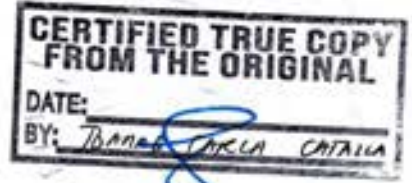




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26 January 2024

HON. JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA

Provincial Governor
Province of Cavite
Cavite Provincial Capitol Building
Trece Martires, Cavite

Dear Gov. Remulla,

Good day!

In compliance with Art. 59 (b) (1) Rule XII of Administrative Order 270, Series of 1992, this is to respectfully submit the attached Executive Order issued by the undersigned, for your review and appropriate action, to wit:

EO NO.	DATE	TITLE
34-2024	26 January 2024	AN ORDER ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 279-2023, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "PET OWNERSHIP AND BREEDING REGULATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BACOR"

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

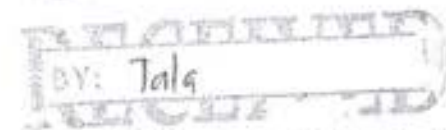

STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor

 Office of the Mayor **Strike B. Revilla**



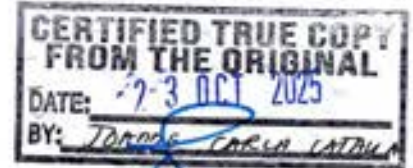
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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 34 - 2024
Series of 2024

**AN ORDER ADOPTING THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 279-2023, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE "PET OWNERSHIP AND BREEDING REGULATION
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BACOOR"**

WHEREAS, Section 16 of R.A. No. 7160 provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare including the promotion of safety of its constituents and provision of adequate transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod enacted and passed City Ordinance No. 279-2023, otherwise known as the "Pet Ownership and Breeding Ordinance of the City of Bacoor" which mandates the registration of household pets and provides guidelines on regulating pet breeding towards the reduction of stray animals that pose a threat to public safety, and imperil the health and sanitation efforts of the city;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacoor recognizes the need to issue an Implementing Rules and Regulations pertinent to the above-mentioned Ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Mayor of Bacoor, in coordination with the concerned city government offices, issued the above-mentioned Implementing Rules and Regulations that shall govern the "Pet Ownership and Breeding Ordinance of the City of Bacoor";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STRIKE B. REVILLA, City Mayor of Bacoor, Cavite, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order for the adoption and implementation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of City Ordinance No. 279-2023 herein attached.

Section 1. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

Attached herein is the Implementing Rules and Regulations of City Ordinance No. 279-2023 which shall form part of this Executive Order. This shall be known as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of Pet Ownership and Breeding Ordinance of the City of Bacoor".





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All affected offices and departments are hereby ordered to adopt the said implementing rules and regulations and be guided accordingly.

Strict compliance and observance of all city government officials and employees to this IRR is hereby ordered.

Section 2. Repealing Clause.

All previously issued orders and directives inconsistent with any provision found herein shall be deemed repealed, revoked or amended accordingly.

Section 3. Separability Clause.

In the event that any provision found herein shall be judicially or administratively declared illegal or infirm, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Effectivity Clause.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its signing and remain in full force and effect until repealed, revoked or amended accordingly.

SO ORDERED.

DONE this 26th day of January 2024 in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite.


STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor



Office of the Mayor
Strike B. Revilla



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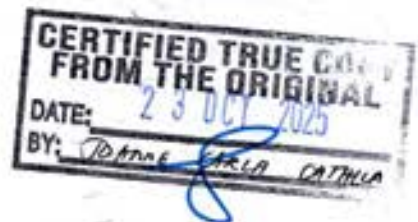
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**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF
CITY ORDINANCE NO. 279-2023**

**AN ORDINANCE REVISING VARIOUS ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE
OWNERSHIP OF PETS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE, AND IMPOSING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF**

**RULE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Title. These Rules and Regulations shall be known and cited as the "Implementing Rules and Regulations of Pet Ownership and Breeding Regulation Ordinance of the City of Bacor."

Section 2. Purpose. This Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) is promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for the effective implementation of Bacor City Ordinance No. 279-2023, enacted to mandate the registration of household pets and regulate pet breeding towards the reduction of stray animals that pose a threat to public safety, and imperil the health and sanitation efforts of the city.

Section 3. Scope. These Rules shall apply to all activities related to the ownership, breeding, sale, trading, transportation, keeping, and training of dogs and cats in the City of Bacor, Cavite, either as objects of trade or as household pets.

Section 4. Construction. These Rules shall be construed and applied in accordance with and in furtherance of the policies and objectives of the City Ordinance No. 279-2023.

Section 5. Implementing Office. The Office of the City Mayor, in coordination with the Office of the City Veterinarian, shall be the lead implementing agency for the implementation of this IRR. As may be directed by the City Mayor, other city government departments, units, or offices shall assist in effectively implementing this IRR.

**RULE II
OBJECTIVES AND DEFINITION OF TERMS**

Section 6. Objectives. The Pet Ownership and Breeding Regulation Ordinance aims to:





1. Help the City maintain a database of pets within the community including information such as the owner's contact details, the pet's description, and vaccination records.
2. Facilitate the quick identification and return of lost pets to their owners.
3. Regulate and control the population of pets in a community, reducing the likelihood of stray animals that could threaten public safety and reducing the number of animals ending up in shelters.
4. Help prevent the spread of contagious diseases among animals and, in some cases, to humans through recording pet vaccinations.
5. Ensure that animals are bred responsibly and ethically, including the promotion of standards for living conditions, proper care, and humane treatment of animals.
6. Address issues of unsanitary conditions and unhealthy animals associated with irresponsible pet ownership or breeding.
7. Enforce responsible pet ownership practices, including leash policies, waste disposal, and proper containment of animals.

Section 7. Definition of Terms. The following terms as used in this Rules shall be defined as:

1. **Household pets** - are dogs and cats that are kept within a place of residence.
2. **Ownership** - refers to the state, relation, or fact of being an owner of a cat or dog.
3. **Breeding** - is the process or action of bearing or generating dogs or cats.
4. **Sale** - is the transfer of ownership over a dog or cat from one owner to another.
5. **Trading** - is the business of buying and selling or bartering dogs or cats or both between two or more persons.
6. **Transportation** - is the conveyancing or traveling from one place to another of dogs or cats on motor vehicles in the company of one or more persons.
7. **Keeping** - is the state of allowing dogs or cats to stay in a particular house or place of business. For purposes of the City Ordinance No. 279-2023, a person is considered to be keeping a dog or cat if the said animal/s stays in the same place where that individual works or resides for more than two (2) days.
8. **Training** - is the process of teaching dogs and cats tricks or behavior modification techniques.





9. **Harboring** - is the act of giving security, comfort, or refuge to a dog or cat for at least two (2) days.
10. **Feeding** - is the act of habitually providing food or sustenance to a cat or dog. As used in the City Ordinance No. 279-2023, a person shall be considered to be feeding a cat or dog if he/she provides food or sustenance to an animal or group of animals for at least three (3) consecutive days.
11. **Neutering** - is the removal of both testicles of a male dog or cat through surgery.
12. **Rabies** - is a potentially fatal disease that can be prevented through the use of a vaccine, which is usually spread through the bite of a rabid animal.
13. **Spaying** - is the surgical removal of the ovaries of a female cat or dog.
14. **Intracardiac (IC) Injections** - the administration of an euthanizing agent with the use of a syringe directly into the heart of a dog or cat to cause immediate death.
15. **Anesthetized** - is the state of an animal deprived of feeling or awareness due to the effects of anesthesia.
16. **Sedated** - is the state of an animal made to fall asleep or to keep calm through the administration of a sedative drug.
17. **Intramuscular (IM)** - is the administration of a drug within or into the muscle of an animal.
18. **Subcutaneous** - is the administration of a drug under the skin of an animal.
19. **Intraperitoneal (IP)** - is the administration of a drug through an animal's peritoneum (i.e., the thin, transparent membrane that lines the walls of the abdominal cavity and contains/encloses the abdominal organs such as the stomach and intestines).
20. **Intrahepatic** - is the administration of a drug directly to an animal's liver.
21. **Sodium Pentobarbital** - is a drug that can cause the death of an animal due to respiratory arrest.

RULE III IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS

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Section 8. Registration of Household Pets. All residents of the City of Bacoor and all business establishments operating within the said city who/that own, keep, train, sell, trade, or transport, and harbor household pets are hereby required to have the said dogs and cats registered with the Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) when the animal/s reach the age of three (3) months old. A person who keeps, feeds, or harbors a cat or dog for a period of three (3) consecutive days is considered to be the owner of the said animal/s for purposes of the City Ordinance No. 279-2023.

Section 9. Requirements for Registration. Household pet owners shall comply with the following requirements for the registration of the said animals:

1. Submit proof that the said animal/s have been vaccinated against rabies within a period of 12 months prior to the day when the application for registration was submitted with the OCV, and;
2. Present the Pet Registration Certificate issued previously in favor of the pet owner for the same dog or cat.

Section 10. Fees. The following fees shall be paid by owners of impounded or rescued animals, to wit:

Types of Fees	Amount
Impounding Fee	PhP 200.00 per day of confinement
Registration Fee	PhP 70.00
Branding Fee	PhP 50.00
Forcible Sterilization Fee	Dogs (male) -- PhP 1,500.00 (female)-- 1,000.00 Cats (male) -- 1,000.00 (female) -- 500.00
Euthanization Fee	PhP 1,000.00 (optional)
Vaccination Fee (parvovirus enteritis, canine distemper, canine hepatitis, leptospirosis, and parainfluenza)	PhP 500.00 (optional)
Deworming Fee	PhP 150.00 (per 10 kilogram of the animal's body weight)
Adoption Fee	PhP 300.00
Burial Fee	For small sized animals -- PhP150.00 For medium sized animal -- PhP350.00 For large sized animals -- PhP500.00 (The City Veterinarian shall determine the size of the animal based on its weight, length, and height.)

The Office of the City Treasurer, whenever deemed necessary for practicality reasons, may designate a collecting agent to be detailed at the Office of the City Veterinarian or at the barangay for the collection of the aforementioned fees.



Section 11. Impounding, Field Control, and Disposition of Unregistered, Stray and Unvaccinated Animals. Unregistered, stray, or unvaccinated animals within the City of Bacoor shall be kept in the Bacoor City Pound and disposed of subject to the following guidelines:

1. Impounded animals not claimed within three (3) days from the Bacoor City Pound shall be placed for adoption to qualified persons, with the assistance of an animal welfare NGO, when feasible, or otherwise disposed of in any manner authorized, subject to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998".
2. All of the above-mentioned fees shall be paid at the City Treasurer's Office. No animal impounded at the Bacoor City Pound shall be released unless the foregoing amounts have been paid by the owner of the said animal/s and a corresponding official receipt has been issued. Aside from the above-mentioned fees, the owner of the pet must also pay the various fines, if any, that may be imposed against him by the City Veterinarian for violating the City Ordinance No. 279-2023 or any other city ordinance before the said animal can be released.
3. Animals not claimed within three (3) days after it was impounded shall be offered for adoption to the public for a period not to exceed ten (10) days. After the said ten (10)-day period expires, the animal shall be euthanized in the manner provided hereunder.
4. The carcasses of euthanized animals that the OCV impounded shall be disposed of in a manner that is allowed by law. The carcass of animals euthanized with the express consent of its owners shall not be sold.
5. The carcass of animals euthanized with the express consent of its owners shall be buried at the burial plot within the Bacoor City Pound compound. However, the owners of the said animals must sign a written agreement that they shall allow the exhumation of their pets' bones in the third year after burial so that the said bones may be donated to medical or veterinary schools for study with the written consent of the City Veterinarian or of the City Mayor. The refusal of the owners of the said animals to sign the said written agreement shall bar the burial of their pet within the Bacoor City Pound compound.
6. All impounded dogs and cats shall be neutered before being adopted or released to their owners. The prospective adoptee shall pay the sterilization fee and other applicable fees mentioned in Section 10 hereof before the animal can be released. The prospective adoptee shall, however, be exempted from paying the impounding fee and shall be entitled to a 50% discount on the Forcible Sterilization Fee mentioned in Section 6 hereof.



7. The City Veterinarian shall have the sole power to determine if a person can adopt an impounded animal. No impounded animal covered by the City Ordinance No. 279-2023 shall be adopted without the written consent of the City Veterinarian.
8. The OCV shall issue a Certificate of Adoption to the prospective adopter. A Certificate of Registration and Immunization shall also be issued to owners and adopters of impounded animals covered herein.
9. No impounded animal shall be released to its owner or to a prospective adopter without being first immunized against rabies and registered and tagged. The vaccination against various diseases other than rabies and the deworming of an impounded animal is optional. The OCV shall establish and maintain a computerized "animal registration, immunization, and population control system".
10. Subject to the availability of funds, the cost of immunizing household pets against rabies within the City of Bacoor shall be free of charge if conducted by the OCV.
11. The burial fee to be charged against pet owners who voluntarily had their pets euthanized and buried by the Bacoor City Pound shall depend on the size of the carcass involved. An animal with a length from snout to tail end not exceeding 48 inches is considered "small-sized". An animal with a length from snout to tail end not exceeding 96 inches is considered "medium-sized". An animal with a length from snout to tail end exceeding 96 inches is considered "largesized".
12. A simple marker shall be placed on the grave of an animal buried by personnel of OCV. It shall be the duty of the Utility Workers of the OCV to bury (1) euthanized animals whose owners have paid the corresponding burial fee and (2) animals accidentally killed or that have died on public roads.

RULE IV DOG AND CAT POPULATION CONTROL

Section 12. Dog and Cat Population Control. To promote the policy on eradicating rabies, there is a need to control the dog and cat population within the city and minimize the number of unwanted stray dogs and cats. As such, the OCV shall:

1. Undertake an educational and promotional campaign on responsible pet ownership, including the option of spaying or neutering their dogs or cats;



2. Provide a 50% discount on the Forcible Sterilization Fees provided under Section 6 hereof in favor of pet owners who voluntarily had their pet dogs or cats spayed or neutered by personnel of the OCV and
3. Dogs or cats that have been impounded more than three (3) times shall only be released after the animal has been spayed or neutered at the expense of the pet's owner, who shall be made to pay the Forcible Sterilization Fee mentioned under Section 6 hereof.

Section 13. Animal Euthanasia. Pursuant to Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8485, the following guidelines in the euthanization of animals under the care of the Bacoor City Pound shall be strictly observed, to wit:

1. Animal euthanasia to be conducted by the authorized personnel of the OCV shall only be permitted under the following instances:
 - a. When the animal is afflicted with an incurable communicable disease as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian;
 - b. When the killing is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery being suffered by the animal as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian;
 - c. When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being;
 - d. When done for the purpose of animal population control;
 - e. When the animal is killed after it has been used in authorized research or experiments and
 - f. Any other ground analogous to the foregoing as determined and certified by a licensed veterinarian.
2. Animal euthanasia, in the instances mentioned above, shall be conducted in the following manner, to wit:
 - a. All city government employees who will perform euthanasia or participate in the euthanasia process must be properly trained. Training should consist of classroom instruction and practical hands-on experience. The administration, however, of any authorized euthanizing agent shall only be done by a city veterinarian;
 - b. There must always be at least two people performing the euthanasia procedure for the comfort of the animal and the safety of the people involved;
 - c. Procedures should conform to government regulations pertaining to the handling of controlled substances;



- d. Live animals, as well as minor children, should never be allowed to witness euthanasia taking place;
- e. General anesthesia prior to euthanasia should always be an option or consideration to be used for the welfare of the animal. This should be considered and used at the discretion of the veterinarian performing euthanasia;
- f. Intravenous (IV) injections are the preferred method of euthanasia for dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, including pregnant animals. However, euthanasia by use of a gas chamber may also be resorted to subject to strict compliance with all government regulations related thereto;
- g. Intraperitoneal (IP) injections on cats and kittens should be used as a last resort, and it is strongly recommended that the animal be anesthetized;
- h. Intracardiac (IC) injections of deeply anesthetized (not sedated or tranquilized) animals where IV or IP cannot be gently administered due to the animal's temperament or physical condition should be used only as a last resort;
- i. Gentle and compassionate handling of all animals should always be observed;
- j. Use of muzzles, restraint gates, and control poles shall only be allowed where a specific animal warrants such restraint or when the safety of humans is at stake;
- k. Use of purpose-designed cat nets and/or squeeze cages to restrain feral or fractious cats or small mammals is hereby allowed;
- l. Always have backup drugs (anesthetic and euthanizing agent) available to respond to unanticipated circumstances or emergencies;
- m. Death must be verified on every animal. The use of the stethoscope technique is the preferred method. Additional methods of observation include rigor mortis, eye reflex, gum coloration, and other accepted and humane methods of verifying the death of an animal and
- n. Needles used for the euthanization of animals must never be reused.



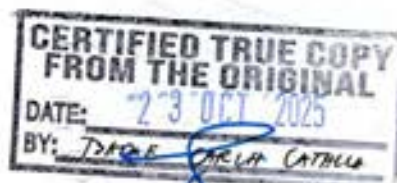
3. The following practices in euthanizing animals shall not be condoned and shall be considered a violation of these Rules and of other pertinent laws, to wit:
- a. Intracardiac (IC) injections on non-anesthetized animals;
 - b. IC injections on sedated or tranquilized animals;
 - c. Gas chambers are used to administer a lethal dose of carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide, which does not comply with government regulations involving the euthanization of animals;
 - d. Any other non-injectable method of performing euthanasia, such as electrocution, use of blunt force, stunning, and the like;
 - e. Overhandling or restraining of animals through the use of muzzles that tend to injure animals or other similarly harmful restraint devices;
 - f. Use of control poles on cats;
 - g. Intramuscular (IM) or subcutaneous (SC) administration of sodium pentobarbital;
 - h. Intrahepatic injections of sodium pentobarbital;
 - i. Reuse of needles;
 - j. Not verifying death using stethoscope technique, methods of observation including rigor mortis, eye reflex, gum coloration, and the like;
 - k. Use of cardiac puncture as the primary method of verification; and
 - l. Other practices similar or analogous to the above

Section 14. No animals inside food establishments. Except for live fish or crustaceans displayed or kept in freshwater aquariums inside restaurants serving seafood, no live animals shall be allowed inside food establishments. The managers or owners of food establishments shall have the right to disallow customers carrying live animals or pets from entering the premises of the said establishments. The owner/proprietor of food establishments who shall violate shall be subjected to the penalty hereinafter provided.

Pet-friendly establishments may designate an area or facility, such as an outdoor seating area, for customers with pets. If pets are allowed, the owner shall ensure his/her pet is clean and well-behaved, keep it on a leash and under control at all times to prevent accidents and ensure the safety of both the pet and others.

Section 15. Maximum Number of Pets Per Household. The maximum number of pet dogs and cats per household within the City of Bacoor shall be four (4). Keeping more than four pets per household shall be allowed only if the owner of the said pets or household can ensure that:

1. All of the said pets are duly vaccinated and registered with the OCV;
2. The said animals do not produce too much noise that they already affect the right of neighbors to rest and sleep soundly at night and



3. The said animals, their kennels, and their immediate surroundings are always kept clean and free from offensive odors.

Section 16. Dumping of Animal Carcass. Dumping or disposing of any animal carcass or dead pets on sidewalks, streets, creeks, rivers, vacant lots, parks, and other public places within the City of Bacoor is strictly prohibited. Pet owners have the option to bury their pets in the Bacoor City Pound or on privately owned land. In the latter case, the burial ground shall be deep enough to prevent scavengers from accessing the carcass and should be covered with soil to aid decomposition.

RULE V PENALTIES

Section 17. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed against any person who violates the City Ordinance No. 279-2023 who is convicted after trial by a court of competent jurisdiction:

First Offense: Payment of fine amounting to P3,000.00;
Second Offense: Payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00;

Second Offense: Payment of fine amounting to P4,000.00 plus imprisonment

for not more than thirty (30) days.

Third Offense: Payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 plus imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days.

Section 18. Additional Penalties. Any pet animal that causes injury to a third party due to the failure of its owner/keeper to observe the provisions of this ordinance, other city ordinances, or any prevailing law shall be confiscated by the OCV for behavior modification training to be conducted by the said office at the expense of the said owner/keeper. If the owner/keeper of the said animal/s refuses to subject his/her pet to such training or if he/she refuses or fails to pay for the cost of such training, the said animal/s shall be put up for adoption or euthanized subject to the applicable provisions of this Ordinance. The owner/keeper of the said animal/s shall be held liable to reimburse the city government for the cost of keeping or euthanizing the said animal/s.

RULE VI MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 19. Changes in Modifications to the Implementing Rules and Regulations. To appropriately manage the orderly administration of the implementation of the City Ordinance No. 279-2023, the Office of the City Mayor, after consultation with the Office of the City Veterinarian, may recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod amendments to the said ordinance and, consequently, this IRR.





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Section 20. Repeal. All implementing rules and regulations previously issued and inconsistent with the provisions of the City Ordinance No. 279-2023 and this IRR are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

Section 21. Separability. In case any provision of these Implementing Rules and Regulations is declared void by a court of law, the remaining provision of this IRR not affected by the said judicial declaration shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 22. Effectivity. These Implementing Rules and Regulations shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

