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AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING ALL BARANGAYS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE TO ISSUE BARANGAY CERTIFICATES FOR FREE TO CITY RESIDENTS WHO ARE INDIGENTS, SENIOR CITIZENS, STUDENTS, SOLO PARENTS, FIRST TIME JOBSEEKERS AND/OR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, MANDATING THE USE OF A UNIFORM, COLOR-CODED DESIGN FOR ALL BARANGAY CLEARANCES AND BARANGAY IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO ENHANCE THE DELIVERY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Proposed by:

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WHEREAS, the late President Ramon Magsaysay once said that those who have less in life should have more in law. The truth of this decades old adage remains painfully palpable.

WHEREAS, everyday scores of poor Bacooreños come to City Hall seeking financial assistance from the City Government. Ironically, these hapless people are required by various barangays to pay for barangay clearances just to prove that they are indigent residents of the said barangays despite the obvious fact that they have very money to spare.

WHEREAS, making the task of aiding poverty stricken Bacooreños more complicated is the disparate design of clearances and identification cards being issued by barangays for their constituents which make it difficult to identify who are truly in need of financial aid from the City Government and who are just out to earn a fast buck at the expense of the truly needy.

WHEREAS, in order to make it easier for economically challenged Bacooreños to obtain financial aid from the City



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Government, there is a need to pass an Ordinance that exempts indigent Bacoor City residents from paying for barangay clearances and requiring the use of a uniform design for the clearances and identifications cards being issued by barangays.

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

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the "**Free Barangay Clearances for Indigents Ordinance of Bacoor**".

Section 2. Purposes. This Ordinance aims to exempt indigent city residents from paying for barangay clearances and identification cards and to facilitate the issuance of the said clearances and cards by directing all the barangays of the City of Bacoor, Cavite to use a uniform design therefor.

Section 3. Exemption of Indigents, students, Senior Citizens, Solo Parents, First Time jobseekers, and PWDs from Paying for Barangay Clearances and IDs. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, all indigent residents, students, Senior Citizens, solo parents, first time jobseekers and PWDs of the City of Bacoor, Cavite shall be exempted from paying for barangay clearances and barangay identification cards.

The definition of the following words/phrases used in this Ordinance shall be:

3.1. **Indigents** are persons who are unemployed and whose legal spouse or common-law spouse is also jobless, or to those who belong to families where the members of which have a combined monthly income of not more than Php 5,000.00, or to those persons certified as indigent by the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO);

3.2. **Students** are persons enrolled in elementary, high school, college, or vocational schools at the time when the application for a barangay clearance or ID was made. The term does not include those who are enrolled in post-graduate courses such as medicine, law, or masters degree courses;

3.3. **Senior Citizens** are persons aged 60 years old or above at the time when the application for a barangay clearance or ID was made;

3.4. **Solo Parents** are persons identified as such under Republic Act No. 11861 (the "Expanded Solo Parents Act")



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and its Implementing Rules and Regulations or those who have been certified as such by the CSWDO;

3.5. **Persons With Disability (PWD)** are those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others. A PWD may either be (a) someone in possession of a valid PWD ID issued by the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO), or (b) a person who is obviously suffering from a physical disability such as but not limited to blindness or the inability to walk even if not in possession of a PWD ID; and

3.6. **First-Time Job Seekers** are persons who applied for the first time for a barangay clearance and/or barangay ID for purposes of employment. **Provided** that a person who transferred residence from one barangay to another and applied for a barangay clearance/ID for the first time for employment purposes as a resident of the barangay where he/she transferred residence shall also be considered as a "first time job seeker".

Section 4. Determination of Indigency. Only the following persons can be considered as indigents:

4.1. Those who are unemployed and whose legal spouse or common-law spouse, if any, is also jobless.

4.2. Those who belong in a family the members of which has a combined income of not more than P5,000.00 per month; and

4.3. Those who are certified by the City Social Welfare and Development Office as indigent.

Section 5. Uniform Barangay Clearance and Barangay ID Design. To facilitate the monitoring of financial assistance being given to indigent city residents and to prevent their falsification, all barangay clearances and identification cards must have a uniform design to be formulated by the E-Governance Department in coordination with the Liga ng mga Barangay, the Philippine National Police, the CSWD, and Office of the City Legal Services.

Section 6. Prohibited Acts. The following acts and omissions are hereby prohibited:

6.1. Issuing a certificate of indigency to the undeserving.

6.2. Falsifying barangay clearances and barangay identification cards.



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6.3. Collecting fees from indigent city residents and other persons exempt as provided in Section 3 of this ordinance for the issuance of barangay clearances and barangay identification cards.

6.4. Issuing barangay clearances and barangay identification cards to non-residents of a particular barangay; and

6.5. Acts or omissions similar or analogous to the foregoing.

Section 7. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed against any person who are convicted of violating this Ordinance:

For barangay or city government personnel/officials:
Payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 or imprisonment for three (3) months to nine (9) months, or both payment of fine and imprisonment as may be determined by a competent court of law. The offender may also be terminated from employment or be removed from public office as may be determined by the court.

For persons not employed by the government:
Payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 or imprisonment for three (3) months to nine (9) months, or both payment of fine and imprisonment as may be determined by a competent court of law.

Section 8. Implementing Rules and Regulation. The OCLS, in coordination with the E-Governance Department, the PNP, the CSWDO, the Liga ng mga Barangay, and the Office of the City Administrator, shall submit the proposed implementing rules and regulations of this ordinance for the approval of the City Mayor not more than sixty (60) days after the date of effectivity hereof.

Section 9. Automatic Review. The Sangguniang Panlungsod shall automatically review this Ordinance every two years from the date of effectivity hereof or whenever necessary.

Section 10. Repeal. All ordinances, resolutions, orders, and regulations of the City Government inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 11. Separability. Any provision hereof not affected by a judicial order declaring any part of this Ordinance void or unconstitutional shall remain valid.



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Section 12. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately after it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

ENACTED this 25TH day of March 2024 by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved in accordance with law.

Certified by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested by:

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Date of Approval: 04 APR 2024