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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PRIVILEGES, LAWS AND ORDINANCES

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

NO. PWH 008-S-2024

Subject: *AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE ADOPTION OF UNDERGROUND CABLE LAYOUT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES IN SELECTED AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (PCO 2024-150 dated January 15, 2024).*

A joint committee hearing met, pursuant to call, on February 08, 2024, at 2:14 P.M., in Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, 6th floor, Bacoor Legislative & Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Government Center, Bacoor Boulevard, Brgy Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite, with Hon. Levy M. Tela, Chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Highways presiding. Subcommittee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances.

FINDINGS:

Based on City Ordinance No. 2013-051-Series of 2013 updated MO No. 6-S2009 also known as Anti-Dangling Wire Ordinance with the intention of reducing the incidence of dangling wire along public roads and thoroughfares as eye sore and to promote public safety.

The proposed ordinance intends to lessen the growth of aerial transmission cables for power, telephone, cable television, internet, and other public services that rely on cable distribution and to encourage the use of underground cabling in city construction activities.

The City Engineering Office will recommend to the City Mayor which areas should be prioritized for subterranean cabling based on technical suitability.

All housing, subdivision and commercial development within the city through public-private partnership or joint venture agreements, shall strictly adopt underground cabling approaches as default project.

After this regulation goes into effect, all private applications for residential, commercial, and industrial constructions with an area of at least 1 hectare must use subterranean cabling by default, unless a professional Electrical Engineer certifies that it is not suitable.



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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the committee respectfully recommends that the proposed resolution mentioned above be **APPROVED**.

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

Signed this 19th day of February, 2024, at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS



COUN. LEVY M. TELA
Chairman



COUN. ROBERTO L. ADVINCULA
Vice Chairman



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Member



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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS BACOOR CITY, CAVITE
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JOINT COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Members Present: Vice Chairman, on Public Works and Highway Hon. Roberto Advincula, CPWH member, Hon. Michael Solis, Committee on Rules, and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances, Chairman, Hon. Reynaldo Palabrica, member, Hon. Adrielite Gawaran, and with the presence of Hon. Alde Joselito Pagulayan, Hon. Simplicio Dominguez, Atty. Ethel Joy A. Mejia, Engr. Elace Alarcon and Ma. Christina Quiringa representatives from Meralco. Engr. Mikko Hilario from Globe Telecom. Atty. Salve Valenciano from OCLS, Engr. Jose Henry Baluyot of CPDC, Engr. Crisaldo Tiglaog of CEO, and Engr. Arthur San Jose of Zoning Dept.

The presiding officer asked the members to introduce themselves and started the committee hearing regarding the proposed ordinance. Hon. Tela wanted to know about any suggestions on this matter.

Atty. Mejia: "As of now Sir, we know the intention of the City Government of Bacoor regarding the underground cable layout for public utilities in those selected areas. In our office, there are different line offices involved, and with regard to that we are asking for comments and suggestions about the ordinance. Because there are also technicalities to be considered in the proposal. For example, in Section 6 to present a master plan/study of the transition to underground cabling, particularly identifying the cost, we would like to know the extent of the information needed with respect to the plan. May I also request to the Councilors here, that we don't have enough time to comment regarding the ordinance because we have to teach the different offices of Meralco, who are in charge of underground cabling of the wires so if we can be allowed to submit our comment and suggestion in 15 days from now after this meeting. Additionally, I would like to ask that meron na bang sakop na area na sinasabi ninyo?"

Hon. Pagulayan: "Dun sa prioritization kung saan implement initially iyung ordinansa na inadvocate ni Chairman Tela, I think two areas where prioritized, the



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government center which we are here right now, and the Bacoor Bay Reclamation Area. Iyung Bacoor Bay Reclamation Area has passed through as a series of hearing already and we already have a green light coming from Philippines Reclamation Authority, and the same time by the DENR to proceed, and all necessary requirements for the implementation of this project has already started. Now, ang ordinance na ito ay paghahanda dun sa panahon kung saan matatapos na ang land development at magsisimula na ang construction. For a very reason, I would intend to believe that the Bacoor reclamation area is facing along Bacoor Bay so there is so many considerations that's why Mayor Strike advocate this particular area. Alam naman ninyo na malakas ang hangin sa area na iyun tapos ang Bacoor is actually along the path of Marikina fault line. For safety measure and everything paghahanda na itong ordinansa na ito. If your question is kung meron na bang plano ang city, this is the plan. Kung maipapasa na ang ordinansang ito, ito na ang ma iirequire sa mga developers at ng mga tao. At dun pa lang tayo sa land development case, kaya maganda na iyung hinahabol na ito ni Chairman Tela para bago pa lang magtambak eh mailagay na ang mga infrastructure sa ilalim para sa underground cabling.

Hon. Palabrica: "Stated in Section 4 in this ordinance that the area for underground cabling is clearly written on this section that all housing, subdivision and commercial development by the city through its own fund public-private partnership or joint venture agreement, shall strictly adopt underground cabling. Kasi marami tayong housing project na i-implement by the City of Bacoor funded by local or national. So ito iyung priorities area natin, parang pilot area natin ito and after this bago tayo ma e-expand. So dun sa question tungkol sa priority areas, are all stated in Section 4 of this ordinance.

Atty. Mejia: "Is this ordinance to be applied to newly developed areas and not the existing ones?"

Hon. Palabrica" "Sa ngayon, pero sooner or later under Section 6 of this ordinance there is a transition to underground cabling. As you said before, you are asking for 15 days to submit your recommendation and suggestion and I think that you have a lot of time to do this because under Section 6. Within 1 year from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the concerned utility companies relying on aerial cabling and pole attachments shall present a master plan/study of their transition to underground cabling, particularly identifying the cost and benefits and/or disadvantages. Mahihirapan kayo sa transitioning at mahihirapan din kaming mai implement ito, dito muna tayo sa mga pilot area na wala pang existing aerial cabling at idedevelop pa lamang."

Atty. Mejia: "In Section 4 paragraph 2 na ang all housing, subdivision ay dapat palitan ng future developing housing and subdivision. Because on this Section the term all housing/division ay kasama na ang mga existing subdivision."

Hon. Palabrica: "There is no existing kaya safe na safe itong terminology naming ginamit dito."



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Engr. Hilario: "Globe Telecom has no objection at all about this matter at kailangan lang na mailatag niya ang usaping ito sa kanilang Legal Department at department concern para magkaroon ng plano at paglaanan ng sapat na budget. May I ask about what is the City plan for underground cabling, or mag provide ba ang City ng sariling conduit or kanya kanyang lagay nito ang bawat utilities company?"

Hon. Palabrica: "Malaking budget iyun kung ang City ang mag provide ng conduit para sa underground cabling at cost of million of pesos. Pero sa nakita kong plano, may provision na ganun but hindi ko ma assure sa inyo na sasagutin ng City of Bacoor ang lahat ng gastos. Mayroong developer na sila ang nag provide ng malaking tubo while developing the area at ang bawat utility company ay kailangang magbayad sa developer ng paggamit ng nasabing conduit or tubo na pagdadaan ng mga cables."

Engr. San Jose: "Ako po personally I'm in favor with the ordinance. Marami ring mga poste na nakaharang sa lote minsan sa right of way. Mawawala na rin yung mga spaghetti wires."

The committee hearing was adjourned at 3:09 PM

Prepared By:

ELENA B. SOMBRANO
Clerk

Attested By:

COUN. LEVY M. TELA
Chairman



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January 31, 2024

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

Due to the absence for personal reason of the presiding officer Hon. Levy M. Tela, the following committee-hearing schedule on February 01, 2024 is **cancelled** and re-scheduled on **February 08, 2024** with the same time and venue.

PCO 2024-150	2:00 PM	SESSION HALL 6 TH FLOOR
PCO 2024-151	3:00 PM	SESSION HALL 6 TH FLOOR

Respectfully yours,

ELENA B. SOMBRANO

Staff

Office Of City Councilor

Hon. Levy M. Tela

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February 06, 2024

TO: ALL CONCERNED

RE: PCO- 2024-150, PCO 2024-151, COMMITTEE HEARING REMINDER

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a reminder about the Committee hearing we have scheduled for tomorrow, at **2 PM** and **3 PM**. Your attendance is crucial, as we will be discussing important matters and decisions that require your input.

Committee Hearing Details:

SUBJECT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
PCO-2024-150	Feb. 08, 2024/2:00 PM	Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, 6 th floor, Bacoor Legislative & Disaster Resilience Building
PCO-2024-151	Feb. 08, 2024/3:00 PM	-do-

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Respectfully yours,

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Office Of City Councilor
Hon. Levy M. Tela

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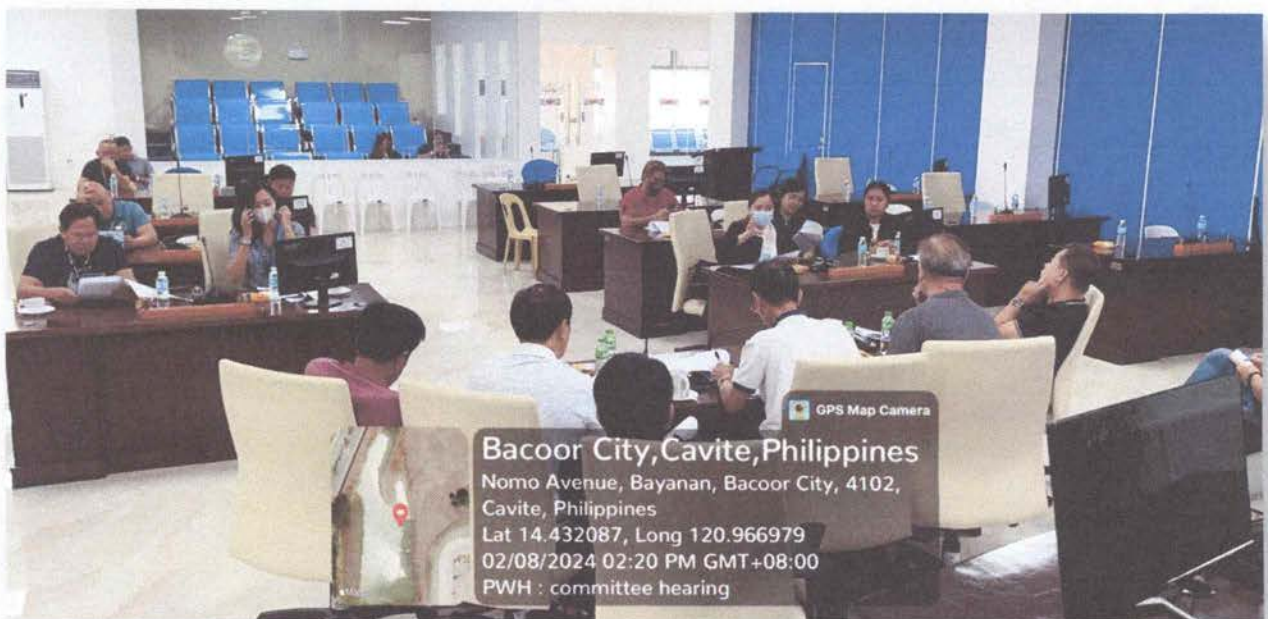
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PCO 2024-150 – AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE ADOPTION OF UNDERGROUND CABLE LAYOUT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES IN SELECTED AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.



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CITY OF BACOOR
Office of the Mayor

January 8, 2024

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
City Vice Mayor,
Bacoor Government Center
Bacoor City, Cavite

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By: ARIEL
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BACOOR CITY, CAVITE

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

SUBJECT: Endorsement Letter

Dear Hon. Bautista-Mendiola:

I hereby endorse to the esteemed members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for appropriate action the letter, dated 8 January 2024, from the Office of the City Administrator, relative to the proposed city ordinance prescribing the adoption of underground cable layout for public utilities in select areas in the City of Bacoor. The proposed ordinance aims to promote the use of underground cabling in construction developments in the City of Bacoor and reduce the proliferation of aerial transmission cables for power, telecommunications, cable television, internet and other public utilities relying on cable distribution.

Attached herewith is the aforementioned endorsement, including the proposed draft ordinance, for your immediate reference.

I trust that you give this matter your utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,


STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor



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January 9, 2024

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

08 January 2024

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA

Mayor
City of Bacoor

THRU:

ATTY. PAUL MG. SANGALANG - 1/6/24

Executive Assistant IV
Office of the City Mayor

SUBJECT:

**FOR APPROVAL AND FURTHER ENDORSEMENT TO THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**

*Proposed City Ordinance Prescribing the Adoption of
Underground Cable Layout for Public Utilities in Select Areas and
for Other Purposes*

Dear Mayor Strike,

Greetings.

Relative to the drafting of the proposed City Ordinance Prescribing the Adoption of Underground Cable Layout for Public Utilities in Select Areas and for Other Purposes, we are now respectfully and formally endorsing the same to your office for your approval and further endorsement to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

Thank you.

Respectfully,


ATTY. AIMEE TORREFRANCA-NERI
City Administrator

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. ____-2023
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE ADOPTION OF UNDERGROUND CABLE LAYOUT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES IN SELECTED AREAS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 2013-051 Series of 2013 updated Municipal Ordinance No. 6 Series of 2009 "An Ordinance Regulating the Installation of Distribution Lines of various Public Utilities in the Municipality of Bacoor" also known as Anti-Dangling Wire Ordinance with the intention of reducing the incidence of dangling wires along public roads and thoroughfares as eye sore and to promote public safety;

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. 271-2023 series of 2023 amended certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 25-2014 Series of 2014 which regulated the digging/excavation activities over public roads, thoroughfares, including alleys and sidewalks, after the incident of a road crash that caused the death of one motorcycle rider due to road excavation along Aguinaldo Highway;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacoor already started with the adoption of underground cable layout for the Bacoor Government Center compound and is intending to promote the underground cabling as the trend in new areas of development;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**BACCOOR CITY UNDERGROUND CABLING ORDINANCE OF 2023**".

SECTION 2. Purpose and Objective. - This Ordinance aims to promote the use of underground cabling in construction developments in the City of Bacoor and to reduce the proliferation of aerial transmission cables for power, telecommunications, cable television, internet, and other public utilities relying on cable distribution.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall be defined as follows:

1. **Aerial cabling** - refers to the method of grouping cables and wires of public utilities for distribution above the natural grade line but higher than the usual height of vehicles and trucks, and relies on pole attachment for distribution.
2. **Bacoor Government Center** - refers to the area owned by the City Government of Bacoor where the City Hall and other adjacent buildings and structures are found, located in barangay Bayanan, and whose main road access is through Bacoor Boulevard.
3. **Construction** - refers to any activity that involves development or civil works, such as excavation, earth fill, erection of poles, provision for utility cabinets, manholes, etc. and is affecting the public in general by its nature, vicinity, or incidence.
4. **Distribution** - refers to the process of conveying public utility service from the source to the end user/clients.

5. **Natural Grade Line** – refers to the elevation of the undisturbed and undeveloped ground/soil in a particular area. This may also refer to the lowest elevation of improvement without excavation or earth fill activities.
6. **Pole attachment** – refers to the process of connecting objects to erected poles, usually public utilities with cable distribution lines.
7. **Raceway** – an enclosed channel forming a physical path for electrical and other utility cables.
8. **Underground Cabling** – refers to the method of grouping cables and wires of public utilities for distribution below the natural grade line.

SECTION 4. Areas for Underground Cabling – The priority areas for underground cabling shall be determined by the City Mayor based on technical suitability upon the recommendation of the City Engineering Office. For this purpose, the Bacoor Government Center and the Bacoor Bay Reclamation Area shall be designated as the pilot underground cabling areas for expansion and development.

All housing, subdivision, and commercial developments by the city through its own funds, whether subsidized or not by the national government, or through public-private partnerships or joint venture agreements, shall strictly adopt underground cabling methodologies as default projects after the effectivity of this Ordinance.

All private applications for residential, commercial, and industrial developments after the effectivity of this Ordinance with an area of not less than 10,000 square meters shall adopt underground cabling as a default, unless certified as not suitable by a Professional Electrical Engineer.

SECTION 5. General Requirements for Underground Cabling

1. All underground cabling must be protected by the following:
 - a) Enclosures or raceways shall be provided to direct buried wires and cables, including those emerging from grade.
 - b) Wires and cables entering a building shall likewise have protective enclosures.
 - c) Underground services conductors that are not encased in concrete shall have sufficient warning ribbon placed in the trench at least 300 mm above ground installation.
 - d) Conductors shall be installed in rigid metal conduit, intermediate metal conduit, schedule 80 rigid non-metallic conduit, or equivalent.
 - e) Electrical cables shall have separate enclosures and raceways from those of telephone, video, and data cables.
2. The Philippine Electrical Code and the Philippine Electronics Code shall apply to all requirements for underground wiring and cabling under this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. Transition to Underground Cabling. Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the concerned utility companies relying on aerial cabling and pole attachments shall present a master plan/study of their transition to underground cabling, particularly identifying the costs, benefits, and/or disadvantages. The outcome of the studies shall be the basis of the City Government of Bacoor on the phasing of underground cabling and to identify specific areas for this purpose.

SECTION 7. Investment and Tax Incentives. Public utility companies that shall implement underground cabling methodologies, including the conversion of existing aerial cabling into underground cabling, shall be provided with appropriate incentives in accordance with the Local Investments and Incentives Code (LIIC). For new areas of development, a real property tax holiday of five (5) years shall be provided on top of other incentives.

Section 8. Penal Clause – The following shall be meted out by a penalty of imprisonment for one (1) year or a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) or both upon conviction by a court of law:

1. Misrepresenting the development area to evade or circumvent the requirement of underground cabling;
2. Conniving and/or coercing a Professional Electrical Engineer or other competent professionals to issue a certification that underground cabling is not suitable in the area;
3. Violating the Philippine Electrical Code, the Philippine Electronics Code, and other established Codes that pertain to underground cabling as defined in this Ordinance;

If the offender is a juridical entity, penalties shall be imposed on its board of directors and executive officers that fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. – All Ordinances, Resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. – This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor;

ENACTED, August __, 2023 by a unanimous vote of all the Members of the Sanggunian, there being a quorum.

I hereby certify that the preceding City Ordinance is true and correct and that the same was duly approved in accordance with law.

Certified by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA