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Province of Cavite
CITY OF BACOOR
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

BAGONG PILIPINAS

Seal of Good Local Governance AWARDEE

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Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Certified by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
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HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA
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CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-1132
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS JR., THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE ENACTMENT OF A BILL AMENDING SECTION 458 (a)(1)(iii) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, BY INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINES IMPOSED BY CITIES FROM FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) TO A MINIMUM OF TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00), AUTHORIZING THE CHARGING OF CUMULATIVE FINES FOR CONTINUING OFFENSES, AND ALLOWING JUDGES TO IMPOSE COMMUNITY SERVICE ON INDIGENT OFFENDERS IN LIEU OF FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY ORDINANCES.

Proposed by:

Honorable Strike B. Revilla
City Mayor

Sponsored by:

Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Miguel N. Bautista, Hon. Horacio M. Brillantes, Jr., Hon. Palm Angel S. Buncio, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Randy C. Francisco, Hon. Manolo S. Galvez, Jr., Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, Hon. Levy M. Tela, and Hon. Ricardo F. Ugalde.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(iii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to approve ordinances and pass resolutions, and to approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both, in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a city ordinance;

WHEREAS, the statutory cap of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) on administrative and penal fines was enacted over three decades ago in 1991 and has since become grossly inadequate, losing its deterrent effect against modern-day offenses due to inflation, economic growth, and the changing financial landscape of highly urbanized and component cities such as the City of Bacoor;

WHEREAS, the stark realities confronted daily by the City Government while enforcing various city ordinances compelled Mayor Strike B. Revilla to propose to the Sangguniang Panlungsod to pass a resolution respectfully requesting President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., the Senate, and the House of Representative to amend Section 458 (a)(1)(iii) of Republic Act No. 7160 by increasing the

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Php5,000.00 cap on fines that component cities can impose for violators of city ordinances to a fine of not less than Php20,000.00 but not more than Php 50,000.00, allow the imposition of cumulative fines for continuing offenses, and mandate courts to impose community service against convicted offenders who cannot afford to pay the said fines;

WHEREAS, the low ceiling on fines often allows corporate entities, land developers, and repeat individual violators to easily absorb the penalty as a mere cost of doing business, thereby undermining the regulatory and police powers of local government units to maintain public order, safety, and sustainable local development;

WHEREAS, allowing cities to impose cumulative fines for continuing offenses will compel timely compliance with local laws, ensuring that violators are penalized for every single day an offense remains unrectified rather than receiving a single, static penalty;

WHEREAS, to prevent the unintended penalization of the marginalized sector who are genuinely unable to pay increased monetary fines and promote the principle of restorative justice, there is an urgent need to introduce a mechanism granting judicial authorities the discretion to substitute monetary penalties with mandatory community service;

WHEREAS, the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite, recognizes that local autonomy must be strengthened with effective enforcement mechanisms that reflect contemporary economic realities, thereby empowering cities to better protect the welfare of their constituents;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica, duly seconded by Hon. Manolo S. Galvez,Jr. be it **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite, in session assembled, to respectfully request His Excellency, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the Senate of the Philippines, through Senate President Sherwin T. Gatchalian and the House of Representatives, through Speaker Faustino D. Day III to support the enactment of a bill amending Section 458 (a)(1)(iii) of Republic Act No. 7160, to read as follows:

> "Section 458. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. —
> (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:

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(1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective city government, and in this connection, shall:

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(iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not [exceeding Five thousand pesos (P5,000.00)] LESS THAN TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) BUT NOT EXCEEDING FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS (P50,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both in the discretion of the court, for a violation of a city ordinance: PROVIDED, THAT FOR CONTINUING OFFENSES, A CUMULATIVE FINE SHALL ALSO BE IMPOSED FOR EACH DAY THAT THE VIOLATION IS COMMITTED UPON DUE NOTICE TO THE OFFENDER: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT IN CASES WHERE THE OFFENDER IS INDIGENT OR FINANCIALLY INCAPABLE OF PAYING THE IMPOSED FINE, THE APPROPRIATE COURT SHALL HAVE THE DISCRETION TO IMPOSE COMMUNITY SERVICE IN LIEU OF THE FINE, SUBJECT TO GUIDELINES TO BE ISSUED BY THE SUPREME COURT AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT CONCERNED;"

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution and of the proposed bill mentioned above (attached as Annex "A) be forwarded to the Office of the President, the Senate of the Philippines, the House of Representatives, the League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP), and to the Office of the Honorable Lani Mercado-Revilla, Representative of the 2nd Legislative District of Cavite for their favorable consideration and support.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED by the 6th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite, this 9th day of November 2026.

I hereby certify to the correctness and due execution of the foregoing resolution.

Certified:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

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Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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STRIKE B. REVILLA
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ANNEX "A"

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
TWENTIETH CONGRESS
_____ Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by **Honorable Lani Mercado-Revilla**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowered local government units to achieve fiscal autonomy and maintain public order through the enactment of local ordinances. Under Section 458 (a)(1)(iii) of the said Act, the Sangguniang Panlungsod (City Councils) of component cities are authorized to approve ordinances and impose fines for violations thereof. However, the maximum imposable fine was capped at Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00).

Thirty-five years since the enactment of the Local Government Code, the maximum penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) has been severely eroded by inflation and no longer serves as an effective deterrent against municipal offenses, public nuisances, or corporate non-compliance within rapidly urbanizing cities.

To bolster the ability of local legislation to modify human behavior and create a more law-abiding citizenry, this bill seeks to increase the imposable fines for violations of city ordinances to a minimum of Twenty Thousand Pesos (P20,000.00) up to a maximum of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00). Furthermore, it introduces the concept of cumulative fines for continuing offenses to prevent entities from treating local penalties merely as a cost of doing business.

Recognizing the economic realities of marginalized citizens, this measure also introduces a compassionate mechanism that will promote the principle of restorative justice by empowering the courts to impose community service in lieu of monetary fines for individuals who are indigent or otherwise unable to pay.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA
Representative, 2nd District of Cavite
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

ANNEX "A"

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by Honorable Lani Mercado-Revilla

AN ACT INCREASING THE IMPOSABLE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY ORDINANCES, ALLOWING THE IMPOSITION OF CUMULATIVE FINES FOR CONTINUING OFFENSES, AND PROVIDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AS AN ALTERNATIVE PENALTY FOR INDIGENT OFFENDERS, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 458 (a)(1)(iii) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 458 of Republic Act No. 7160. Section 458 (a)(1)(iii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

> "SECTION 458. Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation. — (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided for under Section 22 of this Code, and shall:
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SECTION 2. Implementing Rules and Regulations. — Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), in coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ) and leagues of local governments, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. Separability Clause. — If any provision or part of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. — All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.