

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS**  
**TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
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Excerpt from the journal of the 90<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

**PRESENT:**

Acting Vice Mayor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Cindy T. Rojas	
Councilor Vladimir S. Gonzalez	
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 TRAVEL:**

Vice Mayor El Cid M. Familiaran  
Councilor Em L. Ang

**OFFICIAL LEAVE:**

Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo

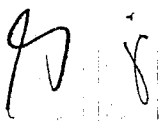
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**RESOLUTION NO. 262**  
**Series of 2024**

**RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE PERMITS AND LICENSING OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR, THE HONORABLE ALFREDO ABELARDO B. BENITEZ, TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT CITY ORDINANCE NO. 08-16-774 OR THE "ACCESSIBILITY ORDINANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) AND SENIOR CITIZENS" IN RELATION TO BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 344 OR KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE MOBILITY OF DISABLED PERSONS BY REQUIRING CERTAIN BUILDINGS, INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHMENTS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES TO INSTALL FACILITIES AND OTHER DEVICES".**

Upon motion of Councilor Simplicia Z. Distrito, jointly seconded by Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino and Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

**RESOLVED**, to pass the following resolution:



**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7277 or the “Magna Carta for Disabled Persons” provides that the State shall ensure the attainment of a barrier free environment that will enable Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) to have access in public and private buildings and establishments;

**WHEREAS**, Batas Pambansa Blg. 344 or known as “An Act to Enhance the Mobility of Disabled Persons by Requiring Certain Buildings, Institutions, Establishments and Public Utilities to Install Facilities and Other Devices”, requires every public and private establishments to install and incorporate in such building, establishments, institution or public utility, such architectural facilities or structural features as shall reasonably enhance the mobility of disabled persons such as sidewalks, ramps, railings and the like as condition precedent in the issuance of a business permit;

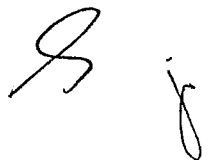
**WHEREAS**, to operationalize BP 344, the City of Bacolod enacted City Ordinance No. 08-16-774 or the “Accessibility Ordinance for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Senior Citizens”. The Ordinance requires any owner, operator or administrator of buildings or public utilities involving educational institution, airports, sports and recreational centers or complexes, shopping centers or malls, public parking spaces, hospitals, workplaces and terminals shall be responsible for installing and maintaining architectural facilities or structural features that will enhance the mobility of PWDs or Senior Citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance also mandates that no business or Mayor’s Permit or the renewal thereof shall be issued by the Permits and Licensing Office without complying to the requirement of providing such facilities in their establishments after inspection has been made by the Office of the Building Official;

**WHEREAS**, it has been observed that so many buildings and establishments within the City of Bacolod that are not compliant to the provisions of our laws. There were also complains from our Senior Citizen and PWD groups the lack of facilities that can enhance their mobility and access and appealed for the City Government to give utmost attention to this matter as a way of promoting their interest and affording them equal opportunity;

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Building Official is requested to strictly require the mobility and accessibility features for PWDs and Senior Citizens in buildings and business establishments in accordance with our laws and regulations and for the Permits and Licensing Office to cease the issuance or renewal of business permits of the non-compliant.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to respectfully request the Permits and Licensing Office and the Office of the Building Official through the Office of the City Mayor, the Honorable Alfredo Abelardo B. Benitez, to strictly implement City Ordinance No. 08-16-774 or the “Accessibility Ordinance for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) and Senior Citizens” in relation to Batas Pambansa Bilang 344 or known as “An act to enhance the mobility of disabled persons by requiring certain buildings, institutions, establishments and public utilities to install facilities and other devices”.



CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

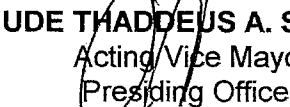
Affirmative :

Councilors : Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen.

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.

Councilor Renecito S. Novero was not around when this resolution was passed.

  
**JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON**  
Acting Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
**ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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