



CITY ORDINANCE NO. 426

January 11, 2007

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING BACOLAODIAT FESTIVAL AS AN OFFICIAL FESTIVAL OF BACOLOD CITY.

WHEREAS, amid the rise and fall of the Philippine economy through these years, the Chinese and Filipino-Chinese Nationals stayed with the Filipinos and acted as partners in facing the crisis, being among those who survived the test of times.

WHEREAS, such community of Chinese and Filipino-Chinese Nationals brought in the culture and practices of their native land which, being accepted by Filipinos, had unconsciously been incorporated and now become part of its culture.

WHEREAS, the City of Bacolod recognizes and honors the contribution of the Chinese and Filipino-Chinese community to the survival of the local economy and the richness of its unique cultural practices in an aim to strengthen the tie between the local government and the Chinese and Filipino-Chinese community and improve its working relationship in business and other undertakings, hence does hereby establish and declare the week prior to its celebration of the Chinese New Year a festival week to highlight one of its known and accustomed traditions.

WHEREFORE, let it be ordained, as it is hereby ordained, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City in session assembled:

ARTICLE 1. STATEMENT OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES

Section 1 The Bacolaodiat Festival shall be celebrated every year, during the Chinese Spring Festival Period; hence, there will be no specific month, week and day on which to hold the event.

Section 2 It shall be one of the public events in the City of Bacolod that will embody the character and identity of the Chinese and Filipino-Chinese Nationals in the locale; by depicting the manner they meet the coming year according to the Chinese calendar, which is part of its tradition. It shall be a festivity of commemoration on the ingenuity of the Chinese and Filipino-Chinese Nationals in generating trade and free enterprise as it leads through the business industry.

Section 3 The City introduces and employs the principle and procedure on maximum and optimal participation by the public, private and business sectors to ensure effective, diverse and inventive organization of the weeklong festivity with due observance of transparency and accountability.



Section 4. The City together with the Negros Tsinoys, a federation of Chinese and Filipino-Chinese Organizations, takes on the policy of utmost and optimum variety on activities that will cover the festival celebration which will comprise but not limited to cultural and arts competitions so as to promote the history, culture, and the visual and performing arts of Bacolod City as well.

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. The following terms shall be defined purposively as used in this Ordinance:

1. **Bacolaodial** - is a Chinese terminology, which means the City of Bacolod being in the state of merriment and so in festive celebration.
2. **Chinese New Year** - refers to the festive and grand manner of approaching the coming year according to the Chinese calendar, customs, traditions and beliefs of the Chinese by the Filipino-Chinese Community situated in the City

ARTICLE 3. MANAGEMENT OF THE FESTIVITY

Section 1. The Bacolaodial Festival shall primarily be an activity of the City which management will be handled by the Negros Tsinoys

Section 2. Organizers and/or personnel in the Management of the Festival are encouraged to come up with a team that shall oversee and supervise the publicity and promotion of the event which tasks primarily includes the acquisition of sponsors therefor

ARTICLE 4. FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval as provided for by law.

Section 2. In any case that a provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by the authority null and void or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions thereof shall continue to be in force and effect.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:	
Councillors:	Greg G. Gasalaya, Lyndon P. Caña, Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Honier Q. Bais, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Napoleon A. Cordova, Catalino T. Misbo, Reynold I. Iledan, Marx Louie S. de la Rosa
Negative:	None
Absent:	None
Official Leave:	Councilor Arturo V. Parraño.



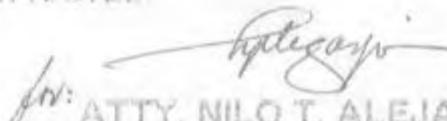
Author : Councilor Homer Q. Bais.

Passed : January 11, 2007 (132nd Regular Session).

Comments: Passed.
Vice Mayor Renecito S. Novero, Councilors Dindo C. Ramos, Elmer T. Sy and Al Victor A. Espino were not around when this ordinance was passed.


ANA MARIE V. PALERMO
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


for: ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED, January 5, 2007
January 5, 2007.


EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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