

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 999
JUNE 8, 2022

AN ORDINANCE NAMING AS SIMPLICIO A. PALANCA AVENUE THE WHOLE STRETCH OF ROAD BETWEEN THE SM MALL AND THE POPE JOHN PAUL II TOWER AT THE RECLAMATION AREA, STARTING FROM ITS NORTHERNMOST BEGINNING AT BARANGAY 2 TO ITS SOUTHERNMOST END AT BARANGAY 35, BACOLOD CITY.

WHEREAS, Simplicio Acuña Palanca, fondly called "Sammy Palanca" was the lawyer and businessman who envisioned and assiduously worked to reclaim hundreds of hectares of foreshore land in Bacolod City and construct a seaport therein;

WHEREAS, as result of his tireless efforts a domestic seaport of international quality was erected and at least 250 hectares of Bacolod City foreshore lands were reclaimed on which now stand the Shoe Mart (SM) multi-billion peso worth of business establishments and other multi-million peso worth of enterprises;

WHEREAS, Atty. Simplicio A. Palanca deserves to be honored and remembered well and long for such phenomenal accomplishments which have accorded the City of Bacolod economic opportunities in quantum leap proportion;

WHEREAS, it was also through the magnanimous act of Atty. Simplicio A. Palanca that the seven-story Pope John Paul II Tower with a 12-foot lighted cross was constructed on a piece of land along the street across SM Mall at his own expense and that of Bacolod Real Estate Development Corporation (BREDCO), of which he was the President when he was yet alive;

WHEREAS, the land where on the Pope John Paul II Tower was constructed including the Tower itself were donated by Atty. Simplicio A. Palanca and BREDCO to the Roman Catholic Church Diocese of Bacolod City in honor of then Pope John Paul II who visited Bacolod City on February 20, 1981 and held a mass on that particular area in memory of the 22 April 1980 tragic collision at sea between an Oil Tanker and the commercial vessel named Don Juan which was then owned by the Negros Navigation Company, which tragedy resulted to the death of hundreds of passengers from Bacolod City and Negros Occidental and which had caused profound grief to thousands of families not only in the City of Bacolod and the Province of Negros Occidental but also throughout the Western Visayas;

WHEREAS, there is a long stretch of road at the Reclamation Area between SM Mall and the Pope John Paul II Tower, which starts from the northernmost part of the reclaimed area traversing through portions of Barangays 13, 14 and 16 and stretches to a point at Barangay 35 of this City;

WHEREAS, it will do well to his honor and memory that this subject Road be named after Atty. Simplicio A. Palanca;

Be it therefore ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City in session assembled for the purpose that:

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Section 1. The stretch of Road between the SM Mall and the Pope John Paul II Tower at the Reclamation Area of Bacolod City which starts from the northernmost part of the BREDCO Reclamation Project at Barangay 2 and traverses through certain portions of Barangays 13, 14 and 16 and ends at Barangay 35 of Bacolod City be henceforth called and named SIMPLICIO A. PALANCA AVENUE.

Section 2. To provide a visible sign in his honor and memory, a signpost be erected along the subject Road with colored engraved or painted name SIMPLICIO A. PALANCA AVENUE.

Section 3. A sum of P 100,000.00 is hereby appropriated for purposes of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval.

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., Psyche Marie E. Sy, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

Negative : N o n e.

Official Leave : Councilors Carlos Jose V. Lopez, Ana Marie V. Palermo and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen


Absent : N o n e.

Author : Floor Leader Renecito S. Novero

Passed : June 8, 2022 (153rd 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.





EL CIO W. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

By:



CHRISTINE G. TEMPLA
Board Secretary IV

APPROVED: JUNE 13, 2022



EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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