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City Vice-Mayor

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HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
City Mayor

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 001-2022
Series of 2022

AN ORDINANCE NO LONGER REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A CERTIFICATE OF INDIGENCY AS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE RECEIPT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BACoor, CAVITE AND GIVING ALL BACOOREÑOS EQUAL ACCESS TO SUCH ASSISTANCE.

Introduced by:

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA

Sponsored By:

Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Ramon N. Bautista, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Mac Raven Espiritu, Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Victorio Guerrero, Jr., Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, Hon. Rogelio Nolasco, Hon. Alde Jose F. Pagulayan., Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, Hon. Michael E. Solis and Hon. Levy M. Tela

WHEREAS, the Equal Protection Clause of the 1987 Constitution provides that all persons similarly situated should be treated alike both as to rights and responsibilities imposed. This hallowed Constitutional provision levels the playing field, so to speak, and renders every Filipino equal in the eyes of the law.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is considered by many as a "great equalizer" as it placed rich and poor at the mercy of a faceless, invisible, and unyielding enemy the likes of which had never before been seen by anyone alive today. Not only did the pandemic claim lives, it also destroy livelihoods, it disrupts the daily lives of everyone, and it imperils the future of the youth who cannot even go to school without fear of contracting the dreaded disease.

WHEREAS, the City Government is determined to help as many Bacooreños who have been affected by the pandemic and by the economic hardships being caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine as quickly and as effortlessly as possible.



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WHEREAS, one of the ways to bring about a more efficient method of delivering assistance to those who are in need is by doing away with the requirement of submitting a certificate of indigency in order to qualify to receive financial assistance from the City Government. This archaic requirement is a layer of red tape that must be done away with not only because it violates the provisions of the Anti-Red Tape Act (Republic Act No. 9485 as amended by Republic Act No. 11032) but also because it tempts the truly desperate to falsify official documents just to obtain much needed financial relief from the government. The City Government can no longer turn a blind eye to the sad plight of desperate Bacooreños who are compelled to undergo the indignity of having to call themselves "indigent" just to qualify for government financial assistance.

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known henceforth as the "**EQUAL ACCESS TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE OF BACOOR**".

Section 2. Application. This Ordinance shall apply to all residents of the City of Bacoor, Cavite regardless of economic status, educational background, profession, gender, religion, or age.

Section 3. Discontinuance of Certificate of Indigency Requirement. No resident of the City of Bacoor, Cavite shall be required by any department, unit, or office under the City Government to submit a "certificate of indigency" as a prerequisite to receive financial assistance from the local government. For purposes of this Ordinance, a "certificate of indigency" is any certification that declares the holder of the said document appear poverty-stricken, jobless, or incapable of supporting himself/herself or his/her family.

Section 4. Equal Access To Financial Assistance. Subject to availability of funds, all residents of the City of Bacoor, Cavite shall have equal access to various financial assistance packages being given by the local government to those in need. **Provided that:** it must be understood that "equal access" does not mean that all Bacooreños will receive the same amount of financial



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assistance as the amount of assistance that one will receive from the City Government under this Ordinance shall depend upon the reason/s why such assistance is needed. **Provided further that:** "equal access" shall also not be understood as a license to defraud the government. Anyone who shall use this Ordinance as a means to defraud the City Government shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.

The City Social Welfare and Development Office shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance and submit the same to the City Mayor within thirty calendar days after its date of effectivity. The said implementing rules and regulations must be approved by the City Mayor and published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Cavite for it to become effective.

Section 5. Penalties. Any person who shall use this Ordinance as a pretext to defraud the government shall be prosecuted by the City Legal Officer for violations of the pertinent provisions of the Revised Penal Code and other applicable laws. In addition to the penalty that might be imposed by a court of law, any appointed official or employee of the City Government who violates this Ordinance, or who assists another to violate this Ordinance, shall be terminated from his/her employment subject to pertinent civil service regulations.

Section 6. Repeal. All ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders in conflict with this Ordinance are considered repealed or modified.

Section 7. Separability. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void by a court of law, the remaining provisions of this measure not affected by the said judicial declaration shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section 8. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval and after it has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

APPROVED this 4th day of July 2022 by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.



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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was approved in accordance with law.

Certified by:

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Presiding Officer/City Vice Mayor

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