

REPUBLIKA NG PHILIPPINES
TAMISARAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 352
December 18, 2003

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING HONORARIA TO THE BACOLOD CITY BANTAY DAGAT TASK FORCE VOLUNTEERS.

WHEREAS, Bacolod City is among the coastal cities of the Province which possesses rich and diverse coastal and aquatic resources;

WHEREAS, illegal activities such as illegal fishing, intrusion of commercial fishing vessels, dumping of toxic wastes/industrial wastes and other irresponsible acts committed by unscrupulous individuals are some of the causes which contribute to the degradation of our marine and aquatic resources;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to preserve, protect and efficiently manage these coastal and aquatic resources of the city towards ensuring adequate food security of the City's increasing populations as well as to ensure its sustainable use and development;

WHEREAS, the Bacolod City Bantay Dagat Task Force, composed of regular government employees and some volunteer personnel are always in the frontline taking the lead role in implementing and enforcing all existing fishery laws, rules and regulations relative to the preservation, conservation, maintenance and protection of our marine and aquatic resources;

WHEREAS, these volunteer personnel of the Task Force are risking their lives in the enforcement of our fishery laws, however, to date, no law and/or Ordinance is passed giving them compensation or benefits for the services rendered;

WHEREAS, in order to sustain the active participation of the Bantay Dagat Task Force, the City shall make it as a matter of policy in the years to come to hire the Bantay Dagat personnel as casual employee even on a job order basis;

WHEREAS, in recognition of their efforts and sacrifice, it is imperative that an Ordinance be passed granting honoraria to our volunteers to assist them and to at least alleviate their plight;

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

ARTICLE II

SECTION I. - TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Granting Honoraria to Bacolod City Bantay Dagat Volunteers."

SECTION II. - SCOPE AND COVERAGE - This Ordinance shall apply only to all qualified volunteers of the Bantay Dagat Task Force deputized by the City Mayor who go out of the sea to perform volunteer works in the enforcement of our fishery laws and who do not receive any compensation either from the local and/or the national government.

Deputized Bantay Dagat Volunteer who is assigned to perform clerical, administrative and/or utility works in the office shall not be entitled to receive the Honoraria herein provided.

SECTION III. - SOURCE OF FUND - Honoraria of the Bantay Dagat volunteers for the year 2004 shall be taken from the budget of the City Agricultural Office under the Budget for Food Production or any available funds from that office. In subsequent years, the amount necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the City Agriculture Office.

SECTION IV. - AMOUNT TO BE GRANTED - Every volunteer who has rendered Forty (40) hours duty per week for four (4) weeks or equivalent to One Hundred Sixty (160) hours per month shall receive an Honorarium in the amount not exceeding One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) every month. The records of attendance and/or the number of hours of duty herein required must be duly certified or attested to by the Chairman of CFARM-C and the Department Head of the City Agricultural Office.

SECTION V. - INSURANCE - To afford ample protection and sense of security in risking their lives in the performance of their duties, the City Mayor shall allocate funds for the PHILHEALTH coverage under R.A. 7875 or other insurance benefits as may be allowed by law to every Bantay Dagat volunteers deputized by the City.

SECTION VI. - LIMITATION - The Chair of the SP Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries and the CFARM-C shall recommend the Bantay Dagat volunteers to be deputized by the City Mayor which shall be limited to twenty (20) for the whole city.

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SECTION VI. - EFFECTIVITY - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors: Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Jose H. Gabuat, Lyndon P. Caña, Elmer T. Sy, Bobbie S. Lucasan, Greg G. Gasataya, Reynold I. Iledan, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Arturo V. Parreño.

Negative : None.

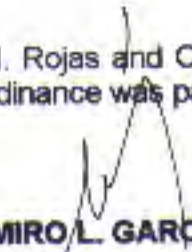
Author : Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson

Absent : Councilor Marx Louie S. de la Rosa

Passed : December 2003 (128th Regular Session)

Comments: Passed.

Councilors Archie S. Baribar, Roberto M. Rojas and Celia Matea R. Flor, were not yet around when this ordinance was passed.


RAMIRO L. GARCIA, JR.
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED: 

ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: _____, 2003

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AS OF 01/12/04

LUZVIMINDA S. VALDEZ
City Mayor

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