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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD  
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 176  
Series of 1997

ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE EFFECT OF ALL EXISTING TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WHICH ARE INCONSISTENT TO ANY TRAFFIC EXPERIMENT DURING THE ENTIRE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD AND IMPOSING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City:

SECTION 1. **Title** - This ordinance shall be called the *Traffic Experiment Ordinance of Bacolod City*.

SECTION 2. **Declaration of Policy** - It is the policy of the City Government of Bacolod to create and maintain city streets environment that are free from obnoxious congestions of traffic as well as hazardous and unhealthy flow of vehicles and pedestrians.

SECTION 3. **Definition of Terms** - For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be understood to mean:

- a) **Suspended ordinance** - that the ordinance is considered not enforceable during the entire period of traffic experiment;
- b) **Traffic ordinance** - refers to any ordinance which prescribes any rule of traffic governing motored or unmotored vehicles and/or pedestrians within the City of Bacolod;
- c) **Inconsistent** - refers to an incident where an existing traffic rule/ordinance is altered, modified, deleted, or otherwise rendered irrelevant consequent to any traffic experiment;
- d) **Traffic experiment** - refers to any act, sanctioned by the City Mayor and Sangguniang Panlungsod, of conducting any traffic test or trial run involving any alteration, modification or deletion of any existing traffic rule/ordinance within the City of Bacolod;
- e) **Traffic** - refers to the flow and motions, ingress and egress, transit and stops, terminal and waiting stations of motored or unmotored vehicles and pedestrians;

- f) **Entire experimental period** - refers to the full duration of the traffic experiment.

**SECTION 4. Authority for traffic experiment** - A traffic experiment may be conducted in the City of Bacolod by any agency of the government upon the concurrent authority of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the City Mayor not exceeding a period of forty five (45) days provided that only one traffic experiment may be done in one calendar year.

**SECTION 5. Suspended ordinance** - Through the entire duration of the traffic experiment, all traffic ordinances which are inconsistent to the experiment shall be deemed suspended. In lieu thereof, the rule(s) of traffic thus designed, approved, authorized or sanctioned for the traffic experiment shall operate as the governing ordinance during the full period of the experiment.

**SECTION 6. Review** - The traffic experiment shall be continuously and vigilantly monitored by the experimenting agency of the government which is herein authorized to effect changes in the traffic experimental scheme when necessary in order to advance and promote the public weal.

**SECTION 7. Reportorial duty** - The government agency thus authorized to conduct the traffic experiment shall submit the update reports and/or recommendations to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the City Mayor every week within the period of the traffic experiment and at the termination thereof.

**SECTION 8. Penalty** - Violation of the traffic experiment under this ordinance shall be considered as obstruction to traffic. Anent hereof, a graduated administrative fine shall be imposed on any violator of this ordinance and the amount thus collected shall be turned over to the City Treasurer and shall form part of the City's general fund. For the first offense, the fine shall be One Hundred Pesos (P100.00); for the second offense, it shall be a fine of One Hundred Fifty Pesos (P150.00); and for all succeeding offenses, the amount shall be Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00).

**SECTION 9. Reversion clause** - At the end of the experimental period all existing traffic ordinances which may have been suspended during the experiment shall automatically revert to their status before the period of the experiment unless the same had been amended, modified or repealed by another ordinance or unless the traffic rules and design during the experiment are maintained by a resolution of the Sangguniang Panlungsod and conformed to by the Mayor pending the enactment of another ordinance.

**SECTION 10. Effectivity** - This ordinance shall become effective fifteen days from its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Lorendo K. Dilag, Rolando V. Villamor, Juanito S. Amihan, Jr., Napoleon A. Cordova, Constancio G. Legaspi, Archie S. Baribar, Joaquin L. Torre, Juan Ramon R. Guanzon, Ricardo L. Tan, Christine Angelie V. Matus.


Negative : None.

Abstention : Councilors Celia R. Flor and Luzviminda S. Valdez

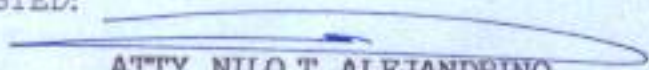
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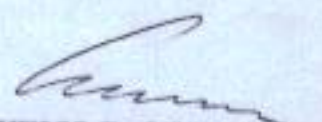
Comments : Passed.

  
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Acting Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer  
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ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: MAY 14, 1997

  
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City Mayor

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