including its budgeting requirement;
- b. Form or create appropriate structures and committees to make the Council functional;
- c. Make specific policies and rules and regulations, and
- d. Do other functions that the Council may approve.

SECTION 14. FUNDING. Funds needed to carry out the Bacolod City Gender and Development Council programs and projects shall be taken from the 5% Gender and Development Fund as provided under the General Appropriation Act (GAA) and Department of Budget and Management Circular No. 28, Series of 1997, in accordance with Republic Act 7192, from the appropriations of the City Government and from donations and contributions from concerned individuals, agencies and organizations. Donation and contribution shall be put in trust to be used for GAD mainstreaming.

SECTION 15. GAD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT. For purposes of assisting in the implementation of the programs of Bicolor City Gender and Development Council, the Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD) shall act as the Council Secretariat.

SECTION 16. TRANSITORY CLAUSE. The term of office of the 1st Council shall start within 60 days after the enactment of this Ordinance and ends on June 30, 2002 Thereafter, the term of the GAD Council shall be co-terminus with the Chief Executive.

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional, other provision or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors: Archie S. Baribar, Roberto M. Rojas, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Celia Matea R. Flor, Jose H. Gabuat, Lyndon P. Cafia, Elmer T. Sy, Bobbie M. Lucasan, Greg G. Gasataya, Reynold I. Iledan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Arturo V. Parreño.

Negative : N o n e.

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Comments: Passed.
Councilor Marx Lolue S. de la Rosa was out of the session hall when this ordinance was passed.

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Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer *11/29/02*

ATTESTED:

ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: *Dec. 9*, 2002

LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ
City Mayor

