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Province of Cavite
City of Bacoor

5th SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT

CHS-PCO-2023-133

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Ened B. B. B.
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Subject: *An ordinance for the prevention, treatment, and care of sexually transmitted infections (STI), repealing City Ordinance No. CO16-2014 and 2013-6 and for other purposes.*

The above mentioned subject matter underwent first reading on November 06, 2023 during the 67th Regular Session of the Sangguning Panlungsod. The said subject matter was referred by the Presiding Officer Hon. Rowena Bautista Mendiola to the Committee on Health and Sanitation.

The Committee on Health and Sanitation sent out invitations to the resource persons and conducted a committee hearing on November 10, 2023 at the MSBR Conference Room at 10:30 a.m.

FINDINGS:

Republic Act No. 11166, also known as the "Philippines HIV and AIDS Policy Act" declares as a policy that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) are public health concerns that have wide-ranging social, political and economic repercussions thus responding to the country's HIV and AIDS situation is therefore imbued with public interest and shall be anchored on the principles of human rights upholding human dignity.

The City Government of Bacoor recognizes that education, information and preventive measures are essential in the effective and sustained local response to STI/HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis situation to control and prevent the further spread of the said infections and reduce the impact on individuals, families and communities.

The Bacoor City STI, HIV and AIDS Multi-Sectoral Council shall be the central advisory planning and policy-making body in the prevention and control of STI/HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis, it being an equally serious public health concern. The Council shall also act as a central coordinating body for all the barangays in



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the implementation of the programs, projects and activities in the City of Bacoor intended to address the STI/HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis concerns.

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 68th Regular Session.

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

Signed this 13th day of November 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.



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Committee on Health and Sanitation



COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA
Chairman



COUN. LEVY TELA
Vice Chairman



COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN
Member



COUN. CATHERINE SARINO EVARISTO
Member



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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION MINUTES OF COMMITTEE HEARING CHS-PCO-2023-133

Subject: *An ordinance for the prevention, treatment, and care of sexually transmitted infections (STI), repealing City Ordinance No. CO16-2014 and 2013-6 and for other purposes.*

1. The committee hearing was called to order at exactly 10:00 a.m. on November 10, 2023, held at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor.
2. The committee hearing was presided by City Councilor Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica, Chairman of the Committee on Health and Sanitation.
3. The Presiding Officer introduced the members of the committee present.

- Hon. Levy Tela - City Councilor
- Hon. Simplicio Dominguez - City Councilor
- Hon. Michael Solis - City Councilor
- Hon. Rogelio Nolasco - City Councilor

4. The Presiding Officer introduced to the members of the Honorable Committee the resource persons present

- Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza - Head-City Health Office
- Dr. Michael Marquez - Representative-City Health Office
- Atty. Nathaniel De Leon - Representative-Legal Services Office

5. The Presiding Officer stated the concern on Ms. Natividad Ople on section 5 of the proposed ordinance.
6. The Presiding Officer asked the comment of Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza regarding the proposed ordinance.
7. Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza gave her comment and stated that the City Health Office will outsource a psychiatric clinic for patients.
8. The Presiding Officer asked Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza the amount needed for the funding of the said clinic
9. HR Department Head said that they have already a psychometrician in their office but does not have a psychometric test. She suggested to purchase the said item which will cost at around 100 thousand to 200 thousand pesos



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10. The Presiding Officer asked the opinion of the representative of the Legal Services Office.
11. The legal services office representative, Atty. Nathaniel De Leon gave his concern on section 5, paragraph 6 of the proposed ordinance. He added that the provision should be amended. Applicants should undergo mandatory drug testing.
12. The Presiding Officer agreed with the suggestion of Atty. Nathaniel De Leon.
13. Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza shared her budget concerns regarding the mandatory drug testing of the 1,800 job order employees.
14. The Presiding Officer took note of all the suggestions and suggested to change the title of the proposed ordinance and include all the amendments mentioned.
15. The Presiding Officer asked the council members for their comments and opinions.
16. There being no matters to be discussed, City Councilor Hon. Levy Tela moved for the adjournment of the committee hearing.
17. Hearing no objection, the Presiding Officer declared that the hearing is adjourned.
18. The committee hearing ended at exactly 10:10 a.m.

Prepared By:


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Staff

Attested By:


COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA
Chairman
Committee on Ethics, Appointments and Government Re-Organization



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Committee on Health and Sanitation
NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING
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Subject: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND CARE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STI), REPEALING CITY ORDINANCE NUMBERS CO 16-2014 AND 2013-6 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (PCO No. 2023-133) dated (November 6, 2023)

NAME	OFFICE AFFILIATION	CONTACT NUMBER	SIGNATURE/DATE
HON. LEVY TELA	—	—	Qw
HON. CATHERINE EVARISTO	—	—	glenn 11/9/23
HON. ALDE PAGULAYAN	—	—	del 11-9-23
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Dr. MICHAEL ANGELO MARQUEZ	CHO	0961056831	del 11/9/23
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CITY OF BACOR

Office of the Mayor

October 24, 2023

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA

City Vice Mayor of Bacoor
Bacoor Government Center
Bacoor, Cavite



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

Subject: Endorsement Letter

Dear Hon. Bautista-Mendiola

In line with this administration's commitment to ensure the delivery of basic health services and pursuit of its mandate to address medical problems, concerns and challenges, the City of Bacoor needs to reorganize and reconstitute various councils created in the City. City Ordinance No. CO 16-2014, series of 20124, which amended City Ordinance No. 2013-6 creating the Bacoor City STD/AIDS/ Prevention Council needs to be repealed following the mandates of R.A. No. 11166, otherwise known as the "Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act".

In this regard, I respectfully request the esteemed members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact the appropriate measure relative hereto. Attached herewith is a draft City Ordinance for your reference and consideration.

I trust that you give this matter your utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,


STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor



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CITY ORDINANCE NO. _____-2023
Series of 2023

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND CARE OF
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS (STI), REPEALING CITY ORDINANCE
NUMBERS CO 16-2014 AND 2013-6, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8504, otherwise known as the "Philippine AIDS and Prevention Act of 1998," which is the basis for the creation of the Bacoor STI/AIDS HEPATITIS Prevention Council, was expressly repealed by Republic Act No. 11166, otherwise known as The "Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act";

WHEREAS, the composition of the Philippine National AIDS Council (PNAC) established under Section 43 of R.A. No. 8504 was reconstituted and streamlined to ensure the implementation of the country's response to HIV and AIDS situation;

WHEREAS, City Ordinance No. CO 16-2014 Series of 2014, which amended City Ordinance No. 2013-6 creating the Bacoor City STD/AIDS Prevention Council, needs to be repealed following the mandates of R.A. No. 11166;

NOW THEREFORE, upon a majority vote of all the members of the 5th *Sangguniang Panlungsod* of the City of Bacoor, Cavite, on regular/online session assembled, be **ORDAINED** that:

Section 1. Title – This Ordinance shall be known as the "Bacoor City STI/AIDS/Hepatitis Prevention, Treatment, and Care Ordinance of 2023".

Section 2. Creation of the Bacoor City STI/AIDS/Hepatitis Prevention, Treatment, and Care Council - The Bacoor City STI/AIDS/Hepatitis Prevention, Treatment, and Care Council ("BCSPTCC") is hereby created to prevent and control the spread of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), Human Immune-Deficiency Virus (HIV), Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and Hepatitis in the City of Bacoor.

Section 3. Purpose - the Council is created to be the central advisory, planning, and policy-making body of the City Government on the prevention, treatment, and care of STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis in the City of Bacoor.

Section 4. Definition of Terms – as used in this ordinance, the following term shall have the following meaning:

1. **Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)** - a condition characterized by a combination of signs and symptoms caused by HIV contracted from another person and which attacks and weakens the body's immune system, making the affected individuals susceptible to other life-threatening infections;
2. **Active Surveillance refers to sentinel serologic surveillance** - the systematic and regular collection of blood samples to identify the distribution and trends of HIV infection among selected groups.



3. **Behavioral Surveillance** - a systematic and regular collection of information on risk behaviors and co-factors of the transmission of HIV infection among selected population groups.
4. **Confidentiality of HIV Status** – refers to the relationship of trust and confidence created or existing between a patient or a person living with HIV and his attending physician, consulting medical specialist, nurse, medical technologist, and all other health workers or personnel involved in any counseling testing or professional care of the former. It also applies to any person who, in any official capacity, has acquired or may have acquired such confidential information. For the purpose of this Ordinance, any person who comes by, in any manner, the information of a person's HIV status shall be under pain of penalty and be bound by the same confidentiality herein defined.
5. **Hepatitis** - means inflammation of the liver.
6. **Entertainment Establishments** - are business establishments that include, but shall not be limited to, bars, nightclubs, disco houses, cocktail lounges, massage clinics, spas, videoke bars, sing-along pub houses, and other similar establishments that are required to secure permits to operate.
7. **HIV/AIDS Prevention Treatment and Care** - the program strategies and measures aimed at protecting non-infected persons from contracting HIV, minimizing the impact of the condition on people living with AIDS, and providing proper treatment and care to Persons Living with HIV.
8. **Human Immune-Deficiency Virus (HIV)** - is the virus that causes AIDS.
9. **Passive Surveillance** - refers to the portion of the HIV registry in which the health authorities receive reports from physicians, clinics, and laboratories of HIV/AIDS confirmed cases.
10. **Peer Education** - a common strategy for preventing HIV and promoting health worldwide and typically involves recruiting members of a specific at-risk group to encourage members to change risky sexual behaviors and maintain healthy sexual behaviors.
11. **Peer Educator** - a person belonging to the same group or social network as the target population, trained to conduct HIV/AIDS Health activities.
12. **Prophylactic** - refers to any agent or device used to prevent the transmission of STI/HIV/AIDS, such as condoms.
13. **Reproductive Health** - is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity in all matters relating to the reproductive health system and its functions.
14. **Serological Surveillance** - a systematic and regular collection of blood samples to identify the distribution and trends of HIV infection among selected groups.
15. **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI)** - the provision of information on the causes, prevention, treatment, care, and consequences of STD/HIV/AIDS and activities designed to assist individuals in developing the confidence and skills needed to avoid HIV transmission and to develop a more positive attitude towards People Living with HIV/AIDS.



Section 5. Composition - The BCSPTCC shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: City Mayor
Co-Chairperson: City Health Officer

Members:

Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Committee on Health
Sangguniang Panlungsod Member, Committee on Family
President, Liga ng mga Barangay
President, Sangguniang Kabataan Federation
Chief of Police, Philippine National Police - Bacoor City
City Local Government Operations Officer
City Schools Division Superintendent
City Legal Officer
City Information Officer
City Social Welfare and Development Officer
City Budget Officer
City Planning and Development Officer
City Population Officer
Representative from Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic
Representative from the Public Services and Employment Office
Representative from the City Livelihood Office
Representative from the Tourism Operations Office
Representative from an accredited PLHIV group in the City of Bacoor
Representative from an accredited LGBT group in the City of Bacoor

A permanent representative shall be designated by each council member who will represent them during meetings or activities in case the regular members are absent.

Section 6- Term of Office of representatives from Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) to the Council -The term of office of the representatives from the NGOs shall be co-terminus with the term of the appointing authority, provided that the organization from which they are representatives must continue to exist and must maintain the purpose for which they were chosen.

Section 7. Powers and Function- The BCSPTCC shall be charged and vested with the following powers and functions:

1. Formulate policies and strategies for preventing and controlling STI/HIV/AIDS HEPATITIS within the City of Bacoor;
2. Prepare short-, medium, and long-term plans for preventing and controlling STD/HIV/AIDS within the City of Bacoor;
3. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of its programs, plans, campaigns, and strategies;
4. Organize and encourage registered entertainment establishments' owners/operators/managers to actively participate in preventing and controlling STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis;



5. Identify and recommend priorities and gaps in local STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis related cases;
6. Conduct periodic reviews of related policies;
7. Conduct periodic public information, education, and communication activities to promote prophylactic, reproductive Health, prevention, and control of STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis in different communities and barangays;
8. Conduct regular seminars in all primary and tertiary educational institutions and distribute, disseminate, circulate, publish, or broadcast modules, pamphlets, booklets, brochures, or other forms of information, written, verbal, audio, or video;
9. Conduct regular seminars/forums/dialogues in all government institutions and agencies and its subdivisions, whether National or local, including government-owned and controlled corporations found within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bacoor;
10. Conduct yearly STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis Serological and Behavioral Surveillance. In coordination with the Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic (Bacoor SHC) and the Department of Health (DOH) among people with high-risk sexual behavior or those by nature of their work prone to contracting STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis;
11. Initiate skills training, advocacy programs, and development strategies to benefit people with a high risk of contracting STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis;
12. Regularly monitor, inspect, and examine the facilities, practices, and procedures of hospitals, medical/dental clinics, laboratories, and testing centers, blood banks within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bacoor, whether they are public or privately owned, for-profit or charitable purpose and evaluate whether they have complied with the existing minimum standards in the prevention and containment of STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis;
13. Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panglungsod* enactment of ordinances that shall assist in the control, prevention, treatment care, and containment of STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis;
14. Recommends the closure or imposition of sanctions or penalties on any establishment found violating the prohibited acts as mentioned in this ordinance;
15. Assist in the source/request for funding and recommend allocation of resources;
16. Create a Technical Working Group or committees if it is deemed necessary to effectively implement this Ordinance;
17. To act as the primary agency that shall represent the City of Bacoor in all conventions, conferences, fora, or gatherings of other agencies, organizations, leagues, chambers, or groupings, whether national, local, or international, pertaining to the issue of STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis;



18. To monitor STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis cases in coordination with the Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic of the City Health Services;
19. To identify STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis cases through passive and active surveillance, and
20. To perform all other tasks and functions related to the overall objective of the prevention, treatment, care, and control of STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis in the City of Bacoor.

Section 8- Meeting- The BCSPTCC shall meet at least once every quarter of the year or as often as may be necessary by serving notice to all members at least a day before the meeting.

Section 9- Quorum- the presence of at least a majority of all the members of the BCSPTCC shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Section 10- The Secretariat- The BCSPTCC shall have the Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic as the Secretariat.

Section 11- Functions of the Secretariat- The Secretariat shall have the following functions and duties:

1. Prepare the agenda of the meeting of the BCSPTCC and record the minutes of the same
2. Shall keep the records of the BCSPTCC
3. To submit an annual report to the BCSPTCC within two months after the close of each calendar year.
4. To monitor the implementation of the policies, programs, and activities of the BCSPTCC and
5. To perform such other functions as may be required by the BCSPTCC.

Section 12. Creation of the BACOR SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINIC- shall be composed of trained staff who will compose the HIV AIDS Core Team of the City of Bacoor directly involved in the Clinical management of PLHIV and implementation of the STI HIV AIDS Hepatitis program of the City

1. **Social Hygiene Physician-** Doctor of Medicine trained in Syndromic management of STI, Primary Health Care of PLHIV, and acts as administrative Head of the Social Hygiene Clinic.
2. **Nurse-** Registered Nurse who shall assist the Physician in Syndromic management of STI, Primary Health Care of PLHIV
3. **Medical Technologist-** In charge of the technical aspect of the Social Hygiene Clinic and in charge of the laboratory



4. **Case Managers-** Directly in charge of assisting in the clinical management of PLHIV and monitoring of clients.
5. **Peer Navigator-** in charge of surveillance and conducting HIV testing and advocacy in the community.
6. **Data encoder-** in charge of Data privacy and safekeeping of records of the facility.

Section 13. Mandatory STI/ HIV/ AIDS/ Hepatitis Education- it shall be mandatory for all operators and/or managers entertainers of entertainment establishments to attend seminars on STI/HIV/AIDS prevention conducted by the City Health Services, Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic, the Bacoor STI/HIV/AIDS prevention treatment and care Council or NGOs accredited by the Bacoor City Government, otherwise no permit to operate shall be granted to the entertainment establishment.

Section 14. Agencies Tasked to Conduct Seminars - the City Health Services through the Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic of the City of Bacoor, the Bacoor City STI/AIDS Hepatitis Prevention, treatment and Care Council, and NGOs accredited by the City Government of Bacoor are hereby tasked to conduct seminars on Reproductive Health, STI/HIV/AIDS periodically and to make themselves accessible and available for seminar purposes to the above-mentioned individuals and to offer persons who may need such services.

Section 15. Issuance of Permit to Operate- The entertainment establishments mentioned in this ordinance should not be allowed to operate unless a certificate of attendance in an STD/HIV/AIDS seminar has been issued to its operator and all its employees.

Section 16. Availability of Prophylactics - To prevent STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis, all entertainment establishments covered by the ordinance are required to make available prophylactics or condoms within their establishments. The Philippine National Police and the City Health Services shall randomly check the availability of a sufficient number of prophylactics within the premises of the said establishment. The number of condoms available in the said premises to be considered sufficient shall not be fewer than double the number of employees engaged in high-risk sexual behavior.

Section 17. Regular STD Screening for Entertainers and others with similar occupations. All entertainers, masseurs, and others with similar occupations shall undergo compulsory weekly medical checkups (gm staining) to be conducted at the Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic of the City Health Services.

Section 18. Compilation of Roster of Entertainers/Employees in entertainment- The City Health Services shall maintain a roster of all entertainers and other workers engaged in high-risk sexual behaviors indicating their full name, age, birthdate, address, and place of employment in relation to all owners/operators/managers of entertainment establishment shall submit to the City Health Office a quarterly updated list of their employees. The said roster shall also contain the latest 2x2 colored picture of each of the said employees/ entertainers.



Section 19. Monitoring Programs- The BCSPTCC shall establish a comprehensive STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis monitoring program in coordination with the City Health Services to determine and monitor the magnitude and progression of STI/HIV/AIDS infection in the City of Bacoor and to evaluate the efficacy of the countermeasures being employed by the BCSPTCC, City Health Services, and NGOs.

Further, the BCSPTCC, in coordination with the City Health Services, shall monitor STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis cases through passive and active surveillance, including the conduct of yearly STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis serological and behavioral surveillance among the people with high-risk sexual behaviors or those who by the nature of their work is prone to contacting STI, HIV, AIDS, and Hepatitis.

Section 20. Reporting Requirement and Consequence of Failure to Report- All hospitals, clinics, laboratories, and testing centers for STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis are required to immediately report to the City Health Services any identified failure of the owner/operator of the entertainment establishments to report the said cases within thirty (30) days after discovery. The identification shall result in the immediate closure of the said hospital, clinic, or testing centers for a period not less than ten (10) days but not more than thirty (30) days as may be deemed proper by the City Mayor.

Section 21. Contact Tracing- In coordination with the City Health Office, the BCSPTCC shall conduct STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis contact tracing and all other related health intelligence activities. Provided such contact tracing shall not contradict the general purpose of Republic Act No.11166. Provided further, that any information gathered shall remain confidential and classified and can only be used for statistical and monitoring purposes and not as basis or qualification for any other purposes such as but not limited to employment, school attendance, or freedom of abode or travel.

Section 22. General and Medical Confidentiality.

General Confidentiality – The confidentiality and privacy of any individual who has been tested for HIV, exposed to HIV, has HIV infection, or HIV- and AIDS-related illnesses, or was treated for AIDS-related illnesses shall be guaranteed.

Medical Confidentiality - All health professionals, medical instructors, workers, employers, hospitals, laboratory recruitment agencies, insurance companies, data encoders, and other custodians of any medical record, file data, or test results are directed to strictly observe confidentiality in the handling of all medical information particularly the identity and status of Persons with STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis.

Section 23- Exceptions to the Mandate of Confidentiality- Medical Confidentiality shall not be considered in the following instances:

1. When complying with reportorial requirements in conjunction with the AIDS WATCH Programs established under the Department of Health to determine and monitor the magnitude and progression of HIV infection in the Philippines and for the purpose of evaluating the adequacy and efficacy of the countermeasures being employed;
2. When informing other health workers directly involved or about to be involved in the treatment or care of a person with STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis provided that such treatment or care carries the risk of HIV



transmission; Provided, further, that such workers shall be obliged to maintain shared medical confidentiality; and

3. When responding to a *subpoena duces tecum* and *subpoena ad testificandum* issued by a court with jurisdiction over legal proceedings where the main issue is the HIV status of an individual, Provided that the confidential medical record shall be properly sealed by its lawful custodian after being double checked for accuracy by the head office or department, hand-delivered, and personally opened by the judge: Provided, further that the judicial proceedings shall not be made public.

Section 24. Release of STI/ HIV/ AIDS/ Hepatitis Test Results- All results of STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis testing shall be confidential and shall be released only to the following persons:

1. The person who submitted himself/herself to such test;
2. Either parent of a minor child who has been tested;
3. A legal guardian in the case of insane persons or orphans and
4. A person authorized to receive such results in conjunction with the surveillance program of the City Health Services or provided under the pertinent provisions of Republic Act 11166.

Section 25. Reporting Procedures- All hospitals, clinics, laboratories, and testing centers for STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis shall adopt measures to ensure the reporting and confidentiality of any medical record, personal data, and file, including all data that may be accessed from various data banks of information system to the City Health Services.

Section 26. Disclosure to a sexual partner- Any person with STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis is under obligation to disclose to his/her partner his/her STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis status or condition at the earliest reasonable time.

Section 27. Non-Discrimination in the Workplace- Discrimination in any form from pre-employment to post-employment, including hiring and promotion or assignment based on the actual perceived or suspected HIV status of an individual, is prohibited. Termination from work on the sole basis of actual perceived or suspected HIV status is deemed unlawful.

Section 28. Non-Discrimination in School- No educational institution shall refuse admission, expel, discipline, segregate, or deny participation, benefits, or services to a student or prospective student based on his/her actual, perceived, or suspected STI/HIV/AIDS status.

Section 29. Non-Restriction on Travel and Habitation- The freedom of abode lodging and travel of a person Living with HIV shall not be abridged. No person shall be quarantined, placed in isolation, or refused lawful entry into or deported from the Philippine territory because of his/her actual, perceived, or suspected HIV status.



Section 30. Declaration of AIDS Awareness Month, World AIDS Day- The month of May of every year is hereby declared as AIDS Awareness Month in the City of Bacoor to coincide with the commemoration day for Persons living with HIV/AIDS and International Day of Action in Women's Health. On the 1st day of December of every year, the City of Bacoor enjoins the whole world in celebrating World AIDS Day. Activities in relation to awareness of STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis are highly encouraged by the Department of Health during the celebration.

Section 31. Penalties. Violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, where applicable, shall be punished by imprisonment of not less than six (6) months but not more than one (1) year or a fine of not less than Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) or both in the discretion of the court.

Section 32. PhilHealth Coverage and Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic Trust Fund. To completely eradicate STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis in the City of Bacoor and in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6, the City Government of Bacoor shall fund the PhilHealth premium of the STI, HIV, AIDS, and/or Hepatitis patients as an indigent to support his medication and other needs. The Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic shall be accredited by PhilHealth to access Outpatient HIV/ AIDS Treatment (OHAT). This benefit aims to increase the proportion of the population having access to effective HIV/ AIDS treatment and patient education measures. In compliance with the PhilHealth OHAT guidelines, a trust fund shall be created to be called "Bacoor Social Hygiene Clinic Trust Fund," which will be used primarily for the treatment and care of the Person living with HIV based on the guidelines of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.

Section 33. Implementing Guidelines- Within three (3) months after the approval of this Ordinance, the BCSPTCC shall formulate and issue the appropriate implementing guidelines necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of any and all provisions of this Ordinance. Such Implementing Guidelines shall be submitted to the City Mayor and, upon approval thereof, shall be deemed part of this Ordinance.

Section 34. Separability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 35. Repealing Clause. This Ordinance expressly repeals City Ordinance No. CO 16-2014 Series of 2014, which amended City Ordinance No. 2013-6 Series of 2013. All other provisions that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby modified, amended, or repealed accordingly.

Section 36. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.