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Excerpt from the journal of the 63rd Regular Session of the 11th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Renecito S. Novero	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	
Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:

Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez
Councilor Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor

RESOLUTION NO. 830
Series of 2023

RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE CITY TOURISM OFFICE, THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, PERMITS AND LICENSING DIVISION, AND THE CITY LEGAL OFFICE, THROUGH THE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF BACOLOD CITY TO INTENSIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 895 AGAINST ILLEGAL TRAVEL AND TOUR OPERATORS AND EARNESTLY ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF BACOLOD CITY TO ONLY PATRONIZE LEGITIMATE TRAVEL AND TOUR SERVICES.

Upon motion of Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, jointly seconded by Councilors Em L. Ang, Celia Matea R. Flor, Simplicia Z. Distrito and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the *Tourism Act of 2009*, requires all primary tourism enterprises, which refer to *travel and tour services; land, sea and air transport services exclusively for tourist use; accommodation establishments; convention and exhibition organizers; tourism estate management services; and such other enterprises as may be identified by the Department of Tourism, after due consultation with concerned sectors, to obtain compulsory and mandatory accreditation from the Department of Tourism;*

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WHEREAS, on May 15, 2019, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City passed City Ordinance No. 895 entitled *AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PRIMARY TOURISM ENTERPRISES TO SECURE ACCREDITATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM PRIOR TO APPLICATION OF BUSINESS PERMIT, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF*, to ascertain the compliance of all primary tourism enterprises that are operating in Bacolod City, including those that offer travel and tour services and other transport services that are exclusively for tourist use;

WHEREAS, since the laxed travel restrictions post-pandemic, travel opportunities with affordable offers emerged and were made readily available to the public mostly via Facebook and other online platforms, by travel and tour operators that do not have the required Department of Tourism (DOT) accreditations and business permits;

WHEREAS, there has also been a proliferation of unregistered tourist transport vehicles or *colorum* vans that are being used for travel and tour purposes within the City, as well as to and from neighboring cities and municipalities in the province;

WHEREAS, the City of Bacolod heavily values the importance of tourism and recognizes that DOT accreditations are necessary to ensure the quality of the services being offered by all travel and tour operators and their non-compliance will potentially introduce adverse effects to the image of Bacolod City;

WHEREAS, for the protection of the legitimate travel and tour operators and Bacolod City's tourism industry, the heightened apprehension of these illegal travel and tour operators has become necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to strongly urge the City Tourism Office, the City Treasurer's Office, Permits and Licensing Division, and the City Legal Office, through the City Mayor's Office of Bacolod City to intensify the implementation of City Ordinance No. 895 against illegal travel and tour operators and earnestly encouraging the residents of Bacolod City to only patronize legitimate travel and tour services.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen.

Negative : N o n e .

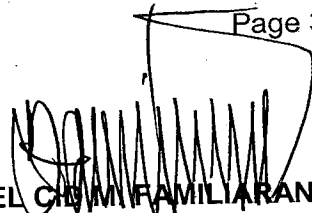
Comments : P a s s e d .

Councilors Israel P. Salanga, Renecito S. Novero and Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella were not around when this resolution was passed.

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EL CIM FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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