

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 434  
March 22, 2007

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BACOLOD CITY SENIOR CITIZENS' COUNCIL PROVIDING ITS COMPOSITION DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

**WHEREAS**, the promotion of social justice in all phases of national development is a State policy (Sec. 10, Art. II, 1987 Constitution);

**WHEREAS**, the family has the duty to take care for its elderly members but the State may also do so through just programs of social security (Sec. 4, art. XV, 1987 Constitution);

**WHEREAS**, the constitution further provides that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children (Sec. 11, Art. XIII, 1987 Constitution);


**WHEREAS**, in pursuance to the said constitutional policies, the Philippine Congress enacted R. A. 9257, an act granting additional benefits and privileges to Senior Citizen amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7432, otherwise known as "an act to maximize the contribution of Senior Citizens to nation building, grant benefits and special privileges and for other purpose";

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code mandates that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall approve ordinances that shall, among others, establish a City Council for elderly which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community; provide incentives for non-governmental agencies and entities and, subject to availability of funds, to appropriate funds to support programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly (xvii, 5 Sec. 458, R. A. 7160);

**WHEREAS**, the participation and inputs of the Senior Citizens themselves, as to formulation of policies and designing of measures to adopt, would be very rich source of ideas, to both legislative and executive arm of the city government, in advancing the welfare of the elderly

**NOW, THEREFORE**, foregoing premises considered, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in regular session assembled, hereby ordains that

**Section 1. Title** - This Ordinance shall be known as the Bacolod City Senior Citizens' Council (BCSCC).



**Section 2. Declaration of Policies and Objectives** - Pursuant to Article XV, Section 4 of the Constitution, the family has the duty to take care for its elderly members while the State may design programs of social security for them. In addition to this, Article II, Section 10, in the Declaration of Principles and State Policies provides: "The State shall promote social justice in all phases of national development". Further, Article XIII, Section 11 provides: "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women and children".

- a) To motivate and encourage the senior citizens to contribute to nation building;
- b) To encourage their families and the communities they live with to reaffirm the valued Filipino traditions of caring for the senior citizens;
- c) To give full support to the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in society considering that senior citizens are integral part of Philippine society;
- d) To recognize the rights of senior citizens to take their proper place in society. This must be the concern of the family, community, and government;
- e) To provide a comprehensive health care and rehabilitation system for disabled senior citizens to foster their capacity to attain a more meaningful and productive ageing.

In accordance with these policies, the Ordinance aims to:

- f) Establish mechanisms whereby the contributions of the senior citizens are maximized;
- g) Adopt measures whereby our senior citizens are assisted and appreciated by the community as a whole;
- h) Establish a program beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the rest of the community that they serve; and
- i) Establish community-based health and rehabilitation programs in every political unit of society.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms**

**Elderly or Senior Citizen** -shall mean any resident of Bacolod City at least 60 years old and above.

**OSCA** - an office establish in Bacolod City as mandated by R. A. 7432 as amended by R. A. 9257, to be headed by a senior citizen who shall be appointed by the City Mayor.

- FSCAB** - is an independent private and non-profit organization involved in promoting the welfare of various senior citizens or elderly associations in Bacolod City.
- Benefactor** - refers to any person whether related to the senior citizen or not who takes care of him/her as a dependent.
- Head of the Family** - shall mean any person so defined in the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

**Section 4. Coverage** - The Bacolod City Senior Citizens' Council (BCSCC) shall cover all Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and People Organizations (POs) within the political and administrative jurisdiction of Bacolod City.

**Section 5 - Convening of Council Members** - The City Mayor shall convene the Bacolod City Senior Citizens' Council (BCSCC) within 60 days after the enactment of this Ordinance.

**Section 6. Terms of Council Members** - The members of the Council and a regular Secretary shall be appointed by the City Mayor. They shall hold office for a term of one (1) year, unless sooner removed by the City Mayor for any cause subject to the approval of the members.

**Section 7. Meetings of Council** - The Council shall regularly meet once (1) a month or conduct a special meeting whenever necessary. Each member shall designate a permanent representative who, in case of their absence, will represent them during meetings. The presence of six (6) members or their official representatives shall constitute a quorum.

For the performance of their functions and duties, including their attendance in meetings, the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, Action Officer and members, or their official representatives, shall be entitled to an honorarium of THREE HUNDRED (P300.00) PESOS per meeting but not to exceed ONE THOUSAND (P1,000.00) PESOS in a given month. The regular Secretary shall also be entitled to the same honorarium.

**Section 8. Qualification and Recognition of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs); Appointment of their respective Representatives as Members of the Council** - Only the City Mayor is empowered and authorized, based upon the recommendations of the permanent members from the government sector, to determine the NGOs that shall compose the membership enumerated in Section 10, Paragraph (1). The City Mayor shall primarily consider in selecting the aforementioned NGOs, contributions and involvement in elderly programs. In order to be recognized by the City they shall be registered.

**Section 9. Handling of Complaints** - The Bacolod City Senior Citizens' Council shall deliberate and conduct a complete review of OSCA investigations of (every) complaint filed against the establishment/s and may render a final decision on the case within five (5) working days or may recommend, as its direction, to the OSCA as an amicable settlement.

**Section 10. Composition of the Senior Citizens' Council of Bacolod City**

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| a) Chairperson    | - City Mayor  |
| b) Co-Chairperson | - Chairman - SP Committee on Senior Citizens  |
| c) Action Officer | - Head - Dept. of Social Services and Development   |
| d) Member         | - Chairman - Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA)   |
| e) Member         | - President - Federation of Senior Citizens Association of Bacolod City (FSCAB)   |
| f) Member         | - City Treasurer (CTO)  |
| g) Member         | - City Budget Officer (CBO)   |
| h) Member         | - Head - Dept. of Interior and Local Government (DILG)  |
| i) Member         | - Head - City Health Office (CHO)   |
| j) Member         | - Head - City Legal Office (CLO)  |
| k) Member         | - Head - Commission on Human Rights   |
| l) Member         | - One Representative each from two (2) accredited Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) actively involved in programs for the elderly |

**Section 11. Powers and Functions** - To attain the objectives of this Ordinance, the council shall exercise the following powers and functions:

- a) establish mechanisms for the monitoring of programs established for the elderly and recommend to the Sanggunian appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the same;
- b) coordinate with the appropriate agencies, in both government and private sectors, in order to synchronize programs and resources directed for the welfare of the elderly;
- c) formulate mechanisms and strategies that will encourage participation from the elderly in community-based and government-initiated programs;
- d) coordinate with the appropriate agencies for the adoption of policies and measures protecting the rights of the elderly;
- e) establish programs and mechanisms that will provide the Senior Citizens accessible channel to air their problems and grievances;
- f) spearhead, in coordination with Association of Barangay Captains, the establishment of Senior Citizens' Council in every barangays;



g) coordinate closely with the Office of the Senior Citizens' Affairs in the delivery of services to the senior citizens.

**Section 12. Funds** - Upon the effectivity of this Ordinance, subject to availability of funds, an initial amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P200,000.00) shall be appropriated for the creation of the Bacolod City Senior Citizens' Council.

**Section 13. Repealing Clause** - All City Ordinances, or part or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 14. Separability Clause** - If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 15. Effectivity** - This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (days) after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF

Affirmative:

Councilors: Greg G. Gasataya, Lyndon P. Caña, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Napoleon A. Cordova, Elmer T. Sy, Catalino T. Alisbo, Reynold I. Iledan, Arturo V. Parreño.

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

Author : Councilor Catalino T. Alisbo.

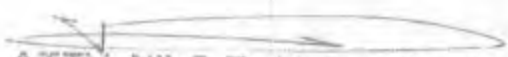
Passed : March 22, 2007 (142nd Regular Session).

Comments: Passed.

Vice Mayor Renecito S. Novero, Councilors Jocelle Batapag-Sigue, Homer Q. Bais, Dindo C. Ramos, Al Victor A. Espino and Marx Louie S. de la Rosa were not around when this ordinance was passed.

  
**ANA MARIE V. PALERMO**  
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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

APPROVED May 2007

**EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**  
City Mayor

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May 2, 2007  
Date

The Honorable City Mayor  
Bacolod City

Dear Sir:

We have the honor to submit/furnish herewith copy(ies) of CITY ORDINANCE No. (s)  
434 (for approval)

Series of 2007, passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod which is/are self-explanatory.

Please acknowledge receipt hereof.

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Very truly yours,

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

**RECENITA G. LOGRUNIO**  
Legislative Staff Officer III