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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 339
September 18, 2003

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING AND ESTABLISHING THE CODIFICATION OF GENERAL ORDINANCES OF BACOLOD CITY, PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUING CODIFICATION, UPDATING, PUBLICATION AND MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MECHANICS AND FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAME.

WHEREAS, over the years, the number of ordinances in the City of Bacolod has increased;

WHEREAS, the sheer number and volume of these ordinances has often rendered it difficult to determine which ordinance is still effective, modified or repealed;

WHEREAS, there is veritable danger of ordinances duplicating subjects and topics, which will confuse not only ordinance enforcement, judicial interpretation or application, but confuse the public as well;

WHEREAS, the only remedy to the problem abovementioned is to codify said ordinances according to subjects, and provide a system that continually updates and reviews them, and monitors compliance therewith;

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

TITLE:

This ordinance shall be entitled AN ORDINANCE MANDATING AND ESTABLISHING THE CODIFICATION OF GENERAL ORDINANCES OF BACOLOD CITY, PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUING CODIFICATION, UPDATING, PUBLICATION, AND MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE THEREWITH, AND PROVIDING FOR THE MECHANICS AND FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAME.

For brevity, this ordinance shall be known as the "**Codification Ordinance of Bacolod City**".

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

The definitions made in the Local Legislators Toolbox of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) are hereby adopted as follows:

- a. "General Ordinances", for purposes of this Ordinance, is defined as those ordinances which "include all existing and relevant administrative and non-revenue ordinances of the local government" of Bacolod City.
- b. "Codification" is defined as the process of collecting, classifying, revising and supplementing the ordinances of a local government unit. It is a complete and systematic process, the end result of which is a new enactment, the Code of ordinances collated according to subject.

ARTICLE 2. STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES, INTENTS AND PURPOSES.

The Codification called for in this ordinance shall have the following objectives, intents and purposes.

- A. To ensure that ordinances which have been repealed or amended by subsequent ordinances are no longer carried in the ordinance book;
- B. To prevent the possibility of conflicting or duplicative ordinances which do not only confuse but also engender complications in the enforcement of ordinances;
- C. To enable the local government unit to update its existing ordinances in accordance with applicable provisions of the Code; and
- D. To serve as handy guide and reference for local officials and the general public as well, making ordinances available by website, hard copies, or other means.

ARTICLE 3. SUBJECTS:

Pursuant to the objectives, intents, and purposes aforesated, general ordinances of the City shall be classified, updated, codified, and monitored, according to the subjects of the permanent or standing committees of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as follows:

1. Appropriation and Finance
2. Ways and Means
3. Public Works
4. Environmental Protection and General Services
5. Markets and Slaughterhouse
6. Trade, Commerce and Industry
7. Education and Culture
8. Sister Cities
9. Health and Sanitation
10. Social services
11. Social Defense and Fire
12. Laws, Ordinances and Good Government
13. Barangay Affairs
14. Youth, SK Affairs and Sports
15. Labor and Management
16. Transportation and Traffic Management
17. Communications and Energy
18. Women and Family
19. Cooperatives
20. Human Rights
21. Human Resource Development
22. Urban Development, Housing and Resettlement
23. Government Assets
24. Agricultural and Fisheries

Other subjects as may be necessary from time to time shall be added to the listing of subjects under this article as the need may arise.

ARTICLE 4. INDEXING SYSTEM.

The Sangguniang Panlungsod Administrative Staff shall provide a system of indexing for said ordinances, with a corresponding locating or "finder" system, arranged in the following manner:

1. chronological
2. alphabetical (according to individual ordinances, and not as codified)
3. topical (as codified)

ARTICLE 5. CODIFICATION COMMITTEE.

In order to ensure the pursuit of the objectives, intents, and purposes of this ordinance as above stated, there is hereby created a Codification Committee, as follows:

Chairman: The Presiding Officer (Vice Mayor) of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, or his authorized representative.

Vice Chairman: The SP Secretary

Members: SP Legislative Staff Officer III
Chief, SP Records Division
and such other members as the Presiding Officer may appoint to assist the undertaking.

ARTICLE 6. LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SYSTEM (LTS)

Sec. 1. "Legislative tracking system", as defined by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) under its Local Productivity and Performance Measurement System (LPPMS), refers to the process of monitoring the implementation or enforcement of an ordinance or resolution to determine its effectiveness or non-effectiveness.

Sec. 1. **Legislative Backstopping Committee (LBC).** As required by the LPPMS, in order to implement the purposes of the tracking system, the Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall organize an internal committee to be called the Legislative Backstopping Committee composed of technical personnel schooled or trained in the art of legislation, policy science, and research, which committee shall be headed by the SP Secretary. It shall coordinate with the DILG for the implementation of the system. The SP Secretary shall submit the Committee's Report at least annually, on or before July 15 of every year, or whenever required or requested by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

ARTICLE 7. CODIFICATION FUND.

In order to ensure the pursuit of the objective, intents, and purposes of this ordinance, there is hereby set aside from the general funds of the City the initial amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P500,000.00), which shall be devoted to the following and allied purposes:

- a. computerization of all ordinances, with program for finding, tracking, and copying;
- b. production of hard copies of said ordinances
- c. publications consistent with the purpose of this ordinance
- d. trainings and seminars of SP staff for the codification work.

ARTICLE 8. INITIAL AND SUCCESSIVE IMPLEMENTATIONS.

Within one year from effectivity of this ordinance, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall produce the first codifications of the pertinent ordinances according to the subjects mentioned herein. Said codified ordinances shall be produced in hard copies or book-bound copies, made available to the public for photocopying, reproduction, or purchase upon payment of the prescribed fees.

Likewise, computer access to these ordinances shall be made available to the public.

ARTICLE 9. EFFECTIVITY

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval hereof.

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. Caña, Eimer T. Sy, 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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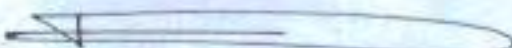
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Comments: Passed.

RAMIRO L. GARCIA, JR.
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

9/20/03

ATTESTED:


ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: October 2, 2003

LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ
City Mayor *h. 10/1/03*

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