



Series of 2020

"AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING THE BARANGAY EXIT PASS REGULATION IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO TO FURTHER LIMIT THE THREAT OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION"

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates local government units to, among others, promote the health and safety of their constituents;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte declared the extension of the period of the imposed Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon and the National Capital Region up to April 30, 2020, to show the no let-up efforts of the national government to check the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the city government has consistently supported the programs of the national government in the fight against COVID-19 by closely collaborating with the concerned government agencies, the other local government units, including the barangays and the private sector in the adoption of appropriate programs and measures intended to prevent the possible local transmission of the disease;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, thru the Office of the City Mayor, issued Executive Order No. 048, Series of 2020, entitled "AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO TO CONTROL AND LIMIT THE EXPOSURE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)", Executive Order No. 049, Series of 2020, entitled "AN ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE TO HELP PREVENT, LIMIT AND CONTROL EXPOSURE TO THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)," as well as other related Executive Orders to help limit the threat of the spread of COVID-19 in the city and the neighboring areas in the Northern Mindanao Region;

WHEREAS, there have been numerous reports of people gathering in sizable crowds at the barangays and other public places in the city, in clear violation of the "Stay At Home" and Social Distancing guidelines of both the National and the City Governments under the implemented General Community Quarantine to curtail the possible spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, this risky behaviour of some of our city residents in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic could give rise to the possible transmission of the disease in the community;



WHEREAS, the City Government has been implementing appropriate policies and measures to prevent people from gathering together in the meantime that we are facing the threat of this deadly disease;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further heighten and sustain our collective efforts in containing the spread of COVID-19 and to provide for a harmonized and simplified procedure in the issuance of clearances for residents who leave their houses and barangays, as may be essential, thereby prevent confusions or misinterpretations of this subject intervention measure which would only exacerbate the already difficult situation our people are presently in.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, OSCAR S. MORENO, City Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "STAY AT HOME" POLICY IN ALL BARANGAYS OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY CONSISTENT WITH THE EXISTING ADOPTED GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS, THE BARANGAYS ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE BARANGAY EXIT PASS POLICY, AS FOLLOWS:

- All barangays in the city shall implement an EXIT PASS Policy, which shall govern and regulate the movements of people within their respective areas of jurisdiction who may wish to leave their houses and barangays for essential purposes.
- ii. Employees reporting to work shall only be required to present their respective Employment Identification Cards to the concerned barangay officials/personnel or the Homeowners Association (HOA) representatives, duly authorized by the barangay;
- iii. Residents who require urgent medical attention shall be allowed to leave their homes without the need of securing a Barangay EXIT PASS.

SECTION 2. NO OTHER CLEARANCE REQUIRED. All barangays are hereby directed not to require their issuance of any other clearances or passes. For the avoidance of doubt, the barangays are reminded that Quarantine and other similar clearances are not appropriate, as only the City Government can issue a Quarantine Completion Certificate.

SECTION 3. NO FEES ALLOWED. All barangays are directed not to charge any fee or imposition for the issuance of the Barangay Exit Pass. The cost for the issuance of the Barangay Exit Pass shall be shouldered fully by the City Government.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT. The concerned *Sangguniang Barangay* Officials and personnel, Tanods and the duly-authorized members of the Homeowners Association within the barangay and the Philippine National Police officers and personnel under the Cagayan de Oro City Police Office (COCPO) shall implement this Order.

In order to prevent any untoward incident, basic courtesy and respect must be strictly observed at all times by all persons.

Failure to abide by the foregoing guidelines and measures shall be meted with appropriate action, in accordance with the relevant laws, City Ordinances and regulations.



For this purpose, the City Legal Department is directed to initiate the appropriate charges, as may be warranted.

EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. **SO ORDERED.**

ISSUED this <u>14th</u> day of April 2020, Cagayan de Oro City.

OSCARS. MORENO City Mayor

Attested by:

TEODORO A. SABUGA-A, JR. Acting City Administrator