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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 230
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**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BACOLOD TRAFFIC AUTHORITY,
ITS COMPONENT OFFICE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, Bacolod City, is experiencing a severe strain in its transport capacity threatening the city's continued viability and livability;

WHEREAS, several Government Agencies are responsible for transportation and traffic matters in Bacolod City, necessitating improved coordination in the planning, design and implementation of policies, programs and projects;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code provides that, unless the contrary is provided, the regional offices or appropriate field units of the various departments and national agencies in the region shall be the major points of contact and liaison between local governments and the national government;

WHEREAS, the Bacolod City Government recognizes that the sector can contribute significantly in the planning and implementation of transportation and traffic management plans and programs;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish a body that will coordinate national and local efforts aimed at solving traffic congestion and the inefficient use of limited road space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod, in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1.- Rationale of the Authority. To create a central traffic authority that shall oversee, unify and integrate the planning, management, implementation and administration of the City's traffic activities and its inter-connected impact on the economic and social development of Bacolod City.

SECTION 2.- The Bacolod Traffic Authority, Creation Of. A coordination body to be known as the **Bacolod Traffic Authority** is hereby created, which shall be under the supervision and control of the **Office of the City Mayor**, and shall be composed of a **Chairman** and twelve members as follows:

- a. City Mayor or his duly authorized representative - Chairman
- b. Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Traffic Management of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City - Member
- c. District Head, Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board or its duly authorized representative - Member
- d. District Head, Land Transportation Office or its duly authorized representative - Member
- e. Chief, Traffic Division, Bacolod City Police Station - Member

- f. City Engineer - Member
- g. City Legal Officer - Member
- h. City Prosecutor - Member
- i. City Planning and Development officer - Member
- j. Four private sectors representatives to be appointed by the City Mayor as follows:

- 1. a representative of the planning sector - Member
- 2. a representative of the business or civic sector - Member
- 3. a representative of the public transport operators - Member
- 4. a representative of the public transport drivers - Member

The terms of office of the Private Sector Representatives shall be for one year subject to reappointment by the City Mayor.

In the appointment of the Private Sector Representatives, the City Mayor shall call for nominations from the concerned organizations or associations duly accredited by the City of Bacolod.

The Bacolod Traffic Authority shall meet at least once a month and shall receive honoraria allowed within the limitations of existing government rules and regulations on Honoraria.

SECTION 3.- Duties and Functions of the Authority. The primary role of the Authority shall be to integrate into one whole system the various functions of line departments and government entities responsible with traffic management and administration in order to attain the ideal traffic situation in the City of Bacolod in the light of rapid urbanization, economic growth and increased population.

Formulation of traffic policies shall be the main task of the Authority which shall govern the standards and programs of work feasible within available resources and wider needs of the community. These policies shall be forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for its proper deliberation and approval.

In the attainment of the above-stated objectives, the Authority shall have the following functions:

- a. Coordinate, monitor and evaluate the planning and implementation of traffic management components undertaken by the various departments of the city government and line agencies;
- b. Review and submit for approval all traffic engineering and management schemes to the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
- c. Recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod the establishment of new route franchise/s, via route of these new franchise/s and/or closure of old franchise/s of all public utility vehicle plying the streets of the City in relation to a comprehensive traffic management scheme;
- d. Promulgate necessary rules and regulations in the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

- e. Conduct traffic experiments, studies and/or research with the prior approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod as provided for under City Ordinance 78 Series of 1997 and utilize the result from such field studies in formulating appropriate and responsive traffic regulations;
- f. Submit to the Honorable Bacolod City Mayor periodic and special reports relative to traffic management activities; and
- g. Perform such other related functions as may be necessary to ensure the effective planning and implementation of traffic management scheme;

In fulfillment of their functions, the Authority may organize committees among themselves as the need arises.

SECTION 4.- Creation of Office. There shall be created a component office of the Authority with the following powers, duties, functions and responsibilities:

- a. Translate policies into operational goals and specific objectives consistent with available resources.
- b. Regulate the utilization of various roads based on existing City Ordinances.
- c. Instruct and conduct practical training of its staff.
- d. Conduct information dissemination to road-users and motorists on existing laws and regulations.
- e. Supervise the work of traffic aides in coordination with the Traffic Enforcement Unit of the Bacolod Police Station.
- f. Perform other related functions as may be necessary to ensure the implementation of traffic management schemes.

SECTION 5.- Organized set-Up. The component office, to be known as the **Traffic Authority Office (TAO)** shall be created in accordance with an organizational structure to be formulated by the Authority with the proposed plantilla in coordination with the Human Resources Development Office and Civil Service Commission. Such organizational structure and personnel plantilla shall be subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

The Authority may set additional qualifications for its personnel in addition to that set by law as it deems necessary in the attainment of its goal and objectives. Additional personnel, particularly technical in nature, may be hired by the Authority on contract basis as the exigencies of the service may require, subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

SECTION 6.- Funding. The funding requirements of the Bacolod Traffic Authority shall be included in the Annual General Fund Budget of the City Government. In the absence of such at its initial organization, the Authority shall submit a request through the Office of the City Mayor for an appropriation through the passage of a Supplemental Budget to the Sangguniang Panlungsod for its consideration.

SECTION 7.- Repealing Clause. All other ordinance, other rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance, are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8.- Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

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Negative : None.

Absent : None.

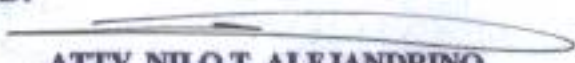
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Comments : Passed.


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APPROVED: MAY 3, 1999


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