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**ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MANUFACTURE, SALE AND USE OF PNP, BFP
AND BJMP UNIFORMS, INSIGNIAS AND OTHER ACCOUTREMENTS IN
MARIKINA CITY**

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WHEREAS, presented for consideration is the letter dated November 20, 2023 of Police Colonel Earl B. Castillo, Chief of Police of Marikina City Police Station, addressed to Hon. Councilor Serafin Y. Bernardino, requesting the 10th City Council to pass an Ordinance that supplements Executive Order 297, Series of 2020 entitled: *“Regulating the Manufacture, Sale and use of PNP Uniforms, Insignias and other Accoutrements”*:

WHEREAS, uniforms are not just a mere dress code for the Philippine National Police- they carry immense symbolism and play a vital role in establishing authority, professionalism, and public trust;

WHEREAS, in a profession where trust and confidence are paramount, it is crucial to have appropriate regulations in place to govern the production, sale, distribution, and use of PNP uniforms and accoutrements;

WHEREAS, without clear guidelines, anyone can manufacture and sell PNP-inspired uniforms without adhering to quality standards or proper authorization and this lack of regulation poses significant challenges and risks that can compromise the integrity and reputation of the PNP;

WHEREAS, without proper regulation, anyone can obtain PNP uniforms and accoutrements, posing a serious threat to public safety, not to mention that unauthorized individuals can impersonate police officers, taking advantage of the public's trust and authority associated with the PNP uniform and, if not squarely address, this opens doors for criminal activities, abuse of power, and public distrust in the police force;

WHEREAS, public confidence in law enforcement might be diminished if they are unable to discern a genuine police officer from an impostor, committing crimes under the guise of authority and leading to a breakdown of trust and cooperation in maintaining public order and safety;

WHEREAS, while there are laws addressing police uniforms, such as specific provisions in the Revised Penal Code and Republic Act No. 6975, which established the PNP, there is a noticeable absence of comprehensive legislation specifically dedicated to governing the production and distribution of PNP uniforms and accoutrements and this legal gap creates confusion, opens doors for exploitation, and undermines the professional image of the force;

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the City Council that there are individuals who, without proper authorization, are also producing and wearing BFP and BJMP uniform and it is likewise imperative to address this issue promptly and take appropriate action;

WHEREAS, it is important then that, as a counterpart, a local legislation is enacted by the 10th City Council to address these concerns and establish a legal framework to safeguard the integrity and authenticity of PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms to ensure the professionalism, credibility, and public trust of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology while upholding the standards of law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD of MARIKINA in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Purpose.- The primary objective of this ordinance is to establish a comprehensive framework that governs the production, distribution, and utilization of PNP, BFP, and BJMP uniforms, insignias, and associated accessories. By doing so, it aims to enhance the overall image, credibility, and authority of the PNP, BFP and BJMP while also safeguarding against unauthorized use and counterfeiting.

SECTION 2. Coverage.- This Ordinance applies to all individuals and business entities involved in the manufacture, sale, and use of PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms, insignias, and related accoutrements in Marikina City.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.- For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. *PNP, BFP and BJMP Uniforms*- refers to the official attire worn by members of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology including but not limited to shirts, trousers, jackets, and headgear;
- b. *Insignias*- refers to the official emblems, badges, or patches that signify rank, position, or affiliation within the PNP, BFP and BJMP;
- c. *Accoutrements*- refers to all other accessories, equipment, or items associated with the PNP, BFP and BJMP such as belts, holsters, nameplates, and identification cards.

SECTION 4. Regulated Acts.- The following are considered regulated acts of this Ordinance:

1. **Manufacturing Standards**

- a. All PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms, insignias, and accoutrements must be produced in accordance with the specifications provided by the PNP, BFP and BJMP Headquarters.

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- b. Manufacturers must obtain proper authorization from the PNP, BFP and BJMP Headquarters before commencing production.
- c. Strict quality control measures must be implemented to ensure that all items meet the required standards.

2. Sale and Distribution

- a. Only authorized distributors and retailers are permitted to sell PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms, insignias, and related accessories.
- b. All sales transactions must be properly documented, including the recording of purchaser details and purpose of purchase.
- c. Unauthorized reproduction, sale, or distribution of PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms, insignias, or accoutrements is strictly prohibited and will be subject to legal action.

3. Use and Possession

- a. Only duly appointed or authorized PNP, BFP and BJMP personnel are permitted to wear PNP uniforms, insignias, and accoutrements during official duties or sanctioned events.
- b. PNP uniforms, insignias, and accoutrements shall not be used for personal purposes, commercial gain, or any activity unrelated to official PNP, BFP and BJMP duties.
- c. It shall be unlawful for any individual, except duly authorized PNP, BFP and BJMP personnel, to possess PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms or insignias without proper justification or legitimate purpose.
- d. It shall be unlawful for any person to replicate or reproduce PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms or insignias without explicit permission from the PNP authorities.
- e. It shall be unlawful for any individual to distribute PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms or insignias to unauthorized persons or entities.

SECTION 5. Exceptions.- The following shall be exempted from the coverage and applicability of this Ordinance:

- a. **Authorized PNP, BFP and BJMP Personnel:** This Ordinance does not apply to PNP, BFP and BJMP personnel who are duly authorized to possess, replicate, or distribute PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms or insignias for official purposes.
- b. **Licensed Manufacturers:** Licensed manufacturers who have obtained official authorization from the PNP, BFP and BJMP may replicate or produce PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms or insignias for legitimate purposes, subject to compliance with relevant regulations.

SECTION 6. Penalty.- Any individual, business owner, proprietor or manager found violating any section of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. 1st Offense- Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00)
 - b. 2nd Offense- Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00)
 - c. 3rd Offense and Succeeding Offenses- Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) along with the revocation of the business permit and closure of the business entity. Failure to comply with the fine payment will result in an additional penalty of imprisonment for a minimum of ten (10) days, without prejudice to the filing of other legal actions or the application of any other applicable penal laws against the president, general manager, or officer in charge of the establishment.
- a. In the case of small-scale sellers or business owners, a strict warning will be issued, accompanied by the confiscation of their goods by the PNP personnel.

- b. Individuals such as security guards, barangay tanods, and other law enforcers who do not belong to the ranks of the PNP, BFP and BJMP yet choose to don or wear PNP, BFP and BJMP uniforms, shall be duly warned by the PNP, BFP and BJMP personnel.


SECTION 7. Separability Clause.- If for any reason any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other section or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, rules, orders, regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent or contrary to this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause.- This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the **CITY COUNCIL** of **MARIKINA** on the 21st day of February, 2024.

I hereby certify to the passage of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the 10th City Council of Marikina during its 8th Regular Session held on February 21, 2024.



REGINALD B. TAMAYO
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED & CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY APPROVED:**



SERAFIN Y. BERNARDINO
Acting Presiding Officer / President Pro-Tempore

Approved by the Honorable City Mayor on MAR 0 4 2024



MARCELINO R. TEODORO
City Mayor