



Republic of the Philippines
City of Bago
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 22-20

“BICYCLE ORDINANCE OF BAGO CITY”

Sponsored By: **HON JOZSEF MARK DEXTER M. SOMCIO**
Chairman, Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction
Management

Explanatory Note:

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote the use of non-motorized transportation, especially biking, as an alternative healthy and environment-friendly mode of transportation and recreation.

WHEREAS, the use of bicycle has been steadily rising as an alternative mode of transportation because of the increasing prices of oil and petroleum products for motorized vehicles as well as the promotion of local tourism.

WHEREAS, there is a need to promote and provide bicycle users' safety, infrastructure service, public facilities and programs.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (5), (v) and (vi) of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to regulate the use of streets and other public places.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Jozsef Mark Dexter M. Somcio, unanimously seconded by SP Members present, the Sanggunian, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bago, that:

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as “**THE BICYCLE SAFETY ORDINANCE OF BAGO CITY**”.

SECTION 2. SCOPE OF APPLICATION. - This Ordinance provides for the bicycle user provisions, bicycle user equipment, bicycle facilities, traffic rules and regulations.

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITION OF TERMS**

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. - As used in this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall be understood to mean as:

- a. **Bicycle** – a two-wheeled vehicle propelled/pedaled by the rider's feet.
- b. **Biker/cyclist** – a bicycle user or any person who owns/travels using a bicycle.
- c. **Bicycle Facilities** – refers to bicycle racks, parking zones, bicycle lanes.

- d. **Bicycle Lanes** – refers to a portion of the carriageway, road or street, which in some manner is specifically designated for the exclusive use of bicycle.
- e. **Roadway** – the portion of the carriageway, road or street including shoulders intended for vehicular use.
- f. **Shared Roadway** – a roadway which is open to both bicycle and motor vehicle travel.
- g. **Sidewalk** – the portion of a street or carriageway for right of way designated for preferential or exclusive use by the pedestrian.
- h. **Signed Shared Roadway (Signed Bike Routes)** – a shared roadway which has been improved and designated with signage for “bicycle use”.
- i. **Shoulder** – the portion of the roadway contiguous with the traveled way.

ARTICLE III BICYCLE USER

SECTION 4. BIKERS/CYCLIST CLASSIFICATION. - Bicycle users are classified according to the frequency of usage, the acceptable age of persons allowed to use bicycle and the volume of motorized traffic in a given circumstance. The skills and confidence of a cyclist may differ for each class. The variation shall be considered in the establishment, utilization and maintenance of bicycle facility particularly the signed shared roadway (signed bike route), as follows:

- a. **Regular Biker/cyclist** – persons ranging from age eighteen (18) years old and above, who is generally riding a bicycle frequently as a means of transportation in going to school, commercial establishments and/or place of employment;
- b. **Occasional Biker/cyclist** – person from eighteen (18) years of age and above, who is generally riding a bicycle for recreation, leisure or sports. This class usually uses bicycle during weekends; and
- c. **Child Biker/cyclist** – persons below eighteen (18) years of age but not less than nine (9) years old, who rides a bicycle in going to destinations such as school, convenient stores and recreational establishments.

SECTION 5. CHILD BIKER/CYCLIST. - During recreational or leisure rides Child Bikers/Cyclist must be accompanied by parents, guardians or any adult on a separate bicycle.

No person below nine (9) years old shall be allowed to use bicycle on main roads or carriageways. Persons of such age shall use their bicycles only within the play grounds, parks and/or subdivision areas.

SECTION 6. BIKER/CYCLIST REGISTRATION. - Biker/Cyclist registration shall be mandatory for residents of the City. During registration, orientation of bikers/cyclists of the applicable traffic rules and regulations and penalties in case of violation shall be made. Within one (1) year from the implementation of the ordinance, all bikers/cyclists residing in Bago City must be registered (Biker/Cyclist registration card). Registration fees are hereby imposed, as follows: (a) P20.00/bike (Annual) and P100.00/Biker/Cyclist (one-time only). Collections shall be used for Bikers'/Cyclists' related expenses and activities such as, but not limited to, the provision of registration stickers, signage, warning devices, public bike racks, information and education activities and annual Bikers' Gathering and Celebration. For Bikers/Cyclist residing

outside the City, they shall, during their ride within the City, carry with them valid identification card.

SECTION 7. BIKER/CYCLIST IDENTIFICATION. Before the full implementation of the mandatory registration, all Bikers/Cyclists must always carry with them valid and authentic identification cards for easy and ready identification and notification of relatives in cases of emergencies and accidents.

SECTION 8. BIKER/CYCLIST EDUCATION. - Information and education programs shall be introduced in schools and in other identified venues. **“SHARE THE ROAD” AND “BICYCLES ARE VEHICLES”** messages must always be given emphasis to create awareness among the bikers/cyclists and motorists on how to safely share the roads with each other.

ARTICLE IV BICYCLE ACCESSORIES/RIDER’S GEARS

SECTION 9. The following are mandatory bicycle accessories and rider’s gears that must be attached on the bicycle and must be worn by the rider during travel/ride:

- a. **Front Light** – must be white (during night time).
- b. **Rear Light** – Must be red and flashing (During night time). However, Reflectorize Stickers may suffice in place of Rear Light.
- c. **Helmet** – must be worn at all times when traveling a distance of more than three (3) kilometers.
- d. **Shoes** - must be worn at all times when traveling a distance of more than three (3) kilometers.

ARTICLE V BICYCLE FACILITIES

SECTION 10. BICYCLE RACKS. - There shall be designated bike parking areas or bike racks in public places or private establishments which shall form part of the requirements for the issuance or renewal of Mayors Permits and Business Licenses.

SECTION 11. BICYCLE LANES. – For safety of bicycle users, there shall be provided bicycle lanes at identified national highways and other city roads.

ARTICLE VI TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 12. TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BIKERS/CYCLISTS. – For convenient and safe ride, Bikers/cyclists must observe the following rules on the use of the bikeway:

- a. **Ride on the Right** – Bikers/cyclists must use the right edge or the outermost lane of the paved roadway. This is to facilitate overtaking by motorists on the left and easy evasive maneuver by bikers/cyclists from merging motorists on the right from loading/unloading, parking on alleys or driveway;
- b. **Never Ride Against Traffic** – Bikers/cyclists should ride with the flow of the traffic and never against it;

- c. **Ride on Single File** – Bikers/cyclists should ride on a single file. Bikers/cyclists of more than four (4) should break into clusters.
- d. **Obey Traffic Signs and Signals** – Bikers/cyclists are expected to know and obey all traffic laws, rules, signs and signals;
- e. **Use Hand Signals** – Bikers/cyclists should use the proper hand signals for left or right turns and for slowing or stopping. When turning, they must signal continuously at least thirty (30) meters before the turn or while they are on stop waiting to turn, except when hands are needed to control the bicycle;
- f. **Ride in a Straight Line** – Bikers/cyclists should ride in a straight line and not weaving (wobble or swerve) in and out of slower moving motorists;
- g. **Never “Ride Double”** – Bicycles should never carry more than one (1) person at one time. Only bicycles equipped to carry a passenger are allowed to do so;
- h. **Never Hitch a Ride** – Bikers/cyclists are prohibited from hitching on any motor vehicle;
- i. **Keep Hands on Handlebars** – a Bikers/cyclists should keep at least one hand on the handlebar at all times;
- j. **Use Lights and Reflectors** – Biker/cyclist should equip their bicycles with headlights (color white at the front) and a flashing rear reflector light attached to the bicycle or Biker/cyclist;
- k. **Overtake on the Left** – Bikers/cyclists should establish position behind the motorists where they can watch for turn signals and always use extreme caution when overtaking on the left; and
- l. **Riding on Sidewalks and Pedestrian lanes** – Bikers/cyclists should not ride on their bicycles when they are using sidewalks or Pedestrian lanes;

SECTION 13. TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MOTORISTS. – Bikers/cyclists have legal right to use the roadway. Motorists have the responsibility to act in ways that will make the roads safer for all users. The driver of a motorized vehicle should observe the following rules when passing a Biker/cyclist:

- a. He should provide a space of at least one (1) meter from the side of a Biker/cyclist and safe distance from his back depending on the speed of the motor vehicle;
- b. Motorists should wait until it is safe to overtake a Biker/cyclist, as one should do on any other slow-moving vehicle;
- c. Before overtaking, he should blow the vehicle’s horn from a safe distance and not directly from behind a Biker/cyclist;
- d. When turning right and the Biker/cyclist is proceeding straight through the intersection, motorists should not speed up ahead and cut-off a Biker/cyclist;
- e. When there is no signal lights on an intersection, motorists should give the right of way to the Biker/cyclist; and
- f. Modified traffic regulations shall be implemented to give utmost consideration to bicycling;

**ARTICLE VII
IMPLEMENTATION AND INFORMATION DISSEMINATION**

SECTION 14. BROCHURE. – To effectively, spread the contents of this Ordinance, brochures shall be prepared and disseminated to all concerned which shall be anchored on the advocacy for safety and convenience of the public and the bicycle riders in particular.

SECTION 15. LAW ENFORCER’S GUIDE AND ORIENTATION. – To promote the seamless and proper implementation of this Ordinance, trainings, seminars and orientations shall be regularly conducted on all law enforcement units of this City and the Barangays.

**ARTICLE VIII
PENALTIES**

SECTION 16. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. - All persons who violate this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. For violation of Section 5, the parent/guardian of the child shall undergo Bicycle Safety Orientation or pay a fine of One Hundred Fifty Pesos (P150.00);
- b. For violation of Sections 9 and 12, the violator shall undergo Bicycle Safety Orientation or pay a fine of One Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php 150.00);
- c. For violation of section 13, the violator shall undergo Bicycle Safety Orientation or pay a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00);

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or nullified by an order of competent court, other provisions which are not otherwise affected shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 18. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances or local administrative issuances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or amended accordingly.

SECTION 19. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted: June 27, 2022.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its Regular Session held on June 27, 2022.

ATTY. ALLAN C. GALUNAN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

ANDREW MARTIN Y. TORRES
SP Member-Acting Presiding Officer

Approved _____ 2022.

NICHOLAS M. YULO
City Mayor