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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
CITY ORDINANCE NO. 251- 2022  
Series of 2022

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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF SUCCESSION AMONG CITY OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF BACoor, CAVITE TO PRESERVE THE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE OF THE CITY DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CDRRMC) DURING DISASTERS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF TO BE KNOWN AS THE "DESIGNATED SURVIVOR ORDINANCE OF BACoor".**

Sponsored by:

**Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica**

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**WHEREAS**, the Philippines is a disaster-prone country because it is situated in the so-called Ring of Fire and lies in the path of no less than 20 typhoons per year.

**WHEREAS**, the country also has many armed groups that take up arms against the government and some of them do not hesitate to hold hostage entire cities just to air their grievances or to get what they want as evidenced by what happened to Marawi City in 2017, to Zamboanga City in 2013, and to Makati City in 1989.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bacoor is not immune to man-made and natural disasters and should therefore prepare for any eventuality.

**WHEREAS**, under Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10121 (the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010"), the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (CDRRMC) of the City of Bacoor shall be led by its Local Chief Executive (i.e., the City Mayor). The same provision mandates that the heads of the various departments and units under the Office of





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the City Mayor shall also become members of the CDRRMC.

**WHEREAS**, the CDRRMC is a vital component of the city government's emergency response capabilities because it: (a) approves, monitors and evaluates the implementation of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Plan (CDRRMP) and regularly reviews and tests the plan consistent with other national and local planning programs, (b) it ensures the integration of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into local development plans, programs and budgets as a strategy in sustainable development and poverty reduction, and (c) it recommends the implementation of forced or preemptive evacuation of local residents, if necessary.

**WHEREAS**, Section 23 (a) of Republic Act No. 10160 (the "Charter of the City of Bacoor") provides that "if a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city mayor, the city vice mayor concerned shall become the city mayor. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice mayor, the highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member or, in case of permanent incapacity, the second highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member becomes the city mayor or the city vice mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent vacancies in the said offices shall be filled automatically by the other sanggunian members according to their ranking as defined herein."

**WHEREAS**, in case a natural or man-made disaster occurs in the City of Bacoor that resulted in the death or permanent incapacity of all of its officials, there is no system of succession in place that will preserve the leadership structure of the CDRRMC and ensure the smooth implementation of the CDRRMP.

**WHEREAS**, there is likewise no existing policy that will ensure the survival of at least one of the elected officials of the City Government during a disaster and thereby prevent a leadership vacuum in the CDRRMC.

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 (the "Local Government Code of 1991") partly 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.

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**WHEREAS**, the likelihood that a disaster that will claim the lives or that permanently incapacitates the elected officials of the City of Bacoor and the heads of the various departments under the Office of the City Mayor is a grim possibility that the City Government must anticipate and be prepared for. To do otherwise is irresponsible as it will expose the people of the City of Bacoor to uncertainty and instability during a disaster.

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance seeks to address the situation mentioned above by creating a system of succession in the leadership structure of the CDRRMC and ensuring that at least one of the officials of the City of Bacoor survives during a disaster.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Designated Survivor Ordinance of Bacoor**".

**Section 2. The Designated Survivor Rule.** The City Mayor, Vice Mayor, and the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall not:

- (a) Go on leave at the same time or during the same period, or
- (b) All go to a place at the same time where there is an ongoing disaster for whatever reason.

The same rule shall also apply to the Head and second highest ranking employee of all departments and units under the Office of the City Mayor.

**Section 3. The Emergency Succession System.** In case the City Mayor dies or is permanently incapacitated during a disaster, the City Vice Mayor shall automatically become the Chairperson of the CDRRMC. In case the City Vice Mayor dies or is permanently incapacitated during a disaster, the sangguniang panlungsod member who garnered the highest number of votes during the last local elections held in the City of Bacoor prior to the occurrence of the said disaster shall automatically become the Chairperson of the CDRRMC. In case the City Mayor, City Vice Mayor, and the Sanggunian member who garnered

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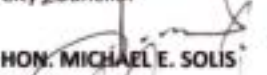



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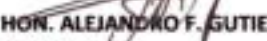
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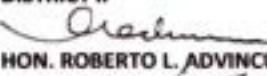
  
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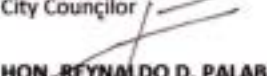
  
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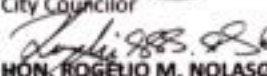
  
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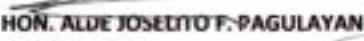
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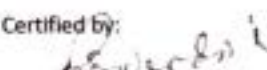
  
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the highest number of votes during the last local election dies or is permanently incapacitated during a disaster, the surviving sanggunian member/s that garnered the next highest number of votes during the last local elections held in the City of Bacoor prior to the occurrence of the said disaster shall automatically become the Chairperson of the CDRRMC.

In case the head of a department or unit under the Office of the City Mayor dies or is permanently incapacitated during a disaster, the next highest ranking employee of the said department or unit that survived the disaster shall automatically become the interim head of the said department or unit and shall become an interim member of the CDRRMC until a new department/unit head is appointed.

**Section 4. Penalty.** Any employee or official of the City Government who unjustifiably refuses to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be required to pay a fine of P5,000.00 and shall render community service for a period as may be determined by a court of law.

**Section 5. Implementing Rules.** With the assistance of the City Legal Services Office and the head of the Human Resources Development and Management Department, the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer of the City of Bacoor shall formulate the Implementing Rules of this Ordinance and shall submit the same to the City Mayor not later than sixty (60) days after the date of effectivity hereof.

**Section 6. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or contrary to law, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 7. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after it has been posted in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**APPROVED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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*I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved in accordance with law by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.*

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