AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION, AND FREE DISTRIBUTION OF A SMARTPHONE APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF THE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF BACOOR TO BE KNOWN AS “BACOOR EMERGENCY 1111” AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.


WHEREAS, one of the goals of Republic Act No. 10121 (the “Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act”) is to “recognize and strengthen the capacities of LGUs and communities in mitigating and preparing for, responding to, and recovering from the impact of disasters”.

WHEREAS, the internet have revolutionized disaster risk reduction management practices all over the world due to the enhanced ability of local governments to react to natural and man-made calamities with the use of modern technology.

WHEREAS, most Bacooreños own smartphones that has the capability of operating software applications that would give seamless connectivity between the city government and its constituents especially during times of calamity or personal emergencies.

WHEREAS, utilizing the above-mentioned technology would enable the city government to rapidly assist any person in need of emergency assistance within the City of Bacoor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor THAT:

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Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall also be known and referred to as the "Bacoor Emergency 1111 Ordinance".

Section 2. City Government Policies. It shall be the policy of the City of Bacoor to strengthen and mitigate its capacities to respond to calamities and come to the immediate assistance of people in need. It shall also be the policy of the City of Bacoor to educate the public on how to responsibly react during times of emergency and to come to the aid of others during times of need.

Section 3. Development, Promotion, and Distribution of a Free Smartphone Application to be known as "Bacoor Emergency 1111" or "BE 1111". The development, promotion, and distribution of a free smartphone application to be known as Bacoor Emergency 1111 or BE 1111 is hereby authorized.

Section 4. Features of BE 1111. The smartphone application to be known as BE 1111 shall be distributed to the public and shall be updated free of charge. It shall enable the public to see and understand the various disaster risk reduction management programs of the city government. It shall also enable the public to interact with the city government through SMS messages with regard the latter’s emergency response protocols. The application shall also enable the city government and various emergency response agencies such as the Philippine National Police, the Bureau of Fire Protection, and the Philippine Red Cross to immediately come to the assistance of subscribers who will use it.

Section 5. The BE 1111 System. The BE 1111 System is the comprehensive protocol that will be developed by the city government in support of the BE 1111 application. The System will enable emergency response units to pinpoint the location of subscribers or the location of emergencies, arrive there on time, confirm the identity and location of subscribers reporting the emergency, determine the nature of the emergency and the types of equipment and response needed to address it, send public emergency warnings to all subscribers simultaneously, rapidly coordinate the movement of diverse emergency response units, educate the public on the disaster risk reduction management programs of the city government, and awaken the civic spirit of the public through the timely and accurate reporting of all types of emergencies to the proper authorities.

Section 6. Penalties. Persons who shall deliberately use the BE 1111 application or the BE 1111 System in reporting false emergencies or in any manner that hampers the ability
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of the city government to respond to actual emergencies  
shall be meted with the following penalties:

First Offense  
Fine of ₱1,500.00 plus 24 hours of volunteer work with the  
various emergency response units of the city government  
under the supervision of the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction  
Management Office.

Second Offense  
Fine of ₱2,500.00 plus forty-eight (48) hours of volunteer  
work with the various emergency response units of the  
city government under the supervision of the Bacoor  
Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office.

Third Offense  
Fine of ₱5,000.00, cancellation of subscription to the BE 1111  
application and to the BE 1111 System, and imprisonment for  
ten (10) days or the rendition of 100 hours of volunteer work  
with the various emergency response units of the city  
government under the supervision of the Bacoor  
Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office or all of  
the above depending on the determination of the court.

Provided that a 50% discount shall be given in favor of the  
offender if he/she voluntarily pays the fine mentioned above  
prior to the filing of the appropriate complaint against him by  
the City Legal Office in the proper court of law. Provided  
further that in case the offender is a minor, the above-  
mentioned fine shall be paid by the offender’s parents or  
guardians. Provided moreover that the subscription of any  
person who accidentally sends wrong emergency requests on  
two (2) separate occasions shall result in the immediate  
suspension of the said subscription to the BE 1111 application  
for thirty (30) days. The said subscription shall be automatically  
reinstated after a text message is sent to the subscriber about  
the possible harm his carelessness may cause others. Provided  
lastly, that the subscription of third time offenders that have  
been suspended may only be reinstated after the penalty  
imposed against him have been completely served.

Approved by:  

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA  
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Section 7. Date of Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation and after the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Cavite has approved it.

Section 8. Automatic Review. The Sangguniang Panlunsod shall automatically review this Ordinance once every three (3) years after its approval or whenever the need for such review arises.

Section 9. Repeal Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, or executive orders in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Separability Clause. Any provision of this Ordinance nullified by any court of law shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof not affected by the said judicial declaration.

APPROVED by the Sangguniang Panlunsod on 15th day of February 2016 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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

Certified by:

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

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.  
Sangguniang Panlunsod Secretary

Approved by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA, PhD  
City Mayor

Date of Approval: MAR 04 2016

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