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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 446-2025

Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE ACCREDITATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE CITY OF BACOR OF ALL LICENSED ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, AND MASTER PLUMBERS WHO SIGN AND SEAL BUILDING PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL BY LOW INCOME BACOOREÑOS AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Sponsored by:

Hon. Manolo S. Galvez, Jr.

Co-sponsored by:

Hon. Simplicio D. Dominguez, Hon. Randy C. Francisco, Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, and Hon. Levy M. Tela.

**WHEREAS**, the National Building Code and the Architecture Act of 2024 (Republic Act. No. 9266) require licensed engineers and architects to sign and seal various building plans to ensure the safety and structural integrity of construction projects.

**WHEREAS**, the Plumbing Law (Republic Act 1378) stipulates that only registered and licensed master plumbers can sign and seal plumbing plans required for the issuance of building permits.

**WHEREAS**, the overarching purpose of the aforementioned laws are to ensure the promotion of public safety and to prevent the waste of the financial resources of the owners of edifices being constructed due to faulty building plans or subpar construction practices.

**WHEREAS**, it has come to the knowledge of the City Mayor that unscrupulous individuals are preying upon low income Bacooreños who cannot afford to hire contractors in building their homes by forcing them to pay the hefty professional fees of licensed engineers, architects and master plumbers in order to obtain building permits.

**WHEREAS**, what is especially galling about the said practice is the fact that the said licensed professionals neither







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visited the construction site nor confirmed that the project aligns with pertinent government regulations before they signed and sealed the said plans in clear violation of the above mentioned laws.

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the City Government to take decisive steps to curtail corrupt practices that endanger public safety and protect the poor from the shenanigans of criminals disguised as licensed professionals.

**WHEREAS**, Section 11 (3) (ii) of Republic Act No. 10160 (the "Charter of the City of Bacoor") empowered the Sangguniang Panlungsod to pass ordinances that regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for said business or practice of profession may be revoked and enact ordinances levying taxes thereon in the process of promoting the general welfare of Bacooreños.

**WHEREAS**, the department of Public Safety was created by virtue of City Ordinance No.298-2023 for the purpose of promoting peace, safety, and public order in the City of Bacoor.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the 6<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Building Professionals Accreditation Ordinance of the City of Bacoor**".

**Section 2. Prohibition.** It shall be prohibited for any licensed engineer, architect, or master plumber to sign or seal any building plan in relation to a construction project within the City of Bacoor that is owned by a low-income resident of the said city: (1) without a valid accreditation from the Department of Public Safety and (2) without first visiting the construction site of the project covered by the said plans, inspecting the various aspects of the said project and/or ensuring that the said project and plans conform with pertinent laws and government regulations.

**Section 3. Definition of Terms.** As used in this Ordinance:

3.1. **Licensed engineers, architects, and master plumbers** refer to engineers, architects, and master plumbers who passed licensure examinations given by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) and authorized by law to sign and seal building, architectural, and plumbing plans.





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3.2. **Building plan/s** pertain to all plans required by the Office of the Building Official in relation to the issuance of a building permit and other permits as mandated by law or ordinance.

3.3. A **low-income resident** shall refer to a person residing, or is planning to reside, in the City of Bacoor who cannot afford to hire a contractor due to economic difficulties as certified by the City Social Welfare and Development Department (CSWDD) and have elected to hire masons and carpenters in order to fully or partially construct, repair, or renovate a home situated in the City of Bacoor.

3.4. **Accreditation** is the process by which a licensed engineer, architect, or master plumber registers his name picture, PRC license, and office address with the Department of Public Safety

3.5. **The Department of Public Safety** is the department under the Office of the City Mayor primarily tasked to implement this Ordinance.

3.6. **The Office of the Building Official** is the department under the Office of the City Mayor primarily tasked to issue building permits and other permits related to the construction, repair, renovation of a house, a fence, or other accessory buildings or structures of a home.

**Section 4. Process of Accreditation.** All licensed engineers, architects, and master plumbers covered by this Ordinance are mandated to be accredited with the Department of Public Safety before signing and/or sealing the building plan of any construction project situated within the City of Bacoor owned by a low-income individual. The said accreditation need not be renewed. However, the said licensed engineers, architects, and master plumbers must update their accreditation within five (5) working days after they have changed office address. An accreditation fee of P200.00 shall be paid by the said professionals with the City Treasurer's Office as a prerequisite for accreditation. Thereafter, the said professionals should submit the invoice issued to him/her by the City Treasurer's Office together with his/her colored 2x2 ID picture that was taken not earlier than two (2) months prior to the date of accreditation, his/her full name, a scanned copy of his PRC license, and his/her office address to the Department of Public Safety which must finish the accreditation process within thirty (30) minutes or less. An accreditation certificate shall then be issued by the DPS to the licensed professional concerned.





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**Section 5. Duties of the DPS.** The DPS shall have the following duties and functions under this Ordinance:

5.1. Implement this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations;

5.2. Maintain a database containing all the data submitted by the licensed engineers, architects, and master plumbers covered by this Ordinance in coordination with the E-Governance Department;

5.3. Ascertain the authenticity and accurateness of all data and records submitted by the said licensed professionals before issuing the certificate of accreditation;

5.4. Make its accreditation database readily accessible online to the OBO, the E-Governance Department and all other departments of the City Government; and

5.5. Perform such tasks as may be directed by the City Mayor in relation to this Ordinance or other related city ordinances.

**Section 6. Duties of the Office of the Building Official (OBO).** The OBO shall have the following duties and functions under this Ordinance:

6.1. Submit to the DPS and to the E-Governance Department not later than the last working day of each month all the names and PRC license numbers of all licensed engineers, architects, and master plumbers who have signed and sealed building plans submitted by a low-income resident who was unable to hire the services of a contractor at the time the said plans have been submitted;

6.2 Inform low-income residents who cannot afford to hire contractors that they can only avail of the services of licensed engineers, architects, and master plumbers who are duly accredited under this ordinance;

6.3 Disapprove any building plan submitted by a low-income resident who engaged the services of licensed engineers, architects, and master plumbers who are not accredited under this ordinance;

6.4 Submit to the City Mayor a comprehensive written report at the end of each month on the number of building permit applications submitted by low-income individuals covered by this ordinance the action taken by the OBO on





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the said applications and the names and PRC license number of the engineers, architects, and master plumbers who signed and sealed the said plans in compliance with, or in violation of, this Ordinance; and

6.5 Performs other tasks as may be directed by the City Mayor in relation to the implementation of this Ordinance or its IRR.

**Section 7. Duties of the E-Governance Department.** The duties of the E-Governance Department under this Ordinance are as follows:

7.1. Formulate a system that will enable it to determine if the Ordinance and its IRR is being properly implemented by the departments concerned;

7.2. Submit a confidential written report to the City Mayor on the last day of each month on the manner by which the Ordinance was implemented by the various departments concerned;

7.3. Install closed circuit television cameras capable of recording high resolution videos with high fidelity audio at strategic areas within and outside the OBO, the DPS, the CSWDD, and the City Treasurer's Office to ensure that this Ordinance is being properly implemented;

7.4. Install signages and digital advisories all over the City Hall and on social media informing the public on how low-income residents can secure building permits by virtue of this ordinance; and

7.5. Perform other tasks as may be directed by the City Mayor in relation to the implementation of this Ordinance or its IRR.

**Section 8. Penalties.**

8.1. A fine of P5,000.00 shall be imposed against any licensed engineers, architects, or master plumber who violated this Ordinance as well as the suspension of his/her license to practice his/her profession for a period not less than six months but not more than one year upon conviction by a court of law.

8.2. A fine of P5,000.00 shall be imposed against any city government employee who violated this Ordinance and its IRR and his/her employment with the City Government shall be terminated pursuant to pertinent civil service regulations,







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in addition to the termination from service of the said employee, the City Mayor shall also have the option of directing the forfeiture of the various benefits of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

**Section 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The OBO, DPS and E-Governance Department under the direct supervision of the City Administrator shall, with the assistance of the Office of the City Legal Services, submit the implementing Rules and regulations of this Ordinance for the review and approval of the City Mayor not later than sixty working days from the date of effectivity hereof.

**Section 10. Repeal.** All ordinances or executive orders that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 11. Separability.** The provisions of this Ordinance not affected by a judicial declaration of unconstitutionality shall remain valid.

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

**APPROVED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025 by the 6<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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

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**Accreditation Ordinance of the City of Bacoor**, 28 July 2025