

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **4866**



Introduced by **HONORABLE STRIKE B. REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 10160 (otherwise known as the "Charter of the City of Bacoor") converting the then Municipality of Bacoor into a component city to be known as the City of Bacoor was signed into law by President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III on 10 April 2012. The Charter of the City of Bacoor was subsequently overwhelmingly ratified in a plebiscite conducted at the Municipality of Bacoor on 23 June 2012.

Section 10 (b) of Republic Act No. 10160 as published in the Official Gazette provides that:

" SEC. 10. Composition. – (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as the presiding officer, the twelve (12) regular sanggunian members, the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and the three (3) sectoral representatives, as members, who shall come from the following sectors: one (1) from the women sector; and, as shall be determined by the sangguniang panlungsod within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers sector; and one (1) from the other sectors, including urban poor indigenous cultural communities or persons with disabilities.

(b) The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod and sectoral representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided by law: *Provided*, That for purposes of representation in the sangguniang panlungsod, six (6) regular members shall be elected from each of the following districts by barangay, each district comprising a compact, contiguous and adjacent territory:

Bacoor West – Alima, Aniban, Aniban II, Aniban III, Aniban IV, Aniban V, Banalo, Camposanto, Daang Bukid, Digman, Dulong Bayan, Habay I, Habay II, Kaingin, Ligas I, Ligas II, Ligas III, Mabolo I, Mabolo II, Mabolo III, Maliksi I, Maliksi II, Maliksi III, Niog I, Niog II, Niog III, **P.F. Espiritu I, P.F. Espiritu II, P.F. Espiritu III, P.F. Espiritu IV, P.F. Espiritu V, P.F. Espiritu VI, P.F. Espiritu VII, P.F. Espiritu VIII**, Real I, Real II, Salinas I, Salinas II, Salinas III, Salinas IV, San Nicolas I, San Nicolas II, San Nicolas III, Sinaguelasan, Tabing Dagat, Talaba I, Talaba II, Talaba III, Talaba IV, Talaba V, Talaba VI, Talaba VII, **Zapote I, Zapote II, Zapote III and Zapote IV**.

Bacoor East – Bayanan, Mambog I, Mambog II, Mambog III, Mambog IV, Mambog V, Molino I, Molino II, Molino III, Molino IV, Molino V, Molino VI, Molino VII, Queens Row Central, Queens Row East and Queens Row West."

Unfortunately, as can be seen above, Barangay Zapote V, which has been a part and continues to be a part of the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bacoor has been inadvertently excluded in the enumeration of the various barangays comprising Bacoor West as provided under Section 10 (b) of Republic Act No. 10160.

Based on the data provided by the Commission on Election, there are 7,658 registered voters who are presently residing in Barangay Zapote V and due to the inadvertent exclusion in Section 10 (b) in the enumeration of the various barangays that would take part in the election of the six (6) representatives of the district of Bacoar West in the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoar, it may be said that approximately 7,658 registered voters were unceremoniously deprived of the right to elect their representatives to the city council.

Further, the afore-quoted provision also erroneously named Barangays Panapaan I, Panapaan II, Panapaan III, Panapaan IV, Panapaan V, Panapaan VI, Panapaan VII, Panapaan VIII which is in conflict with Section 10 of Provincial Ordinance No. 24-S-90 entitled, "An Ordinance Creating New Barangays out of Daang-Bukid, Maliksi, Talaba, Zapote, Aniban, Ligas, Molino, Niog, Mambog, Panapaan, Salinas, Habay, Real, Queens Row, Mabolo and San Nicolas all in Bacoar, Cavite and setting the date of their Plebiscite on December 23, 1990 or any Sunday that follow should it be postponed due to lack of Material Time or Fortuitous Event."

It is significant to note that none of the barangays created by virtue of Provincial Ordinance No. 24-S-90 was named "Governor P. F. Espiritu."

The inadvertent use of "P.F. Espiritu I, P.F. Espiritu II, P.F. Espiritu III, P.F. Espiritu IV, P.F. Espiritu V, P.F. Espiritu VI, P.F. Espiritu VII and P.F. Espiritu VIII" in Section 10 (b) instead of Barangay Panapaan I, Panapaan II, Panapaan III, Panapaan IV, Panapaan V, Panapaan VI, Panapaan VII and Panapaan VIII does not only sow confusion among voters and Comelec officials alike whenever local elections are held in the City of Bacoar, it also inadvertently resulted in the invalidation of the sovereign will of the electorate of the then Municipality of Bacoar who overwhelmingly voted in favour of naming Barangay Panapaan I, Panapaan II, Panapaan III, Panapaan IV, Panapaan V, Panapaan VI, Panapaan VII and Panapaan VIII as such.

Hence, approval of this bill earnestly sought.


REP. STRIKE B. REVILLA
2nd District, Cavite

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **4866**

Introduced by **HONORABLE STRIKE B. REVILLA**

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 10 (b) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 10 sub-paragraph (b) of Republic Act No. 10160, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Bacoar, Cavite is hereby amended to read as follows:

“ SEC. 10. Composition. – (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as the presiding officer, the twelve (12) regular sanggunian members, the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and the three (3) sectoral representatives, as members, who shall come from the following sectors: one (1) from the women sector; and, as shall be determined by the sangguniang panlungsod within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers sector; and one (1) from the other sectors, including urban poor indigenous cultural communities or persons with disabilities.

(b) The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod and sectoral representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided by law: *Provided*, That for purposes of representation in the sangguniang panlungsod, six (6) regular members shall be elected from each of the following districts by barangay, each district comprising a compact, contiguous and adjacent territory:

Bacoar West – Alima, Aniban, Aniban II, Aniban III, Aniban IV, Aniban V, Banalo, Camposanto, Daang Bukid, Digman, Dulong Bayan, Habay I, Habay II, Kaingin, Ligas I, Ligas II, Ligas III, Mabolo I, Mabolo II, Mabolo III, Maliksi I, Maliksi II, Maliksi III, Niog I, Niog II, Niog III, **PANAPAAN I, PANAPAAN II, PANAPAAN III, PANAPAAN IV, PANAPAAN V, PANAPAAN VI, PANAPAAN VII, PANAPAAN VIII**, Real I, Real II, Salinas I, Salinas II, Salinas III, Salinas IV, San Nicolas I, San Nicolas II, San Nicolas III, Sineguelasan, Tabing Dagat, Talaba I, Talaba II, Talaba III, Talaba IV, Talaba V, Talaba VI, Talaba VII, Zapote I, Zapote II, Zapote III, **ZAPOTE IV and ZAPOTE V**.

Bacoar East – Bayanan, Mambog I, Mambog II, Mambog III, Mambog IV, Mambog V, Molino I, Molino II, Molino III, Molino IV, Molino V, Molino VI, Molino VII, Queens Row Central, Queens Row East and Queens Row West.

xxx

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,