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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cavite
City of Bacoor



5th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

**Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages
Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances**

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

NO. TCEL-002-S-2023

Subject: *Proposed Ordinance Protecting Public Parks with Important Statues and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof. (PCO No. 2023-066) dated 13 February 2023.*

This is a report submitted jointly by the aforementioned Committees for the consideration of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The Office of the City Mayor of Bacoor sent a letter requesting the esteemed members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to perform necessary actions on the National Historic Commission (NHC) assessment report on the Padre Mariano Gomes Monument dated 02 February 2023. The NHC recommended that "Public parks with important statues shall be given prominence (e.g. site development, adding lighting fixtures, barricade, dedicated caretakers) and taken care of through protective local ordinances and sustainable maintenance program".

In response to the NHC assessment report, Proposed City Ordinance No. 066 Series of 2023 entitled: "**An Ordinance Protecting Statues, Monuments, and Public Parks of Historic Value Situated in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof.**" was referred to the Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages as lead committee together with the Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances as sub-committee by Hon. Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, Presiding Officer of the Sangguniang Panlungsod on 13 February 2023. The lead Committee Chairman Hon. Victorio L. Guerrero, Jr. conducted a committee hearing on 15 March 2023 with the members of the city council.

FINDINGS:

All of the resource persons who attended the hearing showed support for the said ordinance. However, some revisions were suggested by the Office of the City Legal Services to the proposed ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Joint Committee recommends that the following revisions to the proposed ordinance be made:



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- To revise the title of the Ordinance from "An Ordinance Protecting Statues, Monuments, and Public Parks of Historic Value Situated in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof" to "An Ordinance **for the Conservation and Protection** of Statues, Monuments, and Public Parks of Historic Value Situated in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof";
- To add as part of the Ordinance's Whereas Clauses the Declaration of Principles and Policies stated under Republic Act No. 10066 or the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009:

"WHEREAS, Sections 14, 15, 16 and 17, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution declare that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression. The Constitution likewise mandates the State to conserve, develop, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations. It further provides that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State, which may regulate its disposition."

- To change Section 6 thereof by clearly stating the name of the office as "**OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICES**" instead of City Legal Services Unit.
- To add in Section 5 thereof under its Penalties this provision:

"While the following penalties shall be imposed against Offenders/Violators below 18 years of age, the child shall be required to attend diversion or intervention programs pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006.

Should the child violate this ordinance for a third time or more, the parent/s or guardian shall be the one required to attend to a history and culture appreciation seminar to be conducted by the Toursim Development Unit for a period of three (3) consecutive days."

- Under Section 3. Definition of Terms, change 3.1 **Heritage Site** to **Cultural Properties** as City Ordinance No. 2-2019 declares the properties and structures as Cultural Properties.



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WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct.

Signed this 20th day of March 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages


COUN. VICTORIO L. GUERRERO, JR.
Chairman



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JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

NO. TCEL-002-S-2023

Subject: *Proposed Ordinance Protecting Public Parks with Important Statues and Providing Penalties for Violations hereof. (PCO No. 2023-066) dated 13 February 2023.*

Proposed City Ordinance No. 066 Series of 2023 entitled: **"An Ordinance Protecting Statues, Monuments, and Public Parks of Historic Value Situated in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof"** was referred to the Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages by the Sangguniang Panlungsod Presiding Officer, Hon. Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, on 13 February 2023. The said committee chaired by Hon. Victotio L. Guerrero, Jr. held a committee hearing on 15 March 2023. Resource persons from the Tourism Development Office, City Engineering Office, Office of the City Legal Services, Department of Education – City of Bacoor, PNP-Bacoor and Punong Barangays attended the committee hearing. Hon. Guerrero started the committee hearing at 1:37 PM and acknowledged the attendees. The proposed ordinance was read by Ms. Tessie Tamayo, staff of Hon. Guerrero.

Mr. Gabriel Mark B. Martinez of Tourism Development Office made the following comments on the proposed ordinance:

- The City of Bacoor has thirty six (36) properties and structures recognized as "City Cultural Properties" under City Ordinance No. CO 2-2019 entitled: **"An Ordinance Declaring Thirty Six (36) Properties and Structures Submitted by the City Tourism Development Office as Cultural Properties of the City of Bacoor, Cavite under Article V, Section 14 of Republic Act No. 10066 otherwise known as the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009"**.
- The cultural properties are classified as private property and public property. Private properties were maintained by their owner/s while those considered public property was maintained by the barangay that has jurisdiction over the same.
- Under Section 3. Definition of Terms, change 3.1. **Heritage Site** to **Cultural Properties** as the above-mentioned city ordinance declares the properties and structures as Cultural Properties.



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Day", this policy encourages the different DepEd Offices and schools to pay tribute to celebrate the birth of the Philippine public school buildings, by raising awareness and appreciation of the Gabaldon schoolhouses and other heritage buildings. Ms. Polo informs the body that Gabaldon-type building is not considered as National Heritage Site.

According to Engr. Charlotte Aldave of the City Engineering Office, the Barangay may request assistance in maintaining the cultural property categorized as public property to the City Engineering Office. Hon. Palabrica suggested to include in the annual budget of the city government of Bacoor the maintenance of the cultural properties under the City Engineering Office.

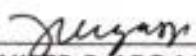
Hon. Caridad Sanchez, Punong Barangay of Brgy. Sineguelasan said that half of the Mariano Navarette ancestral house was demolished and its owners built a new house. Residents of the said barangay regreted the said action of the family of Mariano Navarette. Councilor Palabrica opined that it will be protected by the national government if it was recognized and included in the list of National Cultural Heritage sites.

Hon. Pagulayan added that the mural on the bike lane of Zapote Bridge must be included on the list of Cultural Properties of the City of Bacoor. The history of Bacoor is the subject of the said mural painting. According to Hon. Pagulayan, it was vandalized and actions must be taken to protect the said mural. Hon. Palabrica supported the manifestation of Hon. Pagulayan that City Ordinance No. 2-2019 needs to be amended in order to include the mural.

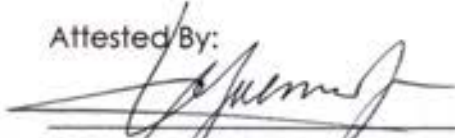
The PNP-Bacoor represented by PCMS Feliciano Garcia and PCPT Randy Bongawil expressed support of the proposed city ordinance.

The manifestations of the resource persons are noted by the city council. The committee hearing was adjourned by Hon. Gutierrez at 2:10 PM.

Prepared By:


JENIFER R. LEGASPI
Local Legislative Staff I

Attested/By:


COUN. VICTORIO L. GUERRERO, JR.
Chairman



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VENUE	S.P. Session Hall, 2 nd Floor, Bacoor Government Center		DATE/TIME	15 March 2023

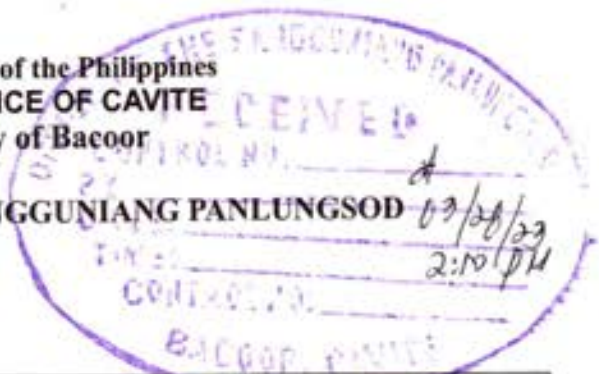
ATTENDANCE OF COMMITTEE HEARING

NAME	DATE	CONTACT NUMBER	SIGNATURE
CHARLOTTE ADAVE (CITY ENGINEERING OFFICE)	03/15/2023	09615183101	
GABRIEL MARK B. MARTINEZ (TOURISM DEVELOPMENT OFFICE)	03/15/2023	09054246581	
ALFIE O. BAWARANI	3/15/23	09338675865	
Rogelio Pof ^a Nolasco	3/15/23		
REYNALDO PALABRICA	3/15/2023		
MARCEL G. GUARAN	3-15-23	0990041502	
AF GUTIERREZ	3-15-2023		
Aldo Pagulayan	3-15-2023		
SIMPICIO G DOMINGUEZ	3-15-2023		



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HON. ROGELIO M. NOLASCO	3-9-23	0929-804-0945	<i>[Signature]</i>
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MS. EDITHA M. ATENDIDO CESO V Schools Division Superintendent City of Bacoor	3/9/23	435 6100	
MR. EDWIN B. GUINTO City Tourism Office City of Bacoor	3/9/23	0977466 9889	
OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICE City of Bacoor	3/9/23	415	
ENGR. JICKY JUTBA OIC - City Engineering Office City of Bacoor	3/9/23	318	
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 BLGY. KAINGEN	3/9/23	09955021816	
BLGY. LIGAY I		THROUGH TEXT MESSAGE	
ROSEL R. MAJAGO II BLGY. MARDO II	3/9/23	0990607521	
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BILLY JAN NICOLAS I		THROUGH TEXT MESSAGE	
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BILLY TABING AGAT		THROUGH TEXT MESSAGE	
BILLY TALARA IV		THROUGH TEXT MESSAGE	
BILLY ZAPOTE IV		THROUGH TEXT MESSAGE	



F.1.2 For First Reading: PCO 2023-066 – PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROTECTING PUBLIC PARKS WITH IMPORTANT STATUTES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.



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Office of the Mayor

February 7, 2023

HON. CATHERINE SARINO EVARISTO

Acting Vice Mayor, City of Bacoor
Bacoor Government Center
Bacoor City, Cavite

Received
02/08/23
11:24 AM

THRU: Atty. Khalid Atega, Jr.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

**SUBJECT: National Historical Commission of the Philippines –
Report of Assessment Padre Mariano Gomes Monument**

Dear Hon. Sarino-Evaristo

The City Tourism Development Office, thru its Supervising Tourism Operations Officer, Edwin B. Guinto submitted to the undersigned a letter, dated February 6, 2023, concerning the above-mentioned subject. In item No. 4 of the said assessment report, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines recommended that: *"Public parks with important statutes shall be given prominence (e.g. site development, adding lighting fixtures, barcode, dedicated caretakers) and taken care of through protective local ordinances and sustainable maintenance program."* Attached hereto for your immediate reference is the letter including its attachments, from Mr. Guinto for your immediate reference.

In view of the foregoing, I respectfully request the esteemed members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to perform the necessary actions relative to this matter.

I trust that you give this matter your utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,



[Signature]
STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor





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City Tourism Development Office



06 February 2023

HON. STRINE B. REVILLA
 City Mayor

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ENGR. JICKY JUTBA
 City Engineering Office

Dear Mayor Strike,

Greetings!

In line with our preparation for the Centennial Anniversary of Padre Mariano Gomez Monument at the our Town Plaza on May 8, 2023, we would like to provide your office a copy of National Historical Commission of the Philippines' Report of Assessment - Padre Mariano Gomez Monument

For your project action

Truly yours,

EDWIN AGUILO
 Supervising Tourist Operations Officer

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For **EDWIN B. GUINJO**
 Supervising Tourism Operations Officer
 City Tourism Development Office
 Baguio Government Center
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By **CARMINDA R. AREVALO**
 D/O, Office of the Executive Director
 National Historical Commission of the Philippines

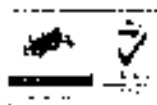
Atty: 7 February 2022

The following document has been respectfully transmitted for your kind reference:

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
1	copy	Report of Assessment Phase II, Baguio Games Monument	Original of copy

Very truly,
 Yours,

Date: _____



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Padre Mariano Gomes Monument Assessment

In response to the request for technical assistance by the Biscoe City Tourism Office an assessment team from the Material Research Conservation Division consisting of Richard Baker, Jeffrey Eckhardt and Jean Ann Plazin proceeded to Biscoe, Bating Dugat, Biscoe City, Canada to conduct the inspection of Padre Mariano Gomes monument and conduct on-site material analysis to determine:

1- the original paint of the monument, 2- original paint, 3- solvent to be used in removing the different types of painting, and 3- assess physical damages on the monument. The analysis is in line with the preparation for centenary of the erection of the monument on May 11, 1923 at its site. It is located in a park adjacent to the parish of St. Michael the Archangel.



THE MONUMENT AND ITS CONDITION

The monument was sculpted by Antonio Garcia in 1923 and was reconstructed some time when it was damaged. It stands at 4.2 meters in height. The base depicts an angel and a figure. A standing figure of a man dressed in long hair, with the left hand resting on the right hand, and a figure of a woman dressed in a white dress. Inscriptions on both to commemorate the 100th anniversary. At its lower part is a figure of a standing maiden in long gown holding a staff in her right hand and a hand in her left. The figure is long sleeve shirt and knee length pants. A seated figure at the top of the monument is depicted as well as both hands which is supposedly holding a book resting on its knees. The whole monument is made of concrete.

Inspection of the monument's painted areas (in white modern paint) is taking away a part of the original paint. The red paint is fairly new, but flaking is evident at the lower portion of the body of the figure. The paint has a thin layer of yellow and brown of age and is taking the original color and the details of the sculpture. The bases of marble and granite



missing top and face, which were restored in the past, is still a glaring problem. The marble plaques are in excellent condition.



Mural areas and damage on the wall, left.

DETERMINATION OF SOLVENT FOR REMOVAL OF EXISTING PAINT

There are several solvents that could be used for removal of commercial paints, both available in hardware stores and in specialized chemical stores. The team opted to test the ones commercially available in hardware stores. Solubility test was done by rubbing a cotton swab that was dampened with solvent on the painted surface. If the paint readily dissolves and sticks to the cotton, therefore it is soluble in that solvent.

The solvents used were lacquer thinner, paint stripper and thinner. Both lacquer thinner and paint stripper are proven to be an effective solvent and it evaporates quickly. Lacquer thinner dissolves a layer at a time, making it good in determining the different strata of paint. On the other hand, paint stripper penetrates to different layers which is very good for removal of paints in just one or two applications.

DETERMINATION OF DIFFERENT LAYERS OF PAINTINGS (PAINT STRATIGRAPHY)

To determine the earliest color of the monument, the team had to conduct paint stratigraphy. It is a simple method of extracting information on decorative finishes by stripping layer upon layer of paints to reveal the order or color sequences and other helpful evidence on a heritage object. The layer of painting was dissolved exposing each layer and the process is repeatedly done until the substrate (concrete) is exposed.



Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.




Jefferson Memorial, Washington, D.C.


2. The selection of final color to be applied to printed signs on the basis of the stakeholders' views should be generally accepted by the public, and will not affect the historicity of the monument. The USG should present this decision on or to the restoration of the monument. The color analysis presented here shall serve only as a guide.


3. Material losses/reconstruction, if not minimal, should be based on the original appearance and historical images. Reference to extant photographs is highly encouraged for the reconstruction.

4. Memorials with important status shall be given prominent signage development including lighting, tables, railings, dedicated caretakers, and taken care to through extensive local initiatives with sustainable maintenance program.

Prepared by:


RICHARD H. BAULA
History Researcher / Conservator


BENJAMIN T. PAULIN
Monument Inspector II


JEFFREY E. ESTONANTO
History Researcher / Conservator



OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICE

INDORSEMENT NO. 182, SERIES of 2023

TO : HON. VICTORIO L. GUERRERO, JR.
Chairman
Committee on Tourism, Culture, and External Linkages

THRU: Jenifar R. Legaspi
Local Legislative Staff I

**SUBJECT : Comments on the Proposed City Ordinance No. 2023-066,
Series of 2023.**

DATE : 21 MARCH 2023

On 20 March 2023, the Office of Hon. Victorio L. Guerrero, Jr. requested this Office to provide comments on the draft of the City Ordinance abovementioned.

The representative of this Office, during the scheduled Committee Hearing last 15 March 2023, made the following comments and suggestions to the august body:

1. To revise the title of the Ordinance from: "An Ordinance Protecting Statues, Monuments, and Public Parks of Historic Value Situated in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof" to " An Ordinance for the Conservation and Protection of Statues, Monuments, and Public Parks of Historic Value Situated in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and Providing Penalties for Violations Hereof";
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3. To change Section 6 thereof by clearly stating the name of this office as "OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICES" instead of City Legal Services Unit.

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4. To add in Section 5 thereof under its Penalties this provision:

While the following penalties shall be imposed against Offenders/Violators below 18 years of age, the child shall be required to attend diversion or intervention programs pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006.

Should the child violate this ordinance for a third time or more, the parent/s or guardian shall be the one required to attend to a history and culture appreciation seminar to be conducted by the Tourism Development Unit for a period of three (3) consecutive days.

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREFORE, it is humbly submitted that the abovementioned observations be considered in the final draft of the ordinance subject for comment from this Office.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,


ATTY. MARIUS O. SUMIRA
Office of the City Legal Services

Approved by:


ATTY. EUGENE L. DE JESUS
City Legal Officer



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JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULE

**COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PRIVILEGES, LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

Date/Time: March 15, 2023 (Wednesday) / 1:00 PM

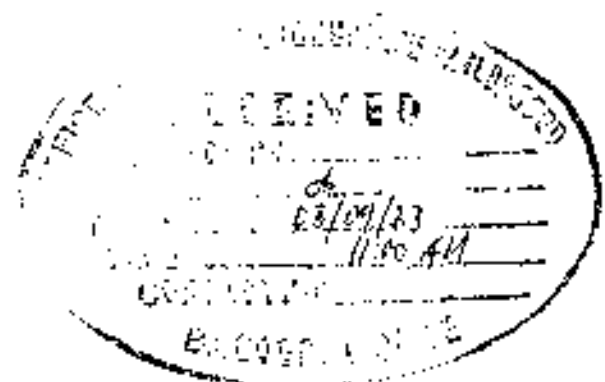
Venue: Session Hall, 2nd Floor Sangguniang Panlungsod

Subject: PCO-2023-066 – PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROTECTING PUBLIC PARKS WITH
IMPORTANT STATUES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Chairman on Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages
HON. VICTORIO L. GUERRERO, JR.

Prepared by:


JENIFER R. LEGASPI
Local Legislative Staff-1
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City Ordinance No. 066
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF STATUES, MONUMENTS, AND PUBLIC PARKS OF HISTORIC VALUE SITUATED IN THE CITY OF BACCOOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Sponsored by:
HON. VICTORIO L. GUERRERO, JR.

WHEREAS, Sections 14, 15, 16 and 17, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution declare that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression. The Constitution likewise mandates the State to conserve, develop, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations. It further provides that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State, which may regulate its disposition.

WHEREAS, the City of Bacoor is well known for the vital role it played in various events throughout Philippine history.

WHEREAS, due to its storied past, the City of Bacoor is home to a number of statues, monuments, and public parks of historical value. Lamentably, these heritage sites are given scant attention and appreciation by many in the City and sometimes these statues, monuments, and public parks become victims of hooligans and vandals.

WHEREAS, the City of Bacoor intends to protect the said heritage sites not only to preserve them but also to enhance public appreciation of the values that the said statues, monuments, and public parks symbolize: courage, sacrifice, and patriotism.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Heritage Site Protection Ordinance of Bacoor**".

Section 2. Coverage. This Ordinance shall cover all statues, monuments, public parks, homes, churches, and other structures certified by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and by the Tourism Development Unit of the City of Bacoor as "historically significant sites", "cultural properties", or as "heritage sites".

Section 3. Definition of Terms. The following terms as used in this Ordinance shall be understood to mean as:

3.1. **Cultural Property** – refers to all products of human creativity by which a people and a nation reveal their identity, including churches, mosques and other places of religious worship, schools and natural history specimens and sites, whether public or privately-owned, movable or immovable, tangible or intangible.

3.2. Heritage site – are cultural and/or natural sites considered to be of 'Outstanding Universal Value', which have been inscribed on the World Heritage List by the World Heritage Committee.

3.3. Historically significant sites – are places, structures, statues, homes, churches, monuments and parks that have an important part in the development of the history and culture of the City of Bacoor as certified by the NHCP and the Tourism Development Unit of the city government.

Section 4. Prohibited Acts. The following acts of commission and omission are hereby prohibited:

4.1 Defacing, vandalizing, or destroying any heritage site, cultural property or historically significant site;

4.2 Stealing, removing, transporting, selling, or damaging any object that forms part of, or is found at, a heritage site, cultural property or historically significant site;

4.3 Doing any lewd, immoral, or offensive acts while at heritage site, cultural property or historically significant site or using an object of historical value in the commission of such acts;

4.4 Deliberately violating various regulations formulated by the owners or managers of a heritage site or historically significant site;

4.5 Failing to clean up or repair a heritage site, cultural property or historically significant site within a reasonable period after it has been defaced, destroyed, sullied, or damaged deliberately by a person or as a consequence of a natural calamity that affected the City of Bacoor; and

4.6 Any other act or omission similar or analogous to any of the foregoing.

Section 5. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed against any person aged 18 years old and above:

First Offense: fine of P3,000.00 plus mandatory attendance to a history and culture appreciation seminar to be conducted by the Tourism Development Unit for a period of three consecutive working days.

Second Offense: fine of P4,000.00 plus imprisonment for ten (10) days as determined by a court of law.

Third Offense: fine of P5,000.00 plus imprisonment for thirty (30) days as determined by a court of law.

While the following penalties shall be imposed against Offenders/Violators below 18 years of age, the child shall be required to attend diversion or intervention programs pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act of 2006.

Should the child violate this ordinance for a third time or more, the parent/s or guardian shall be the one required to attend to a history and culture appreciation seminar to be conducted by the Tourism Development Unit for a period of three (3) consecutive days.

Section 6. Implementing Rules. The City Tourism Development Office is hereby directed to formulate the implementing rules of this Ordinance with the assistance of the Office of the City Legal Services and to submit the same for the Mayor's approval not later than 60 days after the date of effectivity hereof.

Section 7. Repeal. All ordinances, resolutions, and orders inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 8. Separability. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions hereof not affected by the said declaration shall remain valid.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

APPROVED this 20th day of March 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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

Certified by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Approved by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor

Date of Approval: 20 March 2023