



Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 343-2024

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE INSTALLATION OF MARKERS OR MONUMENTS BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, under Section 458 of the Local Government Code, is empowered to regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings, and structures within the City to promote the general welfare and for said purpose shall require that buildings and the premises thereof, and any land within the City be kept and maintained in a functional and sanitary condition.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the power to regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, parks, and other public places and approve the construction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of the same, including the power to regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit encroachments or obstacles thereon, and when necessary, in the interest of public welfare, authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public places.

WHEREAS, non-government organizations are encouraged to take an active role in the local government units to foster good governance and local autonomy through developing and strengthening partnerships with them in the program planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation relative to the delivery of public services.

WHEREAS, markers and monuments have served a variety of purposes in the history of Bacoor, including the remembering of significant historical events, honoring military heroes or events, recognizing the contributions (civic, humanitarian, artistic, etc.) of

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particular people or groups of people, and generally enhancing public spaces.

WHEREAS, the City Government aims to provide guidelines and procedures that will govern the installation of these markers or monuments to ensure that the same conforms with safety and environmental protocols and aligns with the overall urban development plan of the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Installation of Land Markers Regulation Ordinance of the City of Bacoor.**"

Section 2. Purpose. This Ordinance aims to:

1. Regulate the installation of land markers by civil society organizations in public spaces, sidewalks, or center islands.
2. Ensure that the civil society organization, be it a group of professionals, business, or for civic or humanitarian purposes, which intends to place a marker or monument in public places is duly accredited by the City Government of Bacoor.
3. Ensure that markers or monuments are properly placed or installed in public places without destroying, altering, or defacing the natural landscape, particularly the historical sites and tourist destinations.
4. Provide guidelines to civil society organizations interested in installing or placing a marker or monument on public places or spaces within the City of Bacoor; and
5. Provide penalties for violations of this ordinance.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. The following terms as used in this ordinance, shall be understood as:

1. **Civil Society Organization (CSO)** — a non-state and non-profit association that works to improve society and the human condition. It can be a civic organization, professional group, business group, non-government organization, people's organization, or cooperative.
2. **Civic Organization** — any local service club, fraternal society or association, volunteer group, or local civic league or association not organized for profit but operated exclusively for educational or



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charitable purposes, including the promotion of community welfare and the earnings of which are devoted exclusively to charitable, educational, recreational or social-welfare purpose.

3. **Professional Group** - a duly incorporated non-stock corporation of registered professionals established for the benefit and welfare of the professionals of one discipline, the advancement of the profession itself, and the other professional ends.
4. **Business Group** - a non-stock corporation composed of businesses in the Same industry established to pursue the industry's interests.
5. **Accredited Organization** - an organization that obtains accreditation or authority from the Sangguniang Panlungsod for representation to a local special body and for other purposes, such as participation in local government programs.
6. **Marker** - any permanent or semi-permanent plaque with text embed in the ground, mounted to a structure, or placed on a freestanding pole to inform the public about a historical event, place, person, or organization.
7. **Monument** - any permanent or semi-permanent object (including statues, fountains, obelisks, and significant plantings) installed specifically to commemorate or memorialize an event, place, or person.

Section 4. Coverage. This Ordinance shall cover all markers or monuments intended to be installed in public places or spaces within the City of Bacoor, Cavite by any civil society organization, civic group, professional group, or business group duly accredited as such by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Section 5. Exemption. Historical or cultural markers or monuments placed or built pursuant to the authority of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines are exempt from this ordinance. Markers or monuments introduced and installed by the city government on any government buildings, bridges, or other public property or improvements are likewise exempt from this article.



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Section 6. Implementing Office. The City Engineering Office (CEO) shall be the lead office in charge of the implementation of this Ordinance. It shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Collect data and make an inventory of all the markers and monuments installed in public places or spaces within the City of Bacoor by civil society organizations.
2. Formulate guidelines on the allowable specifications of a marker or monument that may be introduced or installed on public property.
3. Administer, coordinate, supervise, and control the installation, placement, construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair of markers or monuments on public spaces or properties within the City in consideration of the existing city architectural plan and design.
4. Submit a recommendation to the City Mayor of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the approval of any application for the installation of a marker or monument.
5. Review, formulate, and recommend measures for appropriate action of the City Mayor or the Sangguniang Panlungsod on the implementation and/or amendments of this Ordinance.
6. Make an annual report to the City Mayor on the implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Permit to Install a Marker or Monument. No marker or monument shall be installed on any public property, spaces, sidewalks, or center island by any civil society organization, civic group, professional group, or business group without prior approval and permit from the City Mayor through a Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution after compliance with the requirements provided hereunder. Any intended modification, movement, demolition, or removal of the existing markers or monument installed by CSOs, COs, PGs, or BGs shall not be allowed unless after securing a permit from the City Mayor.

Section 8. General Conditions. In the evaluation of the application of any interested civil society organization, civic group, professional group, or business group the following conditions should be taken into consideration to determine if the location or site is appropriate for the installation of a marker or monument:

1. The design, content, or language of a marker or monument reflecting the principles of the applicant CSO, CO, PG, or BG shall have historical, aesthetic, local, and general significance to the interest of the general public. It shall be respectful of the



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values and culture of the community where it is intended to be installed.

2. All monuments and markers shall be properly set in the ground and surveyed and approved by the City Engineering Office, prior to recommendation to the City Mayor and the Sangguniang Panlungsod for the approval of the application.
3. The installation of a proposed marker or monument should not cause overcrowding at the site or - if there are other existing markers or monuments thereon - result in the diminishing the visibility or aesthetic value of the markers and monuments that were first erected on the said site.
4. The establishment of the proposed marker or monument should not have a negative impact on the environment or the ecology and should not anger or offend the sensibilities of persons residing in the community where the marker or monument is supposed to be erected.
5. The proposed marker or monument should not require the removal or alteration of existing above or below ground utilities.
6. The proposed location should be large enough to accommodate a marker or monument and should not encroach on other existing marker or monument sites, buildings, sidewalks, or thoroughfares.
7. The proposed location should not be prone to frequent automobile accidents or flooding which could damage the proposed marker or monument.
8. The proposed site should be easy to maintain. The care and maintenance of the marker or monument shall be undertaken by the applicant CSO, CO, PG or BG including its immediate surroundings.
9. The installation of a marker or monument should enhance the public space and character of the surrounding community or neighborhood.
10. The installation of a marker or monument should not require the alteration or removal of existing traffic or street signs and other government-installed signs.
11. The proposed site should be visible and accessible from a public right of way; and
12. The marker or monument must be made of enduring quality materials.

Section 9. Requirements for the Application of Permit. Any civil society organization, civic group, professional group, or business group interested on installing a marker or monument on public places or spaces or introducing any improvement on the existing ones shall comply with the following requirements:



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1. Documentary requirements, the complete list of which shall be provided in the implementing Rules and Regulations, proving that it is a duly accredited or legitimate civil society organization, civic group, professional group, or business group.
2. Application letter duly addressed to the City Mayor indicating its interest in installing marker or monument in a public area or place.
3. Submission of a City Resolution signifying that it is a bonafide civil society organization duly accredited by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacoor.
4. A resolution of the CSO, CO, PG, or BG stating its interest in installing a marker or monument.
5. Submission of a project plan for the construction/installation, maintenance, and preservation and/or restoration of the proposed marker or monument.
6. Details of the intended design, content, measurement, and other specifications of the marker or monument to be placed or built in a public place or space.
7. Proposed location or site plan where the marker or monument is to be placed or built.
8. Information when the marker or monument is to be set; and
9. Approval letter of a homeowners' association or the barangay concerned on the area where a marker or monument will be installed.

Section 10. Procedure for Issuance of Permit. The following procedures shall be observed in the issuance of permits to establish a marker or monument:

1. A CSO, CO, PG, or BG shall submit to the Office of the City Mayor an application letter requesting a permit to install a marker or monument on a public place or property together with the requirements mentioned in the preceding section. The design, layout, location, purpose, and bills of materials of the monument/marker to be erected must be attached to the said letter.
2. The Office of the City Mayor shall transmit the application request and requirements to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the City Engineering Office (CEO) for evaluation, of the proposed installation of a marker or monument.
3. The CEO shall conduct a survey on the proposed site on which a marker or monument is intended to be placed to ensure that no utilities will be damaged by the installation. The CEO may seek assistance from the following city offices:

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- a. City Tourism and Cultural Affairs Department in identifying whether the proposed site is a local historic area; and/or the
- b. City Planning and Development Office and/or City Zoning and Land Development Department to determine if there are future government projects in the proposed area.

4. The CEO shall make recommendations based on its survey and assessment.
5. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall conduct a hearing to determine the appropriateness of the application request by a CSO, CO, PG, or BG taking into consideration the recommendation made by the CEO.
6. The Sanggunian shall review the completeness of the requirements submitted and decide whether to approve/disapprove the application. If the application is approved, it shall issue a City Resolution of no objection on the proposed installation of a marker or monument, otherwise, a notice of disapproval shall be sent to the applicant CSO.
7. On the basis of a city resolution, the City Mayor shall issue a permit; and
8. The permit shall be automatically revoked if no installation of marker or monument or preparation thereof takes place within three (3) months from the issuance of such permit.

Section 11. Application Fee. A fee of Php2,500.00 shall be paid by the applicant organization to the Office of the City Treasurer within five (5) days from the issuance of a Permit signifying approval of the application before it can proceed with the actual construction and/or installation of a marker or monument.

Section 12. Penalties. A fine of Php2,500.00 or imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days, or both, shall be imposed against any person who shall violate this Ordinance after he/she has been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction.

In case any violation of this Ordinance is committed by a partnership, corporation, association, or any other juridical person, the partner, president, director, or manager who shall consent to or shall knowingly tolerate such violation shall be directly liable and responsible for the act of its member/s or employee/s.



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Section 13. Separability. If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 14. Repeal. The provisions of all City Ordinances, contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby amended or repealed accordingly.

Section 15. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

APPROVED this 12th day of February 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite, by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacoor City, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is true and correct and that it was passed in accordance with law.

Certified by:

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