



Sangguniang Panlungsod
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 373
September 23, 2004

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND STRENGTHENING THE OFFICE OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS' AFFAIRS (OSCA) IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, under Section 458, Paragraph 5 of the Local Government Code of 1991, otherwise known as Republic Act 7160, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to approve ordinances, which shall ensure the efficient delivery of the basic services and facilities as provided for under Section 17 of such code,

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7432 and Republic Act 9257 provide for the establishment of the Office of the Senior Citizens' Affairs (OSCA) in the City of Bacolod;

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

TITLE

The ordinance shall be known as the "Senior Citizens' Affairs Office Ordinance of the City of Bacolod".

Section 1. Declaration of Policy

It is the declared policy of this ordinance to ensure that the City shall adopt measures, give utmost priority to the needs of the Senior Citizens, motivate and encourage them to contribute to nation building, ensure that essential goods, medicines, proper nutrition and health and other social services shall be made available to them at discounted costs and re-affirm the values of Filipino traditions of caring, loving and respect for elders.

Section 2. Definition of Terms

Office of the Senior Citizens' Affairs - is an office established in the City of Bacolod under the Office of the Mayor headed by a Senior Citizen.

Senior Citizen or Elderly - shall mean any resident or citizen of the Philippines who is at least sixty (60) years old and above.

Section 3. Establishment of OSCA

There shall be established in the City of Bacolod, an office to be known as the Office of the Senior Citizens' Affairs, as mandated by Republic Act 7432 and Republic Act 9257, the composition, function, thrust and policy of which are hereby adopted.

Section 4. Support Staff

The following positions are created as personnel complement of the said office.

4.1 Nomination of OSCA Head

The Head of the OSCA shall be nominated in the general assembly by and among the organization of the Senior Citizens in the City, which shall nominate at least, nine (9) nominees. The list of nominees shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and which in turn shall choose three (3) among the nominees to be submitted for selection by the Office of the City Mayor. The nominees however, shall the following qualifications:

- a. A Filipino citizen and resident of the City for at least one (1) year
- b. A registered voter of the City
- c. Must be able to read and write
- d. Must be physically and mentally fit
- e. A bonafide member of a duly accredited Senior Citizen's Organization with an existing membership of at least three (3) years

4.2 Selection and Appointment of OSCA Head

The OSCA Head shall then be selected and appointed by the City Mayor from the three (3) nominees submitted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

4.3 Term of Office

The OSCA Head shall have a term of Office of three (3) years without reappointment. In case of death or permanent disability, the remaining term shall be completed by the new appointee, who has undergone the selection process. The new head may be reappointed if he/she has not served one-half of the full term he/she succeeded.

4.4 Other Support Staff

- a. 1 Administrative Officer
- b. 1 Social Worker
- c. 1 Clerk
- d. 1 Driver
- e. 1 Utility Worker

Section 5. Funding

The amount needed to cover wages and other benefits as well as maintenance, and operating expenses and capital outlays shall have an initial budget in the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Pesos Only (P400,000.00) to be appropriated and incorporated in the annual budget of the City, and shall be augmented as the need may arise and subject to available funds of the City.

Section 6. Separability Clause

Any provision of this ordinance not otherwise declared invalid by competent authority shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effectivity

This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:
Councilors: Greg G. Gasataya, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Lyndon P. Caña, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Homer Q. Bais, Dindo C. Ramos, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Napoleon A. Cordova, Elmer T. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Catalino T. Alisbo, Reynold I. Medani, Arturo V. Parreño, Marx Louie S. de la Rosa.

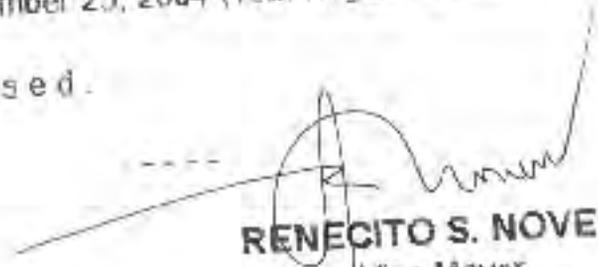
Negative : None.

Absent : None.

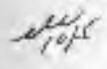
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Passed : September 23, 2004 (13th Regular Session)

Comments: Passed.


RENECITO S. NOVERO
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED.

 **ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED October, 2004.

**10 DAYS LAPSED
AS OF 10/16/04**

EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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