



COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13 GAA PNOA 504-2024

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Subject: **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2024: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, REGULATING THE OPERATION OF GAMES OF CHANCE AUTHORIZED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF. (PNOA-504-2024 Dated May 13, 2024).**

The above-mentioned subject was referred to the Committee on Games and Amusement chaired by Councilor Michael E. Solis, during the 91st Regular Session of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

City Ordinance No. 321-2023 be adopted by Barangay Poblacion to become Barangay Ordinance No. 02-2024.

Barangay Poblacion believes that gambling in any form is a threat to the barangay. This may result to criminality and may harm individuals and families. However, Presidential Decree No. 1869 (The Philippine Gaming Corporation Charter) as amended by Republic Act No. 9487 which empowered the Philippine Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to authorize, license and regulate games of chance, games of cards, and games of numbers in local government, likewise, Hon. Randy Francisco of Barangay Poblacion sees that his constituents are illegally engaged in different gambling activities, some of whom are even beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). This can be considered as afflicted with problem in gambling in order to help the people of Poblacion to strive harder for their economic progress and stop gambling addiction.

The committee hereby recommends to decrease the penalty under section 4 from Five Thousand Pesos (Php. 5,000.00) to One Thousand Pesos (Php. 1,000.00) to wit:

Section 4 Prohibited Gambling Activities and Penalty. For each act committed in violation of the various provision of this Ordinance, a penalty of One Thousand Pesos (Php.1,000) shall be imposed on any one who shall, take part any illegal or unauthorized activities or games.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the committee recommends the immediate **APPROVAL** of the above-subject matter and to adopt City Ordinance 321-2023.

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





Signed this 20th day of May 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite

5th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

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COMMITTEE MINUTES GAA NO. 13 PNOA 504-2024

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During the 91st regular session of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite held last May 20, 2024. The above-mentioned subject matter was referred to the Committee on Games chaired by Councilor Michael E. Solis.

After deliberating with all the members of the committee, Hon Solis moved that the penalty of the proposed ordinance be revised so that it will comply with the pertinent provision of the Local Government Code of 1991 and after the said revision is made, to approve the proposed ordinance which was unanimously seconded by the Council. The Acting Chair declared the said item as **APPROVED**.





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ADOPTING THE CITY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES, REGULATING THE OPERATION OF GAMES OF CHANCE AUTHORIZED BY LAW BEING CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY OF BACOOR, CAVITE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

WHEREAS, on 29 May 2023, the Sangguniang Panlungsod passed City Resolution No. 2023-273 ("RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF ANY PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS ENGAGED IN E-GAMES, E-BINGO, AND OTHER FORMS OF ONLINE OR ELECTRONIC GAMBLING WHILE THE CITY GOVERNMENT STUDIES THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COST OF SUCH ENTERPRISES AND HOW TO PREVENT FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF VARIOUS LAWS AND ORDINANCES BY OPERATORS THEREOF") and provided therein that the City Council "is aware that people addicted to gambling exacts a heavy toll not only on members of their immediate family but to society as well. This conclusion is supported by the following studies: "The Hidden Social Costs of Gambling" (Grinols 2011), "Social Costs of Gambling: A Comparative Study of Nutmeg and Cheese State Gamblers" (Thompson, Gazel, Rickman 2000), and "The societal costs of problem gambling in Sweden" (Hofmarcher, Romild, Spangberg, Person, and Hajansson 2020). Due to the scarcity of studies conducted locally on the said topic, the SP Secretariat had no choice but to rely on studies on the same subject conducted abroad, which by itself is a testament to the unique challenges being faced by the city council with regard to the issue of online gambling and its social and economic costs.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod maintains that gambling, in whatever form, is deleterious to society as it breeds criminality and harms the moral fiber of individuals and families. However, despite its misgivings about gambling, the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the duty of implementing prevailing laws such as Presidential Decree No. 1869 (the "Philippine Gaming Corporation Charter) as amended by Republic Act No. 9487, which empowered the Philippine Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) to authorize, license and regulate games of chance, games of cards, and games of numbers in local governments as well as Section 447 (3) (v) of Republic Act No. 7160 (the "Local Government Code of 1991") empowering the Sanggunian to authorize the operation of cockpits in cities and municipalities.

WHEREAS, after issuing City Resolution No. 2023-273, the Sangguniang Panlungsod conducted an inquiry on the operation of illegal gambling activities and legally sanctioned gaming operations in the City of Bacoor. The results of the said inquiry were sobering.

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of the Bacoor City police and the City Government, many Bacoorenos still engage in illegal gambling activities prohibited under Republic Act No. 9487, resulting in their having to spend time in jails already bursting at the seams with other detainees like them. It was also discovered that many Bacoorenos, some of whom are even beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) due to their indigency, can be considered as afflicted with problem gambling.



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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod believes that it is time to pass an ordinance that will make it harder for operators of illegal gambling activities to carry out their nefarious deeds while regulating legally mandated games of chance such as cockfighting, e-games, e-bingo, and the like to protect vulnerable members of society from the perils of gambling.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RANDY C. FRANCISCO, Punong Barangay, Barangay Poblacion, City of Bacoor, Cavite do hereby adopt the City Ordinance;

Section 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bacoor City Gaming Regulation Ordinance of 2023".

Section 2. POLICY STATEMENT. The City of Bacoor believes that:

1. All forms of gambling are harmful to society, and every Filipino must strive to provide enough economic opportunities and medical assistance to everyone falling prey to the false promises of economic gain being peddled by operators of games of chance.
2. Gambling addiction is a medical condition that can be cured with timely and calibrated intervention by the government, family members, and the medical community
3. The State, being the one that shoulders the social costs of gambling, must have a fair share of profits generated by legally allowed gaming activities; and
4. The young and economically challenged members of society must be insulated from the harmful effects of gambling through various measures to be implemented by the City Government.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms, as used in this Ordinance, shall be defined as:

1. **Illegal Numbers Game** - Any form of illegal gambling activity that uses numbers or combinations thereof as factors in giving out jackpots.
2. **Jueteng** - An illegal numbers game that involves the combination of thirty-seven (37) numbers against thirty-seven (37) numbers from number one (1) to thirty-seven (37) or the combination of thirty-eight (38) numbers in some areas, serving as a form of local lottery where bets are placed and accepted per combination, and its variants.
3. **Masiao** - An illegal numbers game where the winning combination is derived from the results of the last game of Jai Alai or the Special Llave portion or any result thereof based on any fictitious Jai Alai game consisting of ten (10) players pitted against one another, and its variants.
4. **Last Two** - An illegal numbers game where the winning combination is derived from the last two (2) numbers of the first prize of the winning Sweepstakes ticket, which comes out during the weekly draw of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) and its variants or the last two numbers of the final score of basketball games and other sports.
5. **Bettor ("Mananaya"; "Tayador," or variants thereof).** - Any person who places bets for himself/herself or on behalf of another person or any person other than the personnel or staff of any illegal numbers game operation.
6. **Personnel or Staff of Illegal Numbers Game Operation** - Any person who acts in the interest of the maintainer, manager, or operator, such as, but not limited to, an accountant, cashier, checker, guard, runner, table manager, usher, watcher, or any other personnel performing such similar functions in a building structure, vessel, vehicle, or any other place where an illegal numbers game is operated or conducted.





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7. **Collector or Agent** ("Cabo, " "Cobrador, " "Coriador, " or variants thereof). - Any person who collects, solicits, or produces bets on behalf of his/her principal for any illegal numbers game who usually possesses gambling paraphernalia
8. **Coordinator, Controller, or Supervisor** ("Encargado" or variants thereof). - Any person who exercises control and supervision over the collector or agent.
9. **Maintainer, Manager, or Operator** - Any person who maintains, manages, or operates any illegal number game in a specific area from whom the coordinator, controller supervisor, and collector or agent take orders.
10. **Financiers or Capitalist** - Any person who finances the operations of any illegal numbers game.
11. **Protector or Coddler** - Any person who lends or provides protection or receives benefits in any manner in the operation of any illegal numbers game.
12. **Cockpit** - a building authorized by the City Government to hold cockfighting and the placement of bets by spectators.
12. **Cockfighting** - a blood sport where roosters (also known as gamecocks) fight to the death in front of spectators who placed bets on the animal that will survive.
13. **Winnings** - prizes, monies, items, goods, or other considerations collected by a person who wins in a game of chance, a game of skills, or a combination of both.
14. **Point of Winning** - the place where winnings are collected, such as a cockpit, a bingo hall, and the like that the City Government authorized to operate.
15. **Tupada** - an illegal cockfight done outside the confines of a cockpit.
16. **Sakla** - card games where wagers are placed, usually played during funeral wakes.
17. **Cara y Cruz** - a game of chance where bets are placed involving the tossing of a coin. The player who successfully guessed which side of the coin will stays up (head or tail) wins.
18. **E-Bingo** - an electronic way to play Bingo where, instead of using a dauber and paper cards, an electronic touchscreen is used that automatically daubs the numbers.
19. **E-games** - are virtual games of chance like casino games and mixed games of chance and skills.
20. **Tong-its (or tongits)** - a card game using the standard 52-card deck involving three players who placed a bet to be collected by the winning player. In order to win, a player must be the first to play all of his cards or to have the lowest score.
21. **Games of chance** - are games in which, for a fee, participants are provided with the opportunity to win money, items, services, or rights, and the winning or losing does not depend on the knowledge or skill of the participants in a game, but rather on chance or some uncertain event.
22. **Mahjong** - a game played, usually by four people, with 136 or 144 rectangular pieces called tiles where bets are placed to be collected by the winning player.
23. **E-Sabong** - cockfighting done via the internet where bets are placed and winnings are collected online.
25. **Jai Alai** - a sport involving bouncing a ball off a walled-in space by accelerating it to high speeds with a hand-held wicker.
26. **Bookie** - short or slang for "bookmaker" is someone who facilitates gambling, most commonly at sporting events.
27. **Game Fixing** - the act of playing or officiating a contest to achieve a pre-determined outcome.
28. **Bingo** - a game of chance in which players match the numbers printed in different card arrangements. The game host (a caller) draws at random, marking the selected numbers with tiles or a marker. When a player finds that the selected numbers are arranged on their card in a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line, they call out "Bingo!" to alert all participants to a winning card, which prompts the game host (or an associate assisting the host) to examine the card for verification of the win.



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29. 7-11- a game of chance where players roll two dice. The player who rolls the dice wins if the total number of the dice is seven or eleven.

30. Problem Gambling (or ludomania) - is repetitive gambling behavior despite harm and negative consequences, which may be diagnosed as a mental disorder.

31. Point Shaving - a type of match or game fixing where players of a game of skill like basketball or tennis collude with gamblers or gambling operators to reduce the final score or the winning margin without affecting who wins the game.

32. Place of Worship — the establishment or location where a group of people come together to perform acts of religious devotion. A venue that is used as a place of worship as its primary purpose.

33. Institution of Learning — an institution offering primary, secondary, tertiary, or vocational education, including tutorial and language schools.

Section 4. PROHIBITED GAMBLING ACTIVITIES AND PENALTY. For each act committed in violation of the various provisions of this Ordinance, a penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) shall be imposed on anyone who shall, while in the City of Bacoor, Cavite, directly or indirectly take part in any illegal or unauthorized activities or games, of cockfighting or tupada; jueteng; jai alai or horse racing including bookie operations and game fixing, numbers, bingo and other forms of lotteries; cara y cruz, 7-11 and any game using dice; a-bingo or e-games; blackjack, tong-its, sakla, lucky nine, poker and its derivatives, monte, baccarat, and other card games; high and low, mahjong, domino and other games using plastic tiles and the likes; slot machines, roulette, pinball and other mechanical contraptions and devices; dog racing, boat racing, car racing and other forms of races, basketball, boxing, volleyball, bowling, ping-pong, billiards and other forms of individual or team contests to include game fixing, point shaving and other machinations.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, illegal or unauthorized activities or games shall refer to the conduct of gambling activities or games without any permit or with a permit but conducted within a two hundred (200) meter radius from any place of worship or institution of learning.

Section 5. PROHIBITION AGAINST INCARCERATION. No person apprehended for violation of this ordinance in the City of Bacoor, Cavite, shall be incarcerated to prevent overcrowding in detention facilities and avoid additional clogging of the dockets of the various trial courts within the City. **Section 6. PERIOD OF PAYMENT AND HOLDING AREA PENDING PAYMENT.** A person apprehended for violating this Ordinance shall be given twenty-four (24) hours to pay the penalty. A temporary holding area shall be established for the violators of this Ordinance who have not yet paid the penalty imposed on Section 4 herein and for those violators apprehended during the weekend and/or holidays.

Section 7. RECORD KEEPING TO DETERMINE HABITUALITY. The City Mayor shall determine the various department/s that will implement this Ordinance. The person/s in charge of the said department/s shall keep a record of individuals who have violated this Ordinance more than once and shall inform the City Health Officer in writing as to the identity and other personal circumstances of the offender/s for future evaluation and for the implementation of the necessary medical intervention to remedy his/her possible affliction with problem gambling. A person who has violated this ordinance more than four times despite having received medical intervention for problem gambling shall be charged accordingly for violating Presidential Decree No. 1602 ("Providing Stiffer Penalties on Illegal Gambling")



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Section 8. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROBLEM GAMBLERS. Persons who have been arrested or convicted more than once due to gambling based on the records under the immediately preceding Section shall be deemed to be suffering from problem gambling and shall be required by the city government personnel/official designated by the City Mayor to implement this Ordinance to undergo medical treatment with the assistance of the City Health Office. The City Health Office shall submit a report on the progress of problem gambler/s to the department/s of the city government designated by the City Mayor to implement this Ordinance as often as it may deem necessary.

Section 9. PROBLEM GAMBLERS BAN. The department/s of the city government designated by the City Mayor to implement this Ordinance shall execute a formal request — based on records generated in compliance with Section 7 hereof — to all lawfully authorized gaming sites, such as cockpits, bingo halls, and casinos within the City of Bacoor, Cavite to ban the said person/s from entering or playing at the said places. The name and picture of the problem gambler shall be furnished to the manager of the said gambling sites to be used exclusively to carry out the Implementing Agency's request of banning the said individual/s from entering the gambling premises concerned. However, the name and picture of the said person/s shall not be published, shared, disclosed, or distributed by the management or employees of the said gambling sites.

Section 10. INDIGENT GAMBLERS BAN. Residents of the City of Bacoor who receive financial assistance from the government due to their indigency, such as but not limited to beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), shall be perpetually banned from entering the premises of gaming sites within the City. To facilitate the implementation of this provision, the City Social Welfare and Development Department shall execute a formal request for this purpose addressed to the management of all duly licensed gaming sites within the City, together with a list of the names and pictures of all persons receiving financial assistance from the national or city government. The said list shall be updated whenever necessary.

Section 11. PENALTY FOR LEGAL/AUTHORIZED GAMING SITES. All gaming sites that are caught accepting Problem Gamblers and/or Indigent Gamblers within their premises despite the request made by the City Government for their ban shall be deemed to have violated this Ordinance. All gaming sites that allow minors to enter their premises or to participate in any gambling activity shall be deemed to have violated this Ordinance. Each problem gambler, indigent gambler, or minor accepted by the said gaming sites shall constitute one (1) violation of this Ordinance. Moreover, the operator/s of the said gambling site/s shall be required to pay a fine of P5,000.00 for every time it allowed a problem gambler, indigent gambler, or minor to enter its premises or to participate in any gambling activity while within the said premises in violation of this Ordinance. A gaming site that operated without a valid permit from the city government or the PAGCOR shall be required to pay a fine of P5,000.00 for every 24-hour period that it operated without the said permits.

Section 12. PENALTY FOR BARANGAY OFFICIALS WHO VIOLATED, OR WHO FAILED TO ENFORCE, THIS ORDINANCE. All elected and/or appointed barangay officials of the City of Bacoor who - for the first time - violated this Ordinance or who unjustifiably failed to implement this Ordinance shall be required to pay a fine of P5,000.00 and shall be suspended by the City Mayor without pay for a period not less than one (1) calendar month but not more than six (6) successive calendar months.



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An elected and/or appointed barangay official who violated this Ordinance or who unjustifiably failed to implement this Ordinance more than once shall be required to pay a fine of P5,000.00 and shall be removed from office in accordance with law and relevant civil service rules.

Section 13. PERMIT TO OPERATE; PERMIT TO OPERATE FEE. No cockpit, casino, bingo hall, e-bingo, e-games, or other business establishments dedicated to the conduct of legally authorized gambling activities within the City of Bacoor shall be allowed to operate without a Permit to Operate to be issued by the City Mayor. The said Permit to Operate shall be separate and distinct from the business permit and shall be issued to ensure that the management of the said gambling sites shall consistently comply with the various provisions of pertinent laws, this Ordinance, the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance, and other pertinent city ordinances. The management of gaming sites such as cockpits, casinos, bingo halls, a-bingo sites, and e-gaming sites must pay a Permit to Operate Fee of Php 50,000.00 annually at the City Treasurer's Office as a prerequisite for operation. The said permit shall only be valid for one (1) year from the date of its issuance.

Section 14. SPECIAL PERMIT TO OPERATE; SPECIAL PERMIT TO OPERATE FEE. Operators of fairs (also known as peryahan in the vernacular language) and fund-raising charities involving games of chance such as bingo shall be given a Special Permit by the City Mayor to operate the said fair or fund-raising activity. The said Special Permit, which shall be separate and distinct from the Temporary Business Permit that will be issued by the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO), shall be issued to ensure that the management or organizers of the said fair or charity event shall consistently comply with the various provisions of pertinent laws, this Ordinance, and of the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance.

The management of the said fairs must pay a Special Permit Fee of Php 30,000.00 at least 30 days before the opening of the fair, while organizers of the fund-raising event shall pay a Special Permit Fee of Php 10,000.00 at least seven (7) working days prior to the start of the event at the City Treasurer's Office as a prerequisite for operation.

The City Mayor may exempt the organizers of fund-raising charity events from paying the Special Permit Fee on humanitarian grounds. The said permit shall only be valid for five (5) calendar days from the date of its issuance in the case of fundraising charity events and thirty (30) calendar days from the date of its issuance in the case of fairs. Only the City Mayor may extend the validity of a Special Permit, but only for a period not exceeding five (5) calendar days for fund-raising charities and thirty (30) calendar days in the case of fairs. The extension of the said Special Permits shall necessitate the payment of the Special Permit Fee mentioned above at least one day before the expiration of the original permit.

Indigent persons receiving financial aid from the government, minors, and persons identified by the City Health Office as problem gamblers shall not be allowed to participate in any gambling activity in the said fund-raising charity events or in the said fairs.

Section 15. REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO OPERATE. To obtain a Permit to Operate, the applicant must be:

1. A domestic stock corporation duly organized and existing under Philippine law.
2. Majority owned by Filipinos.
3. A recipient of the appropriate permit/license from the Philippine Gaming Corporation.
4. Maintaining its head office in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.
5. Not engaged in criminal activities such as human trafficking, prostitution, the selling, use, or transportation of illegal drugs, child abuse, and the like.





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6. Willing to allow city/national government employees/officials and Bacoor Police personnel to inspect its premises at any time as may be mandated by law or city ordinances.
7. Compliant with all of the requirements of the PAGCOR in the operation of gaming sites.
8. Must be willing to pay all city government fees and taxes; and
9. Must be willing to submit all official documents as may be mandated by the city government in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance.

Section 16. REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMIT TO OPERATE. To obtain a Special Permit to Operate, the applicant must be:

If the applicant is an organization, it must have been accredited as an NGO/CSO/PO

FOR THE OPERATION OF FAIRS	FOR CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS (BINGO, RAFFLES, ETC)
1. A domestic stock corporation or partnership duly organized and existing under the	1. A Filipino citizen or an organization comprised of Filipino citizens; Philippine laws;
2. Maintaining its head office in the City of Bacoor, Cavite;	2. If the applicant is an individual, he/she must not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude. If the applicant is an organization, it must have been accredited as an NGO/CSO/PO government. By the City Government;
3. Not engaged in criminal activities such as human trafficking, prostitution, the selling, use, or transportation of illegal drugs, child abuse, and the like;	3. Able to present a detailed proposal on the purpose of the fundraiser;
4. Willing to allow city/national government employees/officials and Bacoor Police personnel to inspect its premises at any time as may be mandated by law or city ordinances;	4. Able to present proof it was authorized by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) or the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO);
5. Must be willing to pay all city government fees and taxes; and	5. Willing to allow city/national government employees/officials and Bacoor Police personnel to inspect its premises at any time as may be mandated by law or city ordinances and
6. Must be willing to submit all official documents as may be mandated by the City Government in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance.	6. Must be willing to submit all official documents as may be mandated by the city government in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance.

Section 17. GAMING TAX. The City Treasurer's Office shall collect a 10% gaming tax from the winnings of all persons who patronize all cockpits, bingo halls, and e-bingo/e-games sites within the City of Bacoor. The said tax shall be collected before the said individuals can collect their winnings. The said tax shall be withheld by the operator or management of the above games, who shall remit the said taxes to the City Treasurer's Office via bank transfer before 3:00 p.m. of every gaming day. An official receipt shall be issued by the operators of the said sites to the winning bettor to prove the actual amount that was given to him/her and the amount withheld by the said operator/s in compliance with this Section.

Section 18. UTILIZATION OF THE GAMING TAX REVENUES. The revenues to be derived from the collection of the gaming tax shall be used by the City Government for projects aiming to mitigate the social and public health costs of gambling, such as, but not limited to,



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medical and psychological treatment of problem gamblers, the conduct of family counseling sessions, and the construction of livelihood centers where problem gamblers may find alternative sources of income, and other similar or analogous programs, projects, or activities which may also include the purchase of equipment and supplies related to the implementation of this Ordinance or to the implementation of the said programs, projects, and activities.

Section 19. CLOSURE OF GAMING SITES. All Permits to Operate or Special Permits to Operate under this Ordinance issued to gaming sites may be forfeited, and gaming sites with the said Permits may be ordered closed by the City Mayor in the manner and for the period provided in the Implementing Rules and Regulations, should the gaming site be discovered to have violated any provision hereof, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, or any other pertinent City Ordinances or National Laws. All permits, certificates, and clearances issued in favor of the operator/s or organizer/s of the said gaming site/s may also be revoked by the City Mayor as a consequence of the abovementioned closure.

Section 20. PENALTY FOR OPERATORS OF GAMING SITES. Gaming site operators who violate this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned for six (6) months to one (1) year and shall be required to pay a fine of Php 5,000.00 for every act its officer/s or personnel committed in violation hereof.

Section 21. PROSPECTIVE APPLICATION. This ordinance shall be applied prospectively. As such, all permits issued prior to the date of effectivity of this Ordinance by the city government in favor of gaming operators shall remain valid.

Section 22. REPEAL. The provisions of all ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 23. SEPARABILITY. Any provision of this ordinance not affected by a judicial order declaring any part hereof void or unconstitutional shall remain valid.

Section 24. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The City Legal Services Office shall submit the draft Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance for the approval of the City Mayor not later than sixty (60) working days from the date of effectivity hereof.

Section 25. EFFECTIVITY. This order shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 02nd day of May 2024 at Barangay Poblacion, City of Bacoor, Cavite.


HON. RANDY C. FRANCISCO
Punong Barangay



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