

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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ORDINANCE NO. 2020-282

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION, MITIGATION, PREPAREDNESS FOR AND CONTAINMENT OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19), IMPOSING SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(Sponsor: HON. BAGNOS R. MAXIMO, JR.)

WHEREAS, based on the report of the World Health Organization (WHO) as of 05 March 2020, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has affected 85 countries with 14,678 confirmed cases and 267 deaths. In response to the growing concern over the outbreak of, and the declaration of the World Health Organization (WHO) that, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19), is now a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

WHEREAS, concrete and proactive steps must be undertaken to prevent, contain and restrict the possibility of spreading epidemic within the territorial jurisdiction of Cauayan City.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 2, Section 15, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution and Section 16-17, the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code, Local Government Units are charged with the promotion of health and safety within the jurisdictions, including the provision of services to control communicable diseases. As such, they must take the lead in the prevention and control of coronavirus at the local level.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the City Council of Cauayan in session duly assembled;

SECTION 1. TITLE. This shall be known as the "An Ordinance providing for the prevention, mitigation, preparedness for and containment of the 2019 novel coronavirus acute respiratory disease (COVID-19), imposing sanctions for violation thereof and for other purposes.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is an adopted policy that the City Government shall promote and ensure the protection of the health and safety of its residents from all forms of communicable and non-communicable diseases, especially those which have epidemic effects.

The Philippines is already one of several countries with a confirmed COVID-19 case. As of 09 March 2020, there are 20 confirmed cases in the Philippines. This raises the level of urgency and immediate actions to prevent the occurrence of a National epidemic.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, unless the contrary is indicated, the following terms mean and shall be construed as follows:

- a. **COVID-19:** It is a highly infectious respiratory disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. The signs and symptoms include fever > 38° and / or cough and other respiratory symptoms.
- b. **Persons Under Investigation (PUI):** Persons with either travel history in the past 14 days to areas with issued travel restriction and/ or history of exposure

and showing signs and symptoms of the coronavirus. They are mandated to undergo hospital admission.

- c. **Persons Under Monitoring (PUM):** Persons who have travel history in the past 14 days to areas with issued travel restriction and/or history of exposure and not showing signs and symptoms of the coronavirus. They are mandated to undergo 14-day self-quarantine.
- d. **Local transmission:** transmission in a local geographical setting.
- e. **Community transmission:** widespread transmission beyond the defined geographical area.
- f. **History of exposure.** This includes a.) contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 infection or b.) worked in or attended a health care facility where patients with confirmed probable COVID-19 patients were being treated. A contact is a person involved in any of the following: a.) providing direct care for COVID-19 patients, working with health care workers infected with novel coronavirus, visiting patients or staying in the same close environment of a COVID-19 patient; b.) Working together in close proximity or sharing the same classroom environment with COVID-19 patient; c.) Travelling together with COVID-19 patient in any kind of conveyance; d.) Living in the same household as a COVID-19 patient within a 14-day period after the onset of symptoms in the case under consideration.
- g. **Quarantine:** the limitation of movement by competent authority, of persons who have been exposed or are suspected to have been exposed to a person inflicted with a communicable disease. This includes voluntary home confinement which is the voluntary limitation of movement of a person within the confines of the person's residence, for a period not less than fourteen (14) days.

SECTION 4. RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR QUARANTINE OF SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CORONAVIRUS VIRUS VICTIM

Persons under investigation are directed for mandatory hospital admission. Persons under monitoring are directed to undergo self-quarantine for 14 days.

The roles and responsibilities of local officials and teams are as follows:

- a. Local Health Office, in close coordination with the Regional DOH-
 - Regularly check the condition of the PUMs over the course of the home quarantine period through the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams
 - Issue certificate of completion of 14-day quarantine and clearance, as the case may be.
- b. Philippine National Police
 - Directed to effect the compulsory confinement of persons arriving from a country with a confirmed COVID-19 case, who refuse to undergo home confinement, or voluntary quarantine at the BIU, and ensure they are able to complete the 14-day quarantine period, in the unlikely event that the Punong Barangay and the BHERT fail to convince the subject person or persons to voluntarily undergo the 14-day quarantine.
- c. Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams
 - If symptoms, are observed, immediately isolate and confine the arriving resident, now a PUI, to the BUI, prior to his or her immediate safe transfer to a DOH-designated referral center or quarantine facility for further examination and treatment.
 - Place the rest of the household under 14-day home confinement. Repeat the process for them, including contact-tracing.

- If no symptoms are observed after the 14-day voluntary quarantine, report to the Punong Barangay who will inform the City Health Officer and recommend the lifting of quarantine and certify the PUIs free from COVID-19 infection.

SECTION 5. PROTOCOLS FOR CONFIRMED CASE/S OF LOCAL TRANSMISSION

Cases of local transmission include Filipinos and Foreigners residing in the City. To prevent more cases of local transmission and community transmission, the City Mayor shall adopt measures against the possibility of spread of COVID-19, to include but not limited to the following:

- a. Declare State of Calamity if there is a confirmed case of local transmission in the locality.
- b. Direct Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council to assess the proximity of areas near the City where a confirmed case of local transmission resides or frequents. The LDRRMC will submit a report to the Local Chief Executive with recommendations for the suspension of classes or work in public offices in the proximity.
- c. Work closely with the Department of Health in conducting contact tracing.
- d. Disseminate to the public the results of contact tracing and areas where the confirmed case frequented. Encourage those who may have been in contact with the confirmed case to monitor symptoms of COVID-19 and submit to voluntary testing if symptoms arise.
- e. Direct the BHERT to refer individual persons who are certain to have been in contact with a confirmed case and suffering the symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days of the confirmation of the disease to undergo mandatory testing.
- f. Direct the PNP to effect mandatory testing for those confirmed to be in contact with the confirmed case of COVID-19 and showing symptoms within 14 days of the confirmation of the disease, in the unlikely event that the Punong Barangay and the BHERT fail to convince the subject person or persons to voluntarily undergo testing.
- g. Direct the Local Health Office to strictly enforce home quarantine of persons under investigation.
- h. Checkpoints and other means of curtailing the movements of concerned persons, vehicles and animals may be enforced provided the same is for a definite and limited duration of time and due regard is given to the constitutional rights of all individuals. When directed by the Secretary of Health, the transport and conduction of COVID-19 patients to hospitals or health centers for isolation and treatment shall be allowed and upheld. No arrests and detentions shall be enforced except upon lawful processes emanating from the courts or upon order of quarantine of the Secretary of Health in accordance with law for the purpose of preventing the introduction, transmission or spread of COVID-19.

SECTION 6. OTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

In order to prevent the entry and spread of COVID-19 in the community, the City Mayor shall adopt measures against its spread to include but not limited to the following:

1. Prevention and mitigation

- a. Implement periodic precautionary measures such as sanitation, disinfection and any other measures against the threat and spreading of COVID-19 over:
 - i. All City Government properties and facilities including the respective offices, facilities and properties of the City Barangays.
 - ii. Public and private schools within the City jurisdiction
 - iii. Private businesses within the City jurisdiction

- iv. All National Government Offices, properties within the City
- b. Suspension of all crowd drawing government-related events and activities including teambuilding and seminars conducted elsewhere, if any, in collaboration with the City Government;
 - c. Conduct of massive information drive to raise the consciousness of the constituents on COVID-19. The information drive may include fliers, leaflets and other information materials on COVID-19 through the help of barangay health workers, other officials and members of the barangay, public and private schools' teachers, officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan and members of non-government organizations in the area.
 - d. Ensure that only the official information and data provided by the DOH and WHO Philippines is used in advisories, updates and information disseminated on information materials, websites and social media accounts.
 - e. Tap the local media in informing the public about COVID-19 and the measures necessary to prevent and contain the disease.
 - f. Conduct a city-wide cleanliness and sanitation campaign.
 - g. All private business and properties are enjoined to implement their own periodic precautionary measures against the threat of COVID-19.
 - h. Monitor the prices of medicines and medical devices and cause the filing of appropriate charges against any person or entity involved in hoarding and/or overpricing

2. Containment and control

- a. Organize Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) at the minimum ratio of one team for every 5,000 population and mobilize them to help implement prevention, mitigation, preparedness and response measures for the nCOV ARD.
- b. Provide all medical staff, ambulance crew, BHERT members and other local health care workers, including PNP and BFP personnel who will potentially be exposed to, or get in direct contact with PUI, with appropriate personal protective equipment.
- c. Mandatory requirement to all owner/proprietors/administrators of private establishments, including private hospitals, to formulate their own safety measures to protect their employees.
- d. Mandatory requirement to crematorium and/or funeral and embalming establishments to provide for the immediate cremation/burial of any person confirmed or suspected to have died of COVID-19. These establishments are further required to coordinate with DOH and /or local health authorities in formulating for the safe handling of the remains of persons confirmed or suspected to have died of COVID-19.
- e. Direct all Punong Barangays to identify and designate an appropriate place that will serve as the barangay isolation unit.
- f. Monitor the arrival of barangay residents who recently arrived in the Philippines from a country with a confirmed COVID-19 case and coordinate with the Punong Barangay on actions taken.
- g. All residents of Cauayan are advised not to go anywhere, outside Cauayan City, during the 14th days quarantine period.

SECTION 7. FUNDING.

The appropriate funding for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from the funds of the City, the Calamity Fund of the City may be utilized subject to the

provisions of Republic Act 8185, amended Section 324 (d) of Republic Act 7160, as amended, the City Mayor is hereby authorized to utilize the Calamity Fund, subject to availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

SECTION 8. PROHIBITED ACTS

The following shall be prohibited under this act:

- A. Non-cooperation of persons identified as having the disease:
 - 1. Any person who shall refuse to follow the protocol provided by the DOH with regard to persons confirmed to have COVID-19.
 - 2. Any person who refuse to undergo quarantine despite being mandated by the DOH or local health office.
 - 3. Any health worker who shall negligently perform duties imposed upon him/her by the DOH, local health office or similar institutions
 - 4. Refusal to subject himself to medical examinations or testing that shall be required by the LGU OR DOH as stated in Section 4 and 5.
- B. Non-cooperation of entities or establishment
 - 1. Any establishment who neglects to follow the quarantine procedures.
 - 2. Any establishment who refuse to extend appropriate assistance and support to those having the disease.

SECTION 9. PENAL PROVISIONS

Any person or entity who have found to violate the sections on prohibited acts shall be subjected to the following penalties:

- 1. Persons that were confirmed to have COVID-19 shall undergo a mandatory quarantine, or other confinement identified by the DOH.
In case of minors, the minors shall be subject to confinement with consent/approval of parents or legal guardians.
- 2. Refusal to follow the protocols despite the issuance of DOH order & LGU ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of P 20,000 to 50,000.
- 3. Establishment owners/ proprietors who negligently followed the protocols (medical supplies/quarantine protocols) shall suffer imprisonment of not exceeding 6 months, or both at the discretion of the court.
- 4. Establishment or entities who refuse or negligently perform the orders of DOH and local health office shall be subjected to a suspension or have their license revoked upon findings of any violations of this act.
- 5. Any morgue, crematorium, funeral or embalming establishments offering cremation services who refuse to cremate or embalm any person confirmed to have died from COVID-2019 despite the written permission from the immediate family of the victim or the department of health shall be subject to closure and cancellation of their business and mayor's permit and the owners, proprietors and/or managers of the said establishments shall be penalized with a fine not exceeding ten thousand pesos (P 10,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period of not exceeding one (1) year or both in the discretion of the court.

The business permits and licensing office shall conduct regular inspections, price control and monitoring activities and may impose administrative fines against erring entities or establishment or recommend prosecution of violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. SEPERATION CLAUSE - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other parts or provisions thereof, which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE - All Ordinances found to be inconsistent with Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

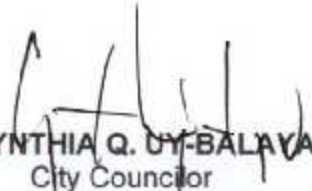
SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation and to be posted in conspicuous places within the City of Cauayan, Isabela.


RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish copy of this Ordinance to the Office of the Hon. Bernard Faustino M. Dy, City Mayor; Atty. Emmanuel D. Marquez, City Legal Officer; Atty. Reina Consorcia M. Santos, City Information Communication and Technology Officer; Mr. Ricardo V. Alonzo, OIC-City Agriculturist; Dr. Ronald C. Dalavidao, City Veterinarian; Dr. Bernadynn Bengie S. Reyes, City Health Officer; Dr. Mary Kristin A. Purugganan, Assistant Health Officer; Engr. Alejo S. Lamsen, City ENRO; Mr. Nestor A. Balmaceda, CEEMO; Atty. Sherwin M. de Luna, City Licensing Officer; Mrs. Lolita C. Menor, CSWDO, PLC Gerald P. Gamboa, Chief of Police, PNP; Mr. Pilarito R. Mallillin, Chief POSD; Mr. Raul R. Melegrito, City Local Government Operations Officers, Department of Interior and Local Government; all of City of Cauayan, Isabela and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Provincial Capitol, Ilagan City, Isabela for their information, guidance and appropriate action.


ENACTED AND APPROVED: March 16, 2020.

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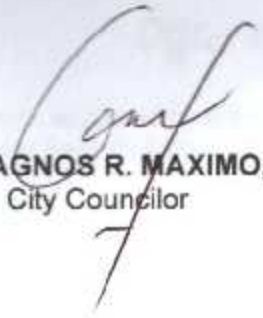

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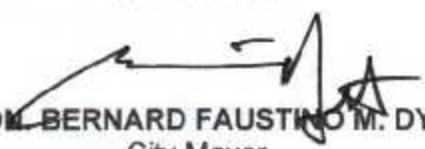
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