MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR

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Excerpts from the Minutes of the Regular Session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, held at the Municipal Session Hall on February 16, 1999.

PRESENT:
Hon. Edwin E. Malvar ------------------- Presiding Officer/Vice Mayor
Hon. Gertrudes M. Ocampo ------------------ Member
Hon. Cesario R. del Rosario, Jr. -------- Member
Hon. Edralin G. Gawaran ------------------ Member
Hon. Saturnino F. Enriquez, Jr. ------- Member
Hon. Roberto R. Javier ------------------ Member
Hon. Rogelio M. Cortez ------------------ Member
Hon. Josefino T. Bañas ------------------- Member
Hon. Hubert V. Gervacio ------------------ Member (SKF-Pres.)

ABSENT:
Hon. Lorenzo P. Nolasco ------------------- Member
Hon. Avelino B. Solis -------------------- Member (ABC-Pres.)


ORDINANCE NO. 1-S-99

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION OF VIDEO GAMES ARCADES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR AND PROVIDING PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, video games in malls and other video games arcades have greatly affected the studies of many students from schools in Bacoor, Cavite, especially those learning institutions very near these video games arcades;

WHEREAS, video games have been a lucrative business for those who operate these, but have not benefited the general public, much more the parents who have to work hard to meet school expenditures, including daily allowances, of their children;

WHEREAS, parents, faculties, principals and even concerned students of schools in the Municipality of Bacoor have voiced their concern on the so-called “mall rats” or students who frequent malls even during school hours because of attractive and addictive video games arcades;

WHEREAS, the policy being implemented by certain malls to prevent students wearing uniform from playing video games has proven unrealistic and ineffective, since, what a student does to play video games is just to remove his uniform;

WHEREAS, video games arcades have been the meeting place of several gangs, irresponsible fraternities, and other bad elements of our society;
WHEREAS, there is now a need to strictly regulate these video games
shops and arcades to totally prevent our students from spending not only their
money but also their school hours in video games;

NOW THEREFORE;

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Province of Cavite in
a regular session assembled that:

Section 1. – NO video games arcades and shops within the jurisdiction of
the Municipality of Bacoor shall be open from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Mondays
through Fridays, EXCEPT Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays in which video
games arcades/shops can be open from morning till evening.

Section 2. – Operators, Managers, Cashiers, Technicians and other
personnel involved in the operation of video games arcades found to be violating
the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a
fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00) nor more than Two
Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00) or an imprisonment of not less than
one (1) month nor more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment at the
discretion of the court.

Section 3. – Any video games arcades and shops found to be repeatedly
violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon its third violation, be
permanently closed by the Municipal Government of Bacoor.

Section 4. – Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take upon its approval.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Province of Cavite this
16th day of February, 1999.

APPROVED by HIS HONOR, the Municipal Mayor on the
day of , 1999.

ALVIN T. SARITA
Actg. Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED BY:

EDWIN E. MALVAR
Presiding Officer/Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

JESSIE B. CASTILLO
Municipal Mayor