CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO 74-2020
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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING AND PENALIZING SPITTING, OR IMPROPER OR INTENTIONAL EXPPELLING OF SUBSTANCES FROM THE MOUTH AND NOSE IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Introduced by:
Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan

Sponsored by:

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 pandemic 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, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) respiratory virus infection such as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) can be transmitted from one person to another through direct and indirect contact, "respiratory droplets" from sneezing, coughing and talking, and airborne transmission.
WHEREAS, to further limit the spread of these diseases by droplet or airborne routes, the practice of respiratory hygiene should be encouraged in the City as an additional infection prevention measure;

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod 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-Spitting and Expelling of Substances from the Mouth or Nose in Public Spaces Ordinance of Bacoor City.”

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

a. Public spaces - 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, terminals, rivers, creeks, canals, drainage, esteros, waterways and other bodies of water and outlets.

b. Spitting – the act of ejecting saliva from the mouth.

c. Expelling - to discharge or force something out.

Section 3. Proper Expelling of Substances from the Mouth and Nose. The practice of good respiratory hygiene includes a combination of the following:

A. When sneezing or coughing or expelling nasal mucus

1. Cover mouth and nose against a sleeve/shoulder when coughing or sneezing
2. Cover the mouth and nose with a tissue or clean cloth when coughing or sneezing.

3. Wear a procedure or surgical mask to protect others when coughing or sneezing.

4. Use a tissue or clean cloth when expelling nasal mucus.

B. After sneezing or coughing or expelling nasal mucus

1. Discard used tissues into the wastebasket promptly.

2. Wash and disinfect used cloth.

3. Perform hand hygiene after coughing or sneezing by washing hands using either alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

Section 4. Prohibited Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person to spit or intentionally or improperly expel saliva, phlegm, mucus or other substances from the mouth and nose in public places.

Persons below the age of six (6) years are exempted from the coverage of this Act.

Section 5. Penalty. Any person caught committing the prohibited acts provided under Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of two thousand pesos (Php 2,000.00).

Section 6. 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 7. 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