

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1006
September 21, 2022

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CASH INCENTIVES TO EXAMINEES WHO EXCELLED IN EITHER THE BAR OR BOARD EXAMINATION AND DECLARED TOPNOTCHERS BY EITHER THE SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES OR THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS COMMISSION RESPECTIVELY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the state shall protect and promote of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all;



WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code posits that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants"

WHEREAS, the Bar Examinations is conducted once a year by the Supreme Court of the Philippines wherein traditionally the top ten examinees are ranked and announced by the Supreme Court but last 2021/2022 changes were made by then Bar Chairman, Associate Justice Marvic Leonen, which devoid from traditionally ranking the top ten students but instead gave the distinction of either Exemplary Bar Passer (85% or up) and Excellent Bar Passer (90% and up);

WHEREAS, board examination for the different professions are sanctioned and administered by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) and are conducted in accordance with its issuances;

WHEREAS, students from Bacolod City have produced topnotchers in both the Bar Examinations and board examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) which is usually dominated by schools from Luzon or from the National Capital Region;

WHEREAS, having a topnotcher in an examination taken by thousands of examinees not only gives pride and honor to the school but also to the hometown of the same;

WHEREAS, the Bacolod City Government would like to give extra motivation through cash incentives to the Bacolod City students to push them harder in getting the pride and honor the student and the city will gain;

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 Topnotcher Incentive Ordinance.

Section 2. Definition.

- a. **Bar Examination** - is the professional licensure examination for lawyers in the Philippines. The exam is exclusively administered by the Supreme Court of the Philippines through the Supreme Court Bar Examination Committee.
- b. **Board Examination** - refers to examinations conducted nationwide as per schedule to determine qualifications of graduates of various professions who seek licensure to practice their respective professions or area of specialization sanctioned by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).
- c. **Topnotchers** - refers to individuals who are officially declared Top one (1) to Top ten (10) by their either the Supreme Court of the Philippines or the Professional Regulation Commission.

Section 3. CASH INCENTIVES.

The cash incentive will be given to eligible students according to the following:

- a. Top 1 - FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00)
- b. Top 2 -Top 5 - THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS (P30,000.00)
- c. Top 6 - Top 10 - TEN THOUSAND PESOS (P10,000.00)

Section 4. CERTIFICATE

The examinees who are declared topnotchers shall be given a Recognition Certificate by both the Office of the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod through the office of the Vice Mayor.

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Section 5. INFORMATION DISEMMINATION

The Public Information Office (PIO) is hereby mandated to ensure that the examinees who are declared topnotchers and the local school wherein he/she graduated are given the recognition for the pride and honor that the examinees have given the City of Bacolod by posting it on its social media sites and through publication or posters in properties owned by the Local Government of Bacolod City.

Section 6. REQUIREMENTS.

The requirements to be eligible for the benefit of this ordinance shall be the following:

1. He must be born in Bacolod City;
2. He must have been a graduate from secondary school in a school situated in Bacolod City;
3. Either he/she or his/her parents is a registered voter of Bacolod City;
4. He must present a certificate, or any document issued by either the PRC or the Supreme Court proving the fact that he or she is a topnotcher as defined by this ordinance.

Section 7. CITY MAYOR'S DISCRETION.

In case there are changes made by either the Supreme Court or the Professional Regulations Commission which will deviate from the traditional ranking of top ten (10), the City Mayor is hereby given the power to decide whether to give in an amount not exceeding FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) to examinees who are given recognition for his or her exemplary or excellent performance in either the board or bar examination in which he or she is taking.

Section 8. APPROPRIATION.

The city shall appropriate funds to be taken from the donations coming from the City Mayor's Office (CMO) to be given as cash incentives to examinees who are declared topnotchers as per this ordinance.

Section 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If any part of this ordinance declared unconstitutional or unlawful, shall not affect the other parts or the section hereof.

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Section 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and due publication in accordance with law.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy.

Negative : N o n e .

Absent : N o n e .

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Comments : P a s s e d .

Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa was not around when this ordinance was passed.

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran was designated as Acting City Mayor.

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: Sept. 23, 2022.

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DATE: 9/26/2022 TIME: 10:30 AM

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