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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 470-2025

Series of 2025

AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING ORAL HEALTH, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL DENTAL PRACTICE IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Sponsored by:

Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica

Co-sponsored by:

Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Manolo S. Galvez, Jr., Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Rogelio M. Noalsco, Hon. Levy M. Tela, and Hon. Ricardo F. Ugalde.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

WHEREAS, Section 20, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments.

WHEREAS, Section 11 of Republic Act No. 10160 (the "Charter of the City of Bacoor") empowered the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact ordinances, approve resolutions, and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants under Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7160 (the "Local Government Code of 1991").

WHEREAS, Section 11 (3) (ii) of Republic Act No. 10160 provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod may enact an ordinance regulating or fixing 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.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9484 (the "Philippine Dental Act of 2007") provides that the State recognizes the importance of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental technologists in nation-building. Hence, it shall

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develop and nurture competent, productive, morally upright, and well-rounded dentists, dental hygienists, and dental technologists whose standards of professional practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world-class, and internationally recognized, and globally competitive through the implementation of regulatory measures, programs, and activities that foster their continuing professional development.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Dental Association – Cavite (PDA Cavite), and the Molino Dental Circle through Dr. Ely Jesse P. Legaspi – counselor of the Molino Dental Circle 2024-2025, and Dr. Melnita O. Bayot – President of Cavite Dental Chapter 2024-2025, wrote a letter to the City Mayor – Hon. Strike B. Revilla and expressed their request for support to the dental community about the development of the dental practice in the City of Bacoor, the operation of their dental clinics, and likewise reported the pervasiveness of the illegal practice of dentistry in the City of Bacoor.

WHEREAS, on 20 March 2025, the PDA – Cavite, and the Molino Dental Circle sent another letter, this time addressed to the Sangguniang Panlungsod explaining the hardships experienced by dentists in the practice of their profession, the contribution of dentists in the overall health of the constituents of the City of Bacoor, and the generosity of dentists in providing free oral health treatments all over the Province of Cavite.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod believes that the capital-intensive nature of the practice of dentistry and the huge overhead costs related thereto are significant and substantial distinctions as compared to the practice of other professions that justify the establishment of regulations exclusively for the practice of dentists in the City of Bacoor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, THAT:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Bacoor Oral Health Development Ordinance**".

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The City Government of Bacoor shall adopt an integrated approach in promoting better oral health among its constituents by supporting licensed dental practitioners living in the City, ensuring the quality of the practice of dentistry, and by preventing the illegal practice of dentistry in the City.



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Section 3. Definition of Terms. When used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall refer to:

- a. **Dental Hygienist** – a person who is a holder of a valid certificate of registration and professional identification card and has undergone a two-year course in dental hygiene from a government-recognized school under a college of dentistry and passed the prescribed board examination for dental hygienist, renders oral health promotion and preventive measures, performs scaling and polishing, oral examination, taking brief clinical history, taking radiograph, and giving oral health education to patients under the supervision of a licensed dentist.
- b. **Dental Technologist** - a person who is a holder of a valid certificate of registration and professional identification card and who renders technical services such as mechanical construction of artificial dentures and other oral devices under the supervision of a licensed dentist, and has finished a two-year certificate course in dental technology from any government recognized school.
- c. **Dentist** - a person who is a holder of a valid certificate of registration and professional identification card in Dentistry who renders dental service within the meaning and intent of the law and who, for a fee, salary, compensation or reward, paid to him/her or through another, or even without such compensation or reward, performs any operation or part of an operation, upon the human oral cavity, jaws, teeth and surrounding tissues; prescribes drugs or medicines for the treatment of oral diseases or lesions, or prevents and or corrects malpositions of the teeth or implantation of artificial substitutes for lost teeth; and teaches subjects in the licensure examination; or engages in dental research: Provided, however, That this provision shall not apply to dental technologists engaged in the mechanical construction of artificial dentures or fixtures or other oral devices, as long as none of such procedures is done inside the mouth of the patient; nor shall this provision apply to students of dentistry undergoing practical training in a legally constituted dental school or college under the direction or supervision of a member



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of the faculty who is duly licensed to practice dentistry in the Philippines; or to registered dental hygienists who may be allowed to perform preventive oral hygiene procedures and other procedures or to dentistry graduates working as dental assistants to licensed and registered dentist authorized to practice dentistry in the Philippines who are engaged in private practice: Provided, further, That these dentistry graduates work under their direct supervision.

- d. **Solid Waste Management Fee** – a fee to defray the cost of collecting, transporting, and disposing of biomedical waste produced by dental clinics.
- e. **General Professional Partnerships** – a type of partnership formed by licensed dentists for the sole purpose of exercising their common profession, with no part of its income derived from engaging in any trade or business.
- f. **Illegal Practice of Dentistry** – any act related to the professional practice of dentistry committed by any person who is unlicensed or unregistered as a dentist with the Professional Regulation Commission and the Philippine Dental Association.
- g. **Mayor's Work Permit** – a permit issued to employees of licensed dentists operating dental clinics in the City of Bacoor.
- h. **Mayor's Work Permit Fee** – a fee imposed on any person or individual who is not a licensed dentist of professional seeking to work within the City of Bacoor.
- i. **Practice of Profession of Dentistry** - the active, habitual, or customary performance of tasks that require the use of specialized knowledge and skill as defined by the laws regulating the practice of Dentistry by a registered and licensed dentist.
- j. **Professional Tax Receipt** – the original receipt issued by the City Finance Department of the City Government of Bacoor, or any other local government unit, as proof of payment of the annual professional tax on a person engaged in

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the exercise or practice of his or her profession requiring government examination.

Section 4. Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to all duly registered and licensed dentists either practicing their profession, or maintaining and operating a clinic in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bacoor, and to any person, individual, or entity who assumes or performs any act considered to be a practice of dentistry in the City of Bacoor.

Section 5. No Business Taxes for the Practice of Profession of Dentistry. There shall be no business tax imposed on the practice of the profession of dentistry based on gross receipts. No business tax shall be imposed on the practice of the profession of dentistry provided that the dentist covered by this exemption shall present and leave to the City Government of Bacoor his or her certified true copy of his or her updated Professional Tax Receipt.

Corporations are juridical entities that are not licensed by the Professional Regulation Commission. As such corporations organized and established under Republic Act No. 11232 or the Revised Corporation Code are subject to regular business taxes and other regular fees and requirements imposed by local ordinances.

General Professional Partnerships established for the practice of the profession of dentistry are not subject to business tax but are covered by this Ordinance.

Section 6. Minimum Regulatory Requirements. In the exercise of police power, to safeguard both the public and the dental practitioners in the City of Bacoor, the following regulatory measures shall be required:

Section 6.1. Special Permit for the Operation of Dental Clinic. Any person or entity who desires to establish or operate a clinic or facility in order to treat patients or persons with oral health conditions, or to perform any operation or part of an operation, upon the human oral cavity, jaws, teeth, and surrounding tissues; or to prescribe drugs or medicines for the treatment of oral diseases or lesions, or to prevent and or to correct malpositions of the teeth or for implantation of artificial substitutes for lost teeth shall be required to apply for a Special Permit for the Operation of a Dental Clinic.



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A Special Permit for the Operation of Dental Clinic fee of Php 500.00 payable to the City Finance Department for applications for the first time and renewals of the same.

The Special Permit for the Operation of Dental Clinic shall replace the Mayor's Permit and Business License provided for under the Bacoor City Revenue Code, as far as dentists are concerned.

Section 6.2. Solid Waste Management Fee for Dental Clinics. Dentists who own dental clinics covered by this Ordinance shall pay a fixed solid waste management fee of Php 2,500.00 per year payable to the City Finance Department not later than the last business day of January of each year following the date of effectivity of this Ordinance. **Provided that** the said amount shall only apply to dentists whose clinics produce not more than 6 kilograms of biomedical waste per year and may be adjusted by the City Environmental Services Department (CESD) if the solid waste produced by the said clinics exceed 6 kilograms pursuant to the relevant provisions of City Ordinance No. 469-2025 (the "Solid Waste Management Fee Ordinance of the City of Bacoor").

Section 6.3. Mayor's Work Permit Fee for Employees of Dental Clinics Who Are Not Licensed Dentists. A Mayor's Work Permit Fee of Php 500.00 payable to the City Finance Department not later than the last day of every January following the date of effectivity of this ordinance shall be paid by every employee of a dental clinic who is not a licensed dentist or professional.

Section 7. Bacoor City Oral Health Committee. A Bacoor City Oral Health Committee is hereby created. The said Committee shall form part of the City Health Council and it shall have the following functions:

1. Formulate comprehensive plans, strategies, and policies for the promotion of oral health in the City of Bacoor;
2. Formulate education and information campaigns;
3. Coordinate with other government agencies in relation to oral health, or the illegal practice of dentistry in the City of Bacoor;

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4. Undertake adequate consultations with concerned offices and stakeholders;
5. Recommend to the City Health Council the formulation, enactment, revision, and amendment of ordinances related to the promotion of oral health in the City of Bacoor;
6. Formulate and establish a mechanism for integrated deployment of free and voluntary service of dentists in the City of Bacoor with adequate public consultation of stakeholders through the duly authorized representatives or relevant organizations and associations; and
7. Perform other functions related to the foregoing.

Section 8. Composition of the Bacoor City Oral Health Council. The Bacoor City Oral Health Council shall be as follows:

CHAIRPERSON:

The City Mayor (or his/her duly authorized representative)

CO-CHAIRPERSON:

The City Health Officer (or his/her duly authorized representative)

SECRETARIAT:

The City Health Office

MEMBERS:

The Committee Chairperson of the Committee on Health of the Sangguniang Panlungsod (or his/her duly authorized representative)

The Head of the Business Permit and Licensing

Department (or his/her duly authorized representative)



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The Department of Education District Superintendent (or his/her duly authorized representative)

A Dentist of the City Health Office (or his/her duly authorized representative)

An Inspector of the Office of the City Health Services

Two representatives from the Philippine Dental Association – Cavite Chapter who must be residents of the City of Bacoor and must have a dental clinic in the City of Bacoor duly authorized to represent the said organization.

Section 9. Prohibition on the Illegal Practice of Dentistry.

Any person not licensed or registered to practice the profession of dentistry who commits any of the following acts shall, upon conviction by a court of law, pay a fine of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP5,000.00) and shall be imprisoned for not more than one (1) year but not less than six (6) months:

1. Renders dental service within the meaning and intent of the law and who, for a fee, salary, compensation, or reward, paid to him/her or through another, or even without such compensation or reward, performs any operation or part of an operation, upon the human oral cavity, jaws, teeth, and surrounding tissues;
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4. Teaches subjects in the licensure examination for dentistry.

Section 9.1. Exception. The preceding provision shall not apply to dental technologists engaged in the mechanical construction of artificial dentures or fixtures or other oral devices, as long as none of such procedures is done inside the mouth of the patient. Neither shall Section 9 hereof apply to students of dentistry undergoing practical training in a legally constituted dental school or college under the direction or supervision of a member of the faculty who is duly licensed to practice dentistry in the Philippines nor to registered dental hygienists who may be allowed to perform preventive oral hygiene procedures and other procedures or to dentistry graduates working as dental assistants to licensed and registered dentists authorized to practice dentistry in the Philippines who are engaged in private practice. Provided, further, that the said dentistry graduates should work under the direct supervision of a licensed dentist or dental hygienist.

Section 9.2. The Philippine National Police Bacoor Component City Police Station shall enforce the prohibition on the illegal practice of dentistry, gather evidence needed in the filing of cases in court, and perform other tasks as may be ordered by the City Mayor or as mandated by law to prevent the proliferation of the same.

Section 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The City Health Office, the Business Permit and Licensing Department, the City Finance Department, and the City Environment Services Department, with the assistance of the Office of the City Legal Service shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations for this Ordinance. The said City Departments may coordinate with stakeholders in formulating the implementing rules and regulations. The Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance must be submitted for the review and approval of the City Mayor not later than sixty (60) calendar days following the effectivity date hereof.

Section 11. Modifying Clause. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and rules that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby modified accordingly. This Ordinance does not provide for an express repeal of other



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relative ordinances. Hence, other ordinances that are not modified shall still apply.

Section 12. Separability Clause. Any provision of this Ordinance not declared void or unconstitutional by the proper court of law shall remain valid.

Section 13. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor, Cavite, and posted in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor.

APPROVED this 20th day of October 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite, by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacoor City, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is true and correct and that it was passed in accordance with law.

Certified:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA

City Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

Attested:

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10 City Ordinance No. 470-2025, (Bacoor Oral Health Development Ordinance) 20 October 2025