City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

City Ordinance No. CO 19-2014
Series of 2014

An ordinance declaring free of charge all medicines, treatments, tests, and examinations dispensed, rendered, or conducted at all public and barangay health centers in the City of Bacoor in favor of all senior citizens, persons with disability, holders of the Special Bacoor Resident (SBR) Card, and registered voters residing in the City of Bacoor, appropriating funds for the implementation hereof, and providing penalties for violations hereof.

Introduced by:
Hon. Strike B. Revilla, PhD
(City Mayor)

Sponsored by:
Hon. Robert R. Javier

Co-Sponsored by:

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite in regular session duly assembled that:

Section 1. All medicines, treatments, tests, and procedures dispensed, rendered or conducted in all public and barangay health centers in the City of Bacoor shall henceforth be free of charge in favor of all senior citizens, persons with disability (PWD), holders of the Special Bacoor Resident (SBR) Card, and registered voters residing within the City of Bacoor.

Section 2. In order to qualify for the privilege mentioned above, the senior citizens, persons with disability, SBR Card holders, or registered voters concerned must present the following documents to the persons in charge at the said health centers:

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a) a valid Senior Citizens Card issued by the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) of the City of Bacoor, a valid PWD Card issued by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), a valid SBR Card issued by the Office of the City Mayor, or a valid voter's identification card or certification from the Commission on Elections proving that the holder thereof is a resident of the City of Bacoor as the case may be;

b) current Community Tax Certificate (CTC) together with the duly accomplished Community Tax Information Form issued by the City Treasurer's Office; and

c) a valid and current Barangay Certificate issued by the barangay where the senior citizen, person with disability, or SBR Card holder concerned resides.

Section 3. The Community Tax Information Form as mentioned in §2 (b) hereof shall allow the city government to obtain various data needed in the planning and implementation of various city government projects such as but not limited to: [a] name, birthdate, address of the taxpayer [b] name, address, and birthdate of the taxpayer’s parents, [c] personal details of his/her spouse, [d] medical condition/history of the taxpayer, [e] contact number or email address of the taxpayer, [f] educational attainment or employable skill of the taxpayer, [g] job history or the taxpayer, etc.

The said form shall be formulated by the Office of the City Treasurer in coordination with the various departments and units of the city government within twenty (20) days from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance. Thereafter, the City Treasurer shall train such number of personnel as may be needed to assist the public in accomplishing the said forms after they have become available for distribution.

All information obtained through the accomplishment of the said Form shall be considered confidential and shall not be shared, sold, distributed, or disclosed by any city employee or city official to any private natural or juridical person without the written and informed consent of the taxpayer concerned.

Section 4. All city employees, doctors, midwives, nurses, and laboratory technicians who shall collect any sum from any patient covered by the foregoing provisions that they treat or attend to shall be subjected to the appropriate disciplinary action for gross insubordination pursuant to the pertinent civil service rules.

Section 5. All city employees, doctors, midwives, nurses, and laboratory technicians who shall refuse to treat, diagnose, or attend to any patient covered by the foregoing provisions or who refers the said patient to a privately owned clinic, hospital, or laboratory despite the capability of the public or barangay health center concerned to deal

Approved by:

HON. SHIRLE B. REVILLA
City Mayor

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with the ailment, condition, or illness of the patient concerned shall be subjected to the appropriate disciplinary action for gross misconduct pursuant to the pertinent civil service rules.

Section 6. All city employees, doctors, midwives, nurses, and laboratory technicians who collects a sum from any patient covered by the foregoing provisions that they treat or attend and refuses or fails to issue a valid official receipt of the City of Bacoor to the said patient shall be charged with the crime of Malversation of Public Funds as defined and penalized under Article 217 of the Revised Penal Code or for gross dishonesty. Thereafter, the appropriate penalty shall be imposed against the said city employees, doctors, midwives, nurses, and laboratory technicians upon determination by the proper court of law.¹

Section 7. The funds needed to implement this Ordinance shall be appropriated under the Annual Budget for Calendar Year 2015 and shall be placed under the Office of the City Mayor.

Section 8. The City Health Officer is hereby empowered to formulate such plans and procedures as may be needed to ensure the successful implementation of this Ordinance as well as in the gathering of pertinent data that may be useful in the review by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the effectiveness of this Ordinance in promoting the health and welfare of the residents of the City of Bacoor. Accordingly, the City Health Officer shall be required to submit a report to the City Mayor and to the Sangguniang Panlungsod on the implementation of this Ordinance once every quarter following the date of effectivity hereof.

¹ "Art. 217. Malversation of public funds or property. — Presumption of malversation. — Any public officer who, by reason of the duties of his office, is accountable for public funds or property, shall appropriate the same, or shall take or misappropriate shall consent, or through abandonment or negligence, shall permit any other person to take such public funds or property, wholly or partially, or shall otherwise be guilty of the misappropriation or malversation of such funds or property, shall suffer:

1. The penalty of prision correccional in its medium and maximum periods, if the amount involved in the misappropriation or malversation does not exceed two hundred pesos.

2. The penalty of prision mayor in its minimum and medium periods, if the amount involved is more than two hundred pesos but does not exceed six thousand pesos.

3. The penalty of prision mayor in its maximum period to reclusion temporal in its minimum period, if the amount involved is more than six thousand pesos but is less than twelve thousand pesos.

4. The penalty of reclusion temporal in its medium and maximum periods, if the amount involved is more than twelve thousand pesos but is less than twenty-two thousand pesos. If the amount exceeds the latter, the penalty shall be reclusion temporal in its maximum period to reclusion perpetua.

In all cases, persons guilty of malversation shall also suffer the penalty of perpetual special disqualification and a fine equal to the amount of the funds malversed or equal to the total value of the property embezzled.

The failure of a public officer to have duly forthcoming any public funds or property with which he is chargeable, upon demand by any duly authorized officer, shall be prima facie evidence that he has put such missing funds or property to personal use.²"

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² Attested by:
Shore S. Solis
Sup. Admin. Officer

Certified by:
HON. CATHERINE C. VARISTO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved by:
HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor
Section 9. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Ordinance not otherwise affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 10. Any ordinance, resolution, issuance, executive order, rule or regulation that are contrary to, or inconsistent with this Ordinance is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Section 11. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite and after it has been posted on the bulletin boards of all the barangays of the City of Bacoor.

Section 12. All of the departments and units of the city government and all other government offices and agencies concerned shall be furnished with copies of this Ordinance.

Section 13. The Office of the City Mayor is hereby empowered to formulate the necessary rules and regulations to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 14. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall automatically review the provisions of this Ordinance at least once every two (2) years following the date of its effectiveness.

Section 15. In case the funds of the city government becomes insufficient to finance the implementation of this Ordinance, the City Mayor may implement such plan of action as may be needed to raise the necessary revenues subject, however, to pertinent laws and government regulations and the prior approval thereof by the Sangguniang Panlungsod. When no feasible or legal plan of action may be done to raise such funds, the City Mayor may suspend the implementation of Sections 1, 2, and 3 hereof until such time that the City of Bacoor generates funds sufficient to implement this Ordinance. Provided that the City Mayor shall notify the Sangguniang Panlungsod in writing of his intent to suspend the implementation of Sections 1, 2, and 3 hereof. Such written notification shall contain a detailed explanation of why he intends to suspend the implementation of Sections 1, 2, and 3 hereof.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite this 11th day of August 2014.

VOTING RECORD

| IN FAVOR | Hon. Miguel N. Bautista, Hon. Rowena M. Bautista-Mendiola, Hon. Venus D. De Castro, Hon. Bayani M. |

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

| PRESENT | 14 |
| ABSENT | None |
| ON LEAVE | None |

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved in accordance with law and that the contents hereof are true and correct.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

HON. CATHERINE S. EVARISTO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:

SHIELA S. LAZO
Supervising Admin. Officer

APPROVED BY:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor

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