



Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 273-2023
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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ELECTIONS OF SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE, AND CREATING A SINGLE FEDERATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF BACOR AND TWO (2) CONFEDERATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BACOR: (1) DISTRICT 1 CONFEDERATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS OF BACOR CITY, AND (2) DISTRICT 2 CONFEDERATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS OF BACOR CITY.

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Hon. Michael E. Solis and Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides under Article XIII Section 11 that the State shall prioritize the needs of the elderly;

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides under Article XV Section 4 that the State may provide care for the elderly through just programs of social security;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code under Article III, Section 458, (a), (5) (xvii) provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod is empowered to approve an ordinance to establish a city council for the elderly which shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the community;

WHEREAS, R.A. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010 provides under Article 16 that local government units together with the DSWD, the OSCA, Non-governmental organization and people organizations for senior citizens shall develop and implement programs and social services for senior citizens. Local government units shall ensure that the developed programs and social services are provided. It includes self and social enhancement services which provide senior citizens opportunities for socializing, organizing, creative expression, and improvement of self;

WHEREAS, R.A. 9994 also provides under Rule IX, Section 3 that local government units concerned shall provide the

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necessary appropriations for the operation and maintenance of the OSCA;

WHEREAS, R.A. 9994 provides under Section 6 thereof that the head of the OSCA shall be appointed to serve the interest of senior citizens and shall not be removed or replaced except for reasons of death, permanent disability, or ineffective performance of his duties to the detriment of fellow senior citizens;

WHEREAS, the IRR of R.A. 9994 provides under Rule VI that it is the function of the OSCA to facilitate the creation of a city or municipality coordinating and monitoring board consisting of OSCA Head, the City or Municipal Social Work and Development Officer and the presidents of concerned duly registered senior citizens organizations to deliberate and act on the complaints;

WHEREAS, the IRR of R.A. 9994 also provides under Rule VI that it is the function of the OSCA to establish linkages and work together with the accredited NGOs, people's organizations, and the barangays in their respective areas;

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular 2019-81 where the DILG enjoined LGUs to formulate and implement plans and programs for senior citizens;

WHEREAS, there is an increasing number of election related disagreements among members of Senior Citizens Associations in the City of Bacoor;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City Government of Bacoor to maintain harmony among its constituents and to make effective the laws promoting the welfare of the same particularly the elderly;

BE IT ORDAINED by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite THAT:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Senior Citizens Associations Regulation of Elections (Senior Care) Ordinance**".

Section 2. Purpose and Coverage. This Ordinance intends to:

2.1. Prevent any misunderstandings and bickering among senior citizens related to the election of



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officers of senior citizen associations operating within the City of Bacoor, Cavite by formulating a clear set of guidelines related to the said elections,

2.2. Create a single Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the City of Bacoor, headed by a Federation President, and TWO (2) District **CONFEDERATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF BACOOR: (1) District 1 Confederation of Senior Citizens Associations of Bacoor City, and (2) District 2 Confederation of Senior Citizens of Bacoor City;** and

2.3. To further delineate and outline the powers and functions of the OSCA in harmony with relevant statutes and issuances of relevant government agencies.

Section 3. Powers and Functions of the OSCA. In harmony with the powers vested by law in the OSCA, the OSCA shall too act on the following:

- (1) Enforcement of this Ordinance;
- (2) Monitor, supervise, and if necessary conduct the election of senior citizens associations in the City of Bacoor;
- (3) Conduct voluntary methods of alternative dispute resolution on issues related to the conduct of elections and qualifications of candidates, and the interpretation and application of this Ordinance; and
- (4) Directly supervise and advise the Federation of Senior Citizens of Association of the City of Bacoor in complying with this Ordinance.

Section 4. Binding Nature of OSCA Ruling; Appeal. Any election complaint/petition shall be handled for mediation and resolution by the Senior citizen's Federation of the City of Bacoor before it will be filed before OSCA. Unless appealed, the decision of the head of the OSCA on any controversy related to the interpretation of this Ordinance shall be binding on all contending parties. The said decision shall become binding on the said parties if no written appeal is filed with the Office of the City Mayor within ten (10) working days following their receipt of the OSCA decision. The City Mayor shall rule on the appeal, with the assistance of the City Legal Officer, within fifteen (15) working days upon receipt thereof.

Section 5. Qualifications of Membership in Senior Citizens Associations.



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To be a member of any senior citizens association within the City of Bacoor, the applicant must be:

- At least 60 years of age;
- A Filipino Citizen, or a Dual Citizen, or a Naturalized Citizen of the Philippines;
- A resident of the City of Bacoor for at least one (1) year;
- Must possess a certificate of residency to be issued by the Punong Barangay where the applicant resides; and
- Must submit supporting documents as may be required by the City Government and the OSCA.

Section 6. Ban Against Membership in More than One Association. No senior citizen shall be allowed to be a member of more than one senior citizen association within the City of Bacoor. A senior citizen who changed residences must inform the association where he/she is registered about his/her intent to change residences either in writing, email, or text message. The officials of the association where the senior citizen used to be a member of shall notify the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) within seven working days about the change of residence of its former member. Upon receipt of the said notification, the OSCA shall remove the senior citizen's name from the membership roll of the association concerned and put his/her name in the roll of members of the association that he/she will join because of the said change of residence. Aside from the said notice of change in residence, the senior citizen concerned shall not be required to submit any document just to move from one association to another. Neither shall the said senior citizen be required to pay any fee to effect his/her change of association.

Section 7. Elective Officers. Each senior citizen association covered by this ordinance shall elect a President, Vice President, and fifteen members to the association's Board of Directors. Once elected, the members of the Board of Directors, the President, and the Vice President shall elect an Auditor from among the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Appointive Officers. The following officers shall be appointed by the President of the Association from among the members of the Board of Directors: secretary, treasurer, business manager, press relations officer, and sergeant-at-arms. No one person shall hold more than one (1) position in the association.

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The appointments made by President shall require the concurrence of the majority of the elected members of the Board of Directors.

Section 9. Honorary Officers. The past president of all senior citizens associations covered by this Ordinance shall become an honorary member of the board of directors of the said aggrupation. PROVIDED that, he/she shall not have the power to appoint any employee or officer of the association, the power to vote, or to be elected. However, he/she shall be consulted by the Board of Directors on all matters related to the operations of their association.

Section 10. Qualifications of Candidates. To be qualified to run as an officer or director of the association, a candidate must be a member of the association for at least one (1) year and must be a resident of the barangay with jurisdiction over the association for at least one (1) year. The Punong Barangay of the said barangay and all government employees are not qualified to become an officer of the association.

Section 11. Term of Office. All officers of the association, including members of the Board of Directors, shall serve a term of three (3) years. They can be reelected for another term but can only serve for two (2) consecutive terms.

Section 12. Qualification of a Voter. To qualify as a voter, a senior citizen must be in the master list of the association and must have paid all of his/her membership dues at least ten (10) days prior to the day of the election. The voter must also be able to read and write and must possess a sound mind for at least three (3) consecutive days leading to the elections and on the day of the elections itself.

Section 13. Pre-Election Activity. Before the election, the association shall conduct a General Assembly to discuss all election matters and other association matters. The association may set a last day of registration of members to be included in the master list, if necessary.

Section 14. Nomination Election Committee. A body that will take charge of the nomination process and election of the Association's covered by this Ordinance to be known as the Nomination Election Committee (NEC) is hereby created. The NEC shall be composed of the Incumbent officers of the City Federation of Senior



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Citizens Associations of the City of Bacoor or their duly authorized representative/s to supervise the conduct of election in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) and the OSCA. There must be a representative from the City Social Welfare (CSWD) and Office of the Senior Citizen's Affairs (OSCA) in the conduct of elections to monitor and assist in ensuring free and credible elections.

Section 15. Mandatory Elections. All senior citizens associations in the City of Bacoor are mandated to hold elections once every three years not later than the last day of December.

Section 16. Power of City Mayor to Call for Elections and Appoint Officers. In case an association fails or refuses to call elections within the period mentioned in the immediately preceding section, the City Mayor shall have the power to call for elections on a date of his/her own choosing as well as appoint interim officers who will take charge of the association's affairs while the new officers have not yet been elected. The term of office of the interim officers appointed by the City Mayor shall expire immediately after the duly elected officers of the association have been proclaimed by the NEC.

Section 17. Applicability to the Federation of Senior Citizens Associations. Sections 10 to 14 of this Ordinance shall also apply to the election of officers of the Federation of Senior Citizens Associations.

Section 18. Prohibited Acts. The commission of the following acts are hereby prohibited:

18.1. Coercing, bribing, or preventing a senior citizen from being nominated as an officer of the Association or from voting;

18.2. Unjustifiably refusing to adhere to the Decision of the OSCA or of the City Mayor on a controversy related to the interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance;

18.3. Unjustifiable refusal to hold elections during the period specified above; and

18.4. Other acts similar or analogous to the foregoing.

Section 19. Implementing Guidelines. The OSCA, with the assistance of the City Legal Service Office, is

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hereby directed to formulate the implementing guidelines of this Ordinance and to submit the same to the City Mayor for approval not later than sixty (60) days after the effectivity hereof.

Section 20. Repeal Clause. All ordinances and resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 21. Separability Clause. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or void by a competent court of law, the other provisions hereof not affected by the said declaration shall remain valid.

Section 22. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been posted in at least three conspicuous places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

APPROVED this 27th day of March 2023 by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance has been duly approved in accordance with law by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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