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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 17
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AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OVERSEAS FILIPINO AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF BACOOR, CAVITE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsored by Councilor Reynaldo Fabian

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8042 also known as the “Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipino Act of 1995”, as amended by Republic Act 10022, mandates the protection and promotion of the welfare of migrant workers, their families and overseas Filipinos in distress, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Art. 13 of the 1987 Constitution mandates that the State shall afford full protection to labor, and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all Filipinos.

WHEREAS, the family and dependents of overseas Filipino workers face various social and economic problems due to the absence of the head of the family who had to work abroad to make ends meet.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that, of the millions of Filipinos currently working abroad, 18,946 of them are from Bacoor, Cavite.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Cavite that:

SECTION 1. Title – This shall be known as the “OVERSEAS FILIPINO AFFAIRS COUNCIL ORDINANCE OF BACOOR”.

SECTION 2. Composition – The Overseas Filipino Affairs Council (OFAC) of Bacoor, Cavite shall be comprised of the following individuals:

2.1 The duly authorized representative of each of the following national agencies, to wit: the Overseas Worker Welfare Administration (OWWA), the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Provided, that to ensure that the said national agencies shall send a representative to the council, the Municipal Mayor shall coordinate with the heads of the said agencies and request their cooperation in the implementation of this Ordinance.
2.2. The following officials of the municipal government or their duly-authorized representative/s, to wit: the Municipal Mayor, the Municipal Agricultural Officer, the Municipal Planning and Development Officer, the Public Employment Service Officer, the Chairperson of the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Social Welfare, and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office.

2.3. A representative from the following non-government organizations duly-accredited by the municipal government and appointed by the Municipal Mayor, to wit: the Knights of Columbus (Bacoor Chapter), the Atika Overseas Workers and Communities Initiatives Inc., and the Bacoor Chamber of Commerce.

SECTION 3. Officers and Members: The Municipal Mayor shall be the Chairman of the Council while the Municipal Vice-Mayor shall be the Vice-Chairman. Provided, that the Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor of the Council and the members of its Technical Working Group shall be voted at large by all the members of the council.

SECTION 4. Funding: The Council shall have the authority to engage in various fund-raising activities to ensure its financial independence from the municipal government. However, if the need arises and subject to availability of funds, the Municipal Mayor may also provide such municipal funds as may be needed to finance the Council’s operations.

SECTION 5. Powers and Functions: The Council shall perform the following functions:

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1. Provide funds for the setting-up of the Overseas Filipino Center which will provide economic and social services for overseas migrants and their families;
2. Provide psycho-social counseling and other intervention methods for families affected by separation;
3. Help build sustainable enterprises and create jobs for OFWs, their families and other members of the community;
4. Ensure the integration of OFWs' investment potential in the Municipal Development Program to serve as an engine for development;

5. Link with other existing Council on Overseas Migrants in other regions;

6. Work for the recognition of OFWs as a special sector with representation in the drafting of the Bacoor Development Plan;

7. Designate funds and resources for administrative requirements;

8. Work as a technical consultancy group for enterprise development that will assist OFWs in setting up businesses;

9. Formulate a 5-year enterprise development program for overseas balikbayan, Provided, that the said program shall be subject to approval of the Sangguniang Bayan and shall be periodically reviewed and evaluated by the Council;

10. Provide technical assistance in support of micro, small and medium enterprises that may be established by OFWs; and

11. Spearhead a 3-year campaign on Overseas Migrants investment for local development.

SECTION 6. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any section or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the other provision or parts hereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, rules and regulation inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.
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ENACTED UNANIMOUSLY, this 21st day of March 2011 by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor, Cavite during its 33rd regular session held in Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is true and correct.

Certified by:

HON. EDWIN G. GAWARAN
Acting Vice Mayor/Acting Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

Approved by:

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