



## COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES

### COMMITTEE REPORT CTCEL-PCO-2024-189

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Received in SEP 2024  
Date: 9/3/2024  
Time: 4:14 pm

Subject: *An ordinance creating the Bacoor City Ceremonial Key Award, establishing the process of conferring the said honor, identifying the qualifications of future recipients and providing funds for the implementation hereof.*

(PCO-2024-189-Date referred: June 24, 2024)

The above-mentioned proposed ordinance underwent its first reading on June 24, 2024 during the 96<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The said proposed ordinance was referred by the Presiding Officer, City Vice Mayor Hon. Rowena Bautista Mendiola to the Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages.

The committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages sent out invitations to resource persons and conducted a committee hearing on July 19, 2024, 9:00 a.m at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

#### FINDINGS:

This proposed ordinance is intended to bestow recognition on the Mayor of a City of Local Government that entered into a Sisterhood Agreement or Local Government Unit Partnership Agreement to memorialize the signing of the said agreements. This would also serve as a reminder to the residents of Bacoor and of the said cities/localities of the lasting bonds of friendship they share.

The Bacoor City Tourism and Cultural Development Department, with the assistance of the City Legal Services Office, shall submit the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the proposed ordinance for the approval of the City Mayor.





**RECOMMENDATION:**

After a thorough review of all the circumstances and statements from the resource persons, the Committee respectfully recommends that the Sangguniang Panlungsod approve the above subject matter.

By the motion of Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica duly seconded by all the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the above subject matter was **APPROVED** during its 100<sup>th</sup> Regular Session.

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

Signed this 22nd day of July 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages**

  
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**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA**  
Chairman

  
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**COUN. ROGELIO NOLASCO**  
Vice Chairman

  
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**COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN**  
Member

  
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**COUN. CATHERINE SARINO EVARISTO**  
Member







## COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE AND EXTERNAL LINKAGES

### MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING

PCO-2024-189

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Received by: [Signature]  
on 13 SEP 2024

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A committee hearing on the above-subject matter was conducted last July 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall presided by the Committee Chairman, Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica.

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCILORS PRESENT:

HON. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ  
HON. LEVY TELA

#### RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT:

EDWIN GUINTO	-	BCHATO REPRESENTATIVE
JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.	-	BCHATO REPRESENTATIVE
ATTY. SALVE VALENCIANO	-	CITY LEGAL OFFICE

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "For the record, the committee hearing regarding the three proposed ordinances namely; An ordinance creating the Bacoor City Ceremonial Key Award, establishing the process of conferring the said honor, identifying the qualifications of future recipients and providing funds for the implementation hereof., An ordinance creating the Padre Mariano Gomez award to be bestowed on individuals or private judicial entities that consistently assisted the City of Bacoor in various charitable or philanthropic activities., An ordinance creating the Gen. Edilberto Evangelista award to be bestowed upon individuals who have done exemplary service, work or performance in public service, sports, arts, science and other fields of human endeavor for the benefit of the City of Bacoor is now called to order."







**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "In attendance to this hearing are the honorable members of the city councilor, from District One, city councilor Levy Tela."

**COUN. LEVY TELA** "Good morning, Mr. Chair, good morning to us."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Also from district two, honorable councilor Simplicio Dominguez."

**COUN. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ** "magandang umaga sa ating lahat."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "May I request the resource person present to introduce themselves and their representation for the record. Let's start with."

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Magandang umaga po mabuhay, I am Edwin Guinto, representing Bacoor History, Arts, Culture and Tourism Office."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Thank you very much and good morning mabuhay. Next."

**JOSE NAPLEON CUENCA JR.** "I'm Jose Napoleon L. Cuenca Jr, from Historical Conservation and Research Division under the office of Culture, History, Arts and Tourism Office."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Thank you very much and mabuhay."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Madali lang ito kasi halos finish naman na ito. So, any comments or maybe suggestion, Mr. Guinto?"

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Mr, Chair, doon lang po sa ano, Padre Mariano Gomez, yun lang pong letter 'z', we are always using 's' sa Gomez po, kasi ano siya, siya po yung nag translate."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "So, the correct spelling of."

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Taga lista po si Padre Gomes kaya po miski yung plaza pinalitan natin ng 's na po."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "So, the correct spelling of Gomez is not letter 'Z' but 'S'."

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Letter 'S' po."







**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Okay we will take note of that."

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Wala naman po akong comment doon kung kaninong individuals ibibigay yun, tama naman po yun. On the yung ceremonial key lang po, may I suggest, ang opisina po ba namin ang mag dedesign nung ceremonial key? Because we wanted sana not the usual key yung design, katulad nung ginagawa ng ibang cities and municipalities para hindi lang siya, but since marching band capital of the Philippines baka puwede kaming mag decide ng musicians, yung may hawak ng key, ganun."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Siguro ano nalang, pag craft ng implementing rules and regulations nito."

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Ah doon po sa city admin?"

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Doon nalang natin I dedefine sa ordinance."

"Ah sa ordinance, sa IRR nalang po? Thank you po."

"Any other concerns? Wala na? Nap, baka may other concern ka?"

**JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.** "Opo, I was able to read the propose ordinance during the time na nag aask si Edwin regarding doon sa proposal that I submitted I think earlier this year, since it was ano po, na magkakaroon po, that was my understanding, magkakaroon po ng awarding, award-giving."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "tatlong klase ito, yung Padre Mariano Gomes award will be bestowed to individuals or private juridical entities in their charitable and philanthropic activities to be identified by the committee, tapos yung Edilberto Evangelista award naman, to those individuals who have done exemplary service work or performance in public service, sports, arts, sciences and other fields of human endeavor. So magkaiba siya."

**JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.** "Sir?"

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Go ahead."

**JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.** "Nakapag furnish ba tayo?"

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Hindi pa, because mayroon lang kaming proposal for other individual awards, Mr. Chair."







**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Okay? May iba pang award?"

**EDWIN GUINTO** "Ifoforward po naming sainyo."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Sige-sige."

**JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.** "We think po if it would be a good opportunity to reconcile kasi mayroong similar na nakahain po, so."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Bakit naman naka all caps ang no cash prize?"

**JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.** "Kasi mostly, people ay kumbaga, it is the city government, that's how we see it po, it's the city government recognizing achievements, recognizing honorable work of the Bacooreños. So kapag ganun po kasi diba, wala naman pong katumbas yun na halaga, hindi po yun, kasi ang mangyaayari, if we involve cash prizes, parang binabayaran natin yung achievement nila. Something like that."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "More on."

**JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.** "It's a case-to-case basis."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Tama naman, but we will focus on honor of that award. Hindi yung monetary."

**JOSE NAPOLEON CUENCA JR.** "Yes po. Saka po Mr. chair, yung isa pa po, since it is award giving body recognizing the achievements of Bacooreños, parang it is about time na yun pong we got to see po doon sa proposal there are names, these people mostly, they were never honored, they were never recognized by their peers during their time, I think yung pagkakaroon po nito is also a golden opportunity for the city government to educate the present Bacooreños, especially po yung mga nag mimigrate po sa Bacoor, for them to learn more of our history, our culture kaya po pra pong, if it is okay po, ay mag resurface po yun pong mga pangalan nila, para po it can open up conversation with regard to their achievement, na ito pong mga Bacooreños, na nagbigay ng magandang pangalan po sa bayan po ng Bacoor."

**COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA** "Not only siguro about sa information, about the past, but also this will be served as inspiration to young generation. Ay attorney Bambi, for the record, from the City Legal Office, Attorney Bambi is present."







**Committee on Tourism, Culture and External Linkages**  
**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING**

(PROOF OF RECEIPT)  
(July 19, 2024 9:30 AM)  
(SP Session Hall)

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Received by  
Date: 13 SEP 2024  
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**Subject:** AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BACOOR CITY CEREMONIAL KEY AWARD, ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS OF CONFERRING THE SAID HONOR, IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF FUTURE RECIPIENTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION HEREOF. (PCO No. 2024-189) dated (July 15, 2024)

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HON. CATHERINE EVARISTO			
HON. LEVY TELA	SP		[Signature] 7-16-24 11:41 am
HON. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ	SP		[Signature] 8:20 pm
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Mr. EDWIN GUIINTO (Tourism)	Tourism	208	[Signature] 7/17/24







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Office of the Sangguniang Pangalabang  
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PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-189  
SERIES OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BACOOR CITY CEREMONIAL KEY AWARD, ESTABLISHING THE PROCESS OF CONFERRING THE SAID HONOR, IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF FUTURE RECIPIENTS AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION HEREOF.

Suggested by:

**Hon. Strike B. Revilla**

WHEREAS, medieval cities were once protected by massive walls that guests could only enter through fortified gates with the use of a special key. This is the origin of the modern practice of handing ceremonial keys to individuals who have given special services to a city.

WHEREAS, the City of Bacoor, Cavite has entered into several Twin Sister Agreements and Local Government Unit Partnership Agreements over the years and the signing of the said contracts have been marked by nothing except the legal instruments on which the said agreements have been written.

WHEREAS, the formal creation of an award that will memorialize the forging of ties between the City of Bacoor and other cities all over the world will show how seriously Bacoreños consider the agreements that its elected leaders enter into and how hospitable they are to residents of cities with special relationships with Bacoor. By so doing, it is hoped that the same degree of hospitality shall be bestowed upon Bacoreños by the elected leaders of the said cities.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion of Hon. \_\_\_\_\_ duly approved by the members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite in regular session duly assembled, be it ordained that:

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bacoor Ceremonial Key Award Ordinance".

**Section 2. Purpose.** This Ordinance is intended to bestow special recognition on the Mayor of a city or local government that entered into a Twin Sister Agreement or Local Government Unit Partnership Agreement to memorialize the signing of the said contracts and to serve as a reminder to the residents of Bacoor and of the said cities/localities of the lasting bonds of friendship they share.

**Section 3. Creation of the Bacoor Ceremonial Key Award.** The Bacoor Ceremonial Key Award (the "Bacoor Ceremonial Key") is hereby created. The Bacoor Ceremonial Key shall consist of a metal key about seven inches long, gilded in gold, bearing the name and official seal of the City of Bacoor on its handle. The design of the Bacoor Ceremonial Key shall be approved by the City Mayor within sixty (60) calendar days after the effectivity date of this Ordinance. When conferred, the Bacoor Ceremonial Key shall be mounted on a certificate evidencing the agreement that was signed by the City Mayor and by the Mayor who shall receive the award in commemoration of the twin city relationship mentioned above. The said design may be revised as the Mayor — with the approval of the Sangguniang Panlungsod by way of Resolution — deems fit.

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**Section 4. Conferment of the Bacoor Ceremonial Key.** The Bacoor Ceremonial Key shall be conferred by the City Mayor on the Mayor of any city or local government that entered into a Twin Sister Agreement or Local Government Unit Partnership Agreement to memorialize the signing of the said contracts and to serve as a reminder to the residents of Bacoor and of the said cities/localities of the lasting bonds of friendship they share.

**Section 5. Bacoor Ceremonial Key Benefits.** Registered voters of cities whose Mayor has been conferred with a Bacoor Ceremonial Key shall be assisted by the Bacoor City Tourism and Cultural Development Office in obtaining accommodations while they are staying within the City of Bacoor and shall be given a free tour of the Bacoor City Hall and the Bacoor Government Center free of charge. Other forms of assistance may also be granted to them upon the written order of the City Mayor.

**Section 6. Appropriation.** The amount of P100,000.00 shall be appropriated for the purpose of designing the Bacoor Ceremonial Key.

**Section 7. Implementing Rules.** The Bacoor City Tourism and Cultural Development Department, with the assistance of the City Legal Services Office, shall submit the Implementing Rules of this Ordinance for the approval of the City Mayor not later than sixty (60) working days from the effectivity date hereof.

**Section 8. Effectivity Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after a copy hereof has been posted on at least three (3) conspicuous places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

APPROVED on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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