



OFFICE OF THE SAGGUNANG PANLUNGSOD

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND PRIVILEGES, LAWS AND  
ORDINANCES

COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT  
CRPLO-PCO-2024-174

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Subject: *An ordinance mandating that the maximum depth of public and private swimming pools in the City of Bacoor, Cavite is four (4) feet, mandating various safety measures in privately owned swimming resort, and providing penalties for violation hereof.(PCO-2024-174:March 18, 2024)*

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The above-mentioned subject matter underwent first reading on March 18, 2024 during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. The said subject matter was referred by the Presiding Officer Hon. Rowena Bautista Mendiola to the Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances.

The Committee Rules on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances sent out invitations to the resource persons and conducted a committee hearing on April 04, 2024 and April 25, 2024 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall.

**FINDINGS:**

Despite the existence of provisions in the "Code on Sanitation of the Philippines" (Chapter VIII of P.D. No. 856), many people still drown in swimming pools. The said provisions of law for many decades and the best effort of local governments, accidents in pools and resorts still happens.

A number of people accidentally drowned in privately-owned swimming resorts in the City of Bacoor, Cavite due to mainly to the absence of lifeguards on a regular basis, the lack of safety awareness of the patrons of the said resorts, and the lack of safety measures that comply with P.D. 856 and various pertinent ordinances.

Pursuant to Section 478 of the Local Government Code, the City Health Officer is empowered to execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating the public health.

The proposed ordinance shall apply to the construction, use, maintenance, and operation of all swimming pools, whether used privately or by the public, situated within the City of Bacoor.



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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 89<sup>th</sup> Regular Session.

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

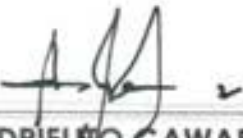
Signed this 6th day of May 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances

  
COUN. REYNALDO C. PALABRICA  
Chairman

  
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE HEARING  
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A committee hearing on the above-subject matter was conducted last April 4, 2024 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall presided by Committee Chairman Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica.

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

HON. LEVY TELA  
HON. ADRIELITO GAWARAN  
HON. ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ  
HON. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ  
HON. ROGELIO NOLASCO  
HON. RANDY FRANCISCO

**RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT:**

ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES	-	CITY LEGAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE
MANOLO S. GALVEZ	-	BDRRMO AND CITY SAFETY OFFICER
KARL REBOSURA	-	OSH BDRRMO REPRESENTATIVE
JONATHAN BLANDE	-	OSH BDRRMO REPRESENTATIVE
ROMAR KALUGDAN	-	KALUGDAN RESORT OWNER
ANALIZA B. QUILANG	-	CIRCLE ISLAND RESORT REPRESENTATIVE
GERALD BARBOSA	-	STRIKE RGP RESORT REPRESENTATIVE
RYAN IMPERIO	-	FAMILIA SAULOG RESORT REPRESENTATIVE
RAMIL MOVERA	-	CASA CARIZA RESORT REPRESENTATIVE
ROMY NINADA	-	SUZANE'S RESORT REPRESENTATIVE





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**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "An ordinance mandating that the maximum depth of public and private swimming pools in the City of Bacoor, Cavite is for (4) feet, mandating various safety measures in privately owned swimming resort, and providing penalties for violations hereof is now called to order."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "For the record, present in this committee hearing are the honorable members of the city council, honorable Adriel Gawaran."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Magandang umaga po sainyong lahat."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Councilor Simplicio Dominguez, city councilor of district two."

**COUN. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ** "Magandang umaga po sa ating lahat."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "First district councilor Levy Tela."

**COUN. LEVY TELA** "Good morning po sa ating lahat."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "First district councilor general 'Alex' Alejandro Gutierrez."

**COUN. ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ** "Magandang umaga po sa ating lahat."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Last but not the least, from district two councilor Rogelio 'Bok' Nolasco."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "For the record, may I request all the resource persons present here in today's hearing to introduce themselves and mention also their representation let's start with BDRRMO, City Safety Officer of Bacoor."

**KARL REBOSURA** "Good morning, Mr. Chair, Karl Rebosura, from Disaster Risk division."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Next."

**MANOLO S. GALVEZ** "Mr. chair, Manolo Galvez po, assistant department head of BDRRMO and also the safety officer."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you very much. Ma'am please."

**ANALIZA B. QUILANG** "Circle Island Resort, HR admin manager po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you po, ma'am. Sir. Kayo na po."

**ROMY NINADA** "Romy Ninada, parang manager or operator ng Suzane Resort."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Saang resort?"



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**ROMY NINADA** "San Nicolas 1, sa may tapat po ng Rophil, more or less ang sukat ng resort is siguro mga seven hundred square meter lang, tapos fifty percent is occupied by parking lot, so yung resort full proper siguro dalawa siya, seventy-five at fifty, mga one hundred twenty-five square meter lang."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Ah, malaki rin. Thank you, sir. Next, city legal."

**ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES** "Good morning, Mr. chair, and councilors, attorney Joshua Flores, city legal office."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you, next."

**GERALD BARBOSA** "Good morning, Gerald Barbosa, Strike RGP Resort."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Strike RGP? Thank you very much, sir."

**RYAN IMPERIO** "Good morning, everyone, Ryan Imperio, from Familia Saulog."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Saan ang resort niyo sir?"

**RYAN IMPERIO** "San Nicolas 1 po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "San Nicolas 1? Thank you, thank you. Next."

**RAMIL MOVERA** "Good morning po, Ramil Movera from Casa Cariza Resort po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Anong resort yan?"

**RAMIL MOVERA** "Casa Cariza po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Saan po located ito?"

**RAMIL MOVERA** "Diyan po sa may progressive po, malapit po sa molino jolibee."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Ah, progressive. Ikaw sir, naiwan kanina."

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Good morning po, Romar Kalugdan, Kalugdan Resort owner po. Kalugdan Garden Resort po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Ah, Kalugdan resort? Kaano-ano mo si ka ermi?"

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Lolo ko po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Kasama ko yun Kapitan, nineteen ninety-seven, bata ka pa nga nun ah, kumakain kami ng pakwan doon sa likod, maraming pakwanan dun e."





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**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Anyway, we will official start with the hearing, napadala namin sa inyo yung advance copy ng proposed ordinance, so hindi na natin babasahin isa-isa kasi mahaba, so hihingin nalang namin ng opinion ang bawat resource person, hihingin namin ang inyong comment o opinion o suggestion, or any concern, para marinig ng committee for us to analyze, to assess all those information, kung appropriate ang pagkakagawa ng draft ordinance na ito, gusto lang namin maintindihan ng bawat isa na ang ordinansang ito ay requested ito ng ating city mayor, for the purpose of ensuring the safety of the public. So, we will start with Mr. Saulog?"

**RYAN IMPERIO** "Good morning, sir. Basically, in behalf of the resort owners, we are not good in four feet of the height of the swimming pool, it is because may mga existing na po tayong swimming pools plus may mga swimmers po na naghahanap ng mas malalim, although we understand that this is for safety purposes, ang concern lang po namin is baka masyadong mababa or masyadong mababaw yung four feet deep."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Kapag ba four feet lang, makakabawas ba yung benta ng resort?"

**RYAN IMPERIO** "Ideally, yes po. Siguro maattest din po ng ibang resort owners na yung mga existing po na swimming pools is hindi po kakayanin yung construction itself, na yung dept niya. May skimmers po tayong tinatawag or yung pag circulate po ng tubig, sa ating swimming pools po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "So, kapag ka kung existing na more than four-feet, definitely it will cost kung i adjust natin into four-feet. So, on your part, on your resort, yung swimming pool ninyo, magkano aabutin kung sakaling ganun ang mangyari?"

**RYAN IMPERIO** "For reconstruction itself sir?"

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Yes. Estimated cost"

**RYAN IMPERIO** "Roughly 2M? Kasama po yung re piping po nung tubig po, yung water circulating system po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Hindi naman puwede yung pang six-feet na pool tapos babawasan mo yung tubig ng four-feet ano? Ang layo na yung, anong tawag doon? Yung tungtungan sa tubig ano? Anyway, papakinggan namin ang lahat ng inyong opinyon at babalansehan natin. Yes sir, ano pong masasabi ninyo?"

**ROMY NINADA** "Yung sa akin, yung opinyon ko doon, merong life saver, kailangan yun, pero pagka private pool siguro, siguro pwedeng ma pass o ma waiver, hindi ninyo naitatanong, before holy week, bumyahe ako ng Puerto Galera, siguro



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narinig niyo yung infinity resort, five star resort yun. Sila nag ooperate halos one thousand square meter na pool, doon wala silang life guard."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Napakalaki."

**ROMY NINADA** "Napakalaki. Wala silang life guard, pinicturan ko yan, kasi ang primary purpose natin ay magkaroon tayo ng feedback din sainyo, hindi naman puwede namin solohin, tapos naglagay din sila ng rules and regulations nasa tarpaulin siya, para doon sa pool. Tapos ang lalim ng pool nila is nag range from three feet to six feet, so sa side na yun, double sila, meron silang fresh water yun yung swimming pool, tapos yung sa dagat yun meron silang life guard."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Pero sa pool area wala silang life guard?"

**ROMY NINADA** "Wala po. Ayang po yung picture."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Pero sir alam niyo po, hindi porket five-star na resort yan, ay gagayahin natin, at hindi tama ang practice."

**ROMY NINADA** "Yes po. Tama po yun."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "The very best option is to ensure na may life guard kahit sa three feet lang, kung may mga bata dyan, nauntog, nahimatay, nalunod, sa three feet na yan."

**ROMY NINADA** "Yung objection ko rin diyan ano, kahit sabihin mong three feet, kung ang bata is mga two or three years old tapos negligence ang magulang, hindi pa rin maiwasan ang lunod dyan e, kahit anong sabihin."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Kaya nga may life guard, life guard is always required. Kaya hindi puwedeng gawing basis, porket five-star resort yan, at wala silang life guard, kahit maliitan lang tayo, wala na silang life guard. Hindi po yang basis na para sa isang policy, to ensure the public safety."

**ROMY NINADA** "Tama po yun. Tapos pangalawa, maraming... yung sa amin kasi, private pool, hindi kami nag eentertain ng public, maraming kliyente na gustong walang personnel sa pool na nakatunganga at nagbabantay sa kanila, gusto nila may privacy."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Sa mga private."

**ROMY NINADA** "Opo, doon sa private. Pero sa public, wala po akong objection doon. Kasi in and out ang tao doon e, sa private once na pumasok ang pamilya, halimbawa, family of ten, pagpasok nila doon, sila-sila nalang yun. Kaya wala akong objection doon."





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**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "So, parang ang suggestion ninyo, kapag private pool, isang option ng kliyente ng private pool or nung private resort, na may presence ng life guard o wala."

**ROMY NINADA** "Opo."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Parang ganun ang ibig niyong sabihin?"

**ROMY NINADA** "Oo, depende."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Pero kasi kahit may presence o wala, life guard should be always available."

**ROMY NINADA** "Yes. Yung tinatawag na on call or tumawag."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Kahit sigaw lang, dapat naka standby nearby yun. Basta hindi lang siya nakikita. Kasi, naiintindihan ko naman po yun, yung iba kasi nag two two-piece yan, baka ispin pinagpapantasyahan na yan o binobosohan. Naiintindihan po natin yun, si kute nga nag two two-piece pag nagswimming ito e, kaya ayaw ng may life guard sa tabi. Anyway, hindi rin reason yun, hindi maglagay ng life guard. Maaring puwedeng magkaroon ng adjustment, yung posting ng life guard, para yung gusto ng kliyente ma served pero, dapat ma ensure ng owner yung safety through the present of a life guard. Nasa diskarte naman yan. Sir kayo po, ano ang opinyon niyo regarding this proposed ordinance. Paki on lang po ang microphone."

**RAMIL MOVERA** "Yung sa life guard po namin, ako lang po yung life guard sa amin, tanong ko lang po kung pati po ba yung kasama ko ay kailangan din pong training?"

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Pag sinabi nating may life guard, hangga't may kliyente dyan, dapat may life guard, as much as possible tig isa-isa lang, paano kung halimbawa, panahon ngayon ng swimmingan, duty ka na ngayon, tapos may overnight na nag stay, diba? Yung mga visitor or guest, kumbaga wala kang tulog, paano ka magiging effective na life guard? So kailangan natin ng life guard na physically fit, mentally fit, at syempre ability to save lives, dapat ganun lagi, kung mag isa ka, kaya mo ba yun, isang linggo duty? Maybe, my suggestion is kung nag iisa ka, mag train pa kayo ng iba mong kasama doon. Definitely pag nag iisa ka sa resort, may utility dyan, yung mga utility niyo can serve also as a life guard, basta tuturuan ninyo kung papaano... yes?"

**MANOLO S. GALVEZ** "Regarding doon sa life guard, good morning po, Mr. chair..."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Future councilor Noli Galvez."

**MANOLO S. GALVEZ** "Regarding doon sa life guard, may training na nagbibigay ng trainer sa mga life guard na maging certified which is the red cross or the coast





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guard. Sila po yung may training course na binibigay doon sa mga resort owner, so we encourage also resort owner kung puwede its either yung may ari kung capability ng physical ay siya na yung mismo ma train para if ever na kung kanyang resort, pag yung employee lang pag alis, hindi naman po siya compliance doon sa requirements ng BPLD, na kailangan in the difference of life guard sa resort, ineencourage namin for resort owner kung sila mismo, o puwede yung relative ang mag train ng life guard, certification po yun from red cross."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "In short, mas maganda kung itratrain ay residence ng resort. Permanent resident ng resort."

**MANOLO S. GALVEZ** "Yes, Mr. chair."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you, future councilor. Yes po? Kunin po namin ang opinyon niyo."

**GERALD BARBOSA** "Good morning po konsi, binasa ko po yung papel kahapon, and then sa amin po kasi sa Strike RGP Resort, hindi po kasi kami puwede kumbaga, malaki po unang-una kasi yung magagastos po magpagawa ng bago, and then meron po kasi yung sa mga skimmer po namin, mababa po kasi yung sa return, matatabunan po yun, and then naka ano po kami sa mga criminology students ng cavsu, pinag swiswimmingan nila, swimming lesson po yung mga estudyante nila and may require po na depth ng pool para doon isagawa, yung sa four-feet po hindi po kasi siya applicable sa swimming lesson nila sa cavsu."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "May swimming lesson ang cavsu sa strike RGP?"

**GERALD BARBOSA** "Yung mga criminology students lang po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Criminology students?"

**GERALD BARBOSA** "Opo."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Meaning, kung maimplement ang ordinance ang ito, so required kayo mag four-feet, magkakaproblema yung mga estudyante, maghahanap nalang sila ng ibang resort na mas malalim?"

**GERALD BARBOSA** "Opo, yung mga nasa cavsu po, sa loob ng soldiers."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "So kung saka-sakali, magkano estimate ang magagastos niyo diyan? Parang bago yun ano kasi matatabunan na yung skimmer niyo kamo."

**GERALD BARBOSA** "Hindi ko po mabibigay, kasi sa totoo lang po, hindi po ako puwede magbigay ng amount ng wala yung actual e, and then sa ano po namin, mas maganda po sana, mag meeting po muna kaming lahat kasi po, ilan lang po ang pina receive nito. Actually, si kalugdan hindi naka receive nito."





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May Olympic size po yung sa kanila, yung swimming pool. Kasi po, okay naman po kami sa safety."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Wala namang problema doon, doon sa mga hindi nakaabot, hindi naman ginawa itong hearing na ito para gawin ordinance agad ito, the purpose of this hearing ay marinig namin lahat ng stakeholders, walang leleft out dito. Kaya nga pinagsasalita namin kayo dito kasi para malaman namin kung ano yung opinyon ninyo, yung desisyon ninyo, para mabalanse namin. Kasi hindi naman ito nag emanate sa Sangguniang Panlungsod, nag emanate ito sa executive department. Maraming instances ang mga justification nila, maraming incidents na talagang may namamatay sa swimming pool, kaya ito yung bunsod nun nagkaroon ng draft ordinance. Kami sa Sangguniang Panlungsod, particular ang committee na ito, ay sinisiguro nabago maipasa ang batas natin ay madinig muna lahat, kung may kinakailangang baguhin, pag-usapan para mabago, kaya gusto namin margining kayo. Kaya huwag kayong mag-alala mga resort na hindi nainform, siguro alamin namin kung sino yun, para mabigyan din natin ng pagkakataon marinig sila. And if you can, sabi mo nga kanina, you are highly suggesting that a meeting conducted between the resort owners or representatives. Siguro, on your own, mag usap-usap kayo, tapos gumawa kayo ng position paper submitted ito to the committee, para may official positioning kayo dito sa proposed ordinance. Part of democratic process."

**GERALD BARBOSA** "Okay po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you. Kayo naman po ma'am, circle island."

**ANALIZA B. QUILANG** "Actually, nag conduct po ng assessment ang city hall last week, before nag holy week po, so mayroon po silang sinasuggest po sa amin to comply. Which is bago lang namin nalaman is to ito po. We are working on it, yung mga assessment po nila sa amin. Ito nalang po siguro I endorse ko po sa boss namin kasi I'm just representative, so ngayon, ito nalang ang icocomply nila. And hopefully, macomply po nila ito before summertime po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Kung saka-sakali matuloy ang ordinansang ito, mayroong tinatawag na prescribe period matupad natin ito. Hindi naman three days lang or months lang kasi hindi naman biro ito kung sakaling matuloy ang ordinansang ito. Kami, on our part, napag-uusapan na namin ng mga konsehal even one year is not enough prescribe period, para ma comply kung mag aadjust talaga. So ito naman, nandidito lahat mga draft palang, subject for changes pa rin, kaya nag-uusap tayo. Kalugdan, favorite ko ito e, dyan ako..."

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Regarding po doon sa maximum depth is four feet, two thousand twelve pa po kami may semi-Olympic po and nagkakatulong po kasi pag malalim, naattract po ng guest at customers po namin. Usually, sa ano ko e, puro taga manila yung mga customer namin, lag po kaming binabalik-balikan dahil po doon sa lalim ng tubig."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Ilan ba lalim ng pool niyo?"





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**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Four to eight feet po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Eight feet?"

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Yes po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Maximum?"

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Eight feet po. Actually po, doon din nagtratrain yung survival ng cavsu, criminology din po sa amin at saka yung mga nag practice po ng scuba bago sumabak sa Batangas bago napunta. Nag coconduct din po ng life guarding, sa amin din po. Ang concern ko lang din po, mas maigi na wala pong limit yung, sabihin po natin ten feet po, mas maigi po na may life guard po talaga. Kasi hindi naman po maiwasan na may nalulunod, maigi nalang po prevention kaysa magbago po tayo ng depth ng pool."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Yung nga ang objective ng ordinance, masiguro na walang malulunod. Kaya nga aside from adjustment of depth, yung lalim, para syempre kung four feet nalang, tumayo ka siguradong buhay ka, aside from that, pansin niyo sa draft ordinance, maraming mga requirements pa naka enumerate dyan, lahat ng naka enumerate dyan mga pag hand ways, para masiguro natin na walang mamamatay, safe talaga, totally one hundred percent safe para using public depth of individuals in private resort. Hindi lang naman lalim ang pinagbabasehan, minsan, meron kasing isang private resort sa bandang astra ville molino three, three feet lang may namatay. Adult na yung namatay, paano ba naman lasing, dumive una ulo, basag ang bungo."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Pero anyway, kung mapapansin niyo, may iba pang policies nakalagay, tulad niyan bawal mag inuman sa pool, pinagbabawal din. Pinag aralan din yan ng gumawa ng ordinansa, ito yung mga factors na nagiging sanhi kung saan nagkakaroon ng loss of life, kaya sinisiguro natin. If I may continue to what I'm saying, I like to recognize the presence of councilor Adriel Gawaran."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Thank you, Mr. chair."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Mayroon lang po akong observation sa ating mga owners pool, tama po ang sinabi niyo sir, kasi matagal na raw, kasi ang pool niyo naka design na yun na ganun diba? Tama ba yun? At may ordinance kami na hanggang four feet lang. Kasi po ang na observe ko po, para sa private pool and public or lalo na private, mayroong three feet, pambata lang, hanggang dito, may life guard din. Mayroon four feet up to six, five to six feet, dapat doon for adult. Tama ba ho iyon sa mga homeowners? Ngayon po, ang suggestion ko roon, dapat yung area ng resort niyo, may isang nakikita area na may square meters, kung ilan ho iyon, mayroon isang lifeguard. Hindi puwede isa lang, pag malaki ang isang area ng pool, hindi kaya ng isa, dapat two or three na lifeguard po. Ang nakikita ko minsan isa lang, sa laki ng ano, nagtitipid lang ang resort owner. Siyempre, sa bayaran sa mga staff, at alam ko iyon e nangyayari. Kasi Mr."





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Chair, ang pinag-uusapan po natin, dapat inimbitahan din natin ang village homeowners na mayroon ding swimming pool..."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Actually, honorable Gawaran, alam natin, lahat ng owner's ng swimming pool was invited pero baka may na left out at alam ng knowledge natin na meron sila, kaya siguro wala, pero we will have adjustment on this committee, sabi ko nga kanina, as I've mentioned, hindi mo lang narinig kasi busy ka mag cellphone, na ineencourage namin mag meeting muna ang mga owners kasi sila a ng nakakaalam kung sinu-sino sila lahat."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Ah, thank you. Kasi ganito, kaya ko siningit yung mga presidente ng homeowner's ng private sa subdivision, mayroon nagkaroon ng pangyayari, ako ho saksi sa aming village sa aming swimming pool, mayroong dalawang bata na sinasabi ko po sainyo na naligo doon sa four feet, sa five feet, walang lifeguard, namatay, naligo. May nagsisisihan yung mga president ng homeowners. Total nasaksihan natin, bigyan natin agad ng action, ganitong paraan, para maiwasan natin ang mga sakuna sa ating lahat, kasi mahal natin ang ating mga homeowners at mga tao natin, taumbayan ng bayan ng Bacoor. Yun lang po gusto kong I comment sainyo."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you councilor Gawaran. Your concern is highly noted by the committee."

**ANALIZA B. QUILANG** "Sir? Question lang po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Yes po."

**ANALIZA B. QUILANG** "Mayroon po kasi kami sa circle island, mayroon kaming big slide, as in, that is for six feet na deep namin, pag ginawa kasi naming four feet yun, baka mauntog sa tiles si guest."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Baka matulad sa sinabi ko kanina? Mabasag yung bungo."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "E kasi naka design na yan, mahirap..."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Anyway..."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Mahirap baguhin yan, kaya kailangan niyong gumawa ng paraan paano magkakaroon ng, hindi magkaroon ng problema sa mga ganyan sa aming mga ordinance., dapat pinag-iisipan yan kaya hinihingan namin kayo ng opinyon."

**ANALIZA B. QUILANG** "Thank you po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Okay, thank you very much again. Naintindihan natin yun may mga existing na more than four feet, talagang ang laki ng pera na gagastusin niyo, malaking adjustment ano, tulad ng circle island. Pinapakinggan namin yung mga sinasabi niyo, inaanalyze namin yan, sabi ng





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Circle Island, mayroon po kaming slide, e kung babawasan nga naman, magiging hazard, tulad sa Strike RGP naman, pagka binawasan yung depth nila ng four feet, ang laki ng, parang nagpalit ka ng buong swimming pool. Diba kasi yung ibang equipments, sa operation ng swimming pool matatabunan kamo, so parang nagbago ka din. Ganun din kay Mr. Saulog, naintindihan natin yun, gusto lang namin marinig ang opinyon ninyo, sa isang tanong, magtatanong po ako sainyo. "

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Kung existing yung six feet, huwag na natin baguhin, pero I require sainyo ang may isang portion, four feet lang, para doon sa mga bata. Ano opinyon niyo doon? Yes, Mr. Kalugdan?"

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Actually po, tatlo po yung pool namin, mayroon po kaming designated na pool pang bata, which is kiddie pool."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Kiddie pool?"

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Yes po. One to two feet lang po. Pang mga bata lang po talaga. So, sa Olympic naman po namin, hindi po kami nagpapapasok ng below eight years old, unless may adult supervision, at yung tatlo pong pool namin, mayroon po kaming designated na lifeguard, train po yun ng Red Cross, isa-isa po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Certified?"

**ROMAR KALUGDAN** "Opo. Certified po ng Red Cross."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "So, naubos na yung time natin, pasensya na kayo ha? Pero hindi namin minamadali dito sa ordinansang ito, kung ano man ang inyong opinyon, question, and suggestion, I submit nalang po, sulat nalang po sa Sangguniang Panlungsod, para makita natin, mabalanse, pag aaralan naming mabuti. Huwag kayong mag-aalala, hindi ibig sabihin na kung ano yung nakalagay doon sa draft ordinance ay ayun na. Kaya tayo nandito, para alamin namin yung angkop ng bawat salita, bawat probisyon dito sa proposed ordinance."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "So, with that, I adjourn na natin itong committee hearing, there will be no committee hearing na magaganap pa, pero puwedeng mag submit ng opinyon niyo, para po magbago kami mag desisyon dito sa Sangguniang Panlungsod. So, with that, may I ask councilor Gutierrez for motion of adjournment."

**COUN. ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ** "Kung wala na po tayong pag-uusapan, Mr. Chair, I moved for the adjournment for this morning hearing."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "It has been moved by councilor Gutierrez that this hearing be adjourn, any second the motion? Any objection? If none, motion is approved, this committee hearing is adjourned."



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HON. ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ			Reyes 04/03/24
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Subject: *An ordinance mandating that the maximum depth of public and private swimming pools in the City of Bacoor, Cavite is for (4) feet, mandating various safety measures in privately owned swimming resort, and providing penalties for violations hereof.*

A continuing committee hearing on the above-subject matter was conducted last April 25, 2024 at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall presided by Committee Chairman Hon. Reynaldo C. Palabrica.

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

HON. LEVY TELA  
HON. ADRIELITO GAWARAN  
HON. ALDE PAGULAYAN  
HON. ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ  
HON. SIMPLICIO DOMINGUEZ  
HON. ROGELIO NOLASCO  
HON. RANDY FRANCISCO

**RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT:**

ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES	-	CITY LEGAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE
MR. JEFFREY OMANA	-	LEPIDO REPRESENTATIVE
MR. KARL B. REBOSURA	-	OSH REPRESENTATIVE
MR. ROFINO M. OBLIGAR	-	BPSU REPRESENTATIVE
MR. BENJIE B. ABOYME	-	BPSU REPRESENTATIVE
MR. RANDY FELICIO	-	BPSU REPRESENTATIVE



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**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Ladies and gentleman we are about to start the committee hearing on the second agenda for today's afternoon, please settle down."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "The committee hearing regarding the proposed ordinance mandating that the maximum depth of public and private swimming pools in the City of Bacoor is 4 feet mandating various safety measures in privately owned swimming resort and providing penalties for violations hereof is now called to order."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "For the record, in attendance to this committee hearing are the following members of the city council. Hon. Pagulayan, Hon. Gawaran, Hon. Gutierrez, Hon. Francisco and Hon. Tela."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "May I request the resource person present for the record purposes to mention their names and their representation. Let us start with LEPIDO."

**JEFFREY OMANA** "I am Jeffrey Omana representing Ms. Khei Sanchez of LEPIDO."

**ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES** "Good afternoon po, Atty. Flores."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you Atty. Flores, ito ay pangalawang hearing na. Wala namang nagpadala ng sulat, pero there was strong opposition regarding the propose 4 feet depth maximum of swimming pools on the part of existing swimming pool owners. So may we ask, kasi negosyo to kayo yung nasa business sector diba, may we ask your opinion about this."

**JEFFREY OMANA** "Ayun din po yung concern ni Ms. Khei, kung paano po yung mga existing, so ireconfigure po nila after 1 year."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Ang nasa proposed ordinance ay existing swimming pools more than 4 feet will be renovated. Bibigyan sila ng 2 years to comply, but according to them parang nagpatayo ka ng bago, it cost them not less than 2 million depende sa laki. So, umaangal talaga sila, kaya we are asking your opinion from the business sector."

**JEFFREY OMANA** "How about increasing for 5 to 6?"

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Ang proposal comes directly to the Hon. Mayor; he wants 4 feet maximum."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Do we have any legal issues regarding it Atty.?"

**ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES** "Maybe po, yung niraize po nila previously na it might be treated by confiscatory to the nature as it affects their business. For example, last committee hearing po na niraize ng some establishment will be use by athletes, so pag mababaw daw po baka di po dun mag avail."





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**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "We have existing swimming pools in Olympic size, perfectly suited by athletes. Yun nga lang malalim yun mga 6 feet, kaya lang pag inimplement ang ordinansa gagawing 4 feet, and again it will cost million of pesos from renovating. So wala namang legal issues doon sa existing?"

**ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES** "With legal issues, wala naman po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "The committee will decide that the decision with this matter will be referred to the LENARY or city council as a whole for its final decision. So, we will take note on your manifestation, including our previous hearing."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Can I ask from the city council members present here today, who wants to deliver manifestation or any reaction. Councilor Gawaran."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Thank you Mr. Chair, total wala yung mga resort owner dito."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Present sila nung nakaraan, ang tinatanong naman natin ngayon is yung mga nasa business sector."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Address ko lang kay Atty., pasensya na po tanong lang. Kasi tama yung sinasabi ni committee chair natin na maraming reaction eh, naniniwala ako sa mga resort owner na may dahilan sila na mag protest sa ating ordinance kasi yung resort owner nagapply yan ng application, nag comply sa lahat ng requirements, sinumbit sa city government, sa engineering, mayor's office, business permit, licensing, zoning. Nag comply sila tas inaprubahan natin. Tama ho diba? Correct? Ngayon po to be fair sa ating resort owner para naman di sila unfair sa ating ordinance, yung existing po sana okay na yun nandun na yan. Nagyon yung ordinance na 4 feet yun dapat ang higitan, yung mag aapply ngayon na bago yun dapat ang higitan. Nabasa ko lahat ng safety measure, maganda eh, nakita ko."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Yung 2 feet, 3 feet, 4 feet may markers naman eh, ngayon yung mga minors are not allowed to 4 feet something mga ganun. Ang mahalaga doon ay higitan natin ngayon ang lifeguards na nandun, halimbawa isa kung malawak doblehin gawing tatlo. Meron din sanang liquors are not allowed within the vicinity of the pool, para walang problema."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Any reaction Atty.?"

**ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES** "Tama naman po, with regard to this po, actually hindi po siya nanggaling sa office namin. Yun po yung niraize ko po kanina na baka maging sort of confiscatory po siya kasi naapprove po siya before, yung more than 4 feet. Yun po yung naisip ko po na pwede maging grounds to assail this ordinance po in the future, na nung nag apply kami approved naman parang kino-confiscate yung property namin."





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**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Parang indirect?"

**ATTY. JOSHUA FLORES** "Parang ganun po."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you Atty., I get your point."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "We would like to acknowledge the presence of the representative from BDRR. Please mention your name and your representation."

**KARL REBOSURA** "Good afternoon, Councilor, I am Karl Rebosura I am with OSH BDR."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "You are under public safety office?"

**KARL REBOSURA** "Yes sir."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Okay thank you. In relation to the manifestation of Hon. Gawaran, meron siyang suggestion na iprohibit ang pag inom within the vicinity ng swimming pool, meron din yung minors depende sa height na hindi sila papayagan doon sa water level ng pool more than their height. Tapos meron din suggestion na yung mga swimming pools more than 4 feet depth ay wag na nating galawin, kundi implement na lang ang ordinance na to sa those new resorts. What is your opinion regarding this?"

**KARL REBOSURA** "Thank you once again sa inyong acknowledgement, unang una po para po doon sa pagpasok ng alak, isa po yan sa factors na nakita namin sa apat na cases ng drowning, dalawa po doon ay lasing. Pangalawa po yung sa minor, dalawang beses din po may drowning tayo, maswerte lang po yung sa bata na revived po natin. Adult supervision po ang problema, within our accident investigation 2 feet po nalunod yung batang 5 years old, so hindi po sa height ng bata yun kundi sa supervision po ng adult. So, tama po yung manifestation na."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "So you agree with all the manifestation of Councilor Gawaran."

**KARL REBOSURA** "Yes your honor."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Okay, thank you very much. Yes, Councilor Tela?"

**COUN. LEVY TELA** "Katulad ng sinasabi ni Konsehal Rey, kapag mga existing na mga 6 feet, illevel natin yung level of water into 4 feet kahit 6 feet. Para kahit yung existing sumunod sa ordinansa, bantayan natin yung level of water na ilagay sa 4 feet."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "For the information of Hon. Tela during our last hearing with the different swimming pools owner, na discuss na din yan na illevel down yung level of water into 4 feet. Pero according to them, technically hindi





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raw pupwede dahil hindi raw magagamit yung overflow at will add risk to the users."

**COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN** "Do you require life guards?"

**KARL REBOSURA** "Councilor thank you for the question. There is existing city ordinance dated 2015 that we are reminded by the city administrator to enforce the 1 lifeguard per swimming pool facility. Regardless whether they are public or private in a sense they come in paying individually or renting the whole facility, it doesn't matter."

**COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN** "Are you enforcing it?"

**KARL REBOSURA** "Yes, we are enforcing it."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "How do we enforce that?"

**KARL REBOSURA** "During the last 2 month, the BPLD, BDR along with the PNP."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "So random visitation lang to?"

**KARL REBOSURA** "No it is all."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "All man yun, random din yung date. Hindi regular kagaya na may roronda talaga, especially this swimming and summer reason. Hindi yung bibisitahin lang for the purpose of inspecting if there are really lifeguards in a resort. But it is not enough I think, there must be system or strategy mortigious than the previous one, to ensure public safety in resorts."

**KARL REBOSURA** "We will take note of that Councilor."

**COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN** "Follow up, gusto ko lang tanungin Mr. Chair kung yung mga lifeguards ba may specific requirements aside from the fact they should know how to swim? Kung nirerequire ba natin yung lifeguards natin na may certificates sila from red cross or city government, that they have undergone safety trainings and basic emergency health training, may ganun ba?"

**KARL REBOSURA** "To answer the question, yes po meron pong certification for the lifeguard and that was we required during the inspection. And for emergency response either they get safety officer training or second person from their resort that which we recommend."

**COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN** "Hindi ko lang alam Mr. Chair, pero kasi naimbitahan ako sa isang resort somewhere Aniban, I did not see any. Kasi diba pag lifeguard ka dapat nakikita lahat para anybody knows that you're there to provide safety, I did not see a lifeguard."



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**KARL REBOSURA** "Sa IRR po we allow or an option for the guest to waive the presence of the lifeguard but the lifeguard and staff is around the resort so that if they are needed. But it's an option for them not to be in the area."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "But lifeguards must be visible at all."

**COUN. ALDE PAGULAYAN** "Oo nga."

**KARL REBOSURA** "For public po yes they should be visible but for private resorts its optional for them to be seen."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Sabagay kung nagdedate dalawa lang sila eh tapos may lifeguard na nanonood."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "We have limited time, but before I give the floor to Hon. Gawaran. I would like to acknowledge the presence of BPSU, please mention your name and representation."

**BENJIE ABOYME** "Good afternoon, sir, Benjie Aboyme po."

**ROFINO OBLIGAR** "Rofino Obligar po."

**RANDY FELICIO** "Randy Felicio sir."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Thank you, okay Councilor Gawaran you may proceed."

**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Sir dadagdagan ko lang may comment ako konti. Tama yung sinasabi niyo kanina, isa pa yung sa pool madilim lalo na sa gabi minsan ginagawang lovers pool yun, minsan may ilaw na pinapatay pa. Dapat hinihigpitan natin, to avoid accident dapat bawat position may ilaw, kita lahat ng nagsiswimming."

**KARL REBOSURA** "We would take note of that."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Japhet go ahead."

**JEFFREY OMANA** "Clarification lang po doon sa manifestation ni Konsi Gawaran. Liquor ban po sa whole resort o sa vicinity lang po ng pool? Kasi may experience po na may mga resort na bawal po ang liquor na iniinom sa gilid ng pool, pero minsan may loophole kasi na balik ka na lang sa cottage, minsan yung cottage lang nila is 1 to 2 step lang from the vicinity pool tapos papayagan ka uminom sa cottage."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Within the pool tas siguro 1 meter away from the pool bawal."

**JEFFREY OMANA** "Yun lang po yung loophole na may mga cottage na malalapit lang po."





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**COUN. ADRIELITO GAWARAN** "Correct, dapat gawin diyan bago pumasok sa entrance nila, alam ko sa iba iniinspect ang bag bawal ang alak. Karamihan kasi sa nalulunod ay lasing, may alam ako 2 feet nalunod may edad dahil lasing, inatake di nakita dahil madilim."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "We will take note on that suggestion. May I ask the BPSU, kayo ba ay nasasama sa inspeksyon ng mga resorts? Hindi pa? Pero if ever your office will be tap to monitor the existing resorts within our jurisdiction to ensure they are lifeguard or pag na implement na tong ordinansa natin, are you available for such activity or responsibility?"

**BENJIE ABOYME** "Yes po sir."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Okay thank you very much, may tanong pa po ba? So, any other comments or suggestions? I am suggesting everyone to submit your written suggestion to the committee and I assure that it will be included to the next regular session regarding this propose ordinance."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "May I request Councilor Gutierrez for the adjournment."

**COUN. ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ** "Mr. Chair since there are no matter and special concerns to be discussed, I moved for the adjournment."

**COUN. REYNALDO PALABRICA** "Any second? Seconded by the three councilors. Any objections? Hearing none, motion approved, this hearing is now adjourned."

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PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2024-174  
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AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THAT THE MAXIMUM DEPTH OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SWIMMING POOLS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE SHOULD BE FOUR (4) FEET, MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS SAFETY AND SANITARY MEASURES IN PRIVATELY OWNED SWIMMING RESORTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter VIII of Presidential Decree No. 856 (the "Code on Sanitation of the Philippines") contain provisions on public swimming and bathing places. Despite the existence of the said provisions of law for many decades now and the best efforts of local governments, many people still drown in swimming pools all over the country year.

**WHEREAS**, a number of people accidentally drowned in privately-owned swimming resorts in the City of Bacoor, Cavite due mainly to the absence of lifeguards on a regular basis, the lack of safety awareness of the patrons of the said resorts, and the lack of safety measures that comply with PD 856 and various pertinent city ordinances.

**WHEREAS**, Section 478, (4), (iii) of Republic Act No. 7160 (the "Local Government Code of 1991") empowered the City Health Officer to execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to public health.

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 allow local governments to exercise such powers as may be necessary to promote public welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod that:

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "Swimming Pool Safety Ordinance of the City of Bacoor"

**Section 2. Scope.** This Ordinance shall apply to the construction, use, maintenance, and operation of all swimming pools, whether used privately or by the public, situated within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** The following terms, as used in this Ordinance, shall be defined as:

**3.1. BATHING PLACE** — a place situated near a swimming pool having individual showers and wash basin facilities.

**3.2. BACOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OFFICE** — The department of the City Government tasked to implement the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan of the City of Bacoor and to provide various services during public emergencies

**3.3. CITY ENVIRONMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT** — The department of the City Government tasked to maintain cleanliness in public places within the City and to preserve/protect the environment.

**3.4. CITY HEALTH OFFICE or CHO**— the Department under the Office the City Mayor mandated to implement this Ordinance, other ordinances of the City Government related to the maintenance of public health and safety, and various laws and government regulations.

**3.5. ESTABLISHMENT** — a collective term construed to include hotels, motels, tourist courts, resorts, apartments or condominium houses, clubhouses, sports and recreation areas, religious areas, and other similar establishments with public swimming pools, bathhouses and other swimming or bathing places, facilities, and premises, including all appurtenances thereto.

**3.6. FILL AND DRAW SWIMMING POOL** — a pool filled with fresh water, used, drained, cleaned, and refilled.

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3.7. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE** — a certification in writing, using the prescribed form, and issued by the City Health Office to a person after passing the required physical and medical examinations and immunizations if deemed necessary and found to be free from communicable, contagious or infectious diseases or any other disease which may disqualify a particular person from working in any establishment.

3.8. **LIFEGUARD** — an expert swimmer trained on life saving procedures employed at a public bathing place to safeguard bathers and to prevent drowning.

3.9. **OPERATOR** — the owner, manager, administrator, or the actual holder of the sanitary permit of the swimming resort or swimming pool.

3.10. **PRIVATE SWIMMING POOL OR BATHING PLACE** — a bathing place used only by an individual, his family or house guests for non-commercial purposes.

3.11. **PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL OR BATHING PLACE** — a swimming or bathing place intended to be used collectively or publicly by a number of persons for swimming or bathing and other recreational purposes operated by an operator as defined herein, whether he be the owner, lessee, licensee, or concessionaire regardless of whether a fee is charged or not for such use.

3.12. **RECIRCULATION SWIMMING POOL** — a pool filled by continuous flow of water, either fresh water from the source of supply or water which, has been filtered and recirculated.

3.13. **SAFETY** — the condition of being free from danger which may cause accidents or diseases.

3.14. **SANITARY PERMIT** — the certification in writing by the City Health Office or in his/her absence, by his/her duly authorized representative, that the establishment complies with the existing sanitation requirements upon evaluation or inspection conducted in accordance with Presidential Decree Nos. 522 and 856 and its implementing rules and regulations and local ordinances.

3.15. **SEPTA** — steel shell of metal, stone, or plastic containing porous elements (tubes, leaves, disks, or trays) with openings generally less than 1.27 millimeters (0.005 inch).

3.16. **SWIMMING POOL OR "POOL"** — any concrete or masonry structure, basin, tank, located either indoors or outdoors, used for bathing or swimming, diving or recreational purposes, religious or therapeutic healing purposes, and filled with a controlled water supply and having a depth of 91 centimeters (3 feet) but not more than 121.92 centimeters (4 feet) at any point, together with appropriate buildings and appurtenances used in connection therewith.

3.17. **VERMIN** — a group of insects or small animals such as flies, mosquitoes, cockroaches, lice, bedbugs, mice and rats that are vectors of diseases.

3.18. **VERMIN ABATEMENT PROGRAM** — a series of preventive and control procedures and activities of vermin control in the establishment.

3.19. **WADING POOL** — any concrete or masonry structure, basin, tank, located either indoors or outdoors, used for bathing or swimming, recreational purposes, and religious or therapeutic heating purposes, and filled with a controlled water supply and having a maximum depth of 91 centimeters (3 feet) or below at any point.

**Section. 4. MAXIMUM DEPTH OF SWIMMING POOLS; INSTALLATION OF DEPTH MARKERS.** All public and private and swimming pools, including recirculating pools, wading pools, and fill-and-draw swimming pools, must not have a water depth in excess of 121.92 centimeters or 4 feet. Operators of the said public swimming pools must install markers on the side of the said pools indicating the maximum depth of the same as a prerequisite to the issuance of business and/or sanitation permits in their favor.

**SECTION 5. OTHER SAFETY MEASURES:** The following safety measures shall be done/implemented at all public and private swimming pools within the City of Bacoor, Cavite:





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**5.1. Removal of Diving Boards:** To minimize the occurrence of accidents, all diving boards or platforms shall be removed from all public or private swimming pools situated within the City of Bacoor.

**5.2. Lifeguard Guidelines.** Periods of permissible use when a lifeguard is on duty shall be prominently posted or when no lifeguard service is available, a warning sign shall be placed in plain view and shall state "Warning — No Lifeguard on Duty" with clearly legible letters, at least 10 centimeters (4 inches) high. In addition, the sign shall also state "Children Are Prohibited To Use The Pool Without Adult Supervision." A competent lifeguard trained for life-saving and artificial resuscitation shall always be present during all swimming periods. Establishments that have more than one pool in operation must assign one lifeguard per pool. Operators of public swimming pools are not required to hire lifeguards on a permanent basis or when the said establishments are not in operation.

**5.2.1.** All swimming pools or bathing places operated primarily for unorganized use and having an area of more than 200 square meters of water surface area shall be provided with an elevated lifeguard platform or chair. In pools with 370 square meters or more of water surface area, additional elevated chairs or stations shall be provided, located so as to provide a clear unobstructed view of the pool bottom in the area under surveillance.

**5.3. Prohibition Against Intoxication at Public Swimming Pools.** Operators of public swimming pools are prohibited from allowing intoxicated persons to swim or bathe in such pools. A person who insists on swimming or bathing in such pools despite being prohibited from doing so by employees of the swimming resorts may be apprehended by barangay officials or police officers at the instance of the operator of the said resort/s.

**5.4. Safety Officer.** Every swimming pool or bathhouse shall be under the supervision of a safety officer duly accredited by the City Government who shall be responsible for pool operation and maintenance, safety of bathers, and sanitation of the pool or bathhouse in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 11058.

**5.5. No Access When Closed.** The operator of public or private swimming pools must ensure when the swimming pool or bathhouse is not open for use, access to the pool shall be prevented and shall install safety devices such as pool covers, barriers, and the like to prevent such use when the said pools are not supposed to be used.

**5.6. Maximum Bather Load Capacity.** The maximum bather load capacity of the swimming pool or bathhouse as determined by the BDRMO shall not be exceeded at any time. The safety officer of all public swimming pools are mandated to implement the maximum bath load capacity of the facility to which he or she is assigned. The safety officer is authorized to seek the assistance of barangay officials or police officers for the apprehension of any person who refuses to comply with the maximum bather load capacity of any public swimming pool.

**5.7. Adult Supervision Over Children.** Adults shall always supervise children while within the vicinity of the pool or bathing place and while swimming. The adult who is supposed to supervise a child while swimming may be held liable by the City Government for violating this provision in case the said child dies or gets injured if it can be proven that he/she failed to properly supervise the child.

**5.8. 24-Unit First Aid Kit.** Every private or public swimming pool or bathhouse shall be equipped with a standard 24-unit first aid kit that shall be kept filled and readily accessible for emergency use.

**5.9. Mandatory Emergency Care Area.** Every public swimming pool or bathhouse shall have designated and readily accessible room or area, equipped for emergency care of casualties at a point nearest to the greatest hazard. Minimum equipment for an emergency room shall be a first aid kit, a stretcher, and two woolen blankets for emergency use only.

**5.10. Lifesaving Equipment.** Every swimming pool or bathhouse shall be equipped with one unit of lifesaving equipment consisting of the following:

- a. One or more light but strong poles (bamboo, wood or polyvinyl) with blunted ends not less than 3.7 meters (12 feet) in length, for reaching or assisting rescued persons.



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- b. One or more throwing ring buoys not more than 38 centimeters (15 inches) in diameter having 18 meters (60 feet) of 48 millimeters (3/16 inches) rope attached, placed on racks at strategic points adjacent to the pool.
  - c. Ropes and other necessary life-saving equipment which shall be kept in good repair and readily accessible.
- 5.10.1.** One unit of lifesaving equipment shall be required for a 200 square meters of water surface area or a fraction thereof. One additional unit shall be provided for each additional 200 square meters, or major fraction thereof, of water surface area.
- 5.10.2.** Lifesaving equipment shall be mounted in conspicuous places, distributed around swimming pool decks, at lifeguard chairs, or elsewhere, readily accessible, its function plainly marked, and kept in good repair and ready condition. Nobody shall be permitted to tamper with, use for any purpose other than its intended use, or remove such equipment from its established location unless for emergency use.
- 5.11. Mandatory Display of Emergency Contact Numbers.** The operator of every swimming pool or bathing place shall post a list of telephone/cellphone numbers at various strategic places within the premises of the nearest available doctors, ambulance, hospitals and police or fire department rescue squads or paramedics when available.
- 5.12. Non-Slip Walk Areas.** All walk areas used by patrons in bare feet shall be constructed of non-slip material.
- 5.13. Sanitary Practices Placards.** Suitable placards specifying the sanitary practices under this Ordinance and any other information concerning the proper use of swimming pool or bathhouse by the public, shall be conspicuously posted in the dressing rooms and other places suitable for such posting.
- 5.14. Mandatory Disaster Preparedness Drills.** All employees of public swimming resorts are hereby mandated to undergo at least one disaster preparedness drill every year to be conducted by the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (BDRRMO). A fee of P1,000.00 shall be paid by the operator of the said establishment with the City Treasury Office before the said drill can be conducted. The BDRRMO shall teach the employees of the said public swimming resorts on how to save a drowning person, how to perform cardio pulmonary resuscitation, and other life-saving skills.
- 5.15. Safety Inspection Permit:** A safety inspection permit shall be issued by the BDRRMO every year in favor of operators of public and private swimming pools before the said facility can be used. Operating a public or private swimming pool without the said permit shall be deemed a violation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. SANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING PUBLIC SWIMMING OR BATHING PLACES.** The operators of all public swimming places in the City of Bacoor are required to comply with the following requirements:

**6.1. Sanitary Permit:**

**6.1.1.** No public swimming pools, bathhouses, bathing places and establishments and facilities shall be operated for public use without a sanitary permit issued by the CHO.

**6.1.2.** Any extension or additional construction or alteration in an establishment shall require a new sanitary permit before it could operate.

**6.2. Application or Renewal of Sanitary Permit:**

**6.2.1.** The application or renewal of sanitary permit shall be filed with the CHO.

**6.2.2.** The sanitary permit shall be issued only upon compliance to at least a satisfactory rating utilizing the Sanitary Inspection of Public Places Establishment Form (EHS Form No. 103-B).





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**6.2.3. Fees** shall be paid to the City Treasurer's Office upon application, renewal and noting of sanitary permits in the amount indicated in the Revenue Code of the City of Bacoor or other pertinent city ordinances.

**6.3. Noting of Permit:** If there is a change in ownership of the establishment, the new owner shall apply at the CHO within fourteen (14) working days to have such change noted in the records and sanitary permit and shall pay a fee of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) for such noting.

**6.4. Validity:** The sanitary permit shall be valid on the day of issuance until the last day of December of the same year and shall be renewed not later than January 20 of every succeeding year following the date of effectivity hereof.

**6.5. Revocation/Suspension:** Upon the recommendation of the City Health Officer, the sanitary permit shall be suspended or revoked by the local health authority upon violation of any sanitary rules and regulations.

**6.6. Posting of Permit:** The sanitary permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place of the establishment for public information and shall be available for inspection by the CHO, the BDRMO, or by the City Environment Services Department.

**6.7. Record of sanitary permit:**

**6.7.1.** The CHO shall keep a record of all public and private swimming pools in the City that have been issued sanitary permit and the renewal thereof. The said record shall show the following information:

- a. The name and address of the holder of the sanitary permit who in every case shall be the actual operator of the establishment;
- b. The location and sketch map of the establishment;
- c. The nature/kind of business for which the permit has been issued;
- d. The date the first permit was issued and the dates of any renewal hereof;
- e. Every change of occupation and management of the establishment since the first permit was issued;
- f. Sanitary conditions under which the permit was issued or every renewal thereof granted; and
- g. The revocation of the sanitary permit and the reason/s for such revocation.

**6.7.2.** The said record shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by any authorized officer of the Department of Health or or of the City Government.

**SECTION 7. GENERAL SANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING OR BATHING PLACES.** The following requirements shall be enforced:

**7.1. Water Supply:**

**7.1.1.** The drinking water supply of public swimming pools or bath places must be potable and must pass the Philippine National Standards for Drinking Water and a quarterly portability test to be conducted by the CHO at the expense of the operator of public swimming pools.

**7.1.2.** All portions of the water distribution system serving the swimming pool and auxiliary facilities shall be protected against backflow. Water introduced into the pool, either directly or to the recirculation system, shall be supplied through an air gap. When such connections are not possible, the supply shall be protected by a suitable backflow preventer installed in the discharge side of the last control valve to the fixture, device, or appurtenances.

**7.2. Food and Drinks.** Handling, storage and serving of food and drinks in the establishment shall be in accordance with the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines (P.D. 856) and its implementing rules and regulations and with City Ordinance No. 55-Series of 2015 (the "Health, Sanitation and Safety Code of the City of Bacoor") as amended and its implementing rules and regulations.

**7.3. Sewage Disposal and Drainage:**



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7.3.1. The sewer system shall meet the minimum requirements to serve the facility, including bathhouse, locker room, and related accommodations.

7.3.2. There shall be no direct physical connection between the sewer system and any drain from the swimming pool or recirculation system. Any swimming pool or gutter drain or overflow from the recirculation system when discharged to the sewer system, storm drain or other approved natural drainage course shall connect through a suitable air gap so as to preclude possibility of backup of sewage or waste into the swimming pool piping system.

7.3.3. The sanitary sewer serving the swimming pool and auxiliary facilities (applicable also to all other public swimming and bathing places) shall discharge to the public sewer system, or in the absence thereof in a manner complying with City Ordinance No. 5-Series of 2019 (the "Bacoor Septage Treatment and Sewage Management System Ordinance of 2019") and its implementing rules and regulations.

7.4. Dressing Rooms:

7.4.1. All public swimming and bathing places shall have a separate dressing room and bathhouse for each gender and facilities for checking of clothes. Entrances and exits of dressing rooms shall be located to break the line of sight.

7.4.2. Floors of dressing and locker rooms shall be of smooth-finished, material with non-slip surface, impervious to moisture, without cracks or joints, properly sloped to a drain to permit washing.

7.4.3. Walls, partitions and lockers shall be made of smooth, impervious material, free from cracks or open joints. If walls of wood or similar materials are used, all cracks and joints shall be filled and the surface kept finished with paint or other sanitary waterproof coating. Corners/edges shall be smooth and rounded.

7.4.4. Partitions between dressing compartments shall terminate not less than 10 centimeters (4 inches) above the floor to permit flushing of the entire floor area.

7.4.5. Lockers when provided shall be set either in solid masonry bases 10 centimeters (4 inches) high or on legs with bottom of locker at least 25.4 centimeters (10 inches) above the floor. Lockers shall be properly vented and vermin-proof.

7.4.6. All furniture used in the dressing room shall be of simple type and made of easily washable material.

7.4.7. All dressing rooms and appurtenances must be kept clean at all times.

7.5. Water Closets, Showers, Urinals, and Lavatories:

7.5.1. The following minimum requirements for toilet and shower facilities shall be provided for bathers expected at time of maximum load in the case of continuous bathing:

TABLE 1. REQUIREMENTS FOR TOILET AND SHOWER FACILITIES

Number of persons	Water Closets		Urinals		Lavatories		Showers	
	Male	Female	Male	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1-50	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	
51-100	2	2	2	1	1	3	3	
101-150	2	3	2	2	2	4	4	
151-200	3	4	3	2	2	5	5	





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(Note: For number of persons above 200: one water closet for every 75 males and one for every 50 females; one urinal for every 75 males; one lavatory for every 100 males and one for every 100 females; one shower head for every 50 males and one for every 50 females.)

7.5.2. Fixture schedules shall be increased for swimming pools at schools or similar establishment where bather loads may reach peak due to schedule of use.

7.5.3. All public swimming or bathing places with outdoor bathing facilities shall have at least one shower for every 50 persons.

7.5.4. Urinals shall be a type that will not cause splashing of urine on the legs and feet of bathers. Urinals shall be so located that bathers will use them before entering the showers on their way to the swimming pool.

7.5.6. The use of solutions containing 0.30 parts per million to 0.60 parts per million of available chlorine shall be used as a foot wash for the prevention of "athlete's foot". Bathers are required to rinse their feet in such a solution before entering the pool. Foot baths shall be located in the exit from the showers to the dressing room so as to spread the chlorine over the dressing room floor and increase the time of contact.

**7.6. Solid Waste Management:**

7.6.1. Public swimming pools and bathing places establishments shall be provided with three (3) two types of refuse receptacles or containers made of impervious materials, one for biodegradable, one for non-biodegradable, and one for recyclable materials.

7.6.2. All receptacles or containers shall be provided with tight fitting lids or covers, so constructed and maintained as to be vermin-proofed and easily cleaned. The receptacles or containers shall be lined with black-colored plastic trash bags for non-biodegradable and green-colored plastic trash bags for biodegradable materials.

7.6.3. After being emptied, each container shall be thoroughly cleaned inside and outside with water, soap and brush.

7.6.4. Storage of refuse shall be done in such a way that it shall be inaccessible to vermin or from becoming potential insect and rodent attractants and harborage and causes of nuisance.

7.6.5. Refuse storage areas shall be maintained clean at all times.

7.6.6. All refuse shall be disposed off at least once a day, or at more frequencies as may be necessary, through the collection system or by any approved method and in such manner as to prevent nuisance.

7.6.7. The burning of garbage or solid waste anywhere in the City of Bacoor is prohibited.

7.6.8. Throwing of fruit peelings, processed food wrappers and other garbage or solid waste in water is prohibited.

**7.7. Vermin Abatement:**

7.7.1. A vermin abatement program shall be maintained in public swimming and bathing places by the operators or administrators. If they fail, neglect or refuse to maintain a vermin abatement program, the local health agency shall show cause to the operators or administrators to undertake such work.

7.7.2. The procedure and frequency of vermin abatement program shall be determined by the CHO and shall be indicated in the Sanitation Permit issued in favor of the operator of an establishment operating as a public swimming pool or bath place.

**SECTION 8. SPECIFIC SANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSORIES USED BY BATHERS.** The following specific sanitary requirements for accessories to be used by bathers shall be strictly implemented:



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8.1. Rented bathing suits, towels, linens or similar articles shall be washed with water and soap, thoroughly rinsed with clean water, soaked in boiling water and dried each time they are used.

8.2. Clean suits and towels shall be kept strictly separated from those that have been used and unlaundered. Clean suits and towels shall not be stored on shelves, handled in baskets, or passed out over counters where dirty suits have been placed.

8.3. Used bar soaps, toothbrushes, toothpastes, and shampoos left behind by a bather shall not be reused and shall be properly disposed of by operators of public swimming pools and bath places.

**SECTION 9. GRACE PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE.** All public and private swimming pools covered by this Ordinance shall be given one (1) calendar year from the date of effectivity hereof within which to comply with its provisions.

**SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Office of the City Legal Services of the City of Bacoor, Cavite — under the supervision of the City Administrator and with the assistance of the CHO, BDRMO, CESD, and other departments of the City Government — shall submit the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance for the approval of the City Mayor not later than ninety (90) calendar days following the date of effectivity hereof.

**SECTION 11. PENALTIES.** The following penalties shall be imposed against the operator of any public or private swimming pool who violated this Ordinance:

**First Offense:** Payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 and suspension of the business, sanitary, and safety permit of the establishment until the violation is resolved to the satisfaction of either the CHO, BDRMO, or the CESD.

**Second Offense:** Payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 and closure of the business establishment until the violation is resolved to the satisfaction of the CHO, BDRMO, and the CESD.

**SECTION 12. SUPPLETORY APPLICATION.** The pertinent provisions of City Ordinance No. 55-2015 (the "Health, Sanitation and Safety Code of the City of Bacoor") as amended, Presidential Decree 856 (the "Sanitation Code of the Philippines"), and other applicable ordinances and laws shall be suppletory applied in the implementation of this Ordinance and in the formulation of its implementing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** In the event that any rule, section, paragraph sentence, clause or word of this Ordinance or of its implementing rules and regulations is declared invalid for any reason, the other provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All pertinent ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders which are inconsistent with the provisions of these rules and regulations are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

**SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance and its implementing rules and regulations shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from date of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

**ENACTED** by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite on \_\_\_\_\_  
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*I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved in accordance with law.*

Certified by:

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

Attested by:

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

Approved by:

**HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA**  
*City Mayor*  
Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_