

Republic of the Philippines BATANGAS CITY

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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ORDINANCE NO. 1 S. 2022

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ENHANCED RESTRICTIONS OF UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS TO REGULATE THEIR MOBILITY IN BATANGAS CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

AUTHOR: VICE MAYOR EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE, JR. CO-AUTHORS: ALL COUNCILORS

WHEREAS, two years of COVID-19 pandemic has enormously affected Batangas City and its people, particularly in the aspects of social interaction, livelihood, and economy;

WHEREAS, the efforts and accomplishment of the City Government and its local instrumentalities to subdue the health crisis are decimated in the advent of more infectious variants of COVID-19 as the CALABARZON Region is now put under Alert Level 3;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are medically proven and relied upon globally to be effective against COVID-19 infection, and to which the population's immunity to the virus is attributed;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are made available by the national and local government in public health facilities all over the country;

WHEREAS, despite health information campaigns and accessibility of COVID-19 vaccines, certain percentage of the populace continue to resist vaccination, endangering themselves and others of getting infected, and ultimately results to burdening the healthcare system;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to enforce stringent policies to enjoin vaccination against COVID-19 and to limit the movement of individuals who are averse to vaccination in order to prevent transmission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. – This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Enhanced Restrictions of Unvaccinated Individuals Ordinance of Batangas City.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall cover all persons found within the territorial jurisdiction of Batangas City, including individuals residing outside Batangas City but who work and/or travel to Batangas City.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – Whenever used in this Ordinance, terms shall have the following meaning:

a. Alert Level System – refers to the new Community Quarantine Classifications for dealing with COVID-19 covering entire cities, municipalities and/or regions aimed to manage and minimize the risk of the disease through System



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Indicators, Triggers and Thresholds determined by the IATF to specify the public health and social measures to be taken in relation to the COVID-19 response, as may be updated based on new scientific knowledge, information about the effectiveness of control measures in the country and overseas, and its application;

- Alert Level 3 refers to areas wherein case counts are high and/or increasing, with total bed utilization rate and intensive care unit utilization rate at increasing utilization;
- Essential goods and services refers to food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, and energy, work and medical and dental necessities;
- d. **Unvaccinated Individual** refers to any person within the age groups authorized to receive COVID-19 vaccines, but refuses or objects to being vaccinated, thereby cannot present any proof of COVID-19 vaccination or record thereof issued by competent authority.

SECTION 4. RESTRICTIONS OF UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS. – The following restrictions shall be enforced for unvaccinated individuals:

- a. Remain in their residences at all times except for the procurement of essential goods and services;
- Prohibited in sports activities and sports facilities, provided that individual outdoor exercise shall be allowed within the general area of their residence;
- c. Prohibited in indoor and outdoor *al fresco* dining in restaurants and other food establishments and are likewise prohibited from leisure or pleasure trips to malls, hotels, event venues, sports and country clubs, and similar facilities;
- d. Prohibited in domestic travel via public transportation by land, sea, and air except for the procurement of essential goods and services, subject to the production of proof to support and justify such travel;
- e. Required to undergo a Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT PCR) test every two (2) weeks at their personal expense and present a COVID-19 negative result prior to being admitted for work onsite consistent with the guidelines, rules and regulations issued by the IATF and the Department of Labor and Employment, provided, that in the event that the RT PCR test and/or result is/are not readily available, a Rapid Antigen Test may be utilized in lieu thereof.



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SECTION 5. PENALTY. – Any unvaccinated person found violating the restrictions provided in this Ordinance or owner of establishment, operator of common carriage, or any person allowing or disregarding the restrictions for unvaccinated individuals shall suffer the penalty of fine of Five Thousand Pesos (PhP 5,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than one month but not more than six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

If the violator is a corporation, partnership, or any similar juridical entity, the penalty shall be imposed on its president, chairman, or highest officer.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If for any reason or reasons, any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All provisions of ordinances, executive orders, or resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect after approval by the City Mayor and completion of ten (10) days posting thereof in conspicuous places in Batangas City.

ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on this 11th day of January, 2022.

DLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary

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 JANUARY 11, 2022 VIA ZOOM APPLICATION

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,	44
Hon. Nelson J. Chavez,	
Hon. Julian B. Villena,	
Hon. Michael Thomas T. Pastor,	**
Hon. Isidra "Ched" M. Atienza,	"
Hon. Maria Aleth A. Lazarte,	***
Hon. Lorenzo A. Gamboa, Jr.,	cc
Hon. Angelito "Dondon" A. Dimacuha,	ABC-Rep.
Hon. Marjorie A. Manalo,	SK-Fed. Pres.

"On motion of Councilor Nestor Dimacuha seconded by Councilor Villena, the following Resolution was Adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 6 S. 2022

APPROVING ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ENHANCED RESTRICTIONS OF UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS TO REGULATE THEIR MOBILITY IN BATANGAS CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to approve on second and final reading the Ordinance Providing for the Enhanced Restrictions of Unvaccinated Individuals to Regulate their Mobility in Batangas City, and for Other Purposes.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 6 S. 2022 was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City during its Regular Session held on January 11, 2022.

ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS

Secretary

ATTESTED:

EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE, JR.

Presiding Officer