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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD  
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 329  
April 29, 2003

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CITY HEALTH DRUG TEST CENTER OF BACOLOD CITY AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, one of the major problems of our country is the illicit trafficking of dangerous drugs;

**WHEREAS**, most of heinous crimes committed are drug related such as murder, and rape among others;

**WHEREAS**, about 8.7% of the total population of Bacolod is composed of youth which is considered vulnerable group and potential drug user/dependent;

**WHEREAS**, several drug centers are operating within the city, however, drug testing cost is beyond the reach of ordinary people;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of City Health Drug Test Center would provide a relatively low cost drug test service, at the same time, would increase awareness of communities against the ill effects of drug abuse;

**WHEREAS**, through the Drug Test Center, factual data on the magnitude of drug abuse problem could be established and could aid in the formulation of comprehensive drug laboratory services;

**WHEREAS**, aside from offering affordable services to Bacolodnon, as well as the neighboring towns and cities, it could also generate income for the city;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in regular session assembled that:

**ARTICLE I : Title** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY HEALTH DRUG TEST CENTER OF BACOLOD CITY**".

**ARTICLE II : Definition of Terms**

- A. Drug – refers to the prohibited and regulated drugs.
- B. Test – refers to an analytical procedure to identify the presence of drugs in a specimen.
- C. Center – a place where activity is concentrated for a specific purpose.

**ARTICLE III : Rationale** - The Ordinance hopes to provide a drug test center for would be clients not only for Bacoletos , but as well as for the neighboring towns and cities. Aside from the supposed services it would provide, it would also generate income for the City of Bacolod since it would cater to a huge number of clients such as rehabilitated drug patients, suspected drug users street children, private individual, youth engaged in multiple sex, and those seeking employment. It is worthy to note that about 8.7% of the total population which is 402,305 (based on 1995 census), are youth with age range 15 – 14. This age group is considered the most vulnerable group in terms of

addiction incidence considering the facts that they are undergoing identity crisis so much so that they are easily lured to substance abuse coupled with peer pressure exert greater pressure on them during this stage.

Likewise, it would also facilitate in the campaign of creating awareness of communities against drug abuse and to some extent would somehow minimize the problem of drug addiction.

It is envisioned that the program would raise consciousness of not only young people but also the whole populace on the ill effects of drugs. A lot of opportunities are in store for drug free individuals including employment.

On the other hand, on the part of the implementing agency, it will provide a clearer view of the magnitude of drug addiction problem. Factual data could now be attained which at the moment is considered weak and therefore is a hindrance toward formulation of a comprehensive plan to address the particular problem.

The project offers a relatively lower fee of P100.00 per test of Shabu and Marijuana. Drug testing is but an initial step towards establishing a more comprehensive drug laboratory services.

**ARTICLE IV : Purposes, Intent and Objectives –**

1. To conduct Drug Testing to all applicants, employees of the government and private entities in line with the program for Drug Free community.
2. Provide services to both the private and public sector in their needs for drug testing and drug screening.
3. Develop educational programs based on factual information.
4. Implementation dissemination for the general public awareness of the hazards of dangerous drugs.
5. Coordinate with all institutions of learning as well as with all national and local law enforcement agencies in planning and conducting its educational campaign program.
6. Draw up consultation and in coordination with the various agencies involved in drug control, treatment and rehabilitation program for drug dependent pursuant to R.A. 6425.
7. To render such assistance as it may require or coordinate with other such entities, to carry out such program as well as such other activities as it may undertake pursuant to provision of R.A. 6425 as amended.

**ARTICLE V : Budgetary Requirements:**

**A. Supplies and Materials - P300,000.00 initial funding for the following:**

1. P20,000.00 Cash Bond for certificate of accreditation
2. Purchase of Computer and Printer 600 MHz processor 128-MB Memory, 4 GB hard disk, and 56-k modem.
3. Filing Cabinet
4. One (1) unit 10 cu. Ft. Refrigerator
5. One (1) unit Electric Stove, single burner with Kettle
6. One (1) unit Electric Fan (Standard)
7. Drug Testing Kits

PERSONNEL requirements are from existing position in the City Health Office as follows:

- (1) Chemical Analyst III/  
Chemist III or related field
- (1) Medical Technologist I/  
Chemist or related field
- (1) Laboratory Aide

**ARTICLE VI: Supervision** - The City Health Drug Test Center will be under the immediate and/or direct supervision and control of the City Health Office of the City of Bacolod.

**ARTICLE VII: Fee** - One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) per test of Shabu and Marijuana will be collected by the City Treasurer for residents and for non-residents, fees equivalent to fees of private laboratory.

Proceeds of collection shall be placed solely in Trust for the purchase of Drug Testing Kits, other supplies and materials, information and education drive and other miscellaneous laboratory expenses.

**ARTICLE VIII: 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, Celia Matea R. Flor, Jose H. Gabuat, Lyndon P. Caña, Elmer T. Sy, Bobbie S. Lucasan, Greg G. Gasataya, Reynold I. Iledan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Louie S. de la Rosa

Negative : None

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Absent : None

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Councilor Arturo V. Parreño

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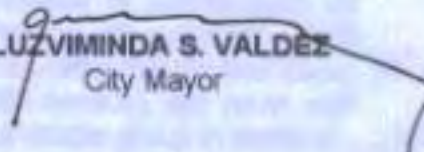
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RAMIRO L. GARCIA, JR.  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

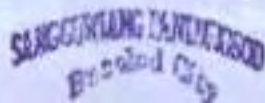
ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: May 12, 2003

  
LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ  
City Mayor

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