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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 342-2024**  
Series of 2024

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE ADOPTION OF UNDERGROUND CABLE LAYOUT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES IN SELECTED AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Sponsored by:

**Hon. Levy Tela and Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica**

Co-Sponsored by:

**Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Randy C. Francisco, Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan, and Hon. Michael E. Solis.**

**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance No. 2013-051 updated Municipal Ordinance No. 6, Series of 2009 ("An Ordinance Regulating the Installation of Distribution Lines of various Public Utilities in the Municipality of Bacoor") also known as "Anti-Dangling Wire Ordinance" with the intention of reducing the incidence of dangling wires along public roads and thoroughfares which are considered as eye sores and to promote public safety.

**WHEREAS**, City Ordinance No. 271-2023 amended certain provisions of Municipal Ordinance No. 25-2014 which regulated the digging/excavation activities over public roads, thoroughfares, including alleys and sidewalks, after the incident of a road crash that caused the death of a motorcycle rider due to road excavation along Aguinaldo Highway in 2023.

**WHEREAS**, in order to further promote public safety and enhance the aesthetic appeal of various public places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite, the City Government of Bacoor intends to implement the laying out of electric and other public utility cables underground within the Bacoor Government Center, the reclamation projects within the City of Bacoor, and other areas to be developed within the City after the effectivity date of this Ordinance.



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NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod that:

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Bacoor City Underground Cabling Ordinance of 2024**".

**SECTION 2. Purpose and Objective.** - This Ordinance aims to promote the use of underground cabling in construction developments in the City of Bacoor and to reduce the proliferation of aerial transmission cables for power, telecommunications, cable television, internet, and other public utilities relying on cable distribution.

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall be defined as follows:

1. **Aerial Cabling** - the method of grouping cables and wires of public utilities for distribution above the natural grade line but higher than the usual height of vehicles and trucks and relies on pole attachment for distribution.
2. **Bacoor Government Center** - the area owned by the City Government of Bacoor where the City Hall and other adjacent buildings and structures are found, located in Barangay Bayanan, and whose main road access is through Bacoor Boulevard pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 26, Series of 2011.
3. **Construction** - any activity that involves development or civil works, such as excavation, earth fill, erection of poles, provision for utility cabinets, manholes, etc. and is affecting the public in general by its nature, vicinity, or incidence.
4. **Distribution** - the process of conveying public utility service from the source to the end user/clients.
5. **Natural Grade Line** - the elevation of the undisturbed and undeveloped ground/soil in a particular area. This may



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also refer to the lowest elevation of improvement without excavation or earth fill activities.

6. **Pole Attachment** - the process of connecting objects to erected poles, usually public utilities with cable distribution lines.
7. **Raceway** - an enclosed channel forming a physical path for electrical and other utility cables.
8. **Underground Cabling** - the method of grouping cables and wires of public utilities for distribution below the natural grade line.

**SECTION 4. Areas for Underground Cabling** — The priority areas for underground cabling shall be determined by the City Mayor based on technical suitability upon the recommendation of the City Engineering Office. For this purpose, the Bacoor Government Center and the Bacoor Bay Reclamation Area shall be designated as the pilot underground cabling areas for expansion and development.

All housing, subdivision, and commercial development projects done by the City Government using its own funds, whether subsidized or not by the national government, or through public-private partnerships or joint venture agreements, shall strictly adopt underground cabling methodologies as default projects after the effectivity of this Ordinance.

All private applications for residential, commercial, and industrial development projects after the effectivity of this Ordinance with an area of not less than 10,000 square meters shall adopt underground cabling as a default, unless certified as not suitable by a Professional Electrical Engineer.

**SECTION 5. General Requirements for Underground Cabling.** The following requirements for underground cabling shall be strictly implemented and observed:



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1. All underground cabling must be protected by the following:

- Enclosures or raceways shall be provided to direct buried wires and cables, including those emerging from grade.
- Wires and cables entering a building shall likewise have protective enclosures.
- Underground services conductors that are not encased in concrete shall have sufficient warning ribbon placed in the trench at least 300 mm above ground installation.
- Conductors shall be installed in rigid metal conduit, intermediate metal conduit, schedule 80 rigid non-metallic conduit, or equivalent.
- Electrical cables shall have separate enclosures and raceways from those of telephone, video, and data cables.

2. The Philippine Electrical Code and the Philippine Electronics Code shall apply to all requirements for underground wiring and cabling under this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. Transition to Underground Cabling.** Within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the concerned utility companies relying on aerial cabling and pole attachments shall present a master plan/study of their transition to underground cabling, particularly identifying the costs, benefits, and/or disadvantages. The outcome of the studies shall be the basis of the City Government of Bacoor on the phasing of underground cabling and to identify specific areas for this purpose.

**SECTION 7. Investment and Tax Incentives.** Public utility companies that shall implement underground cabling methodologies, including the conversion of existing aerial cabling into underground cabling, shall be provided with appropriate incentives in accordance with the Local Investments and Incentives Code (LIIC). For new areas of development, a real property tax holiday of five (5) years shall be provided on top of other incentives.



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**Section 8. Penal Clause** — Any person that committed any of the following acts or omission shall be imprisoned for one (1) year or shall be meted a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) or both upon conviction by a court of law:

1. Misrepresenting the development area to evade or circumvent the requirement of underground cabling;
2. Conniving with and/or coercing a Professional Electrical Engineer or other competent professionals to issue a certification that underground cabling is not suitable in the area; and/or
3. Violating the Philippine Electrical Code, the Philippine Electronics Code, and other established Codes that pertain to underground cabling as defined in this Ordinance.

If the offender is a juridical entity, the penalties mentioned above shall be imposed on its board of directors and executive officers who failed or refused to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance despite their receipt of a written notice of violation.

**SECTION 9. Implementation and Implementing Rules and Regulations.** This Ordinance shall be implemented by the City Engineering Office in the case of government owned or controlled development projects and by the Office of the City Building Official in the case of privately owned or controlled development projects within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

The Office of the City Legal Services shall submit the draft Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance for the review and approval of the City Mayor not later than sixty (60) days after the date of effectivity hereof.

**SECTION 10. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any provision or part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 11. Repealing Clause.** - All Ordinances, Resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with the



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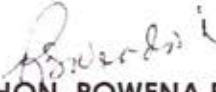
foregoing provisions are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. Effectivity.** — This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor Province of Cavite.

**ENACTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacoor at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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

Certified by:

  
**HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA**  
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Date of Approval: 06 MAR 2024