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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod ng Bacolod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1107
October 9, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 3, 4 AND 10 OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 640, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE BACOLOD CITY ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 640 was passed last April 23, 2013 to ensure equality among all sectors of society including the protection of rights of persons with disabilities, senior citizens, women and children in Bacolod City as well as the promotion of gender consciousness and equality;

WHEREAS, there is a recent incident of body shaming involving a public utility vehicle conductor and a student in Bacolod City;

WHEREAS, body shaming is not clearly specified in the above-mentioned Ordinance which was passed a decade ago;

WHEREAS, there is a need to update the above-mentioned Ordinance to ensure that all kinds of discrimination are avoided;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod, in session assembled that:

Section 1. Section 3 of City Ordinance No. 640, shall be read as:

"Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows: ...

j) "Body shaming" - the act of making inappropriate and negative comments about another person's weight or size."

Section 2. Section 4 of City Ordinance No. 640, shall be read as:

"**Section 4. PROHIBITED ACTS**. It shall be prohibited to discriminate any person on the basis of their disability, gender and religion by: ...

j) Verbal or Non-verbal ridicule and vilification, including but not limited to body shaming, bullying or hate speeches, of a person's account or disability, age, health status, sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnicity and religion;"

Section 3. Section 10 of City Ordinance No. 640, shall be read as:

"**Section 10. PENALTIES.** Any violation of the provisions hereof shall be punished through the following:

1. First Offense: A fine of Five Thousand (5,000) Pesos or community service of not more than 80 hours.

2. Second Offense: A fine of Five Thousand (5,000) Pesos and community service of not more than 80 hours.

3. Third and succeeding Offense: A fine of Five Thousand (5,000) Pesos or imprisonment of not more than One (1) year and/or both at the discretion of the honorable court.

Section 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr, Homer Q. Bais.

Official Travel : Councilors Roberto M. Rojas and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen.

Official Leave : Councilors Psyche Marie E. Sy and Danna Marie C. Barzo.

Author : Councilor Em L. Ang.

Passed : October 8, 2025 (15th Regular Session of the 12th Council).

Comments : P a s s e d .
Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino and Councilors Israel P. Salanga were not around when this Resolution was passed.

CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED: OCT 26 2025

GREG G. GASATAYA
City Mayor

VCP/CGT/llt

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