



**Committee on Non-Government Organization
Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances**

**JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING REPORT
NO. NGO-045-S-2025**

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: *[Signature]*
Date: *June 2025*
Time: *1:10 PM*

Subject: LETTER FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE: POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF THE NGO ACCREDITATION OF LEAGUE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS INC. REGARDING TO THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL OR LOGO OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOR. (PCR 817-2025 dated April 28, 2025).

During the 138th regular session held on April 28, 2025, the aforementioned subject was referred to the Committee on Non-Government Organization as the lead and Committee on Rules and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances as the sub. It was presided over by Hon. Rowena Bautista - Mendiola.

FINDINGS:

The City Administrator's Office sought the opinion of the Office of the City Legal Services pertaining to the aforementioned subject. Based on the Legal Opinion, any unauthorized use of government insignia, logos and other symbols can be considered "false pretenses", which is a form of fraud and punishable under the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines particularly under Article 177. Moreover, Republic Act No. 8293 or the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines is applicable in cases where a government emblem or logo is used without authorization as in the case of the League of Motorcycle Riders.

The aforementioned organization has already expressed regret for using the City Government of Bacoor's official logo without permission. They have also assured that they will take immediate action to rectify the situation and comply with the instructions discussed during the joint committee hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the committee respectfully recommends the removal of the "POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF THE NGO ACCREDITATION OF LEAGUE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS INC. REGARDING TO THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL OR LOGO OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOR."





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

Signed this 26th day of May 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Committee on Non-Government Organization

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**JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING MINUTES
NO. NGO-045-S-2025**

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: *[Signature]*
Date: *11/20/2025*
Time: *1:10 pm*

Subject: **LETTER FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE: POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF THE NGO ACCREDITATION OF LEAGUE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS INC. REGARDING TO THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL OR LOGO OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOR. (PCR 817-2025 dated April 28, 2025).**

The joint committee hearing was presided over by Committee on Non-Government Organization Chairman, Coun. Reynaldo Fabian along with Coun. Roberto Advincula, Coun. Adrielito Gawaran and Coun. Alejandro Gutierrez held on May 22, 2025, 2:30 pm at SP Session Hall, 6th Floor, City of Bacoor Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building, Bacoor Gov't Center.

The following were the resource persons:

- Atty. Marco Mendoza - Office of City Legal Service
- Mr. Manuel Arriola - President, League of Motorcycle Riders Inc.
- Ms. Antonina Caparas - Secretary, League of Motorcycle Riders Inc.
- Mr. Nelbert Guantero - Treasurer, League of Motorcycle Riders Inc.
- Mr. Jaime Caparas - BOD, League of Motorcycle Riders Inc.
- Mr. Erick Lorro - Adviser, League of Motorcycle Riders Inc.

Mr. Lorro stated that he had previously instructed the officers of LMR to write an apology letter for using the city logo without the consent.

Coun. Fabian affirmed that the statement of Mr. Lorro.

Mr. Guantero apologized and they will submit the letter as soon as possible.

Atty. Mendoza explained that the Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) are not permitted to use an official logo. On the other hand, the Strike as 1 can be used since this isn't the official city logo. When the League of the Motorcycle Riders sent a letter pertaining to their appeal on the decibel level, the Office of the Mayor was the one who noticed the city logo's unofficial use. He also added to give a copy of the letter to Atty. Neri and the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

The hearing adjourned at 3:00 pm upon the motion of Coun. Alejandro Gutierrez.





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Prepared By:

ARMILEEN LEGASPI-RED
Local Legislative Staff Assistant I

Attested By:

COUN. REYNALDO M. FABIAN
Chairman





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Office of the Sangguniang Panglungsod
Received by: Jun 2025
Date: 1.11.2025
Time: 1.11.2025

**NOTICE OF JOINT COMMITTEE HEARING
(PROOF OF RECEIPT)**

May 22, 2025 at 2:00 PM

SP Session Hall, 6th Floor, City of Bacoor Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building,
Bacoor Gov't Center

Subject: LETTER FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE: POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF THE NGO ACCREDITATION OF LEAGUE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS INC. REGARDING TO THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE OFFICIAL SEAL OR LOGO OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOR. (PCR 817-2025 dated April 28, 2025).

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22 April 2025

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
Chairman
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

OFFICE OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
RECEIVED
BY: ARIEL
DATE: 4/24/25 TIME: 10:23
BACOOR CITY, CAVITE

THRU : **ATTY. KHALID ATEGA JR.**
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

SUBJECT : **POSSIBLE REVOCATION OF THE NGO ACCREDITATION
OF LEAGUE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS INC. (LMR)**

Dear **HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA,**

Greetings!

This is in reference to the unauthorized use of the Official Seal or Logo of the City Government of Bacoor by the League of Motorcycle Riders Inc. (LMR).

The undersigned sought the opinion of the Office of the City Legal Services regarding the said matter. Based on the Legal Opinion issued by the said office, any unauthorized use of government insignia, logos and other symbols can be considered "false pretenses", which is a form of fraud and punishable under the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines particularly under Article 177 which deals with Usurpation of Authority, Rank, Title, and Improper Use of Names, Uniforms, and Insignia. Moreover, Republic Act No. 8293 or the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines is applicable in cases where a government emblem or logo is used without authorization as in the case of LMR.



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LMR as indicated in the said legal opinion should have sought prior permission from the City Government of Bacoor before using the official seal or logo. This is the only lawful way to use such symbols in private business operations and non-government organizations alike, whether for endorsements, promotions or other commercial purposes.

In view of the foregoing, and pursuant to the mandate of the Sangguniang Panlungsod to accredit and, when warranted, revoke the accreditation of civil society organizations, we respectfully recommend that your honorable body deliberate on the matter and consider the possible revocation of the accreditation of the League of Motorcycle Riders.

This action is deemed necessary to preserve the integrity of the City Government and to ensure that all accredited organizations remain compliant with the standards and requirements set forth by your office.

We trust in your sound judgment and look forward to your appropriate action on this matter. Please see attached letter from LMR for your reference.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

ATTY. AIMEE TORRE FRANCA-NERI
City Administrator



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LEAGUE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS INC.
BLK. 6 LT 1 CASIMIRO TOWNHOMES
HABAY 1, BACOR CITY CAVITE
SEC Reg. No. CN201735210
TEL#0966-145-74041 / 0919-883-6435



To : Hon. Mayor Strike B. Revilla
City Mayor

Thru : Sangguniang Bayan
Bacoor City Council – City of Bacoor

From : League of Motorcycle Riders Inc.
LGU Accredited

Re : Bacoor City Ordinance 2014-008 in Relation to LTO Memorandum MC-2020-2240

Dear Hon. Mayor Strike,

Greetings!

The League of Motorcycle Riders Inc. (LMR), a duly accredited non-government organization (NGO), respectfully submits this appeal regarding the Bacoor City Ordinance 2014-008, which is being enforced by the City Bacoor Traffic Management Department (BTMD), in relation to LTO Memorandum MC-2020-2240.

It has come to our attention that the noise level regulations indicated in the Bacoor City ordinance conflict with the standards outlined in the LTO memorandum. This discrepancy has raised numerous complaints from drivers who reside in or pass through Bacoor City.

As a reference, we have attached page 28 of the LTO Memorandum Circular Number 2020-2240. The full document is also accessible through the following links:

- Full LTO MC-2020-2240 PDF (https://lto.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/MC-2020-2240.pdf?appgw_uzwaf_jac=Ew80hRe1BC5tTjQm1BV9jODhKvVV3AmQG8YooPKYok)
- Alternate Link (<https://tinyurl.com/ltonoisememo>)

In Section 5.4.3 of the memorandum, titled "Stage 3. Machine Inspection," specifically in 5.4.3.7 regarding the Sound Level Meter (Exhaust Outlet), it states:



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"The sound level of the motor vehicle exhaust or muffler shall not exceed 95 dB, measured at an engine speed of 2,000 to 2,500 rpm. If a vehicle does not have an rpm odometer, this measurement corresponds to a half throttle on the gas pedal."

The sound level meter must be positioned as follows:

- At a 45-degree angle to the exhaust centerline
- Parallel to the ground
- 0.5 meters behind the exhaust outlet
- At the same height as the exhaust outlet

These standards were implemented to regulate noise levels from motor vehicles in order to mitigate growing concerns of noise pollution.

We believe that Bacoor City Ordinance 2014-008 may not align with these national standards, and we would like to express that in the Philippines, a local ordinance cannot override a regulation set by the Land Transportation Office (LTO), as national laws and regulations take precedence over local ordinances.

As such, the LTO Memorandum should be followed.

To provide further clarification, we would like to highlight the following points:

- **National Law vs. Local Ordinance:** National laws are superior to local ordinances or city laws in the Philippine legal system.
- **LTO as a National Agency:** The LTO, as a national agency, has the authority to regulate and enforce land transportation laws across the country.
- **Conflict Resolution:** When a city ordinance conflicts with an LTO regulation, the LTO regulation prevails.
- **Local Government Authority:** While Local Government Units (LGUs) can enact ordinances, they cannot contradict or undermine national laws and regulations.

As affirmed by the Supreme Court in General Register 209479 (SC G.R. 209479), Congress enacted Republic Act No. 4136, also known as the "Land Transportation and Traffic Code," which grants the LTO exclusive authority over land transportation laws, and prohibits local governments from enacting ordinances that conflict with the provisions of the Act. Attached as well is page 4 of SC G.R. 209479 which is available on the following web links:



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Advocate LRA, Cavite

We respectfully request the City Council and the City Bacor Traffic Management Department to review and revise Bacor City Ordinance 2014-008 to align with the provisions of LTO Memorandum MC-2020-2240. This would help avoid further misunderstandings and complaints from motorists within and passing through Bacor City.


Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,


Nelson Quintero
League of Motorcycle Riders Inc. - Treasurer

Noted by:


Manuel Arriola
League of Motorcycle Riders Inc. - President


Nene Caparas
League of Motorcycle Riders Inc. - Secretary



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OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICE

ENDORSEMENT LETTER No. 316, Series of 2025

TO : **Atty. AIMEE TORREFRANCA-NERI**
City Administrator
City Administrator's Office

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

451-4700 LOCAL 212

REF. NO. 1688 DATE 09/21/25
RECEIVED BY John TIME: 4:28p

SUBJECT : **STATUS REPORT**
Pertaining to the Possible Legal Action Against the League of Motorcycle Riders, Inc. for the Unauthorized Use of the Official Seal or Logo of the City Government of Bacoor

DATE : **21 APRIL 2025**

We are writing pertaining to the possible legal action that may be taken by the City Government of Bacoor against the League of Motorcycle Riders Inc. (LMR) for the unauthorized use of the official seal or logo of the City Government of Bacoor.

Per verified by the Office of Hon. Reynaldo R. Fabian, the aforementioned non-government organization (NGO) is an accredited NGO recognized by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) with registration number CN20173520 that was approved by the Sangguniang Panglungsod last September 19, 2022, and is in good standing with the requirements set forth for accreditation. The said office was able to provide us a copy of the following:

- A. Letter by LMR to the Hon. Rowena Bautista Mendiola dated August 30, 2022, requesting for renewal for accreditation by the Sanggunian;
- B. Application Form checklist for Accreditation;
- C. LMR Board Resolution dated August 22, 2022, and
- D. Copy of LMR's Certificate of Incorporation with the SEC.

Further, there were no specific guidelines provided to this office pertaining to the roles, responsibilities, limitations, or prohibitions of the accredited NGO. However, we were given a copy of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2019-72, or the "Guidelines on Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies." The said MC does not provide any information about the use of the official seal or logo of the local government unit concerned.

Under our Philippine laws, any unauthorized use of government insignia, logos, and other symbols can be considered "false pretenses," which is a form of fraud. This is punishable under the Revised Penal Code of the Philippines, particularly under Article 177, which deals with Usurpation of Authority, Rank, Title, and Improper Use of Names, Uniforms, and Insignia. Convictions may result in imprisonment, fines, or both. Article 177 provides:



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"Article 177. Usurpation of authority or official functions. - Any person who shall knowingly and falsely represent himself to be an officer, agent or representative of any department or agency of the Philippine Government or of any foreign government, or who, under pretense of official position, shall perform any act pertaining to any person in authority or public officer of the Philippine Government or of any foreign government, or any agency thereof, without being lawfully entitled to do so, shall suffer the penalty of prison correccional in its minimum and medium periods.(As amended by Republic Act No. 379, approved June 14, 1949.) (Restored by EO No. 187.)"

In relation thereto, Article 179 of the Revised Penal Code provides:

Article 179. Illegal use of uniforms or insignia. - The penalty of arresto mayor shall be imposed upon any person who shall publicly and improperly make use of insignia, uniforms or dress pertaining to an office not held by such person or to a class of persons of which he is not a member.(Restored by EO No. 187.)

Moreover, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8293, or the "Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines," may also apply in cases where a government emblem or logo is used without authorization. This act protects intellectual property, including logos and symbols that have been registered by government entities. Unauthorized use can lead to civil lawsuits for damages and injunctions against further use.

For private organizations like the League of Motorcycle Riders Inc., they should have sought prior permission from the City Government of Bacoor before using the official seal or logo. This is the only lawful way to use such symbols in private business operations and non-government organizations alike, whether for endorsements, promotions, or other commercial purposes.

To summarize, the use of the Official Seal or Logo by private corporations or non-government organizations without explicit authorization is illegal and can lead to both criminal charges and civil liabilities.

For your further instructions.

Thank you for your usual support and Godspeed!

RESPECTFULLY,


Atty. KIM NYCA R. LOFRANCO
City Legal Officer
Office of the City Legal Service



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April 14, 2025

To : Atty. KIM NYCA R. LOFRANCO
City Legal Officer
Office of the City Legal Services

CC : Atty. AIMEE TORREFRANCA-NERI
City Administrator
City Administrator Office

Antonio S. Neri 2:46

SUBJECT : RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated APRIL 10, 2025, requesting our good office regarding the information about the accredited Non-Government Organization (NGO), League of Motorcycle Riders, Inc. (LMR) headed by its President MANUEL ARRIOLA.

I would like to inform you that our office has duly received and reviewed your request. As of this date, the League of Motorcycle Riders, Inc. (LMR) is an accredited NGO recognized by SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION with registration number CN201735210, approved at Sangguniang-Panlungsod last September 19, 2022 and is in good standing with the requirements set forth for accreditation.

Here attached the necessary information within the scope of our office's records and mandate.

Thank you for your communication, and we look forward to continued coordination.

Prepared by:

Marjorie Ann A. San Juan
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Admin Aide

Noted by:

Reynaldo M. Fabian
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Chairman, Committee of Non-Government Organization



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REVOCATION OF THE NGO ACCREDITATION OF LEAGUE OF MOTORCYCLE RIDERS



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