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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD  
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 336  
September 4, 2003

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE NUMBERING OF RESIDENTIAL,  
COMMERCIAL AND OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD.**

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

**Section 1. OBJECTIVE.** It is the objective of this Ordinance to adopt a uniform system of structure numbering for the whole City of Bacolod which will systematize the identification and number of all structures thereby facilitating easier location and identification.

**Section 2. LEGAL BASIS.** Pursuant to Section 458 [2] [XIV] of the Local Government Code of 1991 also known as R.A. 7160, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is responsible in regulating the numbering of residential, commercial and other buildings.

**Section 3. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS.** The following terms as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings or interpretations:

3.1] **Residential Building.** Refers to building or structure normally built for dwelling purposes regardless of materials used and cost and where one or more persons or one family or more cooks, eats and sleeps. The building owner may or may not be the owner of the lot. It includes one family or multiple family dwelling units, row houses, boarding houses, residential condominium and similar buildings.

3.2] **Commercial Building.** Refers to building or structure normally built for the purpose of carrying out trade and commerce whether in the form of goods and services or combination of both. The building may be a one or multi-storey, multi-room purely for commercial purposes and/or partly for residential use.

3.3] **Other Buildings.** This refers to buildings or structures other than residential and commercial buildings as defined above.

3.4] **Structure.** Refers to any building embracing the definitions of residential commercial and other buildings.

3.5] **Permanent Structure.** Means a building or structure the owner of which is also the owner of the lot.

3.6] **Temporary Structure.** Means a building or structure built on a property whether owned by a private person/entity or government, the construction and/or existence of which is based on verbal or written agreement or implied consent and the removal/demolition of which is effected by voluntary action of the structure owner, cancellation/expiration of the agreement, court order or as authorized by law.

3.7] **Illegal Structure.** Means a building or structure built on a property without the consent of the owner whether private person, entity or government. This includes structures built in danger areas as defined in Section 29 of R.A. 7279 such as esteros, railroad tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, water ways and in other public places such as sidewalks, roads parks and playgrounds. Removal of this structure on the property where it is built is at the instance of the owner.



3.8] **New Building.** Means building or structure constructed after the effectivity of this Ordinance.

3.9] **Cul-de-Sac.** Means a passage or road open only at one end.

#### **Section 4. - IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES**

##### **4.1] General Concept of Numbering System**

- a. Scope and coverage – The numbering systems shall apply to all existing and new residential, commercial and other buildings and structures in the entire City of Bacolod whether temporary or permanent.
- b. The City will be divided into three [3] main districts, Namely: Central, North and South Districts. Central district comprises the 41 Barangays of the Poblacion while North District is composed of 9 Barangays and the South District of 11 Barangays as shown in Annex "A". This idea will result to an easier way of locating addresses.
- c. One Structure One Number Concept. Each separate building/structure shall be assigned one number except as provided herein.

##### **Section 4.2 Structure Numbering**

The idea adopted in this structure numbering system is the property numbering intervals. In this approach, the property or front footage along the street is given a number rather than a particular structure. This principle is in recognition of the fact that there is no good way of knowing how many structures will eventually be built on vacant land within blocks, and that any numbering scheme which attempts to number structures consecutively leaves no flexibility to accommodate change.

This is done assigning a property number to an interval or front footage along the street. An interval of 10 meters for residential areas and subdivision and the 20 meters for commercial and industrial and other areas will be adopted. The assignment of numbers to existing structures can be made by measuring the number of intervals from the grid line, nearest to the base line and actually assigning to each building number of the interval in which the front entrance falls. (Illustration in Annex "B").

##### **4.3 Methodology for Structure Numbering**

- a. Eastward Direction - numbering of structure shall start from the Western End of any Street in the West-East Axis on an Odds and Evens scheme, odds on the left, evens on the right in the Easterly Direction.
- b. Northward Direction - numbering of structures shall start, from the Southern End of a Street in the South-North Axis on the Odds and Evens scheme, odds on the left, evens on the right in the Northerly Direction.
- d. The Streets will be imaginarily divided into grids of ten (10) meters for residential districts, twenty (20) meters for commercial districts. The



- e. structure with its frontage or main entrance facing the street within the grid will be assigned as thus.
- f. Structures or buildings whether existing or new having two or more doors shall be assigned one number. The building owner may, at its own expense, may assign number for each door in such design of place it may deem appropriate provided the basic structure number is indicated. Example is 5-A, 5-B, etc. where 5 represents the structure number and the following letter represents the door.
- g. For interior structures of different owners directly at the rear of the building abutting the street will be assigned as structure # - number (numerical system). Example 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, etc. Succeeding structures will follow consequently depending on its proximity from the main building.
- h. All roads in any subdivision will follow the West-East and South-North System.
- i. Streets with Cul-de-Sac will follow the same system and meeting at half-way more or less of the cul-de-sac.
- j. Buildings and structures which are ancillary to the main building need not be numbered; hence, the one structure one number concept shall not apply in this case. Example of ancillary structure may include in the case of residential building, servants quarter, bodega, etc. Nurses dormitory, doctors quarter, maternity building as in a hospital.
- k. Special numbering for some streets:
  - 1. Burgos - numbering system for Burgos Street will start from an imaginary point 500 meters from the junction of Burgos at an unnamed street of the reclamation area at its western End forming part of the port.
  - 2. Circumferential Road - from Barago to Buri Road junction will be treated as West-East system.
  - 3. Circumferential Road - from teacher's Subd. In Cabug to Buri Road junction will be treated as south to North system
  - 4. Circumferential Road - from Aranieta junction to Handumanan will be treated as West to East system.
  - 5. B.S. Aquino Drive - will be treated as West-East system ending at Burgos Street junction.
  - 6. Mercedes Ave. and Margarita Ave. - will be treated as West-East system.
  - 7. Lopez Jaena Street - will start from Lizares St. junction to B.S. Aquino Drive junction and will be treated as South-North system.
  - 8. Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Street - will start from Lacson Street junction and will end at Hervias Subd.



9. C.L. Montelibano Ave. - will start from Lacson Street junction and end up to Fortune Towne Road junction or Bethany Court and will be treated as West-East system.

#### 4.4 Numbering/Re-numbering of Existing Buildings.

- a. All existing buildings falling within the coverage of this Ordinance shall be numbered/renumbered using the prescribed structure plate number described herein following the procedure in Section 4(1,2 and 3) hereof.
- b. Adjoining buildings shall be numbered separately based on building ownership and building permit.
- c. Temporary buildings due for removal/demolition within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Ordinance by reason of cancellation/expiration of the agreement, court order, violation of the building code or other local and national laws and regulations or as authorized by law shall no longer be numbered provided a detailed record of these buildings and related information are kept and maintained by the implementing City Office.
- d. Illegal structures determined as such shall not be numbered or re-numbered provided a detailed record of these buildings and related information are kept and maintained by the implementing City Office.

#### 4.5 Numbering of New Buildings.

- a. New Buildings or structure shall be assigned a structure number after approval of the building permit and the plate number shall be issued and installed upon approval of the occupancy permit.

#### 4.6 Numbering of Reconstructed Buildings.

- a. Reconstructed/renovated buildings earlier assigned structure number under this Ordinance shall maintain the same number.

#### 4.7 Design of Structure Plate Number and Location Installation.]

- a. The size of the Plate shall be 10cmsX15cms using GA 30 plain G.I. sheets.  
The Official Color of the City of Bacolod shall be the background color for the numbers and letters of the plate.
- b. Contents of the Plate shall include the following:
  - Philippine Flag
  - The name "Bacolod City"
  - Number of the Structure
- c. Assigned Plates shall be installed permanently in the main building in the following location:



- Entrance gate, if gate is permanent
- Middle of entrances of commercial establishments
- In the building itself facing the street.

**4.8 Implementing .** The Office of the City Building Official shall implement the provisions of this ordinance with the assistance of the Public Affairs and Assistance Division [PAAD] of the City Mayor's Office as may be necessary under the circumstances.

The Office of the Building Official in ensuring the effective implementation and maintenance of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, among others as may be necessary, perform the following:

1. Prior to actual implementation, initiate, and undertake information campaign within sufficient period in such a manner it may consider appropriate and necessary.
2. Maintain and update records, maps, statistics preferably computerized or through Geographic Information System (GIS) facility, where possible.
3. Undertake system evaluation and if necessary, recommend amendments of this Ordinance after one (1) year of actual implementation.

**4.9 Implementing Rules and Regulations.**

The Office of the City Mayor in coordination with the Office of the Building Official shall promulgate within sixty (60) days from date of effectivity the implementing rules and Regulations that shall be necessary to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

**5.1 Cost of Structure Plate Number.** Each building/structure owner shall pay to the City Treasurer the amount of the Structure Plate Number to be determined by the City Building Official and the Office of the City Mayor in the preparation of IRR under Section 4.9 of this Ordinance. The cost of the plates shall be increased by five percent (5%) one year after the effectivity of this Ordinance and five percent (5%) every year thereafter.

**5.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, destroy, remove the Plate or transfer the same to unauthorized location.**

**5.3 It shall be unlawful for any person to imitate and use the prescribed structure plate and such other acts which tend to defeat the objective of this Ordinance.**

**Section 6. FUNDING AND APPROPRIATION.**

A funding of P500,000.00 shall be taken from the General Fund for the implementation of this Ordinance. For this purpose, the City Building Official shall, upon effectivity of this Ordinance, submit a detailed estimate of expenditures or program of works for the implementation hereof to the Sangguniang Panlungsod thru the City Budget Officer. The amount needed to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance in subsequent years shall be included in the annual Budget of the Office of the Building Official.



**Section 7. PENALTY CLAUSE.** Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall be imposed the penalty of not more than six (6) months of imprisonment or a fine of not more than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) but not less than One Hundred Pesos (P100.00), or both, at the discretion of the Court; Provided that, if the offender is a corporation, partnership, association or other juridical entity, the penalty shall be imposed upon the officer or officers of said corporation, partnership, association or juridical entity who cause the violation.

**Section 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, the other provisions not affected thereby shall continue in operation.

**Section 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances or parts of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

**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, Lyndon P. Caña, Bobbie S. Lucasan, Greg G. Gasataya, Reynold I. Iledan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Arturo V. Parreño, Marx Louie S. de la Rosa.

Negative : None.

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Absent : None.

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Comments: Passed.  
Councilors Jose H. Gabuat and Eimer T. Sy were out of the Session Hall when this Ordinance was passed.

RAMIRO L. GARCIA, JR.  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

9/17/03

ATTESTED:

ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO  
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APPROVED: September 18, 2003

LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ  
City Mayor

9/18/03

