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CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO 137-2020 Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BACOOR CITY OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFW) HELP DESK AND ITS COORDINATING COUNCIL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Sponsored by: Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica

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Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Miguel N. Bautista, Hon. Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, Hon. Leandro A. De Leon, Hon. Mac Raven Espiritu, Hon. Victorio L. Guerrero, Jr., Hon. Hernando C. Gutierrez, Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, Hon. Roberto R. Javier, Hon. Gaudencio P. Nolasco, Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan, and Hon. Michael E. Solis.

WHEREAS, the City of Bacoor has been home to many Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) who are our modern-day heroes as their remittances have kept the Philippine economy afloat;

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, Section 3, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall afford full protection to labor, local and overseas, organized and unorganized and promote full employment and equality of employment opportunities for all;

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that Congress shall give highest priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of the people to human dignity, reduce social, economic, and political inequalities and remove cultural inequities by equitably diffusing wealth and political power for the common good;

WHEREAS, based on the results of the 2019 Survey on Overseas Filipinos (SOF) the number of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who worked abroad was estimated at 2.2 Million Overseas Contract Workers

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WHEREAS, there are various government agencies tasked to handle different concerns of OFWs which often lead to confusion among the OFWs since there's no one stop shop agency to meet their varying concerns;

WHEREAS, the City of Bacoor recognizes the indispensable role of the LGU in providing assistance and services to its OFWs constituents, including their families which is one of the priority of the local chief executive;

WHEREAS, having to work abroad and away from their families have brought about better standard of living, financial comfort and economic stability to our OFWs, not to mention personal enrichment thru their experiences abroad, technology and knowledge transfer and they have also benefitted the country in terms of the business, their remittances have brought in to the economy, also investments in real estate and income in terms of the local business of their families funded through their remittances;

WHEREAS, however, it has also been observed that the families left behind of our OFWs, including those living in the City of Bacoor are experiencing psycho-social costs of migration like relationships estrangement, family breakup, communication gap, infidelities, extra-marital relationships, teenage pregnancy and marriage, juvenile delinquency, drug dependency, related to the culture of dependency to remittances;

WHEREAS, our OFWs are often last to be hired and first to be fired and their employment relationship are frequently sub-standard, and located in poorly-regulated sector or activities, which mostly results to illegal recruitment, job switching, cases of sexual and physical abuse and maltreatment, racial discrimination, exploitation, poor working conditions, non-payment of salaries, trafficking, serious injuries and even death;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8042, otherwise known as "The Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995", as amended by Republic Act No. 10022, recognizes



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and values the important role of the LGUs, in providing a higher standard and protection of the welfare of migrant workers, their families and overseas Filipinos in distress and for other purposes:

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 10022 provides that the LGUs in the fight against illegal recruitment, shall take a proactive stance by being primarily responsible for the dissemination of information to their constituents on all aspects of overseas employment;

WHEREAS, consistent with the mandate under Republic Act No. 10022, the City of Bacoor consistently endeavor to protect the rights and promote the welfare of the Bacooreño OFWs:

WHEREAS, as mandated under Republic Act No. 9208, as amended by Republic Act No. 10364, also known as the "Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act", it is imperative for the City of Bacoor to formulate policies that will eliminate trafficking in persons especially women and children, establishing the necessary institutional mechanisms for the protection and support of trafficked persons;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacoor deems it proper to create or establish an Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) Help Desk and its Council that shall cater the needs of the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in the city and shall take the responsibility in formulating and implementing programs and services to address the needs and concerns of the OFWs and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor in a regular online session assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "CITY OF BACOOR OFW HELP DESK ORDINANCE".

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES. The City of Bacoor OFW Help Desk is hereby created to be a one-stop shop for OFW assistance which coordinate the initiatives of the various stakeholders addressing psycho-social, moral and economic concerns of Bacooreño OFWs and their families, the protection of their rights, promotion of their welfare, safety and support. The OFW Help Desk aims to provide assistance. intervention.



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reintegration, and such other support necessary in addressing the concerns of OFWs and their families.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall apply:

- a. CSWD refers to the City of Bacoor Social Welfare and Development Department;
- b. DFA refers to the Department of Foreign Affairs, the agency that integrate migration issues with foreign policies, national security, economic diplomacy and service to nationals:
- C. DOCUMENTED MIGRANT WORKER-
 - One who possess valid passport and visa or permit to stay in the host country and whose contract of employment have been processed by the POEA, as required by law or regulation; or
 - II. One who is registered by the Migrant-Workers and other Overseas Filipino Resource Center or by the Embassy.
- d. DOLE refers to the Department of Labor and Employment; pursues programs for OFWs as provided by the Labor Code of the Philippines;
- e. DTI refers to the Department of Trade and Industry; integrates migration issues with business and investments funded by OFWs and their remittances and facilitates the conduct of skills and entrepreneurial trainings and linkages with other agencies/institutions for market assistance;
- f. MIGRANT WORKER OR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKER - a person who is to be engaged or has been engaged in a remunerated activity in a State which she or he is not a legal resident. A person to be engaged in a "remunerated activity" refers to an applicant worker who has been promised or assured employment overseas and acting on such promised or assured employment overseas sustains damage and/or injury;



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- g. OVERSEAS FILIPINOS are migrant workers, Filipino nationals and dependents abroad;
- h. OWWA refers to Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, the agency under DOLE that manages migrant workers' welfare fund:
- i. PESO refers to City of Bacoor Public Employment Service Office, a non-fee charging multi- employment service facility or entity established or accredited by DOLE in the City of Bacoor, state universities and colleges, and nongovernmental organizations community-based organizations pursuant to Republic Act No. 8759, otherwise known as the PESO Act of 1999, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;
- j. PIO refers to City of Bacoor Public Information Office; shall promote all City Government of Bacoor OFW programs and services through social media platforms and other means communication:
- k. TESDA refers to Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, thru City of Bacoor R.E.V.I.L.L.A. Center that develops and implements competency standards and administers accredited programs as well as trainings and testing centers;
- UNDOCUMENTED FILIPINOS -
 - Those who have acquired their passports through fraud or misrepresentation;
 - II. Those who possess expired visas or permit to stay;
 - III. Those who have no travel document whatsoever:
 - IV. Those who have valid but inappropriate visas.

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SECTION CITY OF BACOOR OFW HELP DESK COORDINATING COUNCIL. The City of Bacoor OFW Help Desk Coordinating Council shall be the local policy-making and coordinating body for OFW concerns and shall be composed of the following:

- 1. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF BACOOR
 - a. Chairperson City Mayor
 - b. Vice-Chairperson & Secretariat Public Employment Service Office Manager
 - c. Members:
 - Chairman, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Labor and Employment;
 - CSWD Department Head
 - Center R.E.V.I.L.L.A. Manager/City Livelihood Officer
 - 4. City Information Officer
 - City Legal Officer
 - 6. City Health Officer
 - City Budget Officer
- II. REPRESENTATIVES FROM RELATED NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
 - a. Department of Foreign Affairs
 - b. Overseas Workers Welfare Administration
 - c. Philippine Overseas Employment Administration
 - d. Department of Labor Employment
 - e. National Reintegration Center for **OFWs**
- 111. REPRESENTATIVES FROM NON-GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION
 - a. NGO with primary objective of addressing the concerns of OFWs and their families:
 - b. OFW Associations and People's Organization with programs and services for OFWs and their families.

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SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The City of Bacoor OFW Help Desk Coordinating Council shall perform the following functions and shall:

- a. Promote the welfare and well-being of OFW and their families:
- b. Coordinate the services of the City Government of Bacoor, the DFA, DOLE, POEA, NRCO, CSWD, DTI, OWWA, PESO, TESDA thru manpower and such other necessary services and counseling of nongovernment community and based organizations and people's organizations for OFWs and their families;
- c. Formulate and implement policies, plans and programs for the promotion of the welfare of the OFWs:
- d. Intensify the delivery of programs and services to OFWs and their families through network partners;
- e. Establish and maintain database pertaining to a master list of OFWs residing in the City Bacoor, classified according occupation, job category, civil status, gender, by country or state of destination, including visa classification, name, address and contact number of employer;
- Integrate the various programs and services of the government to the inclusion of our OFWs and serve as clearing house of all programs and services for OFWs and their families in the City of Bacoor;
- g. Establish linkages with overseas Filipino resources towards development of the migrants, their families and communities;
- h. Integrate the migrant workers' resources and their issues and concerns in the development plan of the City of Bacoor;
- Provide legal advice on matters concerning the welfare of the OFW and their families through the City Legal Service Office;



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reaches out and cooperates with other agencies concerning Bacooreño OFWs; k. Facilitate reintegration of

i. Ensure that the City Government of Bacoor

- Bacooreño OFWs by providing assistance concerning livelihood, entrepreneurship, savings, investments and financial literacy:
- Accommodate applicants for employment abroad, OWWA benefits and other OFWs concerns:
- m. Offer other services to OFWs such as predeparture and pre-employment trainings and anti-illegal recruitment seminars:
- n. Launch education and information campaign against illegal recruitment and anti-trafficking in persons.

City of Bacoor OFW Help Desk Coordinating Council may assign/designate specific functions and/or responsibilities to a particular member in accordance with the member's field of expertise. It may also conduct orientation seminars, lectures and such other trainings for OFWs and their families subject to accreditation requirements of the proper government agencies.

- SECTION 6. PHYSICAL OFFICE. The City of Bacoor OFW Help Desk Coordinating Council shall hold an office at Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in the City of Bacoor, with an Officer-In-Charge as focal person to take charge of its day-to-day activities.
- SECTION 7. BUDGET. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced from the General Fund under the account of PESO subject to Commission On Audit (COA) Auditing Rules and Regulations.
- SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void, the other provisions hereof not affected by declaration shall remain and enforceable.

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HON. LANI MERCADO - REVILLA City Mayor SECTION 9. REPEAL. The provisions of prior Ordinance as are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. IMPLEMENTATION. This Ordinance shall be implemented by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Office, R.E.V.I.L.L.A. Center, Office of the City Legal Service, City Health Office and the City Budget Office. The Public Information Office is directed hereby to cause the wide dissemination to the public of various provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin board at the entrance of the City Hall of Bacoor and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor not later than five (5) days after the approval thereof.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor this 23rd day of November 2020.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is true and correct and that it was duly approved in accordance with law.

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