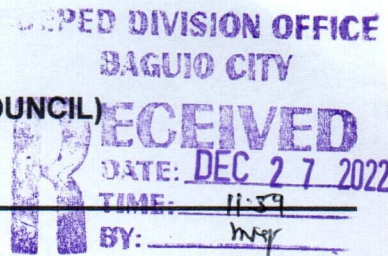


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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD (CITY COUNCIL)**  
City Government of Baguio



13 December 2022

**MR. FEDERICO P. MARTIN**  
School Division Superintendent  
Department of Education – CAR  
Schools Division of Baguio City  
82 Military Cut-Off  
Baguio City

**Dear Sir:**

We are furnishing herewith **Ordinance No. 072 & Resolution No. 586, both Series of 2022**, of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* (City Council), Baguio City, for your information.

Very truly yours,

**FAUSTINO A. OLOWAN**  
*City Vice Mayor II*

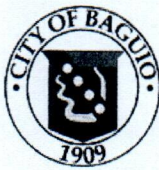
**By Authority:**

**BRENNER L. BENGWAYAN**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian II

Encl.: As stated.

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Republic of the Philippines  
City of Baguio  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
(CITY COUNCIL)

REGULAR SESSION HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT:

Hon. Benny O. Bomogao, *Acting City Vice-Mayor and Temporary Presiding Officer*;  
Hon. Jose M. Molintas, *Member*;  
Hon. Arthur L. Allad-iw, *Member*;  
Hon. Betty Lourdes F. Tabanda, *Member*;  
Hon. Leandro B. Yangot Jr., *Member*;  
Hon. Isabelo B. Cosalan Jr., *Member*;  
Hon. Maria Mylen Victoria G. Yaranon, *Member*;  
Hon. Elmer O. Datuin, *Member*;  
Hon. Peter C. Fianza, *Member*;  
Hon. Vladimir D. Cayabas, *Member*;  
Hon. Lilia A. Fariñas, *Member*;  
Hon. Michael L. Lawana, *Ex-Officio Member (President, Liga ng mga Barangay, Baguio City Chapter)*; and  
Hon. Levy Lloyd B. Orcales, *Ex-Officio Member (President, Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, Baguio City Chapter)*.

ABSENT:

Hon. Faustino A. Olowan, *City Vice-Mayor* (on official travel abroad); and  
Hon. Fred L. Bagbagen, *Member* (on official travel abroad).

*Authored by Hon. Vladimir D. Cayabas,  
Hon. Fred L. Bagbagen, and  
Hon. Michael L. Lawana.*

**ORDINANCE Numbered 72  
(Series of 2022)**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BAGUIO CITY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (BCICTC), DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

**Explanatory Note**

The State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building. Furthermore, it affirms its commitment to human development by prioritizing education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

The Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 underscores the importance of Science, Technology and Innovation for the attainment of a long-term growth geared towards globally competitive economy. It aims to increase the utilization of Digital Technology in industry, service sector and agriculture to improve efficiency and productivity for a more sustainable and vibrant economy.

Republic Act No. 10844 [An Act Creating the Department of Information and Communications Technology, Defining its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes], otherwise known as the "Department of Information and Communications Technology Act of 2015", underscores the essential value of information and communications technology (ICT) as an instrument of good governance and global competitiveness. The said Act promotes the use of ICT for the enhancement of key public services, such as education, public health and safety, revenue generation, and socio-civic purposes.

One significant component of the Administration's Core Agenda for the term 2022-2025 includes "Good Governance". Through digital driven services that significant social actions and services can be expeditiously delivered in order to accelerate social progress towards the attainment of the new goal of smart city management.

Baguio City is included in the Next Wave Cities by CICT, the forerunner of DICT and was even identified as one of the ICT hubs of the country during the time of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. It ranked within top 10 among the preferred sites for Business Process Outsourcing.

Baguio City has shifted its vision into a livable and smart sustainable City, thus, digital technology paired with good and shared governance plays a vital role to ensure its realization. Since Information and Communications Technology is now recognized as a major economic driver and a tool for better governance, a body such as ICT Council is ideal to assist the City of Baguio and its leaders for the furtherance of its essential public services.



Digital Governance (DG) aspires to speed up social services with precision especially during these fast paced and challenging times. What was used to be a good traditional system is no longer a guarantee without the power of ICT. There is a need for Local Government Units (LGUs) to transform themselves as ICT ready and capable for more efficient governance. Timely for Baguio City to further harness its basic to high-end social services through ICT towards the attainment of Digital Governance for inclusive and holistic development.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Cosalan and Hon. Fianza, duly seconded,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE *SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD* (CITY COUNCIL) IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Baguio City Information and Communications Technology Council (BCICTC) Ordinance”.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES.** – The City Government of Baguio through the Baguio City Information and Communications Technology Council (BCICTC) strives to achieve its goal in transforming Baguio City into a smart, livable and resilient highly urbanized City.

Good Governance can be attained when present and future local leaders are highly committed in introducing new ways and measures enabled by Technology. ICT driven processes and structures paired with innovative leadership are proven means to increase citizens’ awareness and active participation resulting to winning back the trust of the people towards the government.

A Digital Advancement program is a must by every government like the City Government of Baguio to be more responsive to the present and future needs of its constituents as it enhances efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery in the public sector.

**SECTION 3. CREATION OF A BAGUIO CITY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (BCICTC).** – There is hereby established the BCICTC to enable the City thrive into its direction of becoming a smart, resilient highly urbanized City. Socioeconomic advancement can be further and sustainably attained through the power of digital governance. Accelerating the collective growth of the City of Baguio can be more feasible when we are armed with responsive digital policies in response to the challenges of the ICT age.

**SECTION 4. OVERALL MANDATES OF THE BAGUIO CITY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (BCICTC).** –

- a. To take the lead in policy recommendation related to Information and Communications Technology (ICT) with the end result of attaining Digital Transformation and Governance. Recommendations may include legislative measures on how to further improve the City’s ICT infrastructure, systems and resources as vital instruments of shared and good governance;
- b. To assist the City Government of Baguio in setting up its ICT or Digital Governance agenda that aims to foster innovation for socioeconomic advancement. A Digital Governance roadmap shall be attuned to what is currently needed and highly essential to the City apart from being aligned with the ICT programs of the National Government through DICT;
- c. To assess and review the City’s ICT related programs, plans and projects deemed to be eligible for execution;
- d. To spearhead link up programs for all ICT stakeholders in the locality. This includes the formulation of innovative capacity building activities and initiatives for the ICT sector with the primary purpose of forging synergistic collaboration among the ICT players from the private firms, local IT Professionals, City Government of Baguio, and other government ICT enabled agencies;
- e. To serve as the City Government’s partner in the staging of ICT related programs and activities; and
- f. To take the lead in promoting Digital Governance (DG) collaboration by forging partnership with other ICT Councils or same bodies for Technology-Knowledge exchange.





**SECTION 5. MAJOR GOALS OF THE BAGUIO CITY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (BCICTC).** – The BCICTC shall earnestly assist the City in achieving its strategic agenda of “Speeding up Government Action”. The essential element for progressive, inclusive and sustainable development is a responsive and transformative Digital Governance. Baguio City ICT Council shall have the following Goals:

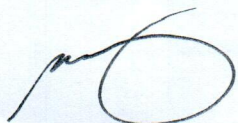
- Promoting ICT or digital literacy among locals for them to fully participate in an evolving technology-driven age and appreciate the purpose and direction of digital governance;
- To assist the City into its digitalization initiatives like the rationalization of the Baguio In My Pocket (BIMP), adoption of e-governance system, QR coding and others. Adapting ICT as a vital service tool will not only promote responsive governance but will improve the City’s revenue generation;
- To promote the use of ICT with the end goal of enhancing the delivery of key public services for better Baguio. Promoting includes conduct of digital orientation and education on all ICT related programs and activities of the City;
- Fostering close ties with other entities, cities and areas that have already established ICT Council or other institutionalized bodies that carry the same purpose and establish digital cooperation through active partnership leading to other areas of collaboration leading to socio-economic growth; and
- Assist the City in establishing a state-of-the-art Digital Technology Center to be funded or co-funded and managed by the LGU in collaboration with concerned government agencies.

**SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** – For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined, as follows:

- a. **Information and Communications Technology (ICT)** – refers to the totality of electronic means to access, create, collect, store, process, receive, transmit, present and disseminate information;
- b. **Digital Governance (DG)** – refers to using ICT at various levels of the government and the public sector for the purpose of enhancing governance to increase efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery in the public sector;
- c. **ICT Sector** – refers to those engaged in providing goods and services primarily intended to fulfill or enable the function of data or information processing, communicating and securing by electronic means; and
- d. **Smart City** – refers to a local government unit (LGU) that adapts, institutionalized and utilizes transformative systems and tools like high-end technologies to further enhance operational efficiency with the end goal of improving both the quality of Government Services and Citizen’s Welfare.

**SECTION 7. COMPOSITION OF THE BAGUIO CITY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (BCICTC).** – The BCICTC shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairperson:      | - | Local Chief Executive  |
| Vice-Chairperson: | - | Chairperson of the <i>Sangguniang Panlungsod</i> (City Council) Committee on Education, Culture, Creativity and Historical Research  |
| Action Officer:   | - | Management Information Technology Division (MITD) Head   |
| Members:          | - | Chairperson of the <i>Sangguniang Panlungsod</i> (City Council) Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Traffic Legislation;   |
|                   | - | City Planning and Development Coordinator;   |
|                   | - | City Budget Officer;   |
|                   | - | Public Information Officer;  |
|                   | - | One (1) Representative each from the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA); |
|                   | - | Six (6) Academe Representatives (from Private and Public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs);   |





- Eight (8) Representatives from the ICT Sector (TELCOS, BPO, ISPs and Power Provider);
- Representative from the City Library Office;
- Representative from the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT);
- Representative from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST);
- Representative from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI);
- Representative from the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA);
- Representative from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI); and
- Two (2) Representatives from an organized ICT Professional Groups.

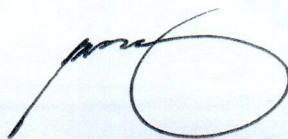
**7.1. REGULAR MEETING OF BAGUIO CITY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (BCICTC).** – The BCICTC needs to hold and conduct their regular meetings once in a semester or twice a year except in highly exigent reasons, purposes and instances that requires special meetings.

**SECTION 8. FUNCTIONS OF BAGUIO CITY INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL (BCICTC).** –

- a. To craft, assist and recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* needed digital policies purposely to further, grow and increase technology awareness and appreciation among the people of Baguio City;
- b. To prepare annual local plan on ICT in consonance with the DICT Programs and the Philippine Development Plan for Technology and Innovation and can be integrated in the local development plan and be considered in the annual appropriations;
- c. To evaluate the implementation of all activities, projects and programs of the City Government of Baguio related to ICT and make recommendations if needed;
- d. To represent the ICT sector in the City Development Council (CDC);
- e. To make sure that representation in the Council of the private sector shall be observed based on the enumerated member sectors;
- f. To provide allowable assistance to local ICT practitioners. This includes liaising and/or coordinating with concerned offices on matters related to ICT Programs and Activities organized by local IT Professionals;
- g. To help in ensuring the development and protection of integrated ICT government infrastructures and designs, taking into consideration the inventory of existing manpower, plans, programs and installed systems that include hardware and software needs;
- h. Assisting in providing guidelines for the rational, equitable and fair access to all users of all ICT facilities and resources which shall be intended only for work-related activities;
- i. To coordinate with the appropriate agencies like the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and other government instrumentalities for service-alliance and program collaboration; and
- j. Such other essential functions as may be deemed necessary.

**SECTION 9. FUNDING.** – For the purpose of this Ordinance, an appropriation of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱1,500,000.00) shall be allotted each year and shall be included in the annual budget of the City Mayor's Office subject to accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The funding is primarily for ICT program policy research and development in aid of legislation, public consultation and collaborative meetings, policy vetting, assessment and formulation.






**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If any provision or section of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the other provisions or sections of this Ordinance and the application of such circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All prior Ordinances, Executive Orders, Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations, or part/s thereof that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** – This Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

Unanimously passed.

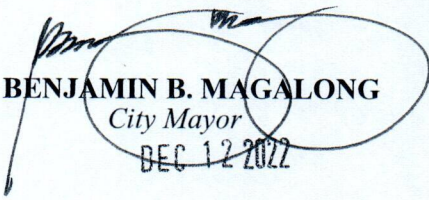
CERTIFIED CORRECT:


  
**BENNY O. BOMOGAO**  
*Acting City Vice-Mayor and  
Temporary Presiding Officer*  
DEC 9 2022

Attested:

  
**BRENNER BENGWAYAN**  
*Secretary to the Sanggunian*

APPROVED:

  
**BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG**  
*City Mayor*  
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