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ORDINANCE NO. 8 S. 2020

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE,
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, Proclamation No. 922 S. 2020 declared a State of National Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 and the subsequent Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020 directed all local government units to adopt, coordinate and implement the Guidelines on the Imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon;

WHEREAS, the strict compliance with the Guidelines on the Imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures is seen as the best intervention measure to curb the contagion;

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

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

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall cover all natural persons residing or sojourning in Batangas City during the existence of COVID-19 pandemic and until the imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine over the entire Luzon and the State of National Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19 is lifted.



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SECTION 3. ADOPTION OF THE GUIDELINES ON ECQ. – Batangas City hereby adopts the Guidelines on the Imposition of Enhanced Community Quarantine and the Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon embodied in the Memorandum from the Executive Secretary dated 16 March 2020..

SECTION 4. PROHIBITION. – In accordance with the stringent measures provided in the Guidelines on Enhanced Community Quarantine, any act violating the following are hereby declared prohibited:

- a. Mass gathering are strictly prohibited;
- b. Compulsory wearing of face mask in accordance with the Face Mask Ordinance of Batangas City;
- c. Observance of strict home quarantine in all households; movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities;
- d. Regulation on the provision of food and essential health services;
- e. Implementation of work from home arrangement in the government offices, except in the PNP, health and emergency frontline services, and other key offices which shall ensure a skeletal work force;
- f. Only those private establishments providing basic necessities an such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e., public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drugstores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, water and telecommunications supplies and facilities, shall be open, provided that in all such open establishments, their respective management shall ensure the adoption of a strict skeletal workforce to support operation, as well as all strict physical distancing measures;
- g. Business Process Outsourcing establishments and export-oriented industries shall remain operational, subject to the condition that strict physical distancing measures are observed, personnel are provided appropriate temporary accommodation arrangements and that a skeletal workforce shall be implemented;
- h. Media personnel intending to travel in the quarantine area shall have in their person the proper identification card issued by the Presidential Communications Operations Office or its duly authorized representative;



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- i. Transit to and from the above exempt establishments anywhere within Batangas City shall be allowed provided that only private vehicles shall be used observing half-capacity load only for passengers;
- j. Mass public transport facilities are suspended;
- k. Batangas City adopts the "Stay Where You Are Policy" where residents caught outside Batangas City at the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine are not allowed to enter Batangas City until the quarantine is lifted, provided that residents of other localities caught inside Batangas City at the time of the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine are not allowed to exit Batangas City until the same quarantine is lifted;
- l. Selling on retail of alcoholic beverages and similar liquor products is prohibited. For this purpose, a liquor ban is strictly enforced in Batangas City.
- m. Heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce the quarantine process;
- n. Any measure or regulation synonymous to the foregoing that may be adopted by the City Government upon the recommendation of the Incident Management Team on the Covid-19 Crisis.

SECTION 4. PENALTIES. - Any person found violating any of the guidelines provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be imposed the following penalties:

a. **First Offense.** - The offender shall be brought by the apprehending officer or authority before the Incident Management Team and shall be lectured on the requirements stated in this Ordinance and a proper warning shall be issued to him to avoid a repeat violation;

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 and pay the fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or both in the discretion of the Court;

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION. - To effectively implement this Ordinance, and in coordination with the Philippine National Police, the members of the Defense and Security Services (DSS), officers and personnel of the Transport Development and Regulatory Office



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(TDRO), and members of the Incident Management Team (IMT) on Covid-19 Crisis and their authorized representatives, and the barangay officials of Batangas City, are hereby deputized to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and apprehend violators thereof.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – Should 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 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect after completion of posting thereof in conspicuous places in Batangas City.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 22th day of April, 2020.


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