Republika Ng Pilipinas
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1095
May 28, 2025

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL ELECTRICAL PERMIT FOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSES OWNED BY URBAN POOR RESIDENTS OF BACOLOD CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the City of Bacolod to promote the general welfare and safeguard the well-being of its residents, particularly those belonging to the marginalized sectors;

WHEREAS, access to electricity is a fundamental need for every household, and many urban poor families in Bacolod City are hindered from securing regular electrical permits due to financial constraints;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide mechanisms to assist these families in gaining legal and safe access to electricity, thereby reducing the hazards of illegal electrical connections;

Be it ordained as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, that:

Section 1. SCOPE AND APPLICATION - This Ordinance shall cover all indigent families residing in informal settlements or urban poor communities within Bacolod City who do not possess regular electrical permits.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to houses owned by urban poor families or residents exclusively used for residential purposes.

The issuance of the Special Electrical Permit shall be in lieu of the Certificate of Final Electrical Inspection as required by the Negros Electric and Power Corporation.

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

a. Urban Poor - refers to indigent individuals and families living in informal settlements or slums, and who do not own any house or property in the country except what is being applied for;

b. Special Electrical Permit (SEP) -a temporary permit issued to qualified urban poor residents allowing them to access electricity legally and safely, in lieu of the Certificate of Final Electrical Inspection requirement.

Section 3. APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT - Applicants must submit to the Office of the Building Official the following:

a. Letter Request;
b. Barangay Certification of Residency and Indigency;
c. Voter's Certification from the COMELEC;
d. Community Tax Certificate;
e. Two (2) sets of house plan in bond size paper or otherwise; and
f. Two (2) copies of vicinity map that will indicate the location of the property applied for permit as certified by the Punong Barangay;
g. Proof of submission of copies of the abovementioned documents to the Bacolod Housing Authority.

The house plan must include the electrical design which shall meet the minimum load requirements for the household, as determined by the OBO.

Section 4. APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLATION EXPENSES - All expenses relating to the installation of electrical connection posts, lines, service drops, and other necessary infrastructure shall be borne exclusively by the applicant.

Section 5. ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ELECTRICAL PERMIT - Upon full satisfaction of all the requirements mentioned in Section 3 hereof; the authorized representative of the Office of the Building Official shall issue the corresponding Special Electrical Permit.

The SEP is non-transferable and shall only be used for the premises for which it was issued.

The issuance of the SEP shall be without prejudice to the rights of the registered landowner or any person with a lawful interest therein, and shall not be construed as conferring ownership, tenancy, or any proprietary or possessory right over the land or structure in favor of the applicant.

Section 6. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT - The Office of the Building Official (OBO) shall oversee the implementation of this Ordinance.

The Negros Electric and Power Corp. shall be encouraged to coordinate with the City Government to facilitate safe and legal electricity connections.

The OBO shall maintain a database of all SEP recipients and conduct periodic assessments to ensure compliance with safety and permit regulations.

The Punong Barangays shall assist in disseminating information about the SEP and reporting any unauthorized electrical connections.

Section 7. GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF SPECIAL ELECTRICAL PERMIT- The SEP may be revoked by the OBO on any of the following grounds:

a. Failure to comply with safety standards and requirements set forth by the OBO;

b. Violation of any provisions of this Ordinance or other relevant laws and regulations;

c. Use of the SEP for purposes other than residential purposes;

d. Providing false information or fraudulent documents in the application process;

e. Any other action that poses a danger to public safety or disrupts the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 8. FEES -A minimal processing fee of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY PESOS (PHP 260.00) shall be charged for the issuance of the SEP; subject to an inspection of the premises to ensure compliance with electrical safety standards.

Section 9. PENALTIES - Any person found falsifying documents to obtain the SEP shall be fined One Thousand Pesos (PHP 1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

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

Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, resolutions, and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within Bacolod City.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

Acting Vice Mayor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson.

Councilors : Em L. Ang, 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.

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

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ISRAEL P. SALANGA
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE II
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: JUN 0 1 2025

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Acting City Mayor

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