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BATANGAS CITY

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Tel. No. 722-0304

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ORDINANCE NO. 13 S. 2020

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING AND PROMOTING CONTACTLESS TRANSACTIONS AND ONLINE REMITTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS/PAYMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT TAXES FROM OTHER ONLINE PLATFORMS/FACILITIES AND THEREFORE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO OPEN AN E-GOVERNMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR SUCH PURPOSES

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SPONSOR : COUN. ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ-ATIENZA

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**WHEREAS**, the emergence of the 2019 Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic has been the defining and unprecedented global health crisis of this time and has severely affected the economy, industry, the society and the lives of billions of people not only in the Philippines but in all the countries all over the world.

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus has exponentially spread in all parts of the world which, at this point in time, still leaves renowned scientists, professionals and medical experts in predicament in terms of finding an appropriate antidote to cure the patients who were hit by the COVID-19 virus, to lessen the mortalities that comes with it and to prevent its continuous and uncontrollable spread all throughout the globe.

**WHEREAS**, the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic has urged the government, among others, to consider, promote and embrace the "new normal" which generally involves, stricter hygienic practices such as social distancing and discouraging physical contact in order to avoid the possible transmission of virus from an infected person to the other.

**WHEREAS**, in order to adapt to the new normal, it is but fitting for the city government to adopt new policies and norms in terms of promoting contactless transactions for payments made to and from the taxpayers, stakeholders and other government agencies in order to protect its people and at the same time prevent the delay of government transactions and payment of taxes, contributions and other relevant remittances which serve as the city government's lifeline in effectively responding to this health threat and supporting its constituents in difficult times as these.



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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Batangas, in Regular Session assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE** - This ordinance shall be known and cited as "AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING AND PROMOTING CONTACTLESS TRANSACTIONS AND ONLINE REMITTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS/PAYMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT TAXES FROM OTHER ONLINE PLATFORMS/FACILITIES AND THEREFORE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO OPEN AN E-GOVERNMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR SUCH PURPOSES".

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**2.1 Contactless Transaction** - Transactions that require no physical contact between the payor, his/her agent, the payor's payment device, the payee, and the physical payment terminal. This type of payment can be through banks, online channels and contactless mobile and web applications including but not limited to G-Cash, PayMaya, credit/debit cards, remittance centers.

**2.2 Payment Channel** - The platform on which the payor can make a payment and/or remittance which includes online and mobile channels.

**2.3 Payment Type** - The method of payment that a payor uses to transfer its payment and/or remittance. This includes credit/debit cards, mobile payments, online or over-the-counter bank transfers, e-wallets, direct deposits, etc.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE** - This ordinance shall apply to the following:

- a. Acceptance of taxes and payments from all duly registered businesses, professions and taxpayers within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Batangas;
- b. Acceptance of payments of real property taxes, local business taxes, licenses, fees and charges due to the city government;



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- c. Acceptance of payment of surcharges, penalties and interest arising from non-payment of business and real property taxes;
- d. Acceptance of all such payments due to the City Government of Batangas which are not specified herein;
- e. Payment of all remittances contributions of the city government to other government agencies including but not limited to the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth);

**SECTION 4. PAYMENT/TRANSFER OF PAYMENT** - Taxpayers of all such taxes, fees and charges mentioned in Sec. 3 herein shall have the option to choose his/her method of payment and payment channel of such taxes, fees and charges due to the city government and secure proof of such payment including but not limited to electronic receipts and others to be able to present proof of payment should the need arise. Payers may opt to choose any payment channel according to his/her convenience including but not limited to G-Cash, PayMaya and Online/Mobile Banking.

**SECTION 5. PAYMENT OF GOVERNMENT REMITTANCES AND CONTRIBUTIONS** - All contributions, remittances and payments charged by other government agencies including but not limited to the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG) and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) which are against the city government may be paid contactless through the Digital Banking Portal as discussed in the preceding paragraphs herein.

**SECTION 6. OPENING OF AN E-GOVERNMENT (E-GOV) SAVINGS ACCOUNT** - to effectively carry out this Ordinance the City Treasurer and the City Mayor shall be authorized to open an E-Gov Savings Account to Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) Batangas City Branch and to enroll the said E-Gov Savings



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Account in the Digital Banking Portal feature of DBP for the purposes of embracing the contactless transaction method as hereby discussed.

6.1 The City Treasurer shall have exclusive authority to access and manage the Batangas City Government Account in the DBP Digital Banking Portal and shall keep a physical record of all such transactions as appearing in the same. The City Treasurer shall also have the authority to request a detailed breakdown of all transactions which were made to and from the said E-Gov Savings Account if needed.

6.2 The City Treasurer shall coordinate with other offices concerned including but not limited to the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO), City Assessor's Office and others with regards to the payments made through the city government's E-Gov Savings Account and keep an updated record of such payments made.

**SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** - Should any provision, section or part of this ordinance be adjudged or declared illegal or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections or part which shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All ordinances or any provision of ordinances which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the approval thereof.

**ENACTED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



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SUCH PURPOSES

  
ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS

Secretary  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE JR.  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
BEVERLEY ROSE A. DIMACUHA  
City Mayor

Date Approved: JUN 17 2020

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE  
MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BATANGAS CITY  
ON JUNE 8, 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 Emmanjuel 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 Cruz duly seconded, the following Resolution was Adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 146 S. 2020**

**ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND  
REGULATIONS AND APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE  
ORDINANCE ALLOWING AND PROMOTING CONTACTLESS TRANSACTIONS  
AND ONLINE REMITTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS/PAYMENTS AND  
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**RESOLVED**, to adopt the report of the Committee on Laws, Rules and Regulations and to approve on Second and Final Reading the ordinance entitled: “An Ordinance Allowing and Promoting Contactless and Online Remittance of Contributions/Payments and Acceptance of Government Taxes from Other Online Platforms/Facilities And Therefore Authorizing the City Treasurer to Open an E-Government Saving Account with the Development Bank of the Philippines for Such Purposes”.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.”**

Continuation of Resolution No. 146 S. 2020

**ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE ORDINANCE ALLOWING AND PROMOTING CONTACTLESS TRANSACTIONS AND ONLINE REMITTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS/PAYMENTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNMENT TAXES FROM OTHER ONLINE PLATFORMS/FACILITIES AND THEREFORE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TREASURER TO OPEN AN E-GOVERNMENT SAVINGS ACCOUNT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR SUCH PURPOSES**

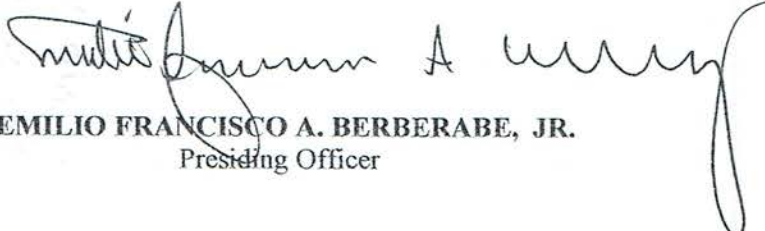
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 146 S. 2020 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on June 8, 2020.

  
**ROSEMARIE T. HERNANDEZ**  
 Board Secretary IV  
 Sangguniang Panlungsod

NOTED:

  
**ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS**  
 Secretary  
 Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

  
**EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE, JR.**  
 Presiding Officer

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THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORT

PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AND PROMOTE CONTACTLESS GOVERNMENT TRANSACTIONS USING ONLINE PLATFORMS/FACILITIES OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (DBP)

COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The subject request for the passage of an ordinance was referred to the Committee on Laws, Rules and Regulations for its consideration during the Regular Session on May 19, 2020 while its title and whereases were approved on the same date.

In order to adapt to the new normal following the threat of the COVID 19 pandemic, it is but fitting for the City government to adopt new policies and norms in terms of promoting countless transactions for payment made to and from the taxpayers, stakeholders and other government agencies in order to protect its people and at the same time prevent the delay of government transactions and payment of taxes, contributions and other relevant remittances which serve as the city government's lifeline in effectively responding to this health threat and supporting its constituents in difficult times as these.

Considering no legal impediment with the subject request and that the said request would be beneficial to the Batangas City government and its constituents, the Committee hereby recommends:

1. The adoption of this Committee Report.
2. The approval of the said Ordinance for Second and Final Reading in today's regular session.

Respectfully submitted, June 4, 2020

THE COMMITTEE ON LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS

COUNCILOR ALYSSA RENEE A. CRUZ

Chairperson

COUN. GERARDO A. DELA ROCA  
Member

COUN. OLIVER Z. MACATANGAY  
Member

COUN. JULIAN B. VILLENA  
Member

COUN. NELSON J. CHAVEZ  
Member