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City Vice Mayor

Approved by:  
HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA  
City Mayor

**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 409-2024  
SERIES OF 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE ILLEGAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS DURING THE NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION PERIOD AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Sponsored by:  
**Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez**

Co-Sponsored by:  
**Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Ramon N. Bautista, Hon. Palm Angel S. Buncio, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Randy C. Francisco, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan, Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, Hon. Michael E. Solis and Hon. Levy M. Tela.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of the Philippines, also known as the General Welfare Clause, local government units are mandated to exercise their powers to promote the general welfare, which includes the protection of their constituents' lives, health, safety, and property;

**WHEREAS**, the indiscriminate discharge of firearms during the New Year's Eve celebration poses significant dangers to public safety, often leading to injuries, fatalities, property damage, and heightened alarm, thereby disrupting the peace and order that local government units are duty-bound to uphold under the law;

**WHEREAS**, it is within the authority of the City Government of Bacoor pursuant to the Charter of the City of Bacoor<sup>2</sup> to enact ordinances that address specific safety concerns within its jurisdiction, supplementing the penalties provided under national laws, including the Revised Penal Code, as amended, and the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, as amended, with additional local enforcement measures;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bacoor has a duty to ensure the welfare and security of all Bacooreños, particularly during the New Year's celebration period when celebratory gunfire is prevalent, thus necessitating stricter local deterrents against unlawful gunfire from December 30 to January 2 each year;



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**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes that the unlawful discharge of firearms not only endangers public safety but also erodes trust in law enforcement's capacity to maintain order, making it imperative to impose local measures that support and enhance existing national laws against gun violence and negligence;

**WHEREAS**, during past holiday periods in the Philippines, numerous incidents of illegal firearm discharge have led to injuries and, in certain cases, fatalities, highlighting the need for a proactive, preventive approach at the local level to protect Bacooreños from harm and promote a culture of responsible firearm use;

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of local penalties and heightened enforcement against illegal firearm discharge during this critical period serves as a deterrent to potential offenders and underscores the City Government's commitment to uphold public safety and the rule of law within the City of Bacoor;

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of its mandate under the Charter of the City of Bacoor and the Local Government Code, the City Government of Bacoor seeks to implement local regulations that fortify national standards, contribute to a safe and peaceful New Year's celebration, and discourage acts that disrupt the general welfare of the Bacooreños.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon majority vote of all the members of the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite on regular session assemble, **be it ORDAINED that**:

**SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** The City of Bacoor declares it unlawful for any person to discharge a firearm, whether licensed or unlicensed, during the New Year's celebration period from December 30 to January 2, except in cases expressly authorized by law. This Ordinance is enacted to maintain public order and safeguard Bacooreños from harm due to reckless and indiscriminate firearm use.

**SECTION 2. Prohibited Acts.** No person shall engage in gunfire or discharge of a firearm, whether celebratory or otherwise, in any public or private location within the jurisdiction of the City of Bacoor from December 30 through January 2. This prohibition applies to all persons, including but not limited to individuals, groups, and security personnel, unless in the lawful execution of their duties by authorities expressly authorized by law to discharge firearms.



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For purposes of this Ordinance, Firearm refers to any handheld or portable weapon, whether a small arm or light weapon, that expels or is designed to expel a bullet, shot, slug, missile or any projectile, which is discharged by means of expansive force of gases from burning gunpowder or other form of combustion or any similar instrument or implement. The definition includes Loose firearm an unregistered firearm, an obliterated or altered firearm, firearm which has been lost or stolen, illegally manufactured firearms, registered firearms in the possession of an individual other than the licensee and those with revoked licenses in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by competent authority.

**SECTION 3. Penalties.** Any person found violating this Ordinance shall, upon apprehension and conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be required to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) and shall be imprisoned for not less than nine (9) months but not more than one (1) year, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate criminal charges as provided under the Revised Penal Code and the Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, as amended.

**SECTION 4. Authority to Enforce and Investigate.** The Bacoor City Component Police Station, in coordination with other law enforcement agencies, is hereby empowered to implement and enforce this Ordinance. Any apprehended firearm shall be impounded, and the holder shall be subject to investigation for possible criminal liability. Violations of this Ordinance shall be documented, and a corresponding report shall be filed with the Office of the City Prosecutor for appropriate legal action under the Revised Penal Code and other relevant laws.

**SECTION 5. Citizen's Duty to Report.** All Bacooreños are enjoined to report any violation of this Ordinance to local authorities. Public cooperation is imperative to the effective enforcement of this measure, and the City Government shall maintain a confidential reporting system to ensure the safety of informants.

**SECTION 6. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, and the remaining sections shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.



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**SECTION 8. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Cavite and the posting of copies in at least three (3) conspicuous public places.

**ENACTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024 by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

*I hereby certify the truth and correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.*

Certified by:

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

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.  
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Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_