

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**

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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 599**

**July 25, 2012**


**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL AMUSEMENT AND/OR GAMING ESTABLISHMENTS TO OBTAIN A RESOLUTION OF NO OBJECTION (RONO) FROM THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BACOLOD BEFORE ITS OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BACOLOD CITY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ITS VIOLATION AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 10 of RA 9487 (Revised PAGCOR Charter) provides "Nature and term of Franchise. – Subject to the terms and conditions established in this Degree, the Corporation is hereby granted from the expiration of its original term on July 11, 2008, another twenty-five (25) years, the rights, privileges and authority to operate and license gambling casinos, gaming clubs and other similar recreation or amusement places, gaming pools, i.e. clubs basketball, football, bingo, etc. except jai-alai, whether on land or sea, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Republic of the Philippines: provided, that the corporation shall obtain the consent of the local government unit that has territorial jurisdiction over the area chosen as the site for any of its operations;

"The operation of slot machines and the other gambling paraphernalia and equipment, shall not be allowed in establishments open or accessible to the general public unless the site of these operations are three-star hotels and resorts accredited by the Department of Tourism authorized by the corporation and by the local government unit concerned.

"The authority and power of the PAGCOR to authorize, license and regulate games of chance, games of cards and games of numbers shall not extend to: (1) games of chance authorized, licensed and regulated or to be authorized, licensed and regulated by in; and under existing franchises or numbers other regulatory bodies; (2) games of chance, game of cards and games of numbers authorized, licensed, regulated by, in, and special laws such as Republic Act No. 7922; and (3) games of chance, game of cards and games of numbers like cockfighting, authorized, licensed and regulated by the Local Government Units. The conduct of such games of chance, games of cards and games of numbers covered by existing franchises, regulatory bodies or special laws to the extent of the jurisdiction and powers granted under such franchises and special laws, shall to the extent of the jurisdiction and powers granted under such franchises and special laws, shall be outside the licensing authority and regulatory powers of the PAGCOR.

**WHEREAS**, several amusement and/or gaming establishments have been in operation in Bacolod City without the required consent of the Local Government Units (LGU) under Section 10 of RA 9487;





**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to regulate the operation of these amusement and/or gaming establishments to observe the letter and spirit of RA 9487;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BACOLOD CITY**

**Section 1. Title:** This ordinance shall be known as the "The Resolution of No Objection (RONO)" Ordinance.

**Section 2. Coverage:** All amusements and/or gaming establishments in Bacolod City shall be required to obtain a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) from the Sangguniang Panlungsod before filing of its application for and issuance of a business permit.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms:** a) Amusement and/or gaming establishments refer to establishments engaged in operating gambling casinos, gaming clubs, gaming pools and other similar activities including, but not limited to games of chance, games of cards and games of numbers and electronic games or E-games.

**Section 4. Time frame:** All Amusements and/or gaming establishments, operating before the enactment of this Ordinance, without a Resolution of No Objection (RONO) shall be given a period of ninety (90) days within which to secure the same.


Establishments under the Section shall be allowed to operate pending application for the issuance of a RONO. In the event that it fails to obtain the required RONO within ninety (90) days, the establishment shall without further demand, cease its operations.

**Section 5. Validity:** The RONO shall be valid for two (2) year<sup>(s)</sup>. All amusements and/or gaming establishments seeking to continue operations beyond the validity of RONO shall apply for the renewal of the same within ninety (90) days prior to its expiration.

**Section 6. Penalty:** Any person natural or juridical, found in violation of this Ordinance shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of six (6) months or fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or both, at the discretion of the court, this aside from the immediate revocation and/or cancellation of the business permit, permit to operate, franchise or other similar privileges earlier granted.

If the offender is a juridical entity, the manager or president or Chairman of the Board of Directors or managing partner or its equivalent shall suffer the penalties provided.

**Section 7. Repeal:** All ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.





**Section 8. Separability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 9.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative:

Councilors : El Cid M. Familiaran, Homer Q. Bais, Archie S. Baribar, Roberto M. Rojas, Catalino T. Alisbo, Em L. Ang, Dindo C. Ramos, Sonya M. Verdeflor, Al Victor A. Espino, Caesar Z. Distrito, Mona Dia G. Jardin.

Negative : None.

Absent : None.

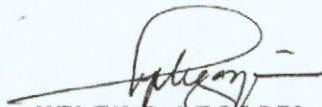
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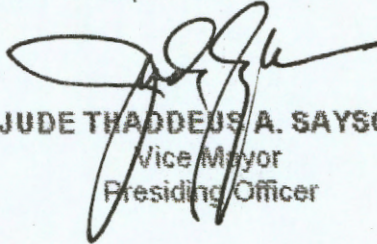
Main Author : Councilor Archie S. Baribar.

Passed : July 25, 2012 (108<sup>th</sup> Regular Session).

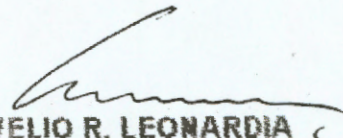
Comments: Passed.  
Councilors Elmer T. Sy and Carlos Jose V. Lopez were not around when this ordinance was passed.

ATTESTED:

  
**HELEN P. LEGASPI**  
Board Secretary IV  
OIC, Secretary to the Sanggunian

  
**JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: August 14, 2012.

  
**EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**  
City Mayor

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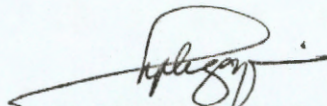
### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **City Ordinance No. 599**, Series of 2012, passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on July 25, 2012, entitled:

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was published in the August 24, 2012 issue of Sun-Star Bacolod and was likewise posted in the bulletin board of the Sangguniang Panlungsod at the New Government Center as required in the said City Ordinance and is now therefore legally in effect.

Bacolod City, Philippines, September 10, 2012.

  
**HELEN P. LEGASPI**  
Board Secretary IV  
OIC, Secretary to the Sanggunian

