

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

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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1004  
August 17, 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE ASSIGNING PERMANENT GUARDS IN ALL PUBLIC PARKS IN  
BACOLOD CITY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides, "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with rhythm and harmony of nature.";

**WHEREAS**, the National Government through the Department of Budget and Management has disbursed Ten (10) Million Pesos to the City for the beautification of the Bacolod City Public Plaza and Nine (9) Million Pesos for the rehabilitation of the Bacolod City Rizal Park which are designated by the City as Public Parks;

**WHEREAS**, currently, there are no guards assigned to most of the Public Parks in the City and the same may be subject to vandalism, property damage and any equivalent acts from lawless elements;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to have a 24/7 guards in the said public parks to ensure that the same are secured all the time;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the City Government of Bacolod to assign permanent guards to all public parks under its jurisdiction and control, to avoid any above-mentioned acts from some bad elements entering the said public parks;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it **ORDAINED** as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, that:

**Section 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the Bacolod Parks Protection Ordinance.

**Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is the policy of the City Government of Bacolod to protect its public parks from any vandalism, property damage or any equivalent thereof from some lawless elements who may enter the premises of the same.

**Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean, construe and be interpreted as follows:

- a. **Guard** – a person who offers service to watch and secure the public park assigned to him to be free from any vandals, property damage and the like.
- b. **Public Park** – an area or portion of an area dedicated or designated by the City Government of Bacolod primarily for public recreational use.



**Section 4. ROLE OF PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY OFFICER.** The Public Order and Safety Officer shall determine and recommend to the Office of the City Mayor the number of guards needed for each public park and which among these parks require trained and armed security guards.

**Section 5. ASSIGNMENT OF GUARDS.** The Office of the City Mayor shall designate any suitably-qualified regular permanent employee, job order employee or an armed security guard from a third party agency that may deem fit for the position defined by this Ordinance.

**Section 6. UNIFORM REQUIREMENT.** All guards who will be assigned to secure the public parks shall be required to wear a proper uniform that will be provided by the Public Order and Safety Office.

**Section 7. FUNDING.** The funding of this Ordinance shall be initially taken from the Office of the City Mayor and subsequently from the Office where the plantilla item or job order appointment of the assigned employees is taken.

**Section 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any section of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

Affirmative:

Councilors : Israel P. Salanga, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

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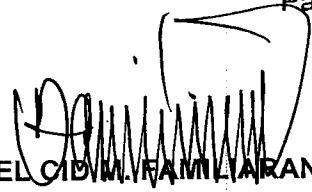
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Author : Councilor Em L. Ang.

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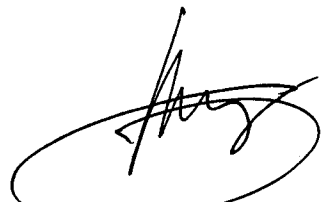
Comments : P a s s e d .  
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson was not around when this ordinance was passed.

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ELCID M. FAMILIARAN  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: 26 AUG 2022 2022.



ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ  
City Mayor

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SP LEGISLATIVE  
SERVICES SECTION

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