

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 464

May 21, 2008

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTION 2.2 OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ENTERED BY THE LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES WITH PHILHEALTH INSURANCE CORPORATION RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF A "CERTIFICATE OF GOOD PAYMENT STANDING" AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF BUSINESS PERMITS OR BUSINESS LICENSE IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD.

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares 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 people at affordable cost. Priority given to the needs of under privileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children shall be given full recognition. Likewise, it shall be the policy of the state to provide free medical care to paupers.

WHEREAS, to implement the aforementioned constitutional provision, the Philippine Congress enacted Republic Act No. 7875, an act instituting a National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) and establishing the Philippine Health Insurance (Philhealth) for the purpose;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding among the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation and Department of Interior and Local Government, was entered into among, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines, League of Cities of the Philippines, League of Municipalities of the Philippines and the Liga ng mga Barangay, dated last 22nd day of October 2001 in Quezon City, implementing Section 2.2 of the said Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);

WHEREAS, Section 2.2. of the Memorandum of Understanding, states "It shall enjoin Local Government Units, to adopt, a business license or permit renewal requirement, the Certificate of Good Payment standing from Phil Health;

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Good Payment standing shall be issued upon the request of the employer - registered with Philhealth without any cost when they secure the renewal of their business licenses or permits;

WHEREAS, the issuance of Certificate of Good Payment Standing shall commence every 4th quarter (October - December) of each year in order to give employees more time to prepare the necessary documents in securing or renewing their business license or permits;

WHEREAS, for employers, issue of Certificate of Good Payment Standing, must have a complete remittances within one (1) fiscal year coverage. Arrears incurred prior to the availability of the said Certificate shall be treated and deal separately, in accordance with the provisions of PhilHealth Circular No. 55, Series of 2002 on settlement of arrears by delinquent, under remitting and non remitting employees;

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Good Payment Standing shall be issued immediately to the requesting employer with complete payment and remittance report for the fiscal year. Otherwise, processing should not be more than five (5) working days from the date of request authorized signatories of the Certificate shall be the AVP/Branch Manager or his/her duly authorized representative.

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

Section I. – RATIONALE

In view of the continuing efforts towards the attainment of universal coverage of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) and pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into among the Local Government Leagues of Governors, Municipal and City Mayors, and Barangay Officials, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and PhilHealth, a Certificate of Good Payment Standing from PhilHealth shall be issued as a requirement for the renewal of Business Permit/License to Operate.

Section II. – COVERAGE

This ordinance covers all business establishment or corporation operating and doing business in the City of Bacolod, duly registered and accredited member of the Philippine Health Insurance (PhilHealth).

Section III. – DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Office Order, the following terms are hereby defined:

1. **Employer** – refers to a natural or juridical person who employs the services of an employee.
2. **Good Payment Standing** – refers to the status of an employer who deducts accurate contribution from all the employee's compensation and remits the complete employer's and employees' contributions on a monthly basis supported by an employers Quarterly Remittance Reports (RF-1) submitted within the prescribed period by the Corporation. This status may also be conferred to employers/ members who have settled their arrears.

Section IV. - ISSUANCE OF BUSINESS PERMIT

The employers or applicants will only be given business permit or license when they have been issued a Certificate of Good Payment Standing by the PhilHealth and presented to License Division.

Section V. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

The provision of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separate and in the event any or more such provisions are held unconstitutional they shall not affect the validity of other provisions.

Section VI. - EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval in accordance with law.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors

Greg G. Gasataya, Jocelle Babana-Sigue, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Dindo C. Ramos, Al Victor A. Espino, Napoleon A. Cordova, Catalino T. Alisbo, Roberto M. Rojas, Alex A. Paglumotan, Reynold I. Bedan, Diosdado A. Valenzuela, Kevin Daniel L. Ramos.

Negative :

N o n e .

Absent :

N o n e .

Main Author :

Councilor Catalino T. Alisbo.

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Councilor Dindo C. Ramos.


Passed :

May 21, 2008 (47th Regular Session).

Comments:

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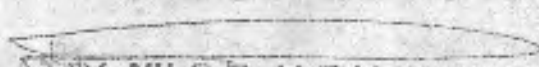
Councilors Homer Q. Bais and Celia Mates R. Flor were not yet around when this ordinance was passed.


JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON

Vice Mayor

Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO

Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

May, 2008

EVELIO R. LEONARDIA

City Mayor

NTA/HPLU/jbz

10 DAYS LAPSED
AS OF June 6, 2008