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CITY OF BACOR

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod



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CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-566  
Series of 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MR. CHRISTIAN GAWARAN, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE BUSINESS PERMITS AND LICENSING OFFICE (BPLO) OF THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AS REPRESENTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY LEGAL SERVICES, TO FILE AND INSTITUTE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CASE BEFORE THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION (PRC) AGAINST THE FOLLOWING REGISTERED DENTISTS: DR. LILIBETH BANGALISAN GALANG, DR. MARIA NELIA CORTEZA, DR. MARIA CORAZON MAHAGIS-VELASCO, DR. EMILY DELA CRUZ TAGUBA AND DR. NOLITA TEODORO RUFIN FOR ALLEGEDLY VIOLATING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9484.

Sponsored:

Hon. Reynaldo Palabrica

Co-sponsored:

Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Palm Angel S. Buncio, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Catherine S. Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Randy C. Francisco, Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan, Hon. Michael E. Solis and Hon. Levy M. Tela

**WHEREAS**, Section 22 (a) of Republic Act No. 9484 (the "Philippine Dental Act of 2007") identified "unprofessional and unethical conduct" as one of the grounds that the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) may use to recommend the nullification or suspension of the validity of the certificate of registration and professional identification card of a dentist.

**WHEREAS**, Section 22 (a) (2) of Republic Act No. 7160 (the "Local Government Code of 1991") provided that among the corporate powers of a local government such as the City of Bacoor is "to sue and be sued".

**WHEREAS**, on 2 August 2024, the City Administrator, Atty. Aimee Torrefranca-Neri, requested the Sangguniang Panlungsod in writing for the approval of a Resolution authorizing Mr. Christian Gawaran, officer-in-charge of the Business Permit and Licensing Office of the local government of the City of Bacoor, to file and institute an administrative





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case against the "Molino Dental Circle" for and on behalf of the City Government.

**WHEREAS**, during a public hearing conducted by the Committee on Rules, and Privileges, Laws and Ordinances held on 8 August 2024 regarding the said request, it was discovered that the said administrative case is intended to be filed with the PRC against the following registered dentists: (a) Dr. Lilibeth Bangalisan Galang, (b) Dr. Maria Nelia Corteza, (c) Dr. Maria Corazon Mahagis-Velasco, (d) Dr. Emily Dela Cruz Taguba and (e) Dr. Nolita Teodoro Rufin for their having allegedly violated Republic Act No. 9484.

**WHEREAS**, the filing of the said case apparently stemmed from: (a) the decision of the aforementioned dentists to file suit against the City Government in two separate Regional Trial Courts (Makati and Bacoor City) while in the middle of negotiations with Atty. Neri and Mr. Gawaran regarding the means by which the said dental professionals may be able to comply with Article 24, Section 118 of the Revenue Code of the City of Bacoor (City Ordinance No. 217-2022) which required securing a Mayor's Permit before conducting business in the City of Bacoor, and (b) the filing of the said cases by Dr. Galang, Dr. Corteza, and Dr. Rufin despite their not having a dental clinic within the City of Bacoor thereby allegedly disqualifying them from filing the said legal actions as they could not be considered parties-in-interest in the said cases.

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod is not a court of law and does not have the power to resolve the various legal issues mentioned above. However, it does have the duty to enable the exercise of the corporate power of the City Government to sue as embodied in Section 22 (a) (2) of RA 7160.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon motion of Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, unanimously seconded by the rest of the council **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the 5<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite in regular session duly assembled to authorize Mr. Christian Gawaran, OIC of the Business Permit and Licensing Office of the City Government, to file and institute an administrative case before the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) against the following registered dentists: (a) Dr. Lilibeth Bangalisan Galang, (b) Dr. Maria Nelia Corteza, (c) Dr. Maria Corazon Mahagis-Velasco, (d) Dr. Emily Dela Cruz Taguba and (e) Dr. Nolita Teodoro Rufin for their alleged violation of Republic Act No. 9484.





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**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to authorize the Office of the City Legal Services (OCLS) to represent Mr. Gawaran in the said case.

**RESOLVED LASTLY**, to furnish the PRC, the Office of the City Mayor, the University of the Philippines-Office of the National Administrative Register (UP-ONAR), Mr. Gawaran, the OCLS, and other government agencies concerned with copies of this Resolution.

**APPROVED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

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

Certified by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA  
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