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AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE USE OF DRONE CAPTURED ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL SQUATTING, TAX EVASION, AND AGAINST GRAFT AND CORRUPTION IN THE CITY OF BACOOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, Section 1, Rule 11 of the Rules on Electronic Evidence promulgated by the Supreme Court (A.M. No. 01-7-01-SC) explicitly provides that "audio, photographic and video evidence of events, acts or transactions shall be admissible provided it shall be shown, presented or displayed to the court and shall be identified, explained or authenticated by the person who made the recording or by some other person competent to testify on the accuracy thereof".

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 8792 (the "E-Commerce Act of 2000") provides that electronic documents shall have the legal effect, validity or enforceability as any other document or legal writing.

WHEREAS, the City Government is in the midst of a comprehensive program to improve the plight of the urban poor and prevent the commission of graft and corruption in



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government infrastructure projects being implemented in the City of Bacoor.

WHEREAS, the City Government is in the midst of preparing a comprehensive tax map of all taxable real properties in the City as part of its efforts to improve tax collection and curtail tax evasion.

WHEREAS, squatting syndicates in collusion with unscrupulous barangay officials manage to frustrate the efforts of the Bacoor Housing, Urban Development, and Resettlement Department (BHUDRD) of clearing blighted areas within the city from informal settlers as part of the City Government's socialized housing program.

WHEREAS, there is now widespread clamor for local governments to take an active role in fighting graft and corruption in various nationally funded infrastructure projects.

WHEREAS, under the Philippine judicial system, exacting accountability for violations of law require the presentation of iron-clad evidence in courts of justice. Electronic evidence are among the types of evidence that can be used in court to correct wrongdoing.

WHEREAS, over the years, the City Government has invested significant sums in the purchase of drones presently being used for various local governments programs that are unrelated to stopping illegal squatting and the squander of public funds in improperly implemented government infrastructure projects.

WHEREAS, formulating a systematic way of gathering, preserving, and presenting videos, pictures and other types of electronic evidence taken by drones as evidence in administrative, civil, and criminal cases to be filed in court by the City Government shall be a great help in preventing illegal squatting and in curtailing the commission of graft and corruption in the various infrastructure projects being undertaken in the City of Bacoor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall also be known as the "Drone Captured Electronic Evidence Ordinance of the City of Bacoor".





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All other words and phrases not defined in this Section shall be interpreted in a way that will promote the legislative intent behind this Ordinance which is to prevent illegal squatting and tax evasion and the commission of graft and corruption in the implementation of government funded infrastructure projects with the use of digital technology.

Section 4. Periodic Drone Electronic Evidence Capturing. The heads of all departments under the Office of the City Mayor, such as but not limited to the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (BDRRMO), the Zoning and Land Development Department (ZLDD), and the City Environment Service Department (CESD), are mandated to direct drone operators assigned to the said offices to use drones at least once a week for the purpose of taking geo-tagged and time-stamped videos, pictures, and other electronic evidence of areas within the City of Bacoor where illegal squatting activities are suspected to be taking place and in areas where government funded infrastructure projects are being undertaken. The said drones may also be deployed in relation to the formulation and/or revision of the City's comprehensive tax map.

The specific tasks of the said drone operators are:

- a] to keep the drones and its various accessories placed under their custody in good working condition at all times;
- b] to take geo-tagged and time stamped videos and picture with the use of the said drones every week in places identified by the heads of BHUDRD, the CEO, and the OCLS;
- c] gather, preserve, and make available all electronic evidence recorded or captured with the use of the said drones in the manner provided in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance;
- d] testify in court on the various pieces of electronic evidence that he/she gathered and preserved with the use of a drone in the manner provided under the IRR of this Ordinance; and
- e] perform such other tasks as may be mandated by the City Mayor, by city ordinances, or by government regulations.





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Section 5. Preservation of Drone Captured Electronic Evidence.

The Office of the City Legal Service (OCLS) in coordination with the E-Governance Department shall formulate policies in the preservation of videos, pictures and other electronic evidence taken by drones owned by the City Government. The said rules must conform with the various provisions of the A.M. No. 01-7-01-SC (the "Rules on Electronic Evidence") and other policies or legal doctrines set down by the Supreme Court. The said policies shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Mayor.

Section 6. Access to Drone Captured Electronic Evidence.

Unimpeded access to all electronic evidence captured with the use of drones pursuant to this Ordinance shall be given by the departments that gathered the said pieces of evidence to the heads of the BHUDRD, the City Engineering Office, the OCLS, and to the Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretariat and to the heads of other departments upon the written authorization of the City Mayor.

Section 7. Use and Presentation of Drone Captured Electronic Evidence.

The BHUDRD, the OCLS and the City Engineering Office are hereby authorized to use electronic evidence captured by drones owned by the City Government in the development and filing of administrative, civil, and criminal cases against all individuals who are violating relevant city ordinances and laws. The OCLS shall take charge of presenting the said evidence in court in a manner mandated by the Supreme Court and quasi-judicial bodies. The Sangguniang Panlungsod is hereby authorized to use the said electronic evidence in the formulation of local legislation and in the exercise of its oversight functions.

Section 8. CAAP Authorization. The City Administrator is hereby directed to lead all efforts to obtain the authorization of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to enable the legitimate use of all drones owned by the City Government in the implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Protection of Privacy Rights. The operators of the said drones shall not violate various privacy rights as may be provided by law, city ordinances, or government regulations while using the said equipment in the course of implementing this Ordinance.

Section 10. Duty of Barangay and Police Officials to Assist and Secure Drone Operators. All barangay and police





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officials and/or personnel assigned in the City of Bacoor are hereby directed to assist and secure the safety of all drone operators tasked by their respective department heads to implement this Ordinance. The unjustified failure of any barangay or police official or personnel to comply with the above-mentioned directive shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall lead to the filing of the appropriate legal action against them.

Section 11. Prohibited Acts. The following acts shall be prohibited:

11.1. Failure of city government employees to take electronic evidence with the use of drones or to schedule the gathering of the said evidence as mandated by this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR);

11.2. Failure of city government employees to properly gather and/or preserve electronic evidence captured with the use of drones pursuant to the IRR of this Ordinance;

11.3. Failure of city government employees to give the BHUDRD, the OCLS, the CEO, the SP Secretariat, and the various departments duly authorized in writing by the City Mayor timely and unimpeded access to electronic evidence gathered and preserved by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR;

11.4. Failure of barangay and police officials and/or personnel to assist and secure city government employees tasked to gather electronic evidence using drones;

11.5. Harassment, assault or coercion of city government employees tasked to gather electronic evidence using drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR; and

11.6. Violation by city government employees of privacy rights of individuals in the course of gathering electronic evidence with the use of drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR.

11.7. Loss, destruction, theft or damage of the drones or the electronic evidence captured by the said drones through the fault or negligence of the





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personnel who has custody of the said equipment or electronic evidence.

Section 12. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed against persons who will commit the above-mentioned prohibited acts:

12.1. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000.00 with suspension from work for thirty (30) working days without pay** will be imposed against any city government employee who fails to take electronic evidence with the use of drones or to schedule the gathering of the said evidence as mandated by this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.2. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000 with suspension from work for sixty (60) working days without pay** shall be imposed against any city government employee who fail to properly gather and/or preserve electronic evidence captured with the use of drones pursuant to the IRR of this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.3. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000.00 with suspension from work for thirty (30) working days without pay** will be imposed against any city government employee who fails to give the BHUDRD, the OCLS, the CEO, and the SP Secretariat timely and unimpeded access to electronic evidence gathered and preserved by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.4. Pursuant to relevant civil service regulations, a **fine of P5,000 with suspension from work for sixty (60) working days without pay** shall be imposed against any barangay and police official and/or personnel who fails to assist and secure city government employees tasked to gather





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electronic evidence using drones. A repetition of the same offense will merit the **termination** of the said employee in accordance with pertinent civil service regulations.

12.5. Upon conviction by a court of law, a **fine of P5,000.00 with imprisonment for six (6) months to one year** shall be imposed against any person who harass, assault or coerce a city government employee in order to prevent the latter from properly gathering electronic evidence using drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. In case the offender is a public official, a city government employee or barangay/police official or personnel, the said individual/s shall be **removed from public office or terminated from employment and shall be perpetually disqualified holding public office** pursuant to relevant civil service regulations.

12.6. Upon conviction by a court of law, a **fine of P5,000.00 with imprisonment for six (6) months to one year** shall be imposed against any city government employee who violates the privacy rights of individuals in the course of gathering electronic evidence with the use of drones by virtue of this Ordinance and its IRR. In addition to the said penalty, the offended shall — upon conviction — be **terminated from employment and shall be perpetually disqualified holding public office** pursuant to relevant civil service regulations.

The filing of any administrative or criminal case against any person by virtue of this Ordinance shall not preclude the filing of the appropriate legal action for violating any other law or government regulation.

Section 13. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The OCLS shall submit the IRR of this Ordinance for the review and approval of the City Mayor not later than sixty (60) days following the date of effectivity hereof.

Section 14. Repeal. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders, and other local issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 15. Separability. In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void by a court of law, the remaining





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provisions hereof not affected by the said declaration shall remain valid.

Section 16. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor, Cavite and after copies thereof has been posted on at least three (3) conspicuous places within the same city.

APPROVED this 12th day of December 2025 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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

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