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CITY OF BACOR

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod



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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 456-2025

Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING YOUTH AND READING CENTERS IN EVERY BARANGAY OF THE CITY OF BACOR, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND MANDATING THE ALLOCATION OF DESIGNATED WORKSPACES FOR THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN.

Sponsored by:

Hon. Palm Angel S. Buncio

Co-sponsored by:

Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Randy C. Francisco, Hon. Manolo Galvez, Jr. , Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, and Hon. Levy m. Tela.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education and ensure access to cultural opportunities through educational systems, public or private cultural entities, scholarships, grants, community cultural centers, and other public venues and shall take appropriate steps to make quality education accessible to all;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers cities to be self-reliant and to provide basic services, including support for education, such as the establishment of reading centers in every barangay;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7743 mandates the National Library and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to establish public libraries to serve all districts, cities and municipalities in the Philippines based on development plan of the National Library, the development council of the cities and barangays, with aim of promoting the moral and intellectual well-being of the people and elevating the literacy of every Filipino;

WHEREAS, the DILG, in its Memorandum Circular No. 2017-95, reiterated its earlier issuance pertaining the establishment of Barangay Reading Centers , and emphasized that such information and reading centers need not require

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new or additional buildings, as they may co-locate with other community service units within the Barangay Hall, where appropriate and subject to prior consent of competent authorities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10742 (Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2015), together with Joint Memorandum Circulars of the DILG, DBM, and COA, provides that SK funds may be used for allowable programs, activities, furniture, and equipment, but not for infrastructure, repairs, or operational expenses;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Bacoor recognizes the need to strengthen compliance with the aforementioned mandates and directives in establishing reading centers in order to provide accessible and conducive venues and educational resources, particularly for the children and youth in the barangays;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Barangay Youth and Reading Center Ordinance of the City of Bacoor.**"

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to all forty-seven (47) barangays of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT. Every barangay in the City of Bacoor shall establish a Barangay Youth and Reading Center. The center shall contemporaneously serve as the SK workspace or shall have a designated SK workspace within its premises.

SECTION 4. SITE. Each barangay shall provide a site for the Youth and Reading Center. For this purpose, an existing barangay facility, such as a day care center, may be utilized or repurposed in compliance with this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS. The Barangay Youth and Reading Center shall have the following functions:



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a. It will serve as a community library and/or reading hubs.

b. Make available to the public a wide array of reading materials, including those prescribed by DepEd, CHED, and TESDA;

c. Serve as a venue for audio-visual presentations, exhibitions, and other literacy-promoting activities for children, youth and community members;

d. Offer related services in furtherance of R.A. No. 7743 and other relevant laws;

e. Provide free research and printing services for all youth of the barangay, while encouraging active membership in the Katipunan ng Kabataan (KK), recognizing the membership in the KK is vital to the full exercise of the rights, duties, and privileges of the youth under the Sangguniang Kabataan.

f. Serve as the workspace of the Sangguniang Kabataan of the said barangays which shall be used in the performance of their official duties

SECTION 6. EQUIPMENT AND FIXTURES. Each barangay shall install at least one (1) usable computer capable of reading texts, documents, images, and files, for educational and research purposes as well as a printer with document scanning capabilities. The said barangays shall ensure that the Youth and Reading Centers have access to internet services, and shall furnish necessary chairs and tables to make the centers conducive to learning;

SECTION 7. SUPERVISION. Each center shall be supervised by an SK official in coordination with the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development. The SK shall assign a person-in-charge who shall manage the daily operations of the reading centers and workspaces.

SECTION 8. OPERATING PERIOD. Each Barangay Reading Center shall operate on regular schedules to be determined by the Barangay, in consultation with the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development and the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO), to ensure accessibility to children, youth and other community members.

SECTION 9. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. The Sangguniang Kabataan (SK), in coordination with the CSWD and LYDO, shall formulate plans, programs, and schedules of activities for the

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Barangay Reading Centers to promote literacy, youth development and continuing education in the community, including capacity development of SK personnel on how to maintain the reading centers. This should include preparing policies and rules for the use of the reading centers and workspaces.

SECTION 10. INFORMATION. The Barangay, through the SK, shall lead an information and advocacy campaign within the barangay to promote the use of reading centers to actively encourage the participation of children and youth in learning activities.

SECTION 11. PARTNERSHIPS; DONATION. The Barangay and the Sangguniang Kabataan shall encourage and accept partnerships with stakeholders, including the National Library of the Philippines, private institutions, civic organizations and individuals who may wish to donate books, learning materials, or other resources for the continuous enrichment of the Barangay Reading Centers.

SECTION 12. FUNDING. Funding for the Youth and Reading Centers created under this Ordinance shall come from the following sources:

(a) Operational and maintenance expenses of the centers, including payment of utilities, internet services, repairs, and renovations, shall be charged to the Barangay General Fund; and

(b) Allowable programs, projects and activities, procurement of supplies, and equipment shall be chargeable to the SK Fund, in accordance with R.A. No. 10742 and applicable COA, DILG, and DBM guidelines.

SECTION 13. MONITORING AND REPORTING. The Office of the City Mayor, through the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development and Local Youth Development Office, shall monitor compliance with this Ordinance of all barangays. The Barangay and the SK shall submit a quarterly report to the CSWD on the conduct of reading sessions, literacy activities, and other educational programs undertaken in the Reading Centers;

SECTION 14. ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY. Failure to comply shall subject erring officials to appropriate disciplinary action

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under the 2017 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service and other relevant laws and city ordinances.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions hereof not affected by such declaration shall remain valid and enforceable.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances or issuances inconsistent herewith are repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of general circulation and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

APPROVED this 15th day of September 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite in accordance with law.

Certified:

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