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HON. LAM MERCADO - REVILLA  
City Mayor

CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO 145-2020  
Series of 2020

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CONDUCT OF DOOR-TO-DOOR, FACE-TO-FACE CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND SOLICITATION IN VARIOUS PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.**

Sponsored by:

**Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica**

Co-Sponsored by:

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

**WHEREAS**, the threat posed on public health by COVID-19 severely affected the livelihood and health of Filipinos from all walks of life as well as the various facets of human existence all over the world. Activities that used to be taken for granted - like the holding of hands, laughing, and hugging to name just a few — can no longer be done in the manner it was customarily done out of a well founded fear that doing so will further spread the disease.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health warned the public that the onset of the Yuletide season might lead to a spike in the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the City of Bacoor and in other parts of the country because of traditional Christmas activities done by Filipinos that do away with physical distancing and the wearing of face masks that might lead to "super spreader events".

**WHEREAS**, examples of activities that might lead to the spread of the dreaded disease are the conduct of door-to-door Christmas caroling and the face-to-face solicitation of gifts or donations in various public places.

**WHEREAS**, the said traditions which are done by a group of carolers who sing on the top of their voices while standing in close proximity to one another, or by individuals with the proverbial hat in hand, can cause the further spread of the disease as shown by studies conducted abroad by health experts.



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**WHEREAS**, prohibiting the conduct of door-to-door Christmas caroling and face-to-face solicitation will protect the public from COVID-19 and lead to a more meaningful way of celebrating the Yuletide season during these troubling times.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the 4th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite **THAT**:

**Section 1. Short Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "**Christmas Caroling Ban Ordinance**".

**Section 2. Application.** This ordinance shall apply in all public places in the City of Bacoor, Cavite including residential subdivisions, commercial establishments, offices, places of work, roads, and other analogous places.

**Section 3. Prohibited Acts.** The following acts are hereby prohibited:

- 3.1. Singing of carols door-to-door or in public places by one or more individuals; and
- 3.2. Face-to-face solicitation of Christmas gifts and donations by one or more persons in public places.

**Section 4. Implementation.** This ordinance shall be implemented by the Philippine National Police, the Bacoor Traffic Management Department, the City Inspection and Compliance Unit, and by all barangay officials in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**Section 5. Public Information.** The Public Information Office is hereby directed to launch an intensive public information campaign with regard this Ordinance.

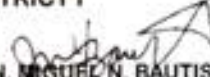
**Section 6. Penalties.** A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) shall be imposed against any person who shall violate this ordinance as determined by a court of law. If the offender is a minor, the fine imposed against him/her shall be paid by his/her parent/s or guardian/s.

**Section 7. Repeal.** All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

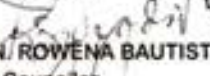
**Section 8. Period of Implementation.** This ordinance shall be implemented as long as the City of Bacoor, or

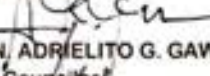


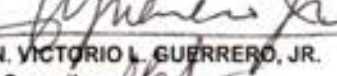
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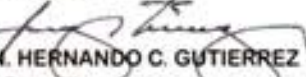
  
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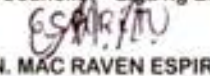
  
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any part thereof, is under community quarantine due to COVID-19.

**Section 9. Effectivity.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Bacoor, Cavite. A copy of this ordinance shall be submitted to the Office of the National Administrative Register of the University of the Philippines upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

**APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2020 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite during the 8<sup>th</sup> special online session of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved in accordance with law.*

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