CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO 73-2020
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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING LITTERING OF USED OR CONTAMINATED FACE MASKS, FACE SHIELDS OR HAND GLOVES IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Introduced by:
Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan


WHEREAS, the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (CoVID-19) has been declared to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020 and recognized as a pandemic on March 11, 2020 by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, to curb the threat of today’s public health crisis – COVID-19 pandemic - preventive measures are currently being enforced and/or practiced in the City of Bacoor;

WHEREAS, the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon declared by the President and the subsequent extreme enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) declared by Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, are accompanied by the mandatory wearing of face masks in public, observance of physical distancing, usage of quarantine passes, among others;

WHEREAS, wearing of face shields and hand gloves are also practiced by some people in the communities as additional preventive measures;

WHEREAS, the proper wearing of these protective tools is just as important as their proper disposal;

WHEREAS, the proper disposal of used and/or contaminated face masks, face shields and hand gloves is
a practice that will not only lessen the negative impact to our environment but is also a common responsibility shared by every member of the society in minimizing the risk to public health.

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Bacoor, Cavite, in regular online session assembled upon motion of Councilor Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan unanimously seconded by all the councilors present that:

Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the “Anti-Littering of Used or Contaminated Face Masks, Face Shields and Hand Gloves Ordinance of Bacoor.”

Section 2. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of this Ordinance:

a. Face Masks – a protective face covering, which covers the mouth and nose, regardless of material used, whether professionally made or a homemade variant, that is used to prevent or reduce the spread of and exposure to potentially infectious aerosols and airborne liquid droplets.

b. Face Shield – a protective face covering, regardless of material used, whether professionally made or a homemade variant, that is used to prevent or reduce the spread of and exposure to potentially infectious aerosols and airborne liquid droplets.

c. Hand Gloves – a protective hand covering, regardless of material used, whether professionally made or a homemade variant, that is used to prevent direct contact to potentially bacteria or virus infected surfaces.

d. Public places - open or covered spaces that are accessible to the public, such as but not limited to roads, streets, sidewalks, easements, parks and other open spaces, bridges, alleys, overpasses, public markets, buildings, rivers, creeks, canals, drainage, esteros, waterways and other bodies of water and outlets.

Attested by:

RAQUEL G. ALAGAN
Acting Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Certified by:

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

Approved by:

HON. LAM MERCADO - REVILLA
e. Littering – the act of depositing, throwing or scattering in any manner pieces of waste or refuse.

Section 3. Prohibited Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person to litter used or contaminated face masks, face shields or hand gloves in public places.

Section 4. Penalty. Any person caught committing the prohibited acts provided under Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of two thousand pesos (Php 2,000.00).

Section 5. Separability. If any section or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof not affected thereby remain valid and enforceable.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED by the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite on the 27th day of April 2020 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved in accordance with law.

Certified by:

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

Attested by:

RAQUEL G. ALAGAR
Acting Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Approved by:

HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA
City Mayor