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Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 263-2023

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE HOLDING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC EVENTS INVOLVING LARGE CROWDS AND/OR NUMEROUS MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND IMPOSING VARIOUS PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Sponsored by:

Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez and Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica

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Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian

WHEREAS, on the night of January 8, 2023, massive traffic jams were experienced in the immediate vicinity of SOMO Vista Mall situated along Daang Hari Boulevard, Barangay Molino IV, Bacoor City, Cavite due allegedly to the large crowd that attended a free concert held in the said commercial mall that evening. Numerous complaints were received by various city government officials coming from several individuals regarding the said traffic jams. Moreover, a number of the people who attended the said concert and who were compelled to walk home because no public utility vehicle could transport them sought emergency medical assistance from the first responders of the city government due to exhaustion. Fortunately, nobody was seriously injured that evening.

WHEREAS, a legislative inquiry in aid of legislation conducted by the Committee on Peace and Order and Public Safety revealed that neither the organizers of the said concert nor the management of the said mall obtained a permit from the city government prior to the holding of the said event.

WHEREAS, the unregulated holding of public events involving large crowds can potentially result in stampedes, traffic jams, and other types of public disturbances that might result in serious bodily harm, traffic congestion, or even death.

WHEREAS, Section 11 (1) (ii) of Republic Act No. 10160 (the "Charter of the City of Bacoor") provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the power to maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress

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lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose penalties for the violation of said ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE, upon the motion of Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod in regular session assembled that;

Section 1. Title: This Ordinance shall be known as the **"PUBLIC EVENTS REGULATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BACOR"**.

Section 2. Definition of Terms: As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be understood to mean as:

2.1. **Public Events** — are concerts, motorcades, parades, rallies, races, and other activities participated in by fifty (50) or more natural persons or fifteen (15) or more motor vehicles held anywhere in the City of Bacoor. The said term shall also encompass extra-curricular activities of schools/ learning institutions, religious processions, and funeral processions to be held on public roads and other public places regardless of the number of participants in the said activities.

2.2. **Traffic Management Plan** — a detailed combination of text, layouts, figures and drawings that define specifically what traffic control measures will be provided by the organizer of a public event, how they will be implemented and on what schedule and such other information as may be required from time to time by the BTMD.

2.3. **Bacoor Traffic Management Department** — the department of the city government tasked to enforce the various ordinances and policies of the city government related to traffic management.

2.4. **Emergency Evacuation Plan** — written, detailed procedures outlining the various schemes to be implemented by the organizer/s of public events in cooperation with the



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BDRRMO, the BFP, and the Bacoor City Police that aims to assist persons attending the said activities to quickly and safely leave any venue/place during the occurrence of any natural or man-made calamity.

2.5. Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office — the city government department primarily tasked to prevent disasters, prepare for any emergency, and to coordinate all efforts to address public emergencies.

2.6. Bureau of Fire Protection — the national agency tasked to implement the Fire Code of the Philippines.

2.7. Public Event Permit — a written authorization to be issued by the City Mayor or by the City Administrator authorizing the holding of a public event pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

2.8. Ordinance Violation Receipt — a legal document to be issued to any person who shall violate this Ordinance by the city government employees/officials tasked to implement this measure.

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

- Holding any public event in any venue within the City of Bacoor without a Public Event Permit;
- Failure to submit a Traffic Management Plan to the BTMD and an Emergency Evacuation Plan to the BDRRMO at least fifteen (15) working days prior to the holding of the event involving 3,000 or more natural persons or 50 or more motor vehicles;
- Failure to submit a Traffic Management Plan to the BTMD and an Emergency Evacuation Plan to the BDRRMO at least five (5) working days prior to the holding



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of the event involving fifty (50) or more but less than 3,000 natural persons and/or fifteen (15) or more but less than 50 motor vehicles;

- d. Unjustified failure of any person connected with the holding of the public event— including employees of the city government — to implement the Traffic Management Plan and the Emergency Management Plan that were approved by the BTMD and by the BDRMO respectively on the day the public event was held;
- e. Failure of any person to comply with the various terms and conditions of the Public Event Permit;
- f. Submission by the organizer/s of the public event of any false/falsified information or document related to the holding of the activity to any office or department of the city government;
- g. Unjustified refusal of the organizer/s of the public event or the management of the venue of the said activity to comply with lawful orders of any city government employee or official tasked to implement the approved Traffic Management Plan and Emergency Evacuation Plan;
- h. Unjustified failure of any city government employee or official to implement the approved Traffic Management Plan and Emergency Evacuation Plan; and
- i. Any act analogous or similar to any of the above-mentioned acts.

Section 4. The Public Event Permit. No Public Event Permit shall be issued in favor of the organizer/s of any public event unless the following procedures have been faithfully complied with:



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1] If the public event is expected to be participated in by 3,000 or more natural persons and/or 50 or more motor vehicles, the organizer/s shall write the City Mayor through the City Administrator at least fifteen (15) days prior to the holding of the public event. However, if the public event is expected to be participated in by fifty (50) or more but less than 3,000 natural persons and/or fifteen (15) or more but less than 50 motor vehicles, the organizer/s shall write the City Mayor through the City Administrator at least five (5) days prior to the holding of the public event. Attached to the said letter are the following:

- a. Name/address of the organizer/s. If the organizer is a corporation or partnership, the certification of registration of the said corporation or partnership issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) as well as the full name, addresses, and contact numbers of all of the incorporations/partners of the said juridical entity;
- b. Full description of the event which shall include the date/time when it shall be held, the place/s where it shall be held, and the number of people expected to attend the said event;
- c. A clear copy of the Traffic Management Plan and Emergency Evacuation Plan prepared by the organizer/s; and
- d. In the case of concerts or movie premiers, the organizers of the said event/s shall submit a surety bond issued by a reputable bonding company in the amount of P100,000.00 which amount shall be used to compensate any person who may be injured/damaged in the course of holding the event or immediately after its holding which are attributable to the fault or negligence of the organizer/s or their employees/agents. The said bond shall be returned to the organizer/s not later than thirty (30) days after the holding of the public event.

2). The City Mayor/City Administrator shall direct the BDRRMO and the BTMD to review the Traffic Management Plan and Emergency Evacuation Plan submitted by the organizer/s as well as all other



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documents/data submitted by the organizer/s. If no Traffic Management Plan and Emergency Evacuation Plan was attached to the letter — the City Mayor/City Administrator may either (a) disapprove the application or (b) direct the BDRMO and/or the BTMD to assist the organizer/s to prepare the said plans. Notices to the public regarding the said event as well as the traffic congestion that it might produce shall be posted prominently on the various social media outlets of the city government and on various public places within the city. The said notices shall also contain suggestions on the alternative routes that motorists might take to avoid being caught in any traffic jam that the public event might cause.

3) In case the public event is expected to involve 3,000 or more natural persons or 50 or more motor vehicles, the City Mayor/City Administrator must either approve or disapprove the application not later than five (5) calendar days prior to the holding of the public event. In case the public event is expected to involve fifty (50) or more but less than 3,000 natural persons and/or fifteen (15) or more but less than 50 or motor vehicles, the City Mayor/City Administrator must either approve or disapprove the application not later than two (2) calendar days prior to the holding of the public event. The organizers of masses, novenas, and other forms of religious worship usually done every week shall only apply once for the said permit.

4). The Public Event Permit shall be signed either by the City Mayor or the City Administrator and by the heads of the BTMD and BDRMO, the Chief of Police, and the Fire Marshall of the City of Bacoor.

Section 5. Claims on the Surety Bond. The surety bond to be submitted by organizers of concerts and movie premiers mentioned above — or any unclaimed portion thereof — shall be returned to the organizer/s not later than thirty (30) working days after the event. Persons who may have been injured or damaged during the holding of the event or immediately after its holding due to the fault or negligence of the organizer/s or by their employees/agents shall have twenty (20) working days within which to file a claim against the organizer/s of the event. The City Treasurer shall have custody of the said bond for not more than thirty (30) working days after the event and shall be



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held accountable for its loss/destruction. The City Treasurer shall also have the duty of returning the said bond or any unclaimed portion thereof to the organizer/s of the event.

Section 6. Forfeiture of Bond. In case the organizer/s of the event fail/s to claim the bond or any unclaimed portion thereof within 180 days after it was issued by a reputable bonding company and after sending a written notice to the last known address of any of the organizers, the City Treasurer may forfeit the same in favor of the city government. The said bond or any unclaimed portion thereof shall become part of the general funds of the city government.

Section 7. Penalties. (A) The following penalties shall be imposed against any natural person who shall violate this Ordinance after they have been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction:

First Offense: payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 and imprisonment for not more than 120 days.

Second Offense: payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 and imprisonment for not more than 240 days.

Third Offense: payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 and imprisonment for not more than 365 days.

In case the offender qualifies for the rendition of community service in lieu of paying the said fines or serving the said imprisonment pursuant to City Ordinance No. 228-2022 (the "Uniform Procedures Implementation Ordinance of Bacoor"), the payment of the said fines and the serving of the said imprisonment may be suspended.

(B) In case the offender is an employee of the city government, the said person may — aside from being made to pay the fines and to serve the prison terms mentioned above — also be terminated from employment pursuant to pertinent civil service rules and regulations.

(C) In case the offender is a corporation or partnership, the president, CEO, or managing partner of the said juridical entity shall pay the appropriate fines and shall



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serve the prison terms imposed by the court after conviction.

Section 8. Ordinance Violation Receipt. No criminal action shall be filed in court by any official/employee of the city government unless an Ordinance Violation Receipt is issued against the offender/s pursuant to the relevant provisions of City Ordinance No. 228-2022.

Section 9. Implementing Guidelines. The City Administrator with the assistance of the City Legal Officer, the Chief of Police, the City Fire Marshall, and the heads of the BTMD and the BDRMO shall formulate the implementing guidelines of this Ordinance and shall submit the same to the City Mayor not later than thirty (30) days after the date of effectivity hereof.

Section 10. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. All laws or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Acts are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance take effect fifteen (15) days upon approval of the city Council after public hearing called for this clause and after its publication in a newspaper of general publication.

ENACTED this 6th day of February 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed in accordance with law by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Certified by:

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