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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1097
June 17, 2025

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BACOLOD PET FESTIVAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of the Philippines sets forth the authority of local government units, through the Sangguniang Panlungsod, to enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants, by regulating certain activities and by providing for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), jointly with Department of Agriculture (DA), issued enabling policies which cover: (a) registration of all animal facilities; (b) regulations on the welfare of animals during rearing, raising animals for food or animal husbandry; (c) care of animals during transport and slaughter; (d) responsible pet ownership; (e) care of animals in pounds and use of euthanasia for population control; and (f) such prohibitions on dog meat trade and animal fighting for the protection and welfare of animals.

WHEREAS, this proposed Ordinance is in line with the mandate upon the City to implement programs promoting animal welfare awareness, and to encourage the participation of private persons and organizations thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod City in a regular session assembled:

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"BACOLOD PET FESTIVAL".**

ARTICLE 2. CREATION OF THE BACOLOD PET FESTIVAL COUNCIL AND THEIR DUTIES.

Section 1. The Bacolod Pet Festival Council is hereby created for the implementation and monitoring of this Ordinance. The Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	-	City Mayor
Vice-Chair	-	Chairperson, SP Committee on Markets and Slaughterhouse
Members	-	Chairperson, SP Committee on Tourism Chairperson, SP Committee on Health City Veterinarian

City Tourism Officer
City Budget Officer
General Services Officer
City Health Officer
City Public Information Officer
Public Order and Safety Officer (POSO)
Representatives from various private animal welfare organizations
Representatives from various animal clinics

Section 2. The members of said council shall perform the following duties:

a. The City Government through the Public Information Officer and the City Tourism Officer shall proceed with the dissemination of this Ordinance.

b. The City Health Office shall oversee and ascertain that the activities to be conducted do not pose any threat to the health and well-being of the crowd and enforce overall sanitation rules.

c. The Public Order and Safety Office shall deploy and supervise its personnel to keep the peace, safety, and order for the duration of the festival.

d. Create sub-committees for the formulation, brainstorming, and outline of activities for the festival that highlight and promote:

   i. Responsible pet handling and upkeep;
   ii. Rabies awareness;
   iii. Regular vaccinations;
   iv. General animal healthcare;
   v. Pet registration;

ARTICLE 3. SCHEDULE AND SEQUENCE OF ACTIVITIES. The Bacolod Pet Festival shall be celebrated annually, beginning the second week of March of each year. The activities during the period shall be decided upon by the Committee.

ARTICLE 4. APPROPRIATION. For purposes of the celebration of the Bacolod City Pet Festival the City Government of Bacolod shall appropriate annually the amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PHP500,000.00) to be taken from the General Fund, subject to existing Commission on Audit (COA) rules and regulations as to its disbursement.

ARTICLE 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If it is declared that a portion of, or all the provisions found in this Ordinance is unconstitutional, the same shall be inoperable. Except to the remainder not so affected which shall maintain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any and all Ordinances, rules and regulation or orders which are inconsistent or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

ARTICLE 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and upon compliance with the mandatory requirements prescribed by the Local Government Code.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative :

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Comments : P a s s e d .
Councilor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella was not yet around when this Ordinance was passed.

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JUDE THADDEUS A. SAYSON
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Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: JUN 27 2025

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City Mayor

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