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MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR
Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 3
SERIES OF 2012

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL HOSPITALS OPERATING IN BACOOR, CAVITE TO HAVE A CHARITY WARD AND AT LEAST ONE (1) OPERATIONALAMBULANCE UNIT OF ITS OWN.

Introduced by HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA
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WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the Municipality to improve the delivery of health care services to its indigent constituents and to ensure access to quality and timely medical services and facilities to the poorest of the poor within its territorial limits;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17, paragraphs (a) and (b) (2) (iii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, local government units shall exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of the basic services and facilities, including but not limited to, health services which include the implementation of programs and projects on primary health care, maternal and child care, and communicable and non-communicable disease control services; access to secondary and tertiary health services; purchase of medicines, medical supplies, and equipment needed to carry out the services enumerated under the Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the general welfare clause under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, local government units are empowered to enact legislation that will promote the general welfare;

WHEREAS, consistent with the general welfare of its constituents, the local government of Bacoor, Cavite, is hereby required to provide access to quality and timely medical/hospital services to its indigent constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BACOOR, CAVITE IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

Section 1. Within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance, all hospitals operating within the territorial jurisdiction of this Municipality are hereby required to (a) establish, operate and maintain...
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charity wards in their hospitals corresponding to at least fifteen percent (15%) of their total bed capacity and (b) at least one operational ambulance unit owned by the said hospitals.

Section 2. A patient shall be entitled to admission to the charity ward provided he/she is: (i) an indigent, as defined herein; (ii) residing in the Municipality, as certified to by the Punong Barangay; and (iii) able to present an indigent identification duly issued by the Office of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development (MSWDO); provided further that such entitlement shall be subject to availability of beds in the charity wards section of the hospital concerned.

Section 3. For purposes of this Ordinance, an "indigent patient" shall refer to: (a) one with no visible income; (b) one who has no means of support or livelihood; (c) one with income or means of livelihood which is insufficient for his subsistence and that of his family; (d) one who has no friends or relatives to assist him in his medical needs; (e) a breadwinner whose illness forces him/her to stop temporarily or permanently from working or to be on leave from work without pay; (f) one with a total monthly income of not more than One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos ($1,500.00). To be entitled to the benefits granted under this Ordinance, the patient must have applied for an indigent identification card with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) upon submission of proof of indigency as provided under this Section and certified to by the Punong Barangay where he/she resides.

Section 4. The hospital concerned shall transmit the list of indigent patients who have become beneficiaries under this Ordinance to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) not later than the end of every quarter following the approval thereof.

Section 5. Any hospital chief, administrator or officer-in-charge who shall continuously fail to comply with this Ordinance despite due written notice shall be punished with a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred ($2,500.00) or imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court. Any continuing violation of this Ordinance shall also be ground for the revocation of the business permit and/or license of the hospital concerned.

Section 6. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer is hereby tasked to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 7. The Municipal Mayor may, from time to time, issue rules and regulations he may deem fit and necessary for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

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Section B. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its compliance with the requirements of the law on posting, publication and public hearing.

ENACTED this 6th day of February 2012 by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacoor in regular session assembled.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE TRUTH AND CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE.

Certified by:

HON. ROSETTE M. FERNANDO
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested by:

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

Approved by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
Municipal Mayor

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