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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
Lungsod Ng Bacolod  
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 463  
May 14, 2008

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BACOLOD CITY LOCAL LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL IN RESPONSE TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 324, MANDATING ALL CONCERNED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL (LCC) BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION AS FRAMEWORK OR GUIDELINE IN DEVELOPING POLICIES AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS RELATED TO LITERACY.

**WHEREAS**, Section 1., Article XIV, of the Philippine Constitution, provides that "The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";


**WHEREAS**, the State is also mandated to encourage non-formal, informal and indigenous learning systems, as well as self-learning, independent, and out-of-school study programs particularly those that respond to community needs;

**WHEREAS**, under the United Nations Resolution No. 56/116 (General Assembly), UN member countries reaffirms the Dakar Framework for Action adopted at the World Education Forum, last 26-28 April 2000, in which it made a commitment to achieve fifty percent (50%) improvement in level of adults literacy by 2015;

**WHEREAS**, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2007-155 has encourage all Local Government Units to organize/strengthen their Local Literacy Coordinating Councils/Literacy Implementing Units in line with the National Government efforts in eradicating illiteracy in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant with the National Government efforts of universalization of literacy for the entire country, the City must take an active role in the implementation of plans and programs, as well as with the delivery of literacy services;

**WHEREAS**, the establishing of a Local Literacy Coordinating Council is the City's initial response to Administrative Order No. 324 which mandates to all local government units to adopt the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) Blueprint for Action as framework or guideline in developing policies and implementing programs or projects related to literacy;




**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY,** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in session assembled, that:

**Section 1. Title** – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Bacolod City Local Literacy Coordinating Council Ordinance”.

**Section 2. Definition of terms** – for purposes of this ordinance the following words shall be defined as follows:

- a) Liga ng mga Barangay;
- b) CHO – City Health Office;
- c) Community-based Literacy Program – is one in which most of the initiative and most of the decision-making responsibility for the program resides at the community level;
- d) Council – Bacolod City Local Literacy Coordinating Council (BCLLCC);
- e) CPDO – City Planning and Development Office;
- f) DSSD – Department of Social Services and Development;
- g) DepEd – Department of Education;
- h) LCC – Literacy Coordinating Council;
- i) Literacy – is the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate and compute, using printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning to enable an individual to achieve his or her goals, to develop his or her knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in the wider society;
- j) PESO – Public Employment and Services Office.


**Section 3. Statement of Policy** – it is the declared policy of the state and shall also be the policy of the City that:

- a.) To give the highest priority to the adoption of measures for the total eradication of illiteracy;
  - b.) All program development efforts for literacy must be community-based;
  - c.) Convergence of services must be ensured to unify all efforts towards one common goal – literacy;
  - d.) Maximum utilization of all existing as well as incoming resources must be used maximally;
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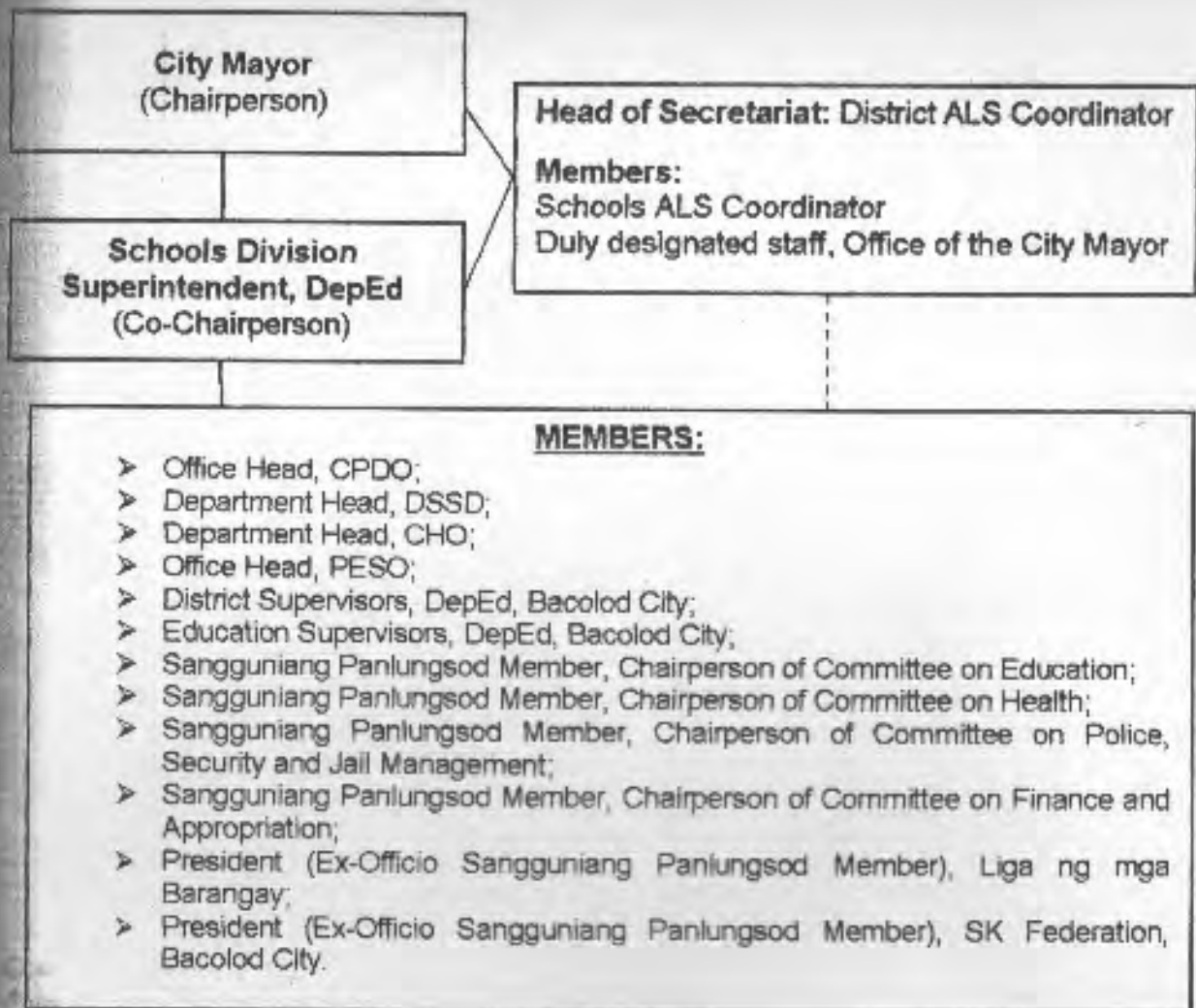
- e.) Direct access and coordination between the Literacy Coordinating Council (National) and Bacolod City Local Literacy Coordinating Council with technical assistance from other Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations at the community level;
- f.) Intensification of advocacy and social mobilization in all literacy efforts. Emphasis must be on partnership and coordination of all stakeholders of literacy;
- g.) Harnessing of mass media to take a major role in generating public awareness, sensitivity and participation in all literacy efforts;
- h.) Strengthening of linkages and coordination between and among Department of Education (DepEd), the home, community, Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), and other Local Government Units;
- i.) Planning, implementation and evaluation of literacy programs using the central-based to community-based literacy development process;
- j.) Integration of literacy in all on-going community-based development programs;
- k.) Strengthen the consultative/participatory/democratic process. Consultation with and participation of clientele shall be a major feature of literacy. All efforts shall be based on the vision, needs, interests and aspirations of the illiterate/neoliterate adult or out-of-school-youth;
- l.) Priority attention shall be given to marginalized sectors of society such as the cultural communities, women/girls who were unable to attend or pursue schooling, differently-abled persons, and those who are subjected to different forms of abuses, the rural/urban poor, street children and child workers;
- m.) Participation of clientele in literacy activities in their place of work;
- n.) Utilization of volunteers such as retirees, youth, community workers, Barangay health workers and institution scholars in literacy work. Mobile teachers/tutors/itinerant special education teachers, should also be involved in literacy work;
- o.) Convening of regular community assemblies as a means for identifying and addressing issues and problems encountered in implementing literacy programs;
- p.) Encourage the barangays in the City to establish physical facilities needed for literacy program.

**Section 4. Organization and structure** – there shall be established a Bacolod City Local Literacy Coordinating Council which shall be the Literacy Implementing Unit (LIU) of Bacolod City pursuant to Republic Act No. 7165, and shall be composed as follows:



- a.) Chairperson – The City Mayor;
  - b.) Co-Chairperson – DepEd Schools Division Superintendent in Bacolod City;
  - c.) Members:
    - c.1) Office Head, City Planning and Development Office (CPDO);
    - c.2) Department Head, Department of Social Services and Development (DSSD);
    - c.3) Department Head, City Health Office (CHO);
    - c.4) Office Head, Public Employment and Service Office;
    - c.5) District Supervisors, Department of Education, Bacolod City;
    - c.6) Education Supervisors, Department of Education, Bacolod City;
    - c.7) Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Chairperson of Committee on Education;
    - c.8) Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Chairperson of Committee on Health;
    - c.9) Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Chairperson of Committee on Police, Security and Jail Management;
    - c.10) Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Chairperson of Committee on Finance and Appropriation;
    - c.11) President (Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlungsod Member), Liga ng mga Barangay;
    - c.12) President (Ex-Officio Sangguniang Panlungsod Member), SK Federation, Bacolod City.
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## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



### **Section 5. Duties and Function – Bacolod City Local Literacy Coordinating Council shall have the following duties and functions:**

- a) Shall conduct research, planning, management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, advocacy and social mobilization, resource generation and institutionalization of city-initiated programs and projects;
- b) Provide technical advice and guidance to barangays that seek assistance on planning and implementation of programs and projects at the Barangay level, specifically: research and development, project identification, proposal preparation, management, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, advocacy and social mobilization, networking and resource generation;




- c) Conduct review and assessment of progress of programs and projects being implemented on a city-wide level as well as barangay-based programs and projects;
- d) Generation and synthesis of feedback, insights and lessons learned from city-based programs and projects as inputs to provincial/regional/national policy directions and strategy formulation;
- e) Resource generation, fund sourcing and facilities acquisition for city programs and projects;
- f) Planning and actual conduct of appropriate advocacy and social mobilization, networking and linkaging to ensure awareness, acceptance and support by various publics and targets of the programs and projects;
- g) Development of city database on literacy and continuing education;
- h) Shall formulate the necessary policies, implementing rules, regulations and guidelines responsive to literacy and continuing education development
- i) Organize and constitute various standing committees, subsidiary groups or technical working groups for efficient implementation and monitoring of the program; and
- j) Perform such other duties and functions as mandated under this ordinance.

**Section 6. Meetings and Quorum** – The Bacolod City Local Literacy Coordinating Council shall hold its regular meeting at least once a month on a date to be fixed by it, or as often as may be necessary. The Chairperson shall call for the meeting, and majority of all its members shall constitute a quorum. All decisions of the Committee shall have the concurrence of the majority of the members present in the meeting.

**Section 7. Compensation** – The members of the Bacolod City Local Literacy Coordinating Council shall receive no compensation other than that actual and necessary expenses incurred in their attendance in the meetings of the Council in the performance of other official business authorized by the Council as a whole.

**Section 8. Secretariat** – there shall be created a secretariat under the Bacolod City Literacy Coordinating Council, which shall be composed of Schools ALS Coordinator and duly designated staff from the Office of the City Mayor, and Headed by District ALS Coordinator.

**Section 9. Repealing Clause** – All ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are deemed repealed and modified accordingly.



**Section 10. Separability Clause** – The Provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separate and in the event that any or more such provisions are held unconstitutional or invalid, they shall not affect the validity of other provisions.

**Section 11. Effectivity Clause** – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

**Affirmative:**

**Councilors:** Greg G. Gasataya, Homer Q. Bais, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Napoleon A. Cordova, Celia Matea R. Flor, Reynold I. Iledan.

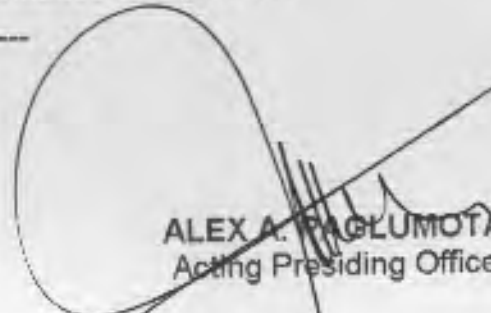
**Negative :** N o n e.

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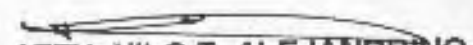
**Passed :** May 14, 2008 (46<sup>th</sup> Regular Session)

**Comment :** Passed.

**Councilors:** Jocelle Batapa-Sigue, Dindo C. Ramos, Roberto M. Rojas and Kevin Daniel L. Ramos were not yet around when this ordinance was passed.

  
**ALEX A. PAGLUMOTAN**  
Acting Presiding Officer

**ATTESTED:**

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

**APPROVED:** June 3, 2008

  
**EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**  
City Mayor

NTA/HPL/rgt/SJ

