



**COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PRIVILEGES, LAWS AND ORDINANCES**

**JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT  
NO. POPS-043-S-2024**

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Received by: Janet Pring  
Date: 05 DEC 2024  
Time: 2:13pm

**Subject: AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS DURING THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION PERIOD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (PCO 2024-220 dated 11 November 2024).**

Acting on the referral, a joint committee hearing was held on November 19, 2024 regarding the above-mentioned subject matter with the following attendees. (See attached attendance sheet)

The City Government of Bacoor prioritizes the enforcement of public safety measures and seeks to enact this ordinance to impose stringent penalties against unlawful discharge of firearms within the City of Bacoor during the critical New Year holiday period. This legislation aims to deter celebratory gunfire and ensure the safety and security of all Bacooreños, supplementing the penalties outlined under the Revised Penal Code and the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act.

Thus, the committee respectfully reports that:

**A. FINDINGS:**

- The City of Bacoor has a duty to ensure the welfare and security of all Bacooreños, particularly during New Year's celebration period when celebratory gunfire is prevalent, thus necessitating stricter local deterrents against unlawful gunfire from December 30 to January 2 each year;
- The prohibition applies to all persons, including but not limited to individuals, groups, and security personnel, unless in the lawful execution of their duties by authorities expressly authorized by law to discharge firearms;
- The City recognizes that the unlawful discharge of firearms not only endangers public safety but also erodes trust in law enforcement's capacity to maintain order, making it imperative to impose local measures that support and enhance existing national laws against gun violence and negligence;
- The Bacoor City Component Police Station, in coordination with other law enforcement agencies, is hereby empowered to implement and enforce this ordinance;





- The imposition of local penalties and heightened enforcement against illegal firearm discharge during this critical period serves as a deterrent to potential offenders and underscores the city Government's commitment to uphold public safety and the rule of law within the City of Bacoor;
- Any person found violating this ordinance shall, upon apprehension and conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be required to pay a fine of five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) and shall be imprisoned for not less than nine (9) months but not more than one (1) year.

**B. RECOMMENDATION:**

In view thereof, the committee recommends for the **APPROVAL** and implementation of "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS DURING THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION PERIOD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

Signed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND ORDER & PUBLIC SAFETY**

  
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**COUN. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ**

*Chairman*

*Member, Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances*

  
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**COUN. MICHAEL E. SOLIS**

*Member*

  
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**COUN. ALDE JOSELITO PAGULAYAN**

*Member*







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*Chairman*

*Vice Chairman, Committee on Peace and Order & Public Safety*

  
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*Vice Chairman*

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**COUN. ADRIELITO G. GAWARAN**

*Member  
(on leave)*



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MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING  
NO. POPS-043-S-2024

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Res. No. 5 DEC 2024  
Date: 2/17/24

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A joint committee hearing was held on November 19, 2024 regarding the above-mentioned subject matter with the following attendees. (See attached attendance sheet)

Committee Chairperson Alejandro Gutierrez acknowledged all the resource persons as well as all the attendees present. He then discussed the importance to enact this ordinance in order to impose stringent penalties against unlawful discharge of firearms within the City of Bacoor during the critical New Year holiday period, specifically from December 30 to January 2. He also added that this legislation aims to deter celebratory gunfire and ensure the safety and security of all Bacooreños, supplementing the penalties outlined under the Revised penal Code and Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act.

Coun. Gutierrez's statement received a positive response from all the resource persons. They believed that the said proposed ordinance ensures the welfare and security of all Bacooreños, particularly during New Year's celebration period when celebratory gunfire is prevalent, thus necessitating stricter local deterrents against unlawful gunfire. They also agreed that the violators of the said ordinance will be penalized accordingly.

Since there are no other matters to be discussed, the hearing was adjourned at exactly 10:50 AM.






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Province of Cavite  
**CITY OF BACOOR**  
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD



Prepared By:

  
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Local Legislative Staff Asst. 1

Attested By:

  
**COUN. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ**  
Chairman  
Committee on Peace and Order &  
Public Safety







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Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Received by: Janet Pring  
Date: 11/19/2024  
Time: 1:30 pm

**ATTENDANCE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING**

19 NOVEMBER 2024 / 11:00 a.m.

Bacoor Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building,  
Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, 6th Floor, Bacoor Government Center

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 HON. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ	CITY COUNCILOR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD	
 HON. REYNALDO PALABRICA	CITY COUNCILOR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD	
 HON. MICHAEL SOLIS	CITY COUNCILOR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD	
 HON. ALDE JOSELITO PAGULAYAN	CITY COUNCILOR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD	
HON. ADRIELITO GAWARAN (on leave)	CITY COUNCILOR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD	
 HON. LEVY TELAN	CITY COUNCILOR SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD	

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**NOTICE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING  
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Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
Received by: Janet Pring  
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Time: 2:11 PM

19 November 2024 / 11:00 a.m.

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 FERDINAND SOMBRANO	SP	11/14/2024 1:00 PM
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Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod  
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Date: 05 DEC 2024  
Time: 2:13pm



PHOTOS OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING NO. POPS 043 S-2024

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Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF CAVITE  
City of Bacoor

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNSOD

CITY ORDINANCE No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Series of 2024

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL  
DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS DURING THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION  
PERIOD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines,<sup>1</sup> also known as the General Welfare Clause, local government units are mandated to exercise their powers to promote the general welfare, which includes the protection of their constituents' lives, health, safety, and property;

**WHEREAS**, the indiscriminate discharge of firearms during the New Year's Eve celebration poses significant dangers to public safety, often leading to injuries, fatalities, property damage, and heightened alarm, thereby disrupting the peace and order that local government units are duty-bound to uphold under the law;

**WHEREAS**, it is within the authority of the City Government of Bacoor pursuant to the Charter of the City of Bacoor<sup>2</sup> to enact ordinances that address specific safety concerns within its jurisdiction, supplementing the penalties provided under national laws, including the Revised Penal Code, as amended, and the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, as amended, with additional local enforcement measures;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bacoor has a duty to ensure the welfare and security of all Bacooreños, particularly during the

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<sup>1</sup> Republic Act No. 7160.

<sup>2</sup> Republic Act No. 10160, Section 11(a)(1)(ii)&(iii)

New Year's celebration period when celebratory gunfire is prevalent, thus necessitating stricter local deterrents against unlawful gunfire from December 30 to January 2 each year;

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the unlawful discharge of firearms not only endangers public safety but also erodes trust in law enforcement's capacity to maintain order, making it imperative to impose local measures that support and enhance existing national laws against gun violence and negligence;

**WHEREAS**, during past holiday periods in the Philippines, numerous incidents of illegal firearm discharge have led to injuries and, in certain cases, fatalities, highlighting the need for a proactive, preventive approach at the local level to protect Bacooreños from harm and promote a culture of responsible firearm use;

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of local penalties and heightened enforcement against illegal firearm discharge during this critical period serves as a deterrent to potential offenders and underscores the City Government's commitment to uphold public safety and the rule of law within the City of Bacoor;

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of its mandate under the Charter of the City of Bacoor and the Local Government Code, the City Government of Bacoor seeks to implement local regulations that fortify national standards, contribute to a safe and peaceful New Year's celebration, and discourage acts that disrupt the general welfare of the Bacooreños.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon majority vote of all the members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite on regular session assemble, be it **ORDAINED** that:

**SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** The City of Bacoor declares it unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm, whether licensed or unlicensed, during the New Year's celebration period from December 30 to January 2, except in cases expressly authorized by law. This Ordinance is enacted to maintain public order and safeguard Bacooreños from harm due to reckless and indiscriminate firearm use.

**SECTION 2. Prohibited Acts.** No person shall engage in gunfire or discharge of a firearm, whether celebratory or



otherwise, in any public or private location within the jurisdiction of the City of Bacoor from December 30 through January 2. This prohibition applies to all persons, including but not limited to individuals, groups, and security personnel, unless in the lawful execution of their duties by authorities expressly authorized by law to discharge firearms.

For purposes of this Ordinance, **Firearm<sup>3</sup>** refers to any handheld or portable weapon, whether a small arm or light weapon, that expels or is designed to expel a bullet, shot, slug, missile or any projectile, which is discharged by means of expansive force of gases from burning gunpowder or other form of combustion or any similar instrument or implement. The definition includes **Loose firearm<sup>4</sup>**, an unregistered firearm, an obliterated or altered firearm, firearm which has been lost or stolen, illegally manufactured firearms, registered firearms in the possession of an individual other than the licensee and those with revoked licenses in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by competent authority.

**SECTION 3. Penalties.** Any person found violating this Ordinance shall, upon apprehension and conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be required to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) and shall be imprisoned for not less than nine (9) months but not more than one (1) year, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate criminal charges as provided under the Revised Penal Code and the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, as amended.

**SECTION 4. Authority to Enforce and Investigate.** The Bacoor City Component Police Station, in coordination with other law enforcement agencies, is hereby empowered to implement and enforce this Ordinance. Any apprehended firearm shall be impounded, and the holder shall be subject to investigation for possible criminal liability. Violations of this Ordinance shall be documented, and a corresponding report shall be filed with the Office of the City Prosecutor for appropriate legal action under the Revised Penal Code and other relevant laws.

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<sup>3</sup> Republic Act No. 10591, Section 3(f).

<sup>4</sup> Republic Act No. 10591, Section 3(v).

**SECTION 5. Citizen's Duty to Report.** All Bacooreños are enjoined to report any violation of this Ordinance to local authorities. Public cooperation is imperative to the effective enforcement of this measure, and the City Government shall maintain a confidential reporting system to ensure the safety of informants.

**SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, and the remaining sections shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Cavite and the posting of copies in at least three (3) conspicuous public places.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024 at 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. CATHERINE SARINO-EVARISTO**  
*Acting City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer*

Attested by:

**ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.**  
*Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary*