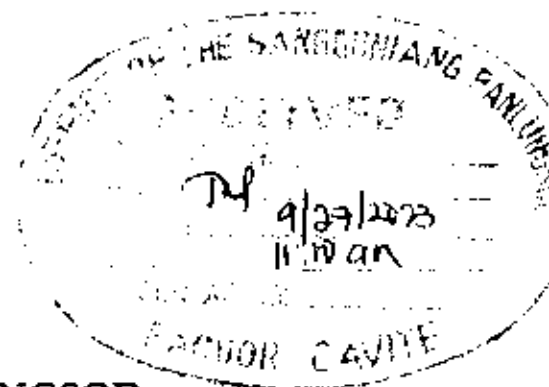




Republic of the Philippines
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 City of Bacoor



5th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Committee on Labor, Trade Commerce and Industry

COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT NO. LTCI-013-S-2023

Subject: A RESOLUTION CREATING THE BANTAY BIGAS NG MAMAMAYAN TASK FORCE IN SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EO NO. 39 ISSUED BY PRES. FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR. ON 31 AUGUST 2023 THRU EXECUTIVE SECRETARY LUCAS P. BERSAMIN. (PCR No. 390-2023 dated September 4, 2023).

The 59th Regular Session of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod was presided over by Pro Tempore, Coun. Reynaldo Palabrica held on September 4, 2023 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) Session Hall, 6th Flr. City of Bacoor Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Government Center.

FINDINGS:

The Executive Order No. 039 was issued on August 31, 2023, by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. via Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin. This is to impose mandated price ceilings on rice: ₱ 41.00 per kilogram on regular milled and ₱ 45.00 per kilogram on well milled.

The creation of Bantay Bigas ng Mamamayan (BBM) Task Force within the city would be an effective measure to monitor the compliance of retailers, wholesalers and producers. This will address the matters such as hoarding, price manipulation and quality control, ultimately benefiting the consumers and ensuring food security in the city.

The Bantay ng Bigas Mamamayan Task Force shall be composed by the following:

Chairperson:	The City Administrator
Co-Chairperson:	Hon. Reynaldo Fabian (or his duly authorized representative)
Members:	a. Head, Business Permits and Licensing Office (or his/her duly authorized representative) b. Head, City Social Welfare and Development Office (or his/her duly authorized representative) c. Representative of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); and d. Chief of Police, Bacoor City Police Station (or his/her duly authorized representative)



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RECOMMENDATION:

After imparting the reasons necessary in support to the implementation of the Executive Order No. 039, the Committee recommends passing a resolution creating the Bantay Bigas ng Mamamayan Task Force. This recommendation was unanimously **APPROVED** by the council.

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

Signed this 11th day of September 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

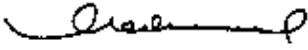
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COMMITTEE HEARING MINUTES

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The 59th Regular Session of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod held on September 4, 2023 at the 6th Floor Session Hall, Bacoor Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Government Center. The session was called to order at 10:00 am by the Acting Presiding Officer, Hon. Reynaldo Palabrica.

The Chairman of the Committee on Labor, Trade Commerce, and Industry, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, moved to approve the said item.

Also, the following were suggested by Hon. Alde Pagulayan in his support for the creation of the task force:

- a. Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies shall render support and assistance to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Agriculture (DA) for the immediate and effective implementation of the order
- b. Hon. Fabian as the Co-Chairman of the task force

The motion was unanimously seconded by the council members, and the Acting Chair then proclaimed the matter approved and acknowledged the suggestions of Hon. Pagulayan.

The session adjourned at 11:14 am.

Prepared By:

ARMILEEN C. LEGASPI-RED
Local Legislative Staff Assistant I

Attested by:

COUN. REYNALDO M. FABIAN
Chairman



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39

IMPOSITION OF MANDATED PRICE CEILINGS ON RICE

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7581 or the "Price Act," as amended by RA No. 10623, declares it a policy of the State to provide effective and sufficient protection to consumers against hoarding, profiteering and cartels with respect to the supply, distribution, marketing and pricing of goods during periods of calamity, emergency and widespread illegal price manipulation, and other similar situations;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA No. 10845 or the "Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act of 2016," mandates the State to promote the productivity of the agriculture sector and to protect farmers from unscrupulous traders and importers, who by their illegal importation of agricultural products, especially rice, significantly affect the production, availability of supply and stability of prices, and the food security of the State;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of RA No. 7581 provides that the President, upon the recommendation of the implementing agency or the Price Coordinating Council, may impose a price ceiling on any basic necessity or prime commodity in any of the following conditions: (i) threat, existence, or effect of an emergency; (ii) prevalence or widespread acts of illegal price manipulation; (iii) impendency, existence, or effect of any event that causes artificial and unreasonable increase in the price of the basic necessity or prime commodity; and (iv) whenever the prevailing price of any basic necessity or prime commodity has risen to unreasonable levels;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Trade, and Industry (DTI) have reported that the country's rice supplies have reached a stable level and are sufficient owing to the arrival of rice imports and expected surplus on local rice production;

WHEREAS, despite the steady supply of rice, the DA and DTI have also reported that the widespread practice of alleged illegal price manipulation, such as hoarding by opportunistic traders and collusion among industry cartels in light of the lean season, as well as global events taking place beyond the Philippines' control, such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India's ban on rice exportation, and the

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unpredictability of oil prices in the world market, among other factors, have caused an alarming increase in the retail prices of this basic necessity;

WHEREAS, the current surge in retail prices of rice in the country has resulted in a considerable economic strain on Filipinos, particularly those who are underprivileged and marginalized;

WHEREAS, to address the rising food prices, the DA and DTI have recommended the imposition of mandated price ceilings on rice in the whole country pursuant to Section 7 of RA No. 7581;

WHEREAS, in light of the current situation, it is crucial and urgent for the State to guarantee that basic necessities are not only sufficient but also reasonably priced and conveniently accessible to every Filipino; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control of all executive departments, bureaus and offices, and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Mandated Price Ceilings. Upon the joint recommendation of the DA and DTI, the mandated price ceilings on rice shall be implemented in the whole country, as follows:

Rice Variety	Mandated Price Ceiling
Regular Milled Rice	₱41.00 per kilogram
Well-Milled Rice	₱45.00 per kilogram

Section 2. Period. The mandated price ceilings shall remain in full force and effect unless earlier lifted by the President upon the recommendation of the Price Coordinating Council or the DA and DTI.

Section 3. Agency Directives. To ensure the immediate and effective implementation of this Order, the following national government agencies are directed to perform the following:

- a. Pursuant to Section 10(9) and (15) of RA No. 7581, the DTI and DA shall ensure the strict implementation of the mandated price ceilings on rice in the market, including monitoring and investigation of abnormal price movements thereof, and provision of assistance to affected retailers. The Department of the Interior and Local Government shall provide the necessary support to the DA and DTI for this purpose;
- b. To the fullest extent permitted by existing laws, including without limitation, Sections 3, 4 and 5 of RA No. 10845 and Section 5(1) of RA No. 7581, in relation

to Section 224 and other relevant provisions of RA No. 10863 or the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act," the Bureau of Customs (BOC) shall intensify ongoing inspections and raids of rice warehouses to combat hoarding and illegal importation of rice in the country, and to facilitate the confiscation, seizure, or forfeiture of smuggled rice as may be warranted by law. To this end, the DA shall provide the necessary assistance to the BOC, which shall include the sharing of relevant information such as inventory of rice stocks, list of accredited rice importers, and location of rice warehouses;

- c. Consistent with Section 12(a) and (f) of RA No. 10667 or the "Philippine Competition Act," the Philippine Competition Commission, in coordination with the DA and DTI, shall take measures against cartels or those abusing their dominant position in the market to ensure fair market competition and uphold consumer welfare and protection; and
- d. The Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies shall render the necessary support and assistance to the DTI and DA to ensure the immediate and effective enforcement of this Order.

Section 4. Separability. If any part or provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.


Section 5. Repeal. All orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 31st day of August, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

By the President:


LUCAS P. BERSAMIN
Executive Secretary


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CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-327

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Sponsored by:

HON. REYNALDO FABIAN

Co-Sponsored by:

Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Ramon N. Bautista, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Mac Raven Espiritu, Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, Hon. Rogello M. Nolasca, Hon. Alde Josellito F. Pagulayan, and Hon. Michael E. Solis and Hon. Levy M. Tela.

WHEREAS, the City Government has a moral and legal obligation to ensure the well-being of its residents, including access to affordable and sufficient basic commodities like rice.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 39, issued by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on 31 August 2023 through Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin, imposes mandated price ceilings on rice, setting the price for regular milled rice at PHP 41 per kilogram and well milled rice at PHP 45 per kilogram.

WHEREAS, the implementation of Executive Order No. 39 aims to safeguard the interests of consumers and ensure economic stability within the jurisdiction of the Philippines, which aligns with the City Government's objectives.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 (the Local Government Code of 1991) empowers the City Mayor and the City Government to enforce national laws and policies at the local level.

WHEREAS, the effective enforcement of the price ceilings outlined in Executive Order No. 39 requires systematic monitoring and reporting mechanisms to prevent violations like hoarding, profiteering, and other forms of illegal price manipulation.

WHEREAS, creating a special task force known as the "Bantay Bigas ng Mamamayan Task Force" within the city would be an effective measure to monitor the compliance of retailers, wholesalers, and producers with the said Executive Order.

WHEREAS, such a task force would comprise representatives from the City Government, local law enforcement agencies, consumer advocacy groups, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure a multi-faceted approach to effective implementation.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of Hon. Reynaldo Fabian, unanimously seconded by the rest of the Body, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite to create the **Bantay Bigas ng Mamamayan Task Force** to support the effective

implementation of Executive Order No. 39 within the city's jurisdiction which shall be comprised of the following:

Chairperson: The City Administrator
Co-Chairperson: Hon. Reynaldo Fabian (or his duly authorized representative)

Members:

- a) Head, Business Permits and Licensing Office (or his/her duly authorized representative)
- b) Head, City Social Welfare & Development Office (or his/her duly authorized representative)
- c) Representative of the Department of Trade and Industry; and
- d) Chief of Police, Bacoor City Police Station (or his/her duly authorized representative).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bontay Bigas ng Mamamayan Task Force shall coordinate closely with the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and other relevant agencies for the effective and efficient implementation of the mandated price ceilings on rice.

RESOLVED LASTLY, to furnish the University of the Philippines-Office of the Notional Administrative Register (UP-ONAR), and other government agencies concerned with copies of this Resolution.

APPROVED on the 4th day of September 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is true and correct and that it was passed in accordance with law by the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Certified by:

HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA
Acting Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Approved by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
Acting City Mayor
