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Excerpt from the journal of the 59th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	

OFFICIAL LEAVE:

Councilor Israel P. Salanga
Councilor Em L. Ang
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos

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RESOLUTION NO. 991
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION URGING ALL LICENSED FIREARM OWNERS IN BACOLOD CITY, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LAW-ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, TO EXERCISE THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE SAFE STORAGE AND CUSTODY OF THEIR FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, AND TO PREVENT ACCESS THERETO BY MINORS AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS, AND URGING THE BACOLOD CITY POLICE OFFICE TO INTENSIFY ITS INFORMATION CAMPAIGN ON RESPONSIBLE FIREARM OWNERSHIP.

Upon motion of Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito, jointly seconded by Floor Leader Al Victor A. Espino and Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the tragic shooting incident at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University campus on August 18, 2026 has raised serious concerns regarding access by minors to firearms kept or possessed by adults;

WHEREAS, authorities have reported that at least one of the firearms allegedly used in the incident was a government-issued firearm assigned to the father of the alleged shooter,

while the circumstances by which the minor obtained access to the firearms remain under official investigation;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10591 requires appropriate security measures for the safekeeping of firearms and recognizes responsible and safe firearm ownership as an integral component of firearms regulation;

WHEREAS, firearm owners, particularly those residing with children and minors, carry a serious responsibility to ensure that their firearms and ammunition are secured against unauthorized access, theft, loss or misuse;

WHEREAS, government officials and law enforcement personnel entrusted with government-issued firearms bear an equally important responsibility to maintain proper custody and safekeeping thereof in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and agency policies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge all licensed firearm owners in Bacolod City, including government officials and law-enforcement personnel, to exercise the highest degree of responsibility in the safe storage and custody of their firearms and ammunition, and to prevent access thereto by minors and other unauthorized persons, and urging the Bacolod City Police Office to intensify its information campaign on responsible firearm ownership.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Roberto M. Rojas, Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.
Councilors Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr. and Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen were not around when this resolution was passed.

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CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

By:

CHRISTINE G. TEMPLA
Board Secretary IV

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