

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1000
JUNE 15, 2022**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE SECOND TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR AS SAFER INTERNET DAY FOR CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, under Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7610, as amended, known as the "Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act", and R.A. 9775, known as the "Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009", the State guarantees to provide special protection to children from all forms of abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation and discrimination, and other conditions prejudicial to their development, including child labor, child prostitution and child pornography, as well as, complies with international treaties to which the Philippines is a signatory or a state party concerning the rights of children;

WHEREAS, R.A. 9775 also created the Inter-Agency Council Against Child Pornography (IACACP) which serves as a policy-making, coordinating and monitoring body on all issues and matters relative to the elimination of child pornography in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, R.A. 10175, known as "Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012", addresses crimes committed against and through computer data and systems particularly those on child pornography;

WHEREAS, R.A. 10627, known as the "Anti-Bullying Act of 2013", penalizes, among others, cyber-bullying or any bullying done through the use of technology or any electronic means;

WHEREAS, the "Safer Internet Day", which is celebrated annually as a call to action to promote better and safer internet use for everyone, was first introduced in 2004 in various countries in Europe and is currently being observed by more than 100 countries in the world to raise awareness on online issues faced by children;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 417, entitled "Declaring The Second Tuesday of February of Every Year As Safer Internet Day For Children Philippines" was issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on February 5, 2018, upon the endorsement of said IACACP;

WHEREAS, there is a need to observe a Safer Internet Day for Children in Bacolod City, in order to promote public awareness and strengthen efforts to provide a safer internet use and environment for children; and focus on issues and matters to prevent child pornography, cyber-bullying and any other act or acts that may be committed through the use of the computer, internet of things, internet technology or any other electronic means which are prejudicial or detrimental to the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of children.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod assembled that:

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SECTION 1. Celebration of Safer Internet Day For Children Every Second Tuesday of February of Each Year.

A "Safer Internet Day For Children" shall be celebrated in Bacolod City every second Tuesday of February of each year pursuant to Proclamation No. 417, issued on February 5, 2018.

SECTION 2. Purpose and Objectives.

The City of Bacolod and its officials, thru the celebration or observance of the "Safer Internet Day for Children", desire to promote public awareness and strengthen community efforts to provide a safer internet use and environment for children; focus and address issues and matters to prevent child pornography, cyber-bullying and any other act or acts that may be committed through the use of the computer, internet of things, or any and all other devices and equipments connected through the internet or using internet technology, and any other electronic means which are prejudicial or detrimental to the physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being of children.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms:

1. Internet - The internet is a global wide area network that connects computer systems across the world. It includes several high-bandwidth data lines that comprise the internet "backbone". These lines are connected to major internet hubs that distribute data to other locations, such as web servers and ISPs. (from Techterm.com)

The internet provides different online services, such as but not limited to:

- a. Web - a collection of billions of web pages that a person can view with a web browser;
- b. Email - the most common method of sending and receiving messages online;
- c. Social Media - websites and apps that allow people to share comments, photos, and videos;
- d. Online Gaming - games that allow people to play with and against each other over the internet
- e. Software updates - operating system and application updates typically downloaded from the internet

2. Internet of Things - the internet of things describes physical objects with sensors, processing ability, software, and other technologies that connect and exchange data with other devices and systems over the internet or other communications networks. (Wikipedia)

SECTION 4. Relevant Laws As Reference.

Relevant provisions of the following laws, to wit: a) Republic Act No. 7610, as amended, known as the Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act; b) Republic Act No. 9775, known as the Anti Child Pornography Act of 2009; c) Republic Act No. 10175, known as Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012; and d) Republic Act 10627, known as the "Anti-Bullying Act of 2013, shall serve as references in the effective implementation of this Ordinance or its purpose of providing a safer internet use and environment for the children of Bacolod City.

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SECTION 5. Role and Function of the Local Council for the Protection of Children.

a. The City's Local Council for the Protection of Children (LCPC) shall spearhead the annual observance of the "Safer Internet Day for Children" keeping in mind the aforementioned purposes and objectives. It shall also support, cooperate and coordinate with the Inter-Agency Council Against Child Pornography (IACACP) regarding related national programs, projects and activities that need local implementation.

b. The LCPC may coordinate with the Department of Education-Bacolod City, regarding its Cybersafety in Schools program and activities pursuant to Dep-Ed Memorandum No. 94, s. 2016 on "Promotion of Online Child Protection and Prevention of Cyberbullying, so as to focus on the Program's gains or promote awareness of said Program during the annual Safer Internet Day for Children celebration.

c. The LCPC may likewise invite other National Agencies, Non-Government Organizations who are non-members thereof to assist in the planning, identification and implementation of the programs, projects or activities for this yearly celebration.

SECTION 6. Budget

There shall be appropriated annually and each year an amount of at least Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000) for the celebration of "Safer Internet Day for Children", which shall be taken from the Annual or Supplemental Budgets or from the 20% Development Fund.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause

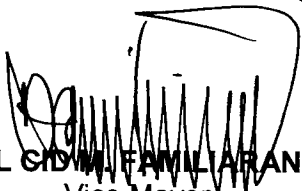
All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval thereof.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:


- Affirmative :
- Councilors : Cindy T. Rojas, Renecito S. Novero, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Al Victor A. Espino, Archie S. Baribar, Israel P. Salanga, Dindo C. Ramos, Bartolome N. Orola, Sr., Ana Marie V. Palermo, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.
- Negative : N o n e.
- Absent : N o n e.
- Official Leave : Councilor Carlos Jose V. Lopez
- Author : Councilor Ana Marie V. Palermo
- Passed : June 15, 2022 (154th Regular Session of the 10th Council)
- Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr. was not around when this ordinance was passed.

Handwritten signatures and initials:
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EL SID M. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer


ATTESTED:



ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

JUNE 24, 2022



EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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SP LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES SECTION

DATE: 6/24/2022 TIME: 9:05 AM

