



Republic of the Philippines
City of Bago

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

ORDINANCE NO. 20-38

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING EXEMPTION ON THE PAYMENT OF MARKET RENTAL FEES DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF BLOCKS/STALLS/SPACES AT BAGO CITY PUBLIC MARKETS CAUSED BY THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE -2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

Explanatory Note:

WHEREAS, the entire Philippines was placed under a State of Calamity for a period of six months, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No 929, s 2020 due to COVID-19, which was extended to another year pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1021 issued on September 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11469 or otherwise known as the Bayanihan Heal as One Act of 2020 recognizes the loss of lives and disruption to the economy caused by covid-19 pandemic, Section 4 (z) thereof allows the granting of any benefit on the payment of taxes, fees and other charges required by law in order to ease the burden on individuals under community quarantine;

WHEREAS, Section 192 of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, allows local government units through ordinances duly approved to grant tax reliefs;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Victor Michael A. Javellana, duly seconded by SP Members Ruben E. Balboa, Jorge Agustin A. Araneta, Ma. Femmy A. Martir, Joseph J. Colmenares and Sergio T. Piansay, be it ordained, as it is hereby ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bago in session assembled, that;

Section 1. STATEMENT OF POLICY. It is a declared policy of the City Government of Bago to promote and improve its capabilities to deliver desired public services and ensure the safety, comfort and well-being of vendors and the buying public.

Section 2. PURPOSE. This ordinance is enacted for the purpose of easing the effects of COVID-19 pandemic in the economy by granting exemption on the payment of market rental fees due to the closure of blocks/stalls/spaces at the different public markets of Bago City, so that the management and operations of the market will become more effective and responsive to the demands of the public and stakeholders even after the outbreak.

Section 3. DEFINITION. As used in this ordinance, the following terms are defined:

1. Market Rental Fees - shall mean an amount paid as rent. It is paid monthly, by each tenant for the use of blocks/ stalls/ spaces occupied by them in the different public markets of the City Government to conduct business.
2. Market Tenants- shall mean all vendors of the different public markets in the City.

Section 4. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. The following businesses shall be exempted from payment of Market Rental Fees equivalent to one (1) month, to wit:

- i. Groceries, sari-sari stores and convenient stores;
- ii. Bakeries, fastfood and eateries;
- iv. Pharmacies and drugstores;
- v. Pediatric Clinic, Dental and Eye Clinics;
- vi. Sale of Vegetables, fruits, tobacco, coconuts, root crops and the like;
- vii. Cold storage service station;
- viii. Sale of meat, fish and other seafood and marine products;

- ix. Dry goods (RTWs & Textile, footwear, Boutique, general merchandise, school & office supplies, entertainment materials, gadgets and devices, kitchen wares, tools and utensils, native products);
- x. Retailer of Rice, Feeds, Agriculture and Other Related Essential Products;
- xi. Delivery of services such as tailoring or dress shop, ticket outlets, repair shops, key smiths, printing and recopying services, photographic studio and lending institutions;
- xii. Tourism Services /Ticketing Office;
- xiii. Barber shops, salon, spa, massage parlors, facial clinics and aesthetic centers and other personal care establishment;
- xiv. Internet cafes, billiard halls and gaming arcades;
- xv. Lottery stations; and
- xvii. Party needs.

Section 5. REGULATION. The following rules shall govern the grant of the exemption to wit:

- a. All market vendors covered by this Ordinance shall be exempted from payment of Market Rental Fees equivalent to one (1) month, as stated in Section 4 hereof.
- b. The exemption granted in this Ordinance may be availed only if the vendor is able to pay all outstanding rental fees.

Section 6. AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR. - The City Mayor is hereby authorized to issue additional rules and regulations, if necessary, to effectively implement this Ordinance.

Section 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the portions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval and publication.

Enacted, November 25, 2020.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its Regular Session held on November 25, 2020.

(SGD.) VICENTE D. MESIAS

City Environment and Natural Resources Officer I/
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod-Designate

Attested:

(SGD.) RAMON D. TORRES

City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved this 2nd day of December, 2020.

(SGD.) NICHOLAS M. YULO

City Mayor