



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

DISTRICT I

ABSENT  
HON. CATHERINE SARINO-EVARISTO  
*Acting City Vice Mayor*

HON. MICHAEL E. SOLIS  
*City Councilor*

HON. ADRIELITO G. GAWARAN  
*City Councilor*

HON. VICTORIO L. GUERRERO, JR.  
*City Councilor*

HON. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ  
*City Councilor*

HON. LEVY M. TELA  
*City Councilor*

DISTRICT II

HON. ROBERTO L. ADVINCULA  
*City Councilor*

HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA  
*City Councilor*

HON. REYNALDO M. FABIAN  
*City Councilor*

HON. ROGELIO M. NOLASCO  
*City Councilor*

HON. ALDE JOSELITO F. PAGULAYAN  
*City Councilor*

HON. SIMPLICIO G. DOMINGUEZ  
*City Councilor*

HON. RAMON N. BAUTISTA  
*Liga ng mga Barangay President*

HON. MAC RAVEN ESPIRITU  
*SK Federation President*

Attested by:  
ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.  
*Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary*

Certified by:  
HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA  
*President Pro-Tempore*

Noted by:  
HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA  
*Acting City Mayor*

CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-326  
Series of 2023

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39 ISSUED ON 31 AUGUST 2023 BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE IMPOSITION OF MANDATED PRICE CEILINGS ON RICE.**

Sponsored by:

**HON. REYNALDO FABIAN**

Co-Sponsored by:

**Hon. Roberto L. Advincula, Hon. Ramon N. Bautista, Hon. Simplicio G. Dominguez, Hon. Mac Raven Espiritu, Hon. Adrielito G. Gawaran, Hon. Alejandro F. Gutierrez, Hon. Rogelio M. Nolasco, Hon. Alde Joselito F. Pagulayan, Hon. Michael E. Solis and Hon. Levy M. Tela.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Government has the responsibility to promote the economic well-being and health of its constituents by ensuring that essential commodities like rice are affordable and accessible to all.

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 7581, also known as the "Price Act," amended by Republic Act No. 10623, asserts the commitment of the State to protect consumers against illegal pricing activities like hoarding, profiteering, and cartels, particularly during times of calamity, emergency, and widespread illegal price manipulation.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 10845, or the "Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act of 2016," also obliges the State to protect farmers from illicit trading activities that affect the availability and pricing of agricultural products, including rice.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) have reported a stable level of the country's rice supplies due to both rice imports and a surplus in local rice production.

**WHEREAS**, despite this stable supply, the DA and DTI have also noted that illegal pricing activities, including hoarding and collusion among traders, coupled with international events beyond Philippine control, have led to an unjust increase in the retail prices of rice.

**WHEREAS**, the inflated cost of rice places a considerable economic strain on Filipinos, particularly those who are underprivileged and marginalized.

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 39 has been issued by the President of the Philippines on 31 August 2023, imposing mandated price ceilings on rice across the nation, setting the price of regular milled rice at PHP 41 per kilogram and well milled rice at PHP 45 per kilogram.



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Cavite  
CITY OF BACOR

## Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

### DISTRICT I

ABSENT  
HON. CATHERINE SARINO-EVARISTO  
Acting City Vice Mayor

HON. MICHAEL E. SOLIS  
City Councilor

HON. ADRIELITO G. GAWARAN  
City Councilor

HON. VICTORIO L. GUERRERO, JR.  
City Councilor

HON. ALEJANDRO F. GUTIERREZ  
City Councilor

HON. LEVY M. TELA  
City Councilor

### DISTRICT II

HON. ROBERTO L. ADVINCULA  
City Councilor

HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA  
City Councilor

HON. REYNALDO M. FABIAN  
City Councilor

HON. ROGELIO M. NOLASCO  
City Councilor

HON. ALDE JOSELITO F. PAGULAYAN  
City Councilor

HON. SIMPLICIO G. DOMINGUEZ  
City Councilor

HON. RAMON N. BAUTISTA  
Liga ng mga Barangay President

HON. MAC RAVEN ESPIRITU  
SK Federation President

Attested by:

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

Certified by:

HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA  
President Pro-Tempore

Noted by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA  
Acting City Mayor

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991, Republic Act No. 7160, empowers the City Mayor to implement measures that are aligned with national laws for the benefit of the local community.

**WHEREAS**, the imposition of mandated price ceilings is an urgent and necessary action to ensure that basic commodities remain reasonably priced and accessible to all citizens, in line with the City Government's duties under its charter and the laws of the Republic.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon motion of Hon. Reynaldo Fabian, unanimously seconded by the rest of the Body, **BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite to adopt Executive Order No. 39 on the imposition of mandated price ceilings on rice. The City Mayor is authorized to take all necessary steps to implement this resolution and coordinate with relevant agencies to ensure its effective enforcement.

**RESOLVED LASTLY**, to furnish the University of the Philippines-Office of the National Administrative Register (UP-ONAR), and other government agencies concerned with copies of this Resolution.

**APPROVED** on the 4th day of September 2023 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite by the 4<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is true and correct and that it was passed in accordance with law by the 4<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Certified by:

HON. REYNALDO D. PALABRICA  
Acting Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.  
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Noted by:

HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA  
Acting City Mayor



MALACAÑAN PALACE  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39

**IMPOSITION OF MANDATED PRICE CEILINGS ON RICE**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7581 or the "Price Act," as amended by RA No. 10623, declares it a policy of the State to provide effective and sufficient protection to consumers against hoarding, profiteering and cartels with respect to the supply, distribution, marketing and pricing of goods during periods of calamity, emergency and widespread illegal price manipulation, and other similar situations;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of RA No. 10845 or the "Anti-Agricultural Smuggling Act of 2016," mandates the State to promote the productivity of the agriculture sector and to protect farmers from unscrupulous traders and importers, who by their illegal importation of agricultural products, especially rice, significantly affect the production, availability of supply and stability of prices, and the food security of the State;

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of RA No. 7581 provides that the President, upon the recommendation of the implementing agency or the Price Coordinating Council, may impose a price ceiling on any basic necessity or prime commodity in any of the following conditions: (i) threat, existence, or effect of an emergency; (ii) prevalence or widespread acts of illegal price manipulation; (iii) impendency, existence, or effect of any event that causes artificial and unreasonable increase in the price of the basic necessity or prime commodity; and (iv) whenever the prevailing price of any basic necessity or prime commodity has risen to unreasonable levels;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Trade, and Industry (DTI) have reported that the country's rice supplies have reached a stable level and are sufficient owing to the arrival of rice imports and expected surplus on local rice production;

**WHEREAS**, despite the steady supply of rice, the DA and DTI have also reported that the widespread practice of alleged illegal price manipulation, such as hoarding by opportunistic traders and collusion among industry cartels in light of the lean season, as well as global events taking place beyond the Philippines' control, such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India's ban on rice exportation, and the

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

unpredictability of oil prices in the world market, among other factors, have caused an alarming increase in the retail prices of this basic necessity;

**WHEREAS**, the current surge in retail prices of rice in the country has resulted in a considerable economic strain on Filipinos, particularly those who are underprivileged and marginalized;

**WHEREAS**, to address the rising food prices, the DA and DTI have recommended the imposition of mandated price ceilings on rice in the whole country pursuant to Section 7 of RA No. 7581;

**WHEREAS**, in light of the current situation, it is crucial and urgent for the State to guarantee that basic necessities are not only sufficient but also reasonably priced and conveniently accessible to every Filipino; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control of all executive departments, bureaus and offices, and the mandate to ensure the faithful execution of laws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR.**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

**Section 1. Mandated Price Ceilings.** Upon the joint recommendation of the DA and DTI, the mandated price ceilings on rice shall be implemented in the whole country, as follows:

<b>Rice Variety</b>	<b>Mandated Price Ceiling</b>
Regular Milled Rice	P41.00 per kilogram /
Well-Milled Rice	P45.00 per kilogram /

**Section 2. Period.** The mandated price ceilings shall remain in full force and effect unless earlier lifted by the President upon the recommendation of the Price Coordinating Council or the DA and DTI.

**Section 3. Agency Directives.** To ensure the immediate and effective implementation of this Order, the following national government agencies are directed to perform the following:

- a. Pursuant to Section 10(9) and (15) of RA No. 7581, the DTI and DA shall ensure the strict implementation of the mandated price ceilings on rice in the market, including monitoring and investigation of abnormal price movements thereof, and provision of assistance to affected retailers. The Department of the Interior and Local Government shall provide the necessary support to the DA and DTI for this purpose;
- b. To the fullest extent permitted by existing laws, including without limitation, Sections 3, 4 and 5 of RA No. 10845 and Section 5(1) of RA No. 7581, in relation

to Section 224 and other relevant provisions of RA No. 10863 or the "Customs Modernization and Tariff Act," the Bureau of Customs (BOC) shall intensify ongoing inspections and raids of rice warehouses to combat hoarding and illegal importation of rice in the country, and to facilitate the confiscation, seizure, or forfeiture of smuggled rice as may be warranted by law. To this end, the DA shall provide the necessary assistance to the BOC, which shall include the sharing of relevant information such as inventory of rice stocks, list of accredited rice importers, and location of rice warehouses;

- c. Consistent with Section 12(a) and (l) of RA No. 10667 or the "Philippine Competition Act," the Philippine Competition Commission, in coordination with the DA and DTI, shall take measures against cartels or those abusing their dominant position in the market to ensure fair market competition and uphold consumer welfare and protection; and
- d. The Philippine National Police and other law enforcement agencies shall render the necessary support and assistance to the DTI and DA to ensure the immediate and effective enforcement of this Order.

**Section 4. Separability.** If any part or provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. Repeal.** All orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 6. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 31st day of August, 2023, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

By the President:

  
LUCAS P. BERSAMIN  
Executive Secretary

