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CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO 68-2020
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS TO WEAR A FACE MASK OR ANY COMPARABLE DEVICE WHENEVER IN PUBLIC AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Sponsored by:

Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan, Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Leandro L. De Leon and Hon. Victorio L. Guerrero, Jr.

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 sixteen (16) residents who tested positive with COVID 19 and 55 persons under investigation (PUIs). Lamentably, 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 for the public to practice social distancing and prevent COVID-19 droplets emanating from the mouth or noses of infected individuals from getting airborne or from landing on various surfaces.

WHEREAS, health experts all over agree that one of the reasons why Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and South Korea has been succeeding in keeping COVID-19 infections low in their respective territories is because of the universal use of face masks by their inhabitants whenever they are in public.

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WHEREAS, there is a need for the city government to proactively address the public health threat posed by COVID-19 by requiring all persons to use face masks or similar devices that prevent the spread of infected droplets while in public places within the City of Bacoor during the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of Councilor Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan duly seconded by Councilors Roberto L. Advincula, Leandro L. De Leon and Victorio L. Guerrero, Jr. in special online session duly assembled, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod THAT:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"UNIVERSAL FACE MASK ORDINANCE OF BACOOR"**.

SECTION 2. Application. This Ordinance shall apply to all natural persons who are in public places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite. **Provided that:** government buildings and offices, banks, supermarkets, groceries, hospitals, motor vehicles parked or being operated on public or private roads, places of worship and all other places frequented by members of the public shall be considered as "public places" under this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Mandatory Use of Face Masks. All natural persons within the City of Bacoor, Cavite shall be required to use a face mask while they are in a public place. In case the said individuals have no access to a face mask, the said individuals may be allowed to go out in public while using improvised devices that effectively prevent the spread of droplets infected with COVID-19.

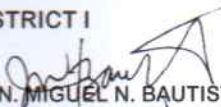
SECTION 4. Penalties. All natural persons who shall violate this Ordinance shall be fined P2,000.00 or shall be required to perform community service for not more than 24 hours consisting of work related to the efforts of the city government to combat the spread of COVID-19 to be determined by the City Mayor.

SECTION 5. 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 6. Repeal. The provisions of any ordinance that is inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

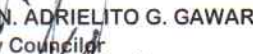
SECTION 7. Implementation. This Ordinance shall only be implemented as long as the state of public health emergency and the enhanced community quarantine declared by President Rodrigo R. Duterte remains in effect. The various departments and barangays of the city government required to implement this Ordinance are hereby empowered to formulate the rules

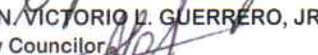
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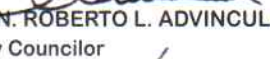

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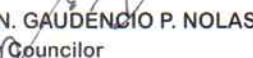

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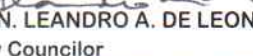

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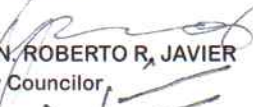

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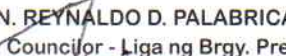

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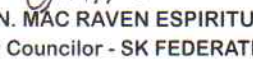

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and regulations that are needed to cause the effective and expeditious implementation hereof within the bounds of the law.

SECTION 8. 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.bacoorcitysp.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:


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