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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SANITATION

COMMITTEE REPORT

CHS-020-2026
PCO-2026-118

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod
Received by: Janet Pring
Date: 07 SEP 2026

Subject: ***An ordinance mandating the inclusion of Bureau of Jail Management and Penology facilities in the regular water potability tests to be conducted by the City Government providing for procedures and frequency thereof appropriating funds and for other purposes.***

(Date referred: August 04, 2026)

The above-mentioned proposed ordinance underwent its first reading on August 24, 2026 during the 57th Regular Session of the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod. The said proposed ordinance was referred by the Presiding Officer, City Vice Mayor 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 September 03, 2026 at the Session Hall of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

After due consultation and deliberation hereby report back to this August Body the findings, information gathered, and recommendation on the above-subject matter. Attached hereto are the attendance sheet and photos taken during the said hearing.

FINDINGS:

A letter from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Bacoor City Jail-Male dormitory dated August 04, 2026 was received by the Office of the City

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Mayor thru the Office of the City Health Services Department, referring the BJMP Regional Office CALABARZON Memorandum with the subject ***"Coordination Request to LGU on Implementation of Quarterly Water Potability Testing in Jail Units"***. This directive is pursuant to Republic Act No. 11058, Presidential Decree No. 856 (Sanitation Code of the Philippines), Republic Act No. 9275 (Philippine Water Clean Act), and related joint DENR-DOH guidelines, mandating regular water quality assessment to ensure health and safety.

Due to this, a proposed city ordinance was written and submitted seeking to institutionalize the inclusion of BJMP facilities in the regular water potability testing conducted by LGUs. By mandating regular testing, immediate remedial action in cases of contamination, and proper documentation, this measure aims to prevent outbreaks of waterborne illnesses, promote sanitation, and uphold the welfare of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs)

Access to safe and potable water is fundamental right and cornerstone of public health. Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs), housed in Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) facilities, is particularly vulnerable to waterborne diseases due to their confined living conditions. Ensuring the safety of their drinking water is therefore both a matter of human rights and a constitutional duty.

Furthermore, this proposed city ordinance provides for the appropriation of funds from the LGU's annual budget to guarantee effective implementation, in coordination with the BJMP. It also prescribes administrative sanctions for non-compliance, thereby ensuring accountability.

RECOMMENDATION:

After a thorough perusal of all the circumstances and statements from the resource persons, and the provisions of the proposed ordinance, the Committee respectfully recommends that the Sangguniang Panlungsod **approve** the above subject matter on 2nd reading during its next regular session.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the contents of the foregoing report are true and correct. Issued this 7th day of September 2026 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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