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AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS MEASURES AT THE BACOOR PUBLIC MARKET AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE SAID AREAS, DIRECTING VARIOUS OFFICES UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Sponsored by:  
Hon. Rowena Bautista-Mendiola and Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan

WHEREAS, a national emergency was declared by President Rodrigo Duterte due to the growing threat to public health and safety posed by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, as of 30 March 2020, the City of Bacoor already has fifteen (15) residents who tested positive with COVID 19 and the threat of more city residents getting infected by the dreaded disease grows exponentially every day.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 (the “Local Government Code of 1991”) authorized local government units to “exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare” and to “ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants”.

WHEREAS, considering that there is as yet no known cure for COVID-19, the most effective means of preventing its spread are social distancing, good personal hygiene, and public sanitation.

WHEREAS, there is a need for the city government to proactively address the public health threat posed by COVID-19 by strengthening the ability of the city government to enforce social distancing at the Bacoor Public Market and its immediate environs.
NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of Hon. Rowena Bautista-Mendiola duly seconded by Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan in special online session duly assembled, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod THAT:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Bacoor Public Market Social Distancing Ordinance”.


SECTION 3. Social Distancing Measures to be Implemented by the Business Permit and Licensing Office. The following social distancing measures shall be immediately implemented by the BPLO at the Bacoor Public Market:

3.1. Require the operator of the Bacoor Public Market to place transparent plastic sheets in front of each stall with a height of at least four (4) feet from the top of each countertop with a small opening beneath where goods and money can pass through to prevent COVID-19 laden droplets from spreading;

3.2. Require the operator of the Bacoor Public Market to place shower curtains in between stalls to prevent COVID-19 laden droplets from spreading between the stall holders;

3.3. Coordinate with banks and other financial institutions on the implementation of cashless transactions within the Bacoor Public Market and in all business establishments in the barangays covered by this Ordinance. Provided that: sari-sari stores are exempted from this provision;

3.4. Require the operator of the Bacoor Public Market and the holder of each stall within the said government facility to:

[a] standardize the prices of all goods sold therewith so that consumers will no longer move from one stall to the next in order to haggle for the best price;
[b] require all stallholders to sell the same set of products (vegetables, fruits, fish, and meat) to discourage consumers from moving from one stall to another while choosing for what products to buy;

c) post the following signs on the transparent plastic sheets in front of each stall that announces that:

"ANG LAHAT PO NG PANINDA SA BACOOR PUBLIC MARKET AY PARE-PAREHO NA ANG PRESYO AT LAHAT PO NG STALL AY PARE-PAREHO NA RIN NG TINDA UPANG MAIWASAN ANG PAGTATAGAL NG MGA MAMIMILI SA LOOB NG PALENGKE."

"ANG HINDI TUMAYO NG ISANG METRO MULA SA KATABING CUSTOMER AY HINDI PAGBEBENTAHAN SA PWESTONG ITO."

and

"IPASASARA ANG ANUMANG STALL NA LALABAG SA PATAKARAN NG CITY GOVERNMENT TUNKOL SA SOCIAL DISTANCING AT OVERPRICING."

3.5. Implement the Anti-Hoarding and Anti-Overpricing Ordinance of the Province of Cavite (if it has already been signed by the Governor) and set standard prices for all goods to be sold within the Bacoor Public Market after consultation with the stallholders and the operator of the Bacoor Public Market on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis.

SECTION 4. Social Distancing Measures to be Implemented by the City Engineering Office and the Office of the Building Official. The following social distancing measures shall be immediately implemented by the BPLO at the Bacoor Public Market and on the various sidewalks and roads leading to the Bacoor Public Market:

4.1. Place painted markers on sidewalks and within the Bacoor Public Market which are one meter apart to guide the public on proper social distancing;

4.2. Construct removable barriers within the Bacoor Public Market to separate the crowd of people entering and leaving the public market and to discourage consumers from crossing between stalls that are parallel to one another;

4.3. Install public address systems within the Bacoor Public Market announcing that:

[a] consumers will only have 20 minutes to do their shopping;
[b] the price of all goods and the items being sold by each stall have all been standardized;

[c] people that fail to observe proper social distancing shall be arrested; and

[d] stalls that allow its consumers not to practice social distancing while buying items shall be closed for ten (10) successive days.

4.4. Construct and install elevated seating platforms (similar to that used by lifeguards) in strategic places within the Bacoor Public Market and the immediate environs of the said public facility where barangay officials and personnel of the BPLO will sit while they remind people to maintain social distancing;

4.5. Construct and install disinfection sheds at the entrance and exit gates of the Bacoor Public Market for the use of vehicles that would enter and leave the premises of the said facility; and

4.6. Construct and install disinfection stalls that consumers can use before entering or leaving the Bacoor Public Market.

SECTION 5. Social Distancing Measures to be Implemented by the Liga ng mga Barangay and by the Punong Barangay of the Barangays Covered by this Ordinance. The following social distancing measures shall be implemented by the Liga ng mga Barangay and by the Punong Barangay of the barangays covered by this Ordinance:

5.1. Develop a Unified Quarantine Pass System that would group the residents of each barangay into clusters so that not all the residents of the barangays covered by this Ordinance shall go to the Bacoor Public Market on the same day. Provided that: in developing the UQPS, the members of the Liga shall consider arranging the days when the residents of each barangay in such a way that the number of people on the streets shall be greatly reduced and consumers shall not be greatly inconvenienced;

5.2. Assist the City Government in announcing the days when residents of their respective barangays can go to the Bacoor Public Market; and

5.3. Assist the officials of Barangay Zapote 4 in maintaining social distancing by assigning at least one tanod or volunteer from their respective barangays to assist in implementing the various provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Social Distancing Measures to be Implemented by the Bacoor Traffic Management Department. The Bacoor Traffic Management Department is hereby empowered to apprehend ambulant vendors and to
confiscate all their wares being sold on sidewalks, roads and other public places outside the Bacoor Public Market during the existence of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

SECTION 7. Social Distancing Measures to be Implemented by the Bacoor Public Safety Unit and City Veterinary Office. The Bacoor Public Safety Unit and the City Veterinary Office are hereby empowered to jointly confiscate all meat products being sold on roadsides or open spaces outside of the Bacoor Public Market that has no clearance from the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) during the existence of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

SECTION 8. Penalties. All natural persons who shall violate this Ordinance shall be fined P2,000.00 or shall be required to perform community service for not more than 24 hours consisting of work related to the efforts of the city government to combat the spread of COVID-19 to be determined by the City Mayor.

All business establishments within the barangays covered by this Ordinance that does not observe proper social distancing (i.e., one meter distance between customers) shall be closed for ten (10) successive days and shall be required to pay a fine of P5,000.00.

All perishable goods confiscated by virtue of the implementation of this Ordinance shall be used to augment the food distribution efforts of the city government to poverty stricken residents of the City of Bacoor without need of compensation to its owners. All non-perishable goods confiscated by virtue of the implementation of this Ordinance that can be used in efforts to spread the disease such as, but not limited to, face masks, plastic sheets, gloves, and the like shall be forfeited in favor of the city government without need of compensation to its owners. All other goods that does not fall in the two categories mentioned above shall be destroyed without need of compensation to its owners.

SECTION 9. Separability. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void, the other provisions of hereof not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and enforceable.

SECTION 10. Repeal. The provisions of any ordinance that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Implementation. This Ordinance shall only be implemented as long as the state of public health emergency and the enhanced community quarantine declared by President Rodrigo R. Duterte remains in effect. The various departments and barangays of the city government required to implement this Ordinance are hereby empowered to formulate the rules and regulations that are needed to cause the effective and expeditious implementation hereof within the bounds of the law.
SECTION 12. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall be immediately implemented upon its approval and publication in the official websites of the Bacoor City government (www.bacoor.gov.ph) and of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor (www.bacoorcitvysp.com).

APPROVED on the 1st day of April 2020 by a unanimous vote of all the members of the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite during a special session conducted online held in the City of Bacoor, Cavite with the use of a videoconferencing application approved by a majority of its members.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is true and correct and that it was duly passed in accordance with law.

CERTIFIED BY:

HON. CATHERINE SARINO-EVARISTO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

ATTESTED BY:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

APPROVED BY:

HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA
City Mayor