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

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT
NO. HLUUD-022-S-2025

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Subject: AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF DRONE CAPTURED ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL SQUATTING AND AGAINST GRAFT AND CORRUPTION IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF. (PCO 2025-052 dated September 29, 2025)

This committee report pertains to the public hearing conducted on November 27, 2025 relative to the above-stated subject matter. The hearing was presided over by the Chairperson of the Committee on Housing, Land Utilization and Urban Development, Hon. Horacio M. Brillantes Jr. and was held at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall situated on the 6th Floor of the BLDR Building, Bacoor Government Center, Barangay Bayanan, Bacoor City, Cavite. The minutes, attendance sheets, and pictures taken during the said hearing are attached hereto and shall be made integral parts of this report.

FINDINGS:

After careful evaluation of the documents and deliberation during the Committee's review, the following findings are hereby presented:

- The ordinance supports efficient monitoring, particularly in preventing re-entry of informal settlers and identifying illegal construction early.





- It institutionalizes weekly drone surveillance and electronic data preservation as mandated under Section 4 and Section 5 of the ordinance

Section 4. Periodic Drone Electronic Evidence Capturing. The heads of all departments under the Office of the City Mayor, such as but not limited to the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (BDRRMO), the Zoning and Land Development Department (ZLDD), and the City Environment Service Department (CESD), are mandated to direct drone operators assigned to the said offices to use drones at least once a week for the purpose of taking geo-tagged and time-stamped videos, pictures, and other electronic evidence of areas within the City of Bacoor where illegal squatting activities are suspected to be taking place and in areas where government funded infrastructure projects are being undertaken. The said drones may also be deployed in relation to the formulation and/or revision of the City's comprehensive tax map.

The specific tasks of the said drone operators are:

- a] to keep the drones and its various accessories placed under their custody in good working condition at all times;
- b] to take geo-tagged and time stamped videos and picture with the use of the said drones every week in places identified by the heads of BHUDD, the CEO, and the OCLS;
- c] gather, preserve, and make available all electronic evidence recorded or captured with the use of the said drones in the manner provided in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance;
- d] testify in court on the various pieces of electronic evidence that he/she gathered and preserved with the use of a drone in the manner provided under the IRR of this Ordinance; and
- e] perform such other tasks as may be mandated by the City Mayor, by city ordinances, or by government regulations.

Section 5. Preservation of Drone Captured Electronic Evidence. The Office of the City Legal Service (OCLS) in coordination with the E-Governance Department shall formulate policies in the preservation of videos, pictures and other electronic evidence taken by drones owned by the City Government. The said rules must





conform with the various provisions of the A.M. No. 01-7-01-SC (the "Rules on Electronic Evidence") and other policies or legal doctrines set down by the Supreme Court. The said policies shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Mayor.

- Responsibilities of departments, drone operators, barangays, and enforcement units are clearly defined, ensuring accountability and structured coordination.
- There is an existing pattern of relocation turnover and return of informal settlers, resulting in repetitive costs and inefficient land recovery operations.
- The committee confirms the inclusion of penalties for negligence, destruction of done equipment, evidence mishandling, and privacy violations under Section 12.

Section 12. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed against persons who will commit the above-mentioned prohibited acts:

12.1. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000.00 with suspension from work for thirty (30) working days without pay** will be imposed against any city government employee who fails to take electronic evidence with the use of drones or to schedule the gathering of the said evidence as mandated by this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.2. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000 with suspension from work for sixty (60) working days without pay** shall be imposed against any city government employee who fail to properly gather and/or preserve electronic evidence captured with the use of drones pursuant to the IRR of this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.3. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000.00 with suspension from work for thirty (30) working days without pay** will be imposed against any city government employee who fails to give the BHUDDRD, the OCLS, the CEO, and the SP Secretariat timely and unimpeded access to electronic evidence gathered and preserved by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. A repetition of the same offense will merit the





termination of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.4. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a fine of **P5,000 with suspension from work for sixty (60) working days without pay** shall be imposed against any barangay and police official and/or personnel who fails to assist and secure city government employees tasked to gather electronic evidence using drones. A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.5. Upon conviction by a court of law, a **fine of P5,000.00 with imprisonment for six (6) months to one year** shall be imposed against any person who harass, assault or coerce a city government employee in order to prevent the latter from properly gathering electronic evidence using drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. In case the offender is a public official, a city government employee or barangay/police official or personnel, the said individual/s shall be **removed from public office or terminated from employment and shall be perpetually disqualified holding public office** pursuant to relevant civil service regulations.

12.6. Upon conviction by a court of law, a **fine of P5,000.00 with imprisonment for six (6) months to one year** shall be imposed against any city government employee who violates the privacy rights of individuals in the course of gathering electronic evidence with the use of drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. In addition to the said penalty, the offended shall — upon conviction — be **terminated from employment and shall be perpetually disqualified holding public office** pursuant to relevant civil service regulations.

The filing of any administrative or criminal case against any person by virtue of this Ordinance shall not preclude the filing of the appropriate legal action for violating any other law or government regulation.

- Drone-captured evidence may now serve as admissible material for legal proceedings, subject to authentication and preservation procedures.





RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Honorable Members of the Committee hereby recommend **TO APPROVE** the Proposed City Ordinance mandating the use of drone captured electronic evidence in the fight against illegal squatting and against graft and corruption in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and providing penalties for violations hereof on the Second Reading and to be calendared on the Third Reading on the next regular session.

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

Signed this 28th day of November 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING

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Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
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The joint public hearing was executed on November 27, 2025, at 2:23 p.m. at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, 6th floor, Bacoor Legislative & Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Government Center, Bacoor Boulevard, Brgy. Bayanan, City of Bacoor, Cavite. It was presided over by Committee on Housing, Land Utilization and Urban Development Chairman, Hon. Horacio Brillantes, Jr. and proceeded with the roll call.

Hon. Horacio Brillantes, Jr. opened the public hearing and immediately proceeded to the business at hand. The body agreed to dispense with the formal introduction of the council members and resource persons. Hon. Reynaldo Palabrica was then requested to deliver an opening statement, wherein he explained that the proposed measure provides regulatory guidelines for the use of drones within the City of Bacoor. He emphasized that the ordinance outlines prohibited acts, establishes rules for drone operation, and aims to strengthen monitoring and enforcement within city jurisdiction.

During the discussion, Atty. Kim Nyca Lofranco from the Office of the City Legal Service was asked to give feedback regarding the ordinance. She confirmed that the legal office had already reviewed and revised the draft in collaboration with Atty. Khalid Atega





Jr., noting that the copy currently available was not the latest version. She clarified that the updated version includes additional provisions penalizing negligent or intentional mishandling of drone equipment and captured data. The committee then agreed that further deliberations will be based on the revised and most updated document.

Resource persons and council members raised several clarifications regarding drone implementation. It was noted that various departments such as Zoning, Engineering, the Assessor's Office, BDRMO, and CESD, currently possess drone units. Each department may assign trained operators to handle their respective equipment. The body also discussed certification requirements from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), emphasizing that permits may be necessary depending on drone specifications and weight classifications. It was also pointed out that some drones may not require CAAP licensing if they fall under the non-regulated category.

Hon. Palabrica presented the rationale for the ordinance, stating that it is supported by provisions in the Local Government Code which mandate LGU's to prevent the spread of illegal settlements. The use of drones is proposed as a monitoring tool to address recurring squatting issues, especially in areas where relocated families tend to return. Hon. Brillantes, Jr. further stressed that despite the city's relocation efforts such as Ciudad de Strike, Ciudad de Kaunlaran, and transfers to Trece, General Trias, Naic, and Tanza, many still resettle in danger zones. With drone surveillance, barangays will receive real-time information and are expected to participate actively in preventing the re-emergence of informal settlements.

With no further questions, comments, or objections, Councilor Miguel Bautista moved for the adjournment of the hearing. The motion was acknowledged and approved, and the meeting was formally adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Prepared by

Attested by

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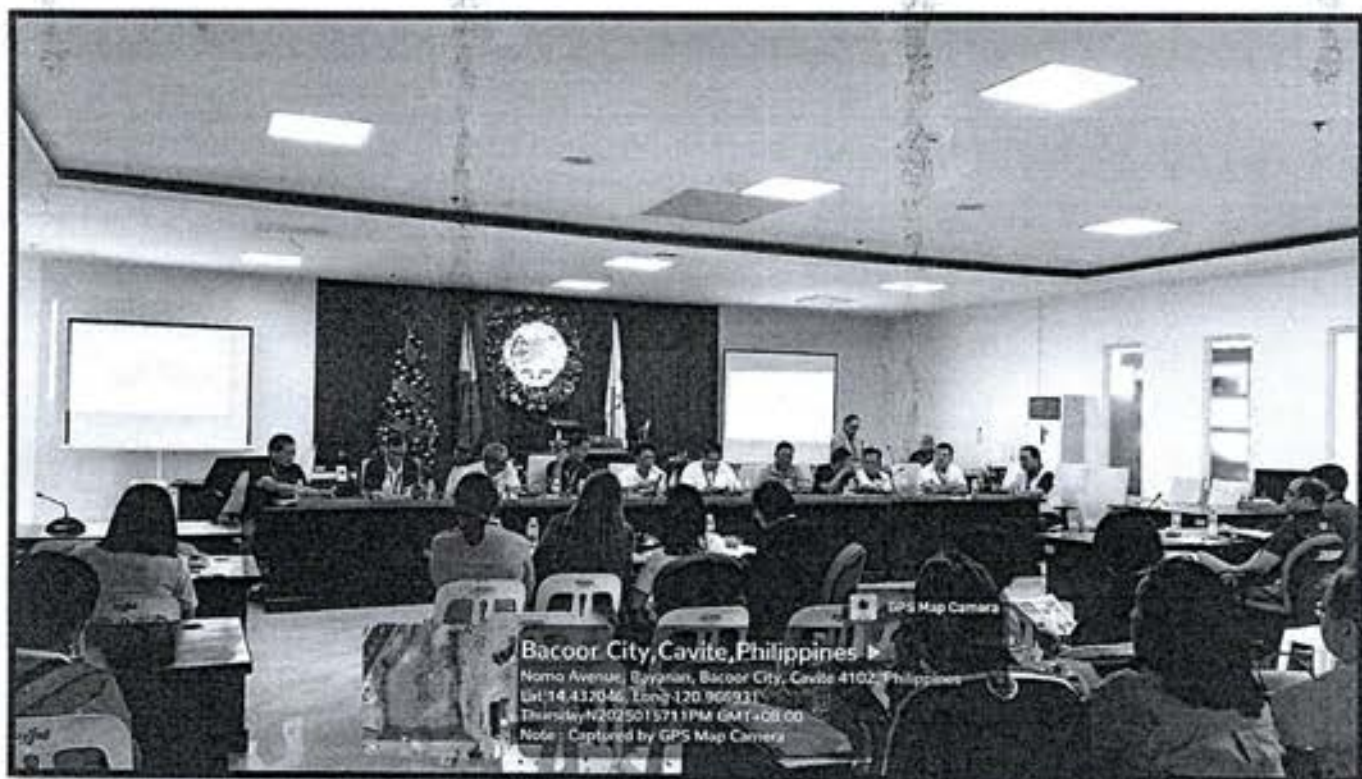


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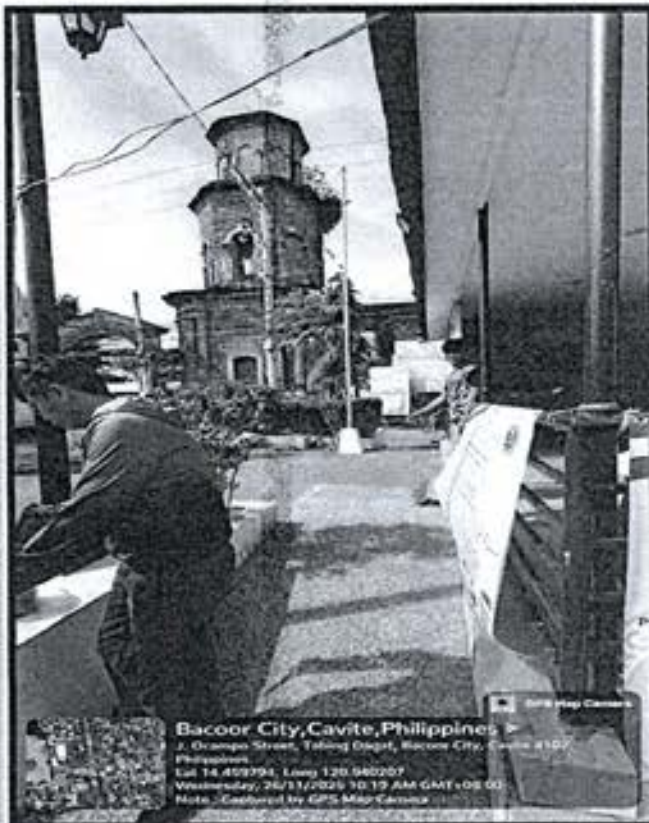




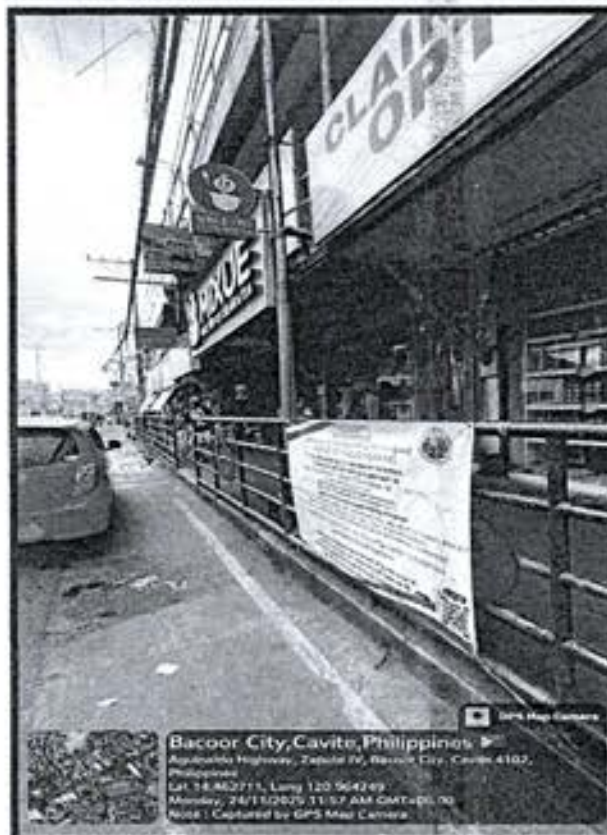
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AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF DRONE CAPTURED ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL SQUATTING, TAX EVASION, AND AGAINST GRAFT AND CORRUPTION IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, Section 1, Rule 11 of the Rules on Electronic Evidence promulgated by the Supreme Court (A.M. No. 01-7-01-SC) explicitly provides that "audio, photographic and video evidence of events, acts or transactions shall be admissible provided it shall be shown, presented or displayed to the court and shall be identified, explained or authenticated by the person who made the recording or by some other person competent to testify on the accuracy thereof".

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 8792 (the "E-Commerce Act of 2000") provides that electronic documents shall have the legal effect, validity or enforceability as any other document or legal writing.

WHEREAS, the City Government is in the midst of a comprehensive program to improve the plight of the urban poor and prevent the commission of graft and corruption in government infrastructure projects being implemented in the City of Bacoor.

WHEREAS, the City Government is in the midst of preparing a comprehensive tax map of all taxable real properties in the City as part of its efforts to improve tax collection and curtail tax evasion.

WHEREAS, squatting syndicates in collusion with unscrupulous barangay officials manage to frustrate the efforts of the Bacoor Housing, Urban Development, and Resettlement Department (BHUDRD) of clearing blighted areas within the city from informal settlers as part of the City Government's socialized housing program.

WHEREAS, there is now widespread clamor for local governments to take an active role in fighting graft and corruption in various nationally funded infrastructure projects.

WHEREAS, under the Philippine judicial system, exacting accountability for violations of law require the presentation of iron-clad evidence in courts of justice. Electronic evidence are among the types of evidence that can be used in court to correct wrongdoing.

WHEREAS, over the years, the City Government has invested significant sums in the purchase of drones presently being used for various local governments programs that are unrelated to stopping illegal squatting and the squander of public funds in improperly implemented government infrastructure projects.

WHEREAS, formulating a systematic way of gathering, preserving, and presenting videos, pictures and other types of electronic evidence taken by drones as evidence in administrative, civil, and criminal cases to be filed in court by the City Government shall be a great help in preventing illegal squatting and in curtailing the commission of graft and corruption in the various infrastructure projects being undertaken in the City of Bacoor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall also be known as the **"Drone Captured Electronic Evidence Ordinance of the City of Bacoor"**.

Section 2. Purpose. The reason for enactment of this Ordinance is to prevent illegal squatting, **tax evasion**, and the commission of graft and corruption in the City of Bacoor with regard the implementation of government funded infrastructure projects with the use of digital technology pursuant to relevant laws, city ordinances, and government regulations.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance,

3.1. **Drones** are aircrafts or small flying devices **duly licensed by the government** that do not have a pilot but is controlled **remotely**.

3.2. **Drone operators** are **duly trained** employees of the City Government tasked by their respective superiors to implement this Ordinance.

3.3. **Electronic evidence** are any information, image, video or the representation of information, data, figures, symbols or other modes of written expression, described or however represented, by which a right is established or an obligation extinguished, or by which a fact may be proved and affirmed, which is received, recorded, transmitted, stored, processed, retrieved or produced electronically.

3.4. **Geo-tagged** pertains to a video or picture whose geographical identification metadata has been added in order to determine the exact location where the said video or picture was taken.

3.5. **Geographical identification metadata** is the digital information attached to media like photos or videos that specify a location, typically using latitude and longitude coordinates, along with other details like altitude, accuracy, and place names.

3.6. **Time stamped** refers to a video or picture that contains a sequence of characters or encoded information identifying when a certain event occurred, usually giving date and time of day, sometimes accurate to a small fraction of a second.

All other words and phrases not defined in this Section shall be interpreted in a way that will promote the legislative intent behind this Ordinance which is to prevent illegal squatting **and tax evasion** and the commission of graft and corruption in the implementation of government funded infrastructure projects with the use of digital technology.

Section 4. Periodic Drone Electronic Evidence Capturing. The heads of all departments under the Office of the City Mayor, such as but not limited to the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (BDRRMO), the Zoning and Land Development Department (ZLDD), and the City Environment Service Department (CESD),

are mandated to direct drone operators assigned to the said offices to use drones at least once a week for the purpose of taking geo-tagged and time-stamped videos, pictures, and other electronic evidence of areas within the City of Bacoor where illegal squatting activities are suspected to be taking place and in areas where government funded infrastructure projects are being undertaken. **The said drones may also be deployed in relation to the formulation and/or revision of the City's comprehensive tax map.**

The specific tasks of the said drone operators are:

- a] to keep the drones and its various accessories placed under their custody in good working condition at all times;
- b] to take geo-tagged and time stamped videos and picture with the use of the said drones every week in places identified by the heads of BHUDRD, the CEO, and the OCLS;
- c] gather, preserve, and make available all electronic evidence recorded or captured with the use of the said drones in the manner provided in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance;
- d] testify in court on the various pieces of electronic evidence that he/she gathered and preserved with the use of a drone in the manner provided under the IRR of this Ordinance; and
- e] perform such other tasks as may be mandated by the City Mayor, by city ordinances, or by government regulations.

Section 5. Preservation of Drone Captured Electronic Evidence. The Office of the City Legal Service (OCLS) in coordination with the E-Governance Department shall formulate policies in the preservation of videos, pictures and other electronic evidence taken by drones owned by the City Government. The said rules must conform with the various provisions of the A.M. No. 01-7-01-SC (the "Rules on Electronic Evidence") and other policies or legal doctrines set down by the Supreme Court. The said policies shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Mayor.

Section 6. Access to Drone Captured Electronic Evidence. Unimpeded access to all electronic evidence captured with the use of drones pursuant to this Ordinance shall be given by the departments that gathered the said pieces of evidence to the heads of the BHUDRD, the City Engineering Office, the OCLS, **and to the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat and to the heads of other departments upon the written authorization of the City Mayor.**

Section 7. Use and Presentation of Drone Captured Electronic Evidence. The BHUDRD, the OCLS and the City Engineering Office are hereby authorized to use electronic evidence captured by drones owned by the City Government in the development and filing of administrative, civil, and criminal cases against all individuals who are violating relevant city ordinances and laws. The OCLS shall take charge of presenting the said evidence in court in a manner mandated by the Supreme Court and quasi-judicial bodies. The Sangguniang Panlungsod is hereby authorized to use the said electronic evidence in the formulation of local legislation and in the exercise of its oversight functions.

Section 8. CAAP Authorization. The City Administrator is hereby directed to lead all efforts to obtain the authorization of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to enable the legitimate use of all drones owned by the City Government in the implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Protection of Privacy Rights. The operators of the said drones shall not violate various privacy rights as may be provided by law, city ordinances, or government regulations while using the said equipment in the course of implementing this Ordinance.

Section 10. Duty of Barangay and Police Officials to Assist and Secure Drone Operators. All barangay and police officials and/or personnel assigned in the City of Bacoor are hereby directed to assist and secure the safety of all drone operators tasked by their respective department heads to implement this Ordinance. The unjustified failure of any barangay or police official or personnel to comply with the above-mentioned directive shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall lead to the filing of the appropriate legal action against them.

Section 11. Prohibited Acts. The following acts shall be prohibited:

11.1. Failure of city government employees to take electronic evidence with the use of drones or to schedule the gathering of the said evidence as mandated by this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR);

11.2. Failure of city government employees to properly gather and/or preserve electronic evidence captured with the use of drones pursuant to the IRR of this Ordinance;

11.3. Failure of city government employees to give the BHUDDRD, the OCLS, the CEO, ~~and the SP Secretariat, and the various departments duly authorized in writing by the City Mayor~~ timely and unimpeded access to electronic evidence gathered and preserved by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR;

11.4. Failure of barangay and police officials and/or personnel to assist and secure city government employees tasked to gather electronic evidence using drones;

11.5. Harassment, assault or coercion of city government employees tasked to gather electronic evidence using drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR; and

11.6. Violation by city government employees of privacy rights of individuals in the course of gathering electronic evidence with the use of drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR.

11.7. ~~Loss, destruction, theft or damage of the drones or the electronic evidence captured by the said drones through the fault or negligence of the personnel who has custody of the said equipment or electronic evidence.~~

Section 12. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed against persons who will commit the above-mentioned prohibited acts:

12.1. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000.00 with suspension from work for thirty (30) working days without pay** will be imposed against any city government employee who fails to take electronic evidence with the use of drones or to schedule the gathering of the said evidence as mandated by this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.2. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000 with suspension from work for sixty (60) working days without pay** shall be imposed

against any city government employee who fail to properly gather and/or preserve electronic evidence captured with the use of drones pursuant to the IRR of this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.3. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000.00 with suspension from work for thirty (30) working days without pay** will be imposed against any city government employee who fails to give the BHUDRD, the OCLS, the CEO, and the SP Secretariat timely and unimpeded access to electronic evidence gathered and preserved by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.4. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000 with suspension from work for sixty (60) working days without pay** shall be imposed against any barangay and police official and/or personnel who fails to assist and secure city government employees tasked to gather electronic evidence using drones. A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.5. Upon conviction by a court of law, a **fine of P5,000.00 with imprisonment for six (6) months to one year** shall be imposed against any person who harass, assault or coerce a city government employee in order to prevent the latter from properly gathering electronic evidence using drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. In case the offender is a public official, a city government employee or barangay/police official or personnel, the said individual/s shall be **removed from public office or terminated from employment and shall be perpetually disqualified holding public office** pursuant to relevant civil service regulations.

12.6. Upon conviction by a court of law, a **fine of P5,000.00 with imprisonment for six (6) months to one year** shall be imposed against any city government employee who violates the privacy rights of individuals in the course of gathering electronic evidence with the use of drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. In addition to the said penalty, the offended shall — upon conviction — be **terminated from employment and shall be perpetually disqualified holding public office** pursuant to relevant civil service regulations.

The filing of any administrative or criminal case against any person by virtue of this Ordinance shall not preclude the filing of the appropriate legal action for violating any **other** law or government regulation.

Section 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The OCLS shall submit the IRR of this Ordinance for the review and approval of the City Mayor not later than sixty (60) days following the date of effectivity hereof.

Section 14. Repeal. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, and other local issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 15. Separability. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void by a court of law, the remaining provisions hereof not affected by the said declaration shall remain valid.

Section 16. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and

after copies thereof has been posted on at least three (3) conspicuous places within the same city.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Certified:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Approved:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor

Date of Approval: _____