

Section 2. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall cover public parks, plazas, monuments and memorials, promenades, center islands, heritage sites, protected areas, conservation areas, and similarly situated public properties, assets, and sites, now existing, or may thereafter be created by law or ordinance;

Section 3. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The BCPSMB shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

Formulate plans and programs consistent with of Article 11 Section 16 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature, and Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991 which provides that local government units shall provide for efficient and effective provision of the basic services and facilities, such as: public parks, freedom parks, playgrounds, sports facilities and equipment and other similar facilities, subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

- 3.1 Ensure the implementation of all the provisions of City Ordinance No. 08-14-693, Series of 2014, otherwise known as the PUBLIC PLAZA AND PARKS REGULATING ORDINANCE OF BACOLOD CITY and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- 3.2 Adopt guidelines for the use of parks and plazas for special occasions, in accordance with Bacolod City Ordinances, rules and regulations;
- 3.3 Devise policies and procedures for the unitary parameter of all public parks, green spaces, and green strips in Bacolod City, providing for their proper preservation and regulation for the furtherance of the ecological balance of the community;
- 3.4 Propose guidelines, ways and means to ensure the best and most desirable facilities that shall be placed in the City parks, plaza and related structures;
- 3.5 Approve the architectural design and structural models of public parks, plazas, green spaces, and green strips prepared by the Parks and Playground Division of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), the City Planning and Development Office, the City Engineer's Office and/or the City Architect, if any, or any equivalent City offices or departments.;
- 3.6 Identify and map out street islands and existing parks that are open for possible adoption;
- 3.7 Conduct a continuing information and education campaign to generate public awareness and participation on the importance of establishing and sustainably managing public parks, plazas and open spaces, and for the promotion of tourism, trade and commerce; and
- 3.8 Generate resources and support for the establishment and maintenance of City Parks, Plazas and related structures, subject to Bacolod City Ordinances, rules and regulations.

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Section 4. COMPOSITION. The membership of the BCPSMB is hereby reconstituted as follows:

- Chairperson : City Mayor
- Co-Chairperson : City Administrator
- Vice-Chairpersons : SP Committee Chair on History, Culture and Arts
SP Committee Chair on Tourism
SP Committee Chair on Trade and Commerce
- Members : City General Services Office
City Department of Public Services
City Planning and Development Office
City Engineer's Office
Environment and Natural Resources Office
Public Order and Safety Office
Civil Society Organization (to be appointed by the CityMayor)

For this purpose, the aforementioned Offices shall name a permanent representative.

Section 5. TERM OF OFFICE. The members of the Board shall have a term of three (3) years, unless sooner removed and replaced.

Section 6. SECRETARIAT. The City General Services Office shall serve as the secretariat of the BCPSMB. It is tasked to handle all administrative and/or secretariat-related activities and oversee the general operations of the City plaza, parks and related structures.

Section 7. FUNDING AND OPERATING COST. To ensure the effectiveness of the implementation of the Parks Ordinance, any budgetary requirements needed for the operation and implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from any available funds in the Office of the Mayor, or in the Annual Budget subject to budget proposal of the Management Board and recommendation of the Office of the Mayor, and approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Section 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other Ordinances, Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Cindy T. Rojas, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Ayesha Joy Y. Villaflor.

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Absent : N o n e .


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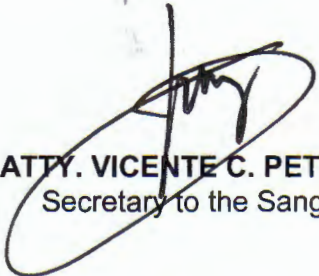
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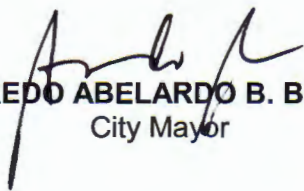
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ELPIDIO M. FAMILIARAN
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: August 14, 2023.


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City Mayor

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