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ORDINANCE NO. 12 S.2020

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN BATANGAS CITY, PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution declares as policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code of 1991 authorizes the local government unit to enact ordinances promoting health and safety of its people;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Office of the Executive Secretary issued a Memorandum directing local government units, among others, to adopt, coordinate and implement guidelines which the IATF may issue on the COVID-19 situation, consistent with the respective agency mandates and relevant laws, rules, and regulations;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, Executive Order No. 112, S. 2020 was issued imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) in high-risk geographic areas of the Philippines and a General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in the rest of the country from 01 to 15 May 2020, adopting the Omnibus Guidelines on the implementation thereof, and for other purposes;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases approved the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Batangas City is classified under the General Community Quarantine areas of the country;



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WHEREAS, there is a need to revise Batangas City Ordinance No. 8 S.2020 otherwise known as the ECQ Ordinance of Batangas City to adapt to the new quarantine classification of Batangas City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the GCQ Ordinance of Batangas City.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall cover all natural persons residing or sojourning in Batangas City during the period of General Community Quarantine and until the same is lifted.

SECTION 3. ADOPTION OF THE OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. – Batangas City hereby adopts the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines approved by the IATF dated 15 April 2020, and the pertinent portions of which are reproduced or otherwise made integral parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – Whenever used in this Ordinance, terms shall be defined as follows:

1. **Comorbidity** – refers to the presence of a pre-existing chronic disease condition.
2. **Community quarantine** – refers to the restriction of movement within, into, or out of the area of quarantine of individuals, large groups of people, or communities, designed to reduce the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 among persons in and to persons outside the affected area.
3. **COVID-19** – refers to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 which is caused by the virus known as the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).
4. **Enhanced Community Quarantine** – refers to the implementation of temporary measures imposing stringent limitations on movement and transportation of people, strict regulation of operating industries, provision of food and essential services, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.
5. **Essential goods and services** – covers health and social services to secure the safety and well being of persons, such as but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, energy and others as may be determined by the IATF.
6. **General Community Quarantine** – refers to the implementation of temporary measures limiting movement and transportation, regulation of operating industries, and presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols.
7. **Health and emergency frontline services** – refers to the services provided by public health workers, all employees of the Department of Health, DOH Hospitals, Hospitals of LGUs, and Provincial, City, and Rural Health Units, and Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers, including those managed by other government agencies (e.g. police and military hospitals/clinics, university medical facilities), uniformed medical



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personnel, private health workers, such as but not limited to medical professionals, hospital and health facility administrative and maintenance staff, and aides from private health facilities, as well as their service providers, health workers and volunteers of the Philippine Red Cross and the World Health Organization, and employees of Health Maintenance Organizations, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, health insurance providers, disaster risk reduction management officers, and public safety officers.

8. **Interzonal movement** – refers to the movement of people, goods and services across areas placed under different Community Quarantine classification.
9. **Intrazonal movement** – refers to the movement of people, goods and services between localities under the same quarantine classification, without transiting through an area placed under a different classification.
10. **Minimum public health standards** – refers to guidelines set by the DOH, as well as sector-relevant guidelines issued by government agencies to aid all sectors in all settings to implement non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) which refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, which individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population to mitigate COVID-19.
11. **Modified General Community Quarantine** – refers to the transition phase between GCQ and New Normal, when these temporary measures are relaxed: limiting movement and transportation, the regulation of operating industries, and the presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols become less necessary.
12. **New normal** – refers to the emerging behaviors, situations, and minimum public health standards that will be institutionalized in common or routine practices and remain even after the pandemic while the disease is not totally eradicated through means such as widespread immunization. These include actions that will become second nature to the general public as well as policies such as bans on large gatherings that will continue to remain in force.
13. **Operational capacity** – refers to such a maximum number of employees or workers who can be permitted or required to physically report to work on-site in a particular office or establishment.
14. **Skeleton workforce** – refers to the operational capacity which utilizes the smallest number of people needed for a business or organization to maintain its basic function.

SECTION 5. GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE. – In accordance with the IATF Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, pertinent parts of which are reproduced hereunder, the following protocols shall be observed in Batangas City:



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1. Minimum public health standards shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the GCQ;
2. The movement of all persons shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and for work in the offices or industries permitted to operate hereunder. *Provided*, that movement for leisure shall not be allowed;
3. Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted industries and offices;
4. Work in all government offices may be at full operational capacity, or under such alternative work arrangements as agencies may deem proper in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission. *Provided*, that for offices requiring employees to report physically, commissioned shuttle services as well as point-to-point transport services may be provided;
5. Accredited diplomatic missions and international organizations may operate at fifty percent (50%) capacity. Alternative work arrangements such as flexible work arrangements, compressed work week, telework, and telecommuting is strongly encouraged;
6. In addition to sectors permitted to operate in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine and Modified Community Quarantine at an operational capacity provided therefor, the following sectors or industries shall be allowed to operate in Batangas City:
 - a. **Category I Industries** – Power, energy, water, and other utilities, agriculture, fishery, and forestry industries, food manufacturing and food supply chain businesses, including food retail establishments such as supermarkets, grocery stores, and food preparation establishments insofar as take-out and delivery services, health-related establishments, the logistics sector, information technology and telecommunication companies, the media at full operational capacity;
 - b. **Category II Industries** – Mining and other manufacturing, and electronic commerce companies, as well as other delivery, repair and maintenance, and housing and office services, at anywhere between 50% up to full operational capacity, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements; and
 - c. **Category III Industries** – Financial services, legal and accounting, and auditing services, professional, scientific, technical, and other non-leisure services, and other non-leisure wholesale and retail establishments, at 50% work-on-site arrangement, and without prejudice to work-from-home and other alternative work arrangements;
7. Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed. *Provided* that establishments and services allowed to operate in malls and shopping centers may only operate at a capacity consistent with the preceding paragraph. *Provided further*, persons aged below twenty-one (21) years old, and those sixty (60) years old and above may not



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- enter malls and shopping centers, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in establishments located therein. *Provided finally*, that such operation must be subject to updated guidelines issued by the Department of Trade and Industry;
8. All public and private construction projects shall be allowed, but with strict compliance to the issued construction safety guidelines for the implementation of infrastructure projects during the COVID-19 pandemic by the Department of Public Works and Highways;
 9. Amusement, gaming, and fitness establishments, as well as those in the kids and the tourism industries may not operate;
 10. No hotels or similar establishments shall be allowed to operate, except those accommodating guests who have existing long-term bookings, distressed OFWs and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals, repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols, non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine, and healthcare workers and other employees from exempted establishments. *Provided*, that hotel operations shall be limited to the provision of basic lodging to guests;
 11. Residential or face-to-face classes shall be suspended for the duration of the GCQ. For Academic Year 2020-2021, the following shall be observed for the conduct of classes:
 - a. For basic education, the Basic Education Continuity Plan of the Department of Education is hereby adopted.
 - b. For higher education, the recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education for higher education institutions are hereby adopted;
 12. Mass gatherings that are unauthorized, non-work essential or are entertainment-related such as movie screenings, concerts, and sporting events, are prohibited. While adhering to the prescribed minimum health standards, religious gathering are not encouraged but in any case should be not more than ten (10) persons;
 13. Individual outdoor exercise such as outdoor walks, jogging, running or biking are allowed. *Provided*, that the minimum health standards and precautions such as the wearing of masks and maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed. All persons below 21 years old, those who are 60 years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, may go outdoors for the purpose of individual exercise;
 14. The road and maritime sectors of public transportation shall operate at a reduced operational and vehicle capacity in accordance with the Batangas City Ordinance No. 9 S.2020 otherwise known as the Interim Transport Ordinance of Batangas City.

SECTION 6. GUIDELINES FOR INTERZONAL AND INTRAZONAL MOVEMENT. – (a) Batangas City abides by the national policy of allowing unhampered the movement of all types of cargoes by land, air or sea within or across its territorial jurisdiction. Workers in the logistics sector, such as cargo, trucking, courier delivery, and port operations



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shall likewise be allowed to transit across Batangas City. Provided, that only a maximum of five (5) personnel may operate cargo and delivery vehicles by land, with or without load. Provided further, that strict physical distancing measures shall be observed, including the putting up of additional safe and humane seats or space in the vehicles. Provided finally, that the Batangas City PNP retains its authority to conduct inspection procedures in checkpoints for the purpose of ensuring that quarantine protocols are observed.

(b). The movement of the following persons within and across the territorial jurisdiction of Batangas City shall be permitted:

1. Health and emergency frontline services personnel
2. Government officials, and government frontline personnel
3. Duly-authorized humanitarian assistance actors
4. Persons travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons
5. Persons going to the airport for travel abroad
6. Returning or repatriated OFWs and other Overseas Filipinos returning to their places of residence, and
7. Other persons transported through the efforts of the national government upon observance of the necessary quarantine protocols and with the concurrence of the receiving LGUs.

(c) Repatriated OFWs or returning non-OFWs who have been issued a DOH or LGU certificate of completion of fourteen-day facility-based quarantine, those who may be required to undergo a mandatory fourteen-day home quarantine, and those who are issued with travel authority upon testing negative for COVID-19, shall be granted unhampered transit across Batangas City enroute to their final destination in the Philippines.

SECTION 7. ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS. – Within the duration of the GCQ, the following additional health and safety protocols shall be strictly observed in Batangas City:

1. Mass gatherings are prohibited. In all cases and activities allowed as provided in the foregoing, proper physical distancing shall be observed at all times;
2. The compulsory wearing of facemask in accordance with the Face Mask Ordinance of Batangas City, and the use of other appropriate personal protection gears shall be observed. Health protocols issued by the Department of Health through the City Health Office shall likewise be strictly implemented.
3. Stores, whether wholesale or retail, shall be allowed to sell liquor or alcoholic beverages. *Provided*, that sale to a single person shall be limited to a maximum of one (1) unit of one-liter (1 Li.) bottle for hard drinks, and six (6) bottles/cans for beer drinks.
4. Drinking alcoholic beverages outside of residence and in view of the public is strictly prohibited. Consumption of such drinks shall be limited indoors, and no group of persons shall be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages together. *Provided*, that when residents of the same household shall consume the alcoholic beverage together, the use of common



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glasses, utensils, and other implements is strictly prohibited. *Provided finally*, that in such case of consuming alcoholic beverage in the same household, no more than five (5) persons shall be allowed together maintaining physical distancing and other hygiene protocols;

5. The use of quarantine pass shall still be implemented in Batangas City. The previously barangay-issued quarantine pass shall still be valid. Provided, that each household shall have only one quarantine pass issued to a member who shall be allowed to go out on the particular day stated in the Pass, and only for the purpose of acquiring essentials for the household. Provided finally, that where the household opts to change its quarantine pass, the old one shall be cancelled by the issuing barangay before a new pass, shall be issued to the household.
6. Other health and safety protocols similar to the foregoing that may be issued by the City Government through executive order, ordinance or resolution.

SECTION 8. PENALTIES. - Any person found violating any of the guidelines provided in this Ordinance shall be imposed the following penalties:

a. **First Offense.** - The offender shall be reprimanded and warned that a repeat violation shall be meted with a more severe penalty.

b. **Second Offense.** - The offender shall be required to render community service for a period of three (3) hours within the day he committed the violation, provided that if the rendering of such community service is not practicable on the day of the commission of the violation, the penalty shall be served in the following day;

c. **Third and Succeeding Offense.** - The offender shall suffer the penalty of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or pay a fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or both in the discretion of the Court;

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - Should for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, any part or provision not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect after completion of posting thereof in conspicuous places in Batangas City.



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ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 19th day of May, 2020.



ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS

Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE, JR.

Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

BEVERLEY ROSE A. DIMACUHA

City Mayor

Date Approved: _____

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY
ON MAY 19, 2020 AT THE SANGGUNIAN SESSION HALL**

PRESENT:

Hon. Emilio Francisco A. Berberabe Jr.,	Presiding Officer
Hon. Alyssa Renee A. Cruz,	Councilor
Hon. Aileen Grace A. Montalbo,	"
Hon. Nestor E. Dimacuha,	"
Hon. Karlos Emmanuel A. Buted,	"
Hon. Gerardo A. Dela Roca,	"
Hon. Oliver Z. Macatangay,	"
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	"
Hon. Julian B. Villena,	"
Hon. Isidra "Ched" M. Atienza,	"
Hon. Maria Aleth A. Lazarte,	"
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	"
Hon. Angelito Dondon A. Dimacuha,	ABC-Rep.
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	SK-Fed. Pres

"On motion of Councilor Macatangay duly seconded, the following Resolution was Adopted:


RESOLUTION NO. 135 S. 2020

**APPROVING THE ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE
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FOR OTHER PURPOSES", EXEMPTING FROM THE THREE-READING RULE**

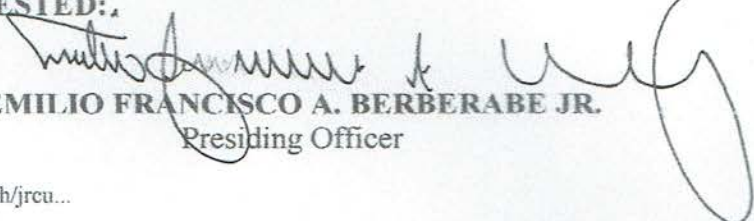
RESOLVED, to approve the Ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Adopting the Guidelines for the Implementation of the General Community Quarantine in Batangas City, Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof, and for Other Purposes", exempting from the Three-reading Rule.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 135 S. 2020 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on May 19, 2020.


ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE JR.
Presiding Officer