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City Government of Pasig

Ordinance No. 14  
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**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PASIG CITY RIVER PATROL DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Sponsored By: Vice Mayor Iyo Christian C. Bernardo

**WHEREAS**, Article 2 Section 15 and 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them; The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991 grants Local Government Units the power and authority to establish an organization that shall be responsible for the efficient and effective implementation of their development plans, program objectives and priorities; to create their own sources of revenue and to levy taxes, fees, and charges which shall accrue exclusively for their use and disposition and which shall be retained by them; to have a just share in national taxes which shall be automatically and directly released to them without need of any further action; to have an equitable share in the proceeds from the utilization and development of the national wealth and resources within their respective territorial jurisdictions including sharing the same with the inhabitants by way of direct benefits; to acquire, develop, lease, encumber, alienate, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property held by them in their proprietary capacity and to apply their resources and assets for productive, developmental, or welfare purposes, in the exercise or furtherance of their governmental or proprietary powers and functions and thereby ensure their development into self-reliant communities and active participants in the attainment of national goals.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pasig has a vast body of water including the river, floodway systems, creeks and private pools that is within its jurisdiction which needs to be facilitated for its safety and ecological balance.

**WHEREAS**, of injury-related deaths, drowning is the second leading cause of death in children aged 1 to 14 in the Philippines. In the river of Pasig City, data from 2008 to present have an average 14 drowning incidents in a given year. There is a need for a "NO SWIMMING" policy to be implemented by an office or agency. While adult supervision at all aquatic venues is a critical safety factor in preventing children from drowning, research studies show that the installation and proper use of barriers or fencing, as well as additional layers of protection, could substantially reduce the number of drowning and near drowning incidents in rivers, creeks, floodway systems and private pools.

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**WHEREAS**, Section 458(a)(1)(vii)(viii) of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the SangguniangPanlungsod has the power to determine the powers and duties of officials and employees of the city and determine the positions and the salaries/wages, allowances and other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or mainly from city funds;

**WHEREAS**, as The River City, Pasig have been implementing programs, projects and policies for the preservation, conservation and protection of its ecological stature.

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the Pasig City River Patrol shall further highlight Pasig City's advocacy on the importance of preserving life and conserving our ecological balance with nature.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED**, by the SangguniangPanlungsod of Pasig in session duly assembled to enact this ordinance

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Creation of the Pasig City River Patrol"

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature in accordance to the function of the Pasig City River Patrol on which they will perform as follows:

- (a) To act as implementing arm of the City Government in the formulation of policies and programs for the safety of body of water within the jurisdiction of Pasig;
- (b) To serve as coastal guard in the river of Pasig with similar jurisdiction noted on the environmental concern of the river;
- (c) To plan, facilitate and conduct training and education related to water safety and water related environmental concerns;
- (d) To implement policy stated in R.A. 9003 and R.A. 9483 relating to water system and other ecological concern;
- (e) To implement measures and policies for the safe use of pools and spas in the City of Pasig;
- (f) To foster coordination among barangays and national agencies as well as other organizations or institutions with respect to the river activities in the City;



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(g) To establish watchtowers and stations for the Pasig City River Patrol located in strategic areas of the river with two main stations in District I and District II. Where District I is composed of Barangays Kalawaan, Bambang, San Joaquin, Buting, Pineda, Sumilang, Bagongllog, San Jose, Sta Rosa, Kapasigan, Caniogan. District II is composed of Barangays Pinagbuhatan, Maybunga, Rosario, Sta. Lucia and Santolan.

(h) Declare a "NO SWIMMING" policy on the river, floodway system and creeks that endangers the lives of individuals;

(i) To establish a consistent patrol schedule in the designated route and Tower Patrols within the proposed district for the Pasig City River Patrol

(j) To construct a watchtower in strategic locations within our river ways system to ensure the safety of our constituents

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** - As used in this section and as interpretation on related laws, the term

(1) "Barrier" means a fence, dwelling wall, or non-dwelling wall, or any combination thereof, which completely surrounds the swimming pool and obstructs access to the swimming pool, especially access from the residence or from the yard outside the barrier. A wall of a dwelling may service as part of the barrier if it does not contain any door or window that opens to provide access to the swimming pool.

(2) "Main Drain" means a submerged suction outlet typically located at the bottom of a pool or spa to conduct water to a re-circulating pump.

(3) "NO Swimming" means policy and a signage to be posted in the riverbanks which prohibits children or individuals who are not engaged in fishing or other lawful water activities to swim for their health concerns and safety this also included diving in bridges and other structure near the river.

(4) "Safety Vacuum Release System" means a vacuum release system capable of providing vacuum release at a suction outlet caused by a high vacuum occurrence due to a suction outlet flow blockage.

(5) "Unblockable Drain" means a drain of any size and shape that a human body cannot sufficiently block to create a suction entrapment hazard.

(6) "Watchtower" – a structure that will be used to oversee activities within our river system waterways.



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(7) "Republic Act 9003" AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, CREATING THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS AND INCENTIVES, DECLARING CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(8) "Republic Act 9483" AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1992 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON CIVIL LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE AND THE 1992 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION DAMAGE, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

(9) "Swimming Pool" or "Spa" means any outdoor or indoor structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing, including in-ground and above-ground structures, and includes hot tubs, spas, portable spas, and non-portable wading pools.

**SECTION 4. CREATION OF NEW POSITION.** The position of City Government Department Head I with a Salary Grade 25 shall be created under the Pasig City River Patrol Office of the city of Pasig.

**SECTION 5. QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.** As provided for by the Civil Service Commission's Basic Qualification Standards for Government Personnel, the qualifications needed for the position of:

City Government Department Head I

Salary Grade - 25

Level - 2 Education – Bachelor's Degree relevant to the Job

Work Experience – 5 years in position involving

Management and Supervision



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**SECTION 6. OTHER POSITION AND ORGANIZATION** The Pasig City River Patrol shall consist of the following officers and employee;

Pasig City River Patrol Head	1
Pasig City River Patrol Assistant Head	1
Pasig City River Patrol Boat Officer	4
Pasig City River Patrol Assistant Officer	4
Pasig City River Patrol Rescue Officer	8
Pasig City River Patrol Barangay Coordinator	30
<u>Pasig City River Patrol Auxiliary Officer</u>	<u>120</u>
Total	168

**Section 7. Organization of a PCRPA Auxiliary (PCRPA).** - The PCRPA shall continue to maintain, supervise, develop and train the PCRPA as a civilian volunteer organization under the direct control and supervision of the PCRPA Commandant. The PCRPA shall assist the PCRPA in the promotion of safety of life and property at river and other body of water. The preservation of the marine and river environment and its resources, the conduct of maritime or river search and rescue, the maintenance of aids to navigation and such other activities that enhance community relations which include civic action, participation under the National Service Training Program, youth development, recreational safety and other related activities.

**Section 8. Appointments.** - Appointments of PCRPA officers, which shall be in the initial rank of River Patrol Officer, shall be made by the PCRPA Head upon the recommendation of the PCRPA coordinators or officer.

No person shall be appointed as an officer of the PCRPA unless he is a natural born citizen of the Philippines, at least twenty-one (21) years of age at the date of appointment, physically fit and completed at least two years' college education or an NC II level with complete training requirements. The Appointment of the other position particularly the Pasig City River Patrol Boat Officer and assistant boat officer and rescue officer shall be in accordance with the Civil Service laws, rules and regulations in hiring such maritime position.

**SECTION 9. SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD CONCURRENCE.** Pursuant to the Provision of R.A 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 and Civil Service Rules and Regulations, the Appointment of the City Government Department Head I shall be subject to the concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.



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**SECTION 10. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The duties and responsibilities of the positions under the Pasig City River Patrol shall be determined by the Local Chief Executive consistent or in accordance with the general functions provided for by the Civil Service Commission and based on the declaration of policy provided into this ordinance specifically section 3.

**SECTION 11. APPROPRIATIONS.** - The City Government of Pasig shall include in the Pasig City River Patrol program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The appropriations should particularly include the initial equipment, facilities, training and personnel service.

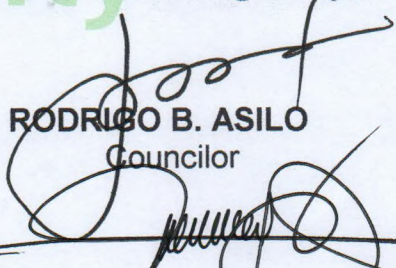
**SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any provision in this ordinance be declared unconstitutional by any competent court, the remaining provisions shall remain valid and legal.

**SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any ordinance, rules and regulations and executive issuances found inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

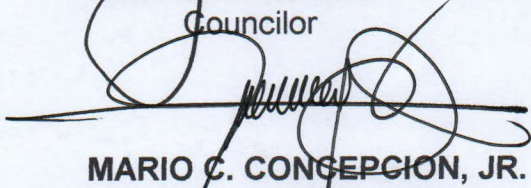
**SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Pasig,


APPROVED, this 21st day of March 2019 at Pasig City.

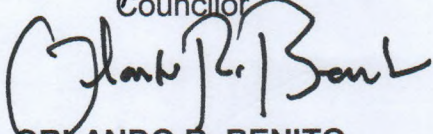
  
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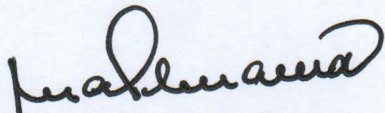
  
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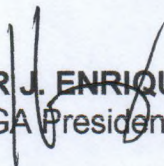
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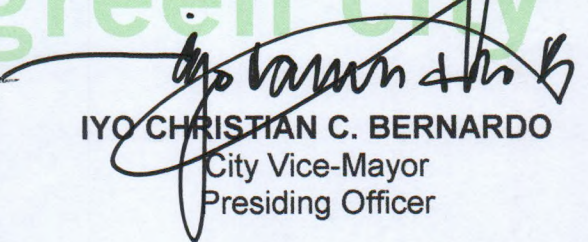
  
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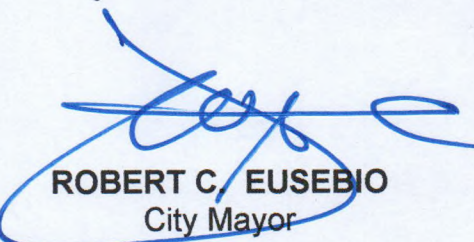
  
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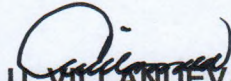
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