Republika Ng Pilipinas
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1092
April 2, 2025

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROAD OF FR. M. FERRERO STREET, BACOLOD CITY, FROM APRIL 2, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2027 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, DOCKETED AS SP CORRESPONDENCE NO. 11-25-0336.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Section 21(a) of R.A. 7160, a local government unit may, pursuant to an ordinance, permanently or temporarily close or open any local road, alley, park, or square falling within its jurisdiction: provided, however, that in case of permanent closure, such ordinance must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the members of the sanggunian, and when necessary, an adequate for the public facility that is subject to closure is provided;

WHEREAS, last October 20, 2023, the City of Bacolod entered into a long-term Lease Contract with SM Prime Holdings Inc., over its property identified under Transfer Certificates of Title Nos. T-55865 and T-55866 where Manokan, Vendors Plaza and Bacolod Youth and Sports (BAYS) Center, among others and nearby properties at Fr. M Ferrero Street, Bacolod City are located. The Lessee were granted authority to develop the Leased premises which include the right to construct additional buildings and/or build install or otherwise place any other improvements on the leased premises and substitute, alter or repair any part thereof;

WHEREAS, under the development plan, the construction period for the Lessee to introduce improvement on the subject property shall be twenty-four (24) months from the date of formal turn-over. Moreover, while the construction is on-going, the manokan vendors shall be relocated to the temporary Manokan Plaza built by the Lessee;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod likewise recognizes the goodwill created in the area where the Manokan Plaza was situated and wanted to ensure that it will continue to be viable even during the construction period by allowing the conduct of food fair at Fr. M. Ferrero Street for the Manokan Vendors and other stall owners who wishes to participate thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod is session assembled that

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Temporary Road Closure of Fr. M. Ferrero Street Ordinance."

Section 2. PURPOSE. This Ordinance aims to:

1. Facilitate the smooth implementation of the project undertaken by SM Prime Holdings Inc.;
2. Implement proper traffic management measures to minimize inconvenience to the public; and
3. Set up a Food Fair along Fr. M. Ferrero Street as part of the city's initiative to ensure continued viability and promotion of goodwill established in the Manokan Plaza during the construction period.

Section 3. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE. Fr. M. Ferrero Street shall be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the construction project undertaken by SM Prime Holdings Inc. in relation to its contract of Lease Agreement with the City of Bacolod.

The road closure shall take effect for a period of Twenty-Four (24) months from April 2, 2025 up to February 28, 2027 or upon completion of the project whichever comes first.

Section 4. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND ALTERNATE ROUTES. The City Government of Bacolod, in coordination with the Bacolod Traffic Authority Office (BTAO) and other concerned agencies, shall implement a traffic management plan, including the designation of alternate routes and installation of appropriate traffic signs and advisories to inform the public of the temporary road closure.

Section 5. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION. The City Government, in collaboration with SM Prime Holdings Inc., shall ensure proper public dissemination of information regarding the temporary road closure through various means, including announcements via media, social media platforms, and public advisories.

Section 6. SPECIAL PERMIT. Manokan Vendors and other stall owners who are participating in the Food Fair, are required to apply for Special Permit with the BPLO and comply with other applicable requirements.

Section 7. **EXEMPTIONS**. Emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire trucks, and police vehicles shall be allowed access to Fr. M. Ferrero Street when necessary. Authorized personnel and project workers may also be granted access as required.

The Demolition Team of the City which includes the City Legal Office-Enforcement Team as well as the City Engineer's Office, shall be granted access to the area while they are undergoing demolition of the illegal structures in the premises.

Section 8. ENFORCEMENT. The Bacolod Traffic Authority Office (BTAO) the City Legal Office, City Administrator's Office and other designated law enforcement agencies shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this Ordinance and shall impose appropriate measures against violators.

Section 9. PENALTIES. Any individual or entity found violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to penalties as prescribed by existing city traffic regulations.

Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Israel P. Salanga, Em L. Ang, 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, Danna Marie C. Barzo.

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Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Renecito S. Novero was not around when this Ordinance was passed.

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Vice Mayor
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ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: APR 0 8 2025

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City Mayor

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