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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 215

Series of 2022

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW INFORMAL SETTLER DWELLINGS IN ALL BARANGAYS, MANDATING ALL PUNONG BARANGAY OF THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE AND NATIONAL LAWS CONCERNING THE PROLIFERATION OF SQUATTING SYNDICATES, MANDATING THE REINTEGRATION AND IN-CITY RELOCATION OF INFORMAL SETTLER FAMILIES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, under DILG Memorandum Circular No. 98-202 and 98-234, any barangay official who abets and tolerates activities of the professional squatters and squatting syndicates may be charged administratively or may be dismissed if found guilty.

WHEREAS, professional squatters and squatting syndicates divert the financial resources intended for informal settler families who are more deserving of assistance from the City Government.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7279 provides that it is the policy of the State to undertake, in cooperation with the private sector, a comprehensive and continuing Urban Development and Housing Program.

WHEREAS, in line with the said legal framework, it is incumbent upon the Sangguniang Panlungsod to pass an ordinance that will effectively stop the proliferation of professional squatters and squatting syndicates in the City



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of Bacoor, discourage the construction of new informal settler dwellings in areas that are deemed at high risk from the impact of natural calamities, and establish a policy that will reintegrate informal settler families into the economic mainstream and qualify them for in-city relocation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be referred to as the "**Anti-Squatting and Informal Settler Reintegration Ordinance of Bacoor**

Section 2. Policy. It shall be the policy of the City of Bacoor that:

2.1. Informal settler families shall be assisted by the city government to the best of its abilities in attaining better living conditions and more economic opportunities that will help them join the economic mainstream;

2.2. The construction of new informal settler dwellings after the date of effectivity of this Ordinance is hereby prohibited;

2.3. Barangay officials are expected to play a crucial role not only in assisting ISFs have better lives but also in curtailing the criminal activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates.

Section 3. Definitions. The following words as used in this Ordinance shall have the following meanings:

a. Informal settler families — are households living in a lot, whether private or public, without the consent of the property owner; or those without legal claim over the property they are occupying; or those living in danger areas such as esteros, railroad tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, and waterways;

b. Professional Squatters - refers to individuals or groups who occupy lands without the express consent of the landowner and who have sufficient income for legitimate housing. The term shall also apply to persons, who have previously been awarded homelots or housing units by the Government but who



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sold, leased or transferred the same and settled illegally in the same place or in another urban area, and non-bona fide occupants and intruders of lands reserved for socialized housing. The term shall not apply to individuals or groups, who simply rent land and housing from professional squatters or squatting syndicates.

c. Professional squatting syndicates — groups of persons engaged in the illegal business of squatter housing for profit or gain.

Section 4. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are hereby prohibited:

4.1. Allowing the construction, repair, renovation, or enlargement of new or old informal settler dwellings on any public or privately owned land within the City of Bacoor;

4.2. Constructing any house or structure on any government-owned or privately owned land without the express consent of the property owner or without any legal claim over the said land;

4.3. Receiving by any barangay or city government official or employee any fee, gift, favor, or consideration from any professional squatter or professional squatting syndicates;

4.4. Allowing people who are employed and has sufficient income to rent dwellings that were constructed by professional squatters or by professional squatting syndicates;

4.5. Leasing out structures or parcels of land or both to another person despite not owning either the said structures or land or both; and

4.6. Coercing, threatening, or harassing informal settler families in order to compel them to pay any amount for the right to occupy land which is not theirs or any house or structure built on the said land which is also not owned by the person/s demanding such payment.

Section 5. Penalties. Any person who violates Section 4 hereof shall, upon conviction by a court of



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law, pay a fine of P5,000, be imprisoned from six (6) months up to one (1) year, and shall be perpetually disqualified from availing of any benefit or housing unit from the housing programs and social services projects of the city government.

Any elected barangay official or city government employee who violates this ordinance or who abets and/or tolerates activities of professional squatters and/or squatting syndicates shall be charged criminally and administratively by the City Legal Officer and shall be dismissed from office if found guilty by a court of law.

Section 6. Reintegration and In-City Relocation.

The Housing Urban Development and Resettlement Department is hereby directed to prepare a **Reintegration and In-City Relocation Plan** for all informal settler families qualified to benefit under the Housing Program of the City of Bacoor. The said plan shall be submitted to the Sanggunian within 40 days from the date of effectivity of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Implementation of Ordinance. The Housing Urban Development and Resettlement Department, with the supervision of the City Mayor, is empowered to implement this Ordinance and to require the assistance of all the barangay officials of the City, the Philippine National Police, the City Inspection and Compliance Unit, and all other departments and units under the Office of the City Mayor in such implementation.

Section 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - To appropriately manage the orderly administration of the provisions of this code, the Housing Urban Development and Resettlement Department, the City Social Welfare and Development Office, and City Legal Services Office shall prepare the Implementing Rules and Regulations for approval of the Board within three (3) months from the date of effectivity of this Code.

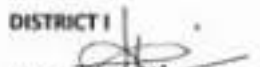
Section 9. Separability Clause. - if, for any reason, any portion or provision, section or part of the Code is declared not valid by a Court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revoked by the Sanggunian, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining portions, provisions, sections,




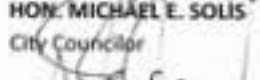
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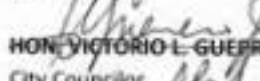
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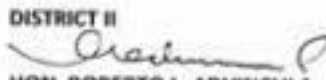

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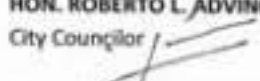

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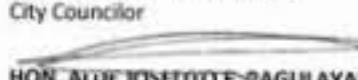

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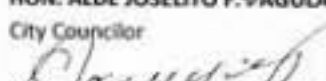

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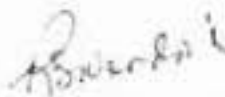
Section 10. Repealing Clause – All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Code are hereby considered repealed, amended or modified, accordingly.

Section 11. Date of Effectivity.– This Code shall take effect immediately after its publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite on 15 August 2022 during its regular session held at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the correctness of the quoted ordinance.



HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA

City Vice Mayor

ATTESTED BY:



ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.

Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

APPROVED:



HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA

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Date of Approval: SEPT. 01, 2022