

**REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS**  
**TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
**LUNGSOD NG BAKOLOD**  
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Excerpt from the journal of the 94<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the 11<sup>th</sup> Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 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 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	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

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**RESOLUTION NO. 342**  
**Series of 2024**

**RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE BACIWA-PRIMEWATER TO EITHER REDUCE PROPORTIONATELY THE MINIMUM WATER RATE CHARGES TO CONSUMERS AFFECTED BY FREQUENT WATER SHORTAGES, OR TO REFRAIN FROM COLLECTING THE MINIMUM WATER CHARGE FOR CONSUMERS AFFECTED BY A MONTH OF NO WATER SUPPLY; AND RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE CITY MAYOR TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF BACOLOD TO THE BACIWA-PRIMEWATER IN IMPLEMENTING THIS RESOLUTION.**

Upon joint motion of Councilors Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella and Renecito S. Novero, jointly seconded by Councilors Em L. Ang, Simplicia Z. Distrito and Celia Matea R. Flor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

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

**WHEREAS**, water means life, therefore without water, humans cannot exist;

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the mandate to provide basic services and facilities to its constituents under the Local Government Code of the Philippines, such as adequate water supply systems, and pursuant thereto, has the objective of constructing, commissioning and establishing a waterworks facility to service the population of Bacolod City;



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**WHEREAS**, Bacolod City today is faced with a water supply crisis, in that most of the service areas of the Bacolod City Water District – Primewater are either suffering from frequent water interruptions, poor quality of water, or lack of water supply at all;

**WHEREAS**, the above mentioned situations of the water consumers and the people of Bacolod City in general, the consumers are still being charged with unconscionable water rates, specifically *minimum water rate charges of Php 220.00*, even with the lack of water supply or prolonged water interruptions;

**WHEREAS**, this continuing burden on the consumers without the necessary water services, constitutes clear violation of the contractual obligation and unjust enrichment on the part of BACIWA-PRIMEWATER and the deprivation of due process on the part of water consumers; in that they are being deprived of their meager income to pay for the water bills, in view of threatened disconnection in case of non-payment;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to strongly urge the BACIWA-Primewater to either reduced proportionately the minimum water rate charges to consumers affected by frequent water shortages, or to refrain from collecting the minimum water charge for consumers affected by a month of no water supply; and respectfully requesting the City Mayor to represent the City of Bacolod to the BACIWA-Primewater in implementing this resolution.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:


Affirmative :

Councilors : Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Israel P. Salanga, Cindy T. Rojas, Em L. Ang, Al Victor A. Espino, Vladimir S. Gonzalez, Renecito S. Novero, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella, Simplicia Z. Distrito, Celia Matea R. Flor, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo.

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.

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**ELPIDIO M. FAMILIARAN**  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



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

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