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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 377-2024
Series of 2024**

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFTS (RPAs) OR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAVs), MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS DRONES, WITHIN 100 METERS FROM THE BACOOR CITY JAIL AND OTHER DETENTION FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF BACOOR, CAVITE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Authored by:

**HON. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ
(Chairman, Committee on Peace and Order and Public Safety)**

Sponsored by:

Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Palm Angel S. Buncio, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Randy C. Francisco, Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Michael E. Solis and Hon. Levy M. Tela.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) of Republic Act No. 7160 (the "Local Government Code of 1991") empowered the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact ordinances, approve resolutions, and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants.

WHEREAS, Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPAs) and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) — more popularly referred to as drones — may be used for many commercial and artistic purposes. However, they may also be used as a tool for gathering information through the recording or photographing of various public places and government facilities.

WHEREAS, due to their design, adaptability, relative stealthiness, and ease of operation, drones can be used in transporting illegal drugs, deadly weapons, and other contraband, as well as in the surveillance of jail facilities which could threaten the safety and security of the same and aid in the escape of persons deprived of liberty (PDL) being detained in the said facilities.



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WHEREAS, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) issued Memorandum Circular No. 21-14 (the "New Provisions to the Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations [PCAR] on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle") and Philippine Civil Aviation Regulations Part 11 (PCAR 11) on "Aerial Work and Operating Limitations for Non-Type Certified Aircraft" which regulated the commercial operation of RPAs and UAVs in populous areas. However, the said CAAP regulations did not contain any provision regarding the operation of the said aerial devices near or within the immediate vicinity of jail facilities.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod and the City Government are duty bound to ensure the safety and security, not only of its inhabitants but also of PDL inside the Bacoor City Jail and other detention facilities within the City of Bacoor.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod may enact ordinances in order to provide measures, sanctions and other regulatory policies, bearing in mind the general welfare of the people, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, notwithstanding the memorandum issued by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) pertaining to drone operation. The enactment of such ordinance is a valid exercise of police power, for which reason, this august body has agreed to enact this ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite in session assembled, THAT:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "DRONE OPERATION NEAR JAILS PROHIBITION ORDINANCE OF BACOR".

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. This Ordinance is enacted to ensure and promote public health, safety and security by prohibiting the operation of drones within one hundred (100) meters from the Bacoor City Jail and other detention facilities within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.



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SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance the following terms shall be construed to mean as follows:

- a. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) – is an aircraft without a human pilot aboard capable of carrying weapons or light cargo and conducting surveillance operations that can operate autonomously using onboard computers or with minimal human control.
- b. Remotely Piloted Aircrafts (RPAs) – is an aircraft of varying sizes and designs capable of carrying weapons or light cargo and conducting surveillance operations that is remotely piloted by a human situated some distance from the said aircraft.
- c. Bacoor City Jail- City Jail Male and Female Dormitory under the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology catering to Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL).
- d. Detention Facility – any existing, or yet to be constructed, facility situated within the City of Bacoor constructed and operated using public funds for the purpose of detaining PDL.

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION. The operation of any unmanned aerial vehicle or remotely piloted aircraft within 100 meters of the Bacoor City Jail, or any other detention facility within the City of Bacoor, Cavite, without any written clearance from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and from the Jail Warden/s of the Bacoor City Jail is expressly prohibited.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. Upon conviction by a first level court in the City of Bacoor, Cavite, the following penalties shall be imposed against any person who shall violate this Ordinance:

- a. First Offense – Payment of a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00);
- b. Second Offense – Payment of a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00);
- c. Third Offenses – Payment of a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP5,000.00) or imprisonment for a period of more than three (3) months but not



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exceeding six (6) months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Aside from the foregoing penalties, the presiding judge of the court that will hear the case against any person apprehended for violating this Ordinance shall also have the power to order the confiscation and deletion by the BJMP of any picture, video, or audio file recorded by the offender using a UAV or RPA that compromises the security of the Bacoor City Jail and other detention facilities within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. The Department of Public Safety (DPS), the officials of the barangay which has territorial jurisdiction over the Bacoor City Jail and other detention facilities within the City, and all Bacoor City Jail personnel shall ensure the strict and faithful enforcement or implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR). The City Legal Services Office, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and the Liga ng mga Barangay shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance within sixty (60) days from the date of effectivity hereof which shall be subject to the approval of the City Mayor.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any section or provisions of this Ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEAL CLAUSE. Any ordinance, executive order, or resolution inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, revoked, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.



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APPROVED this 20th day of May 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. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA
City Councilor / Acting Presiding Officer

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Date of Approval: 28 MAY 2024