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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A 48-HOUR LOCKDOWN OF BARANGAY PANGASUGAN, BAYBAY CITY, LEYTE FOR PURPOSES OF DISEASE SURVEILLANCE, VERIFICATION, CONTAINMENT, AND TESTING IN RELATION TO COVID-19.

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the policy of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, provides that the state shall endeavor to protect the people from public health threats through the efficient and effective disease surveillance of notifiable diseases including emerging infectious diseases, and provide an effective response system in compliance with the international standards;

WHEREAS, the Office of the President issued Proclamation No. 922, series of 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines in view of COVID-19. This declaration empowered local government units to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as to mitigate its effect and impact to the community;

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Mayor of Baybay City, Leyte, issued Executive Order No. 65 dated 18 May 2020, and Executive Order No. 67 dated 30 May 2020, mandating measures, policies, and protocols to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in relation to returning Baybayanons coming from different provinces and cities in the country, as well as emphasizing the responsibilities of barangay officials in relation thereto;

WHEREAS, this Office has received investigation reports from the Philippine National Police – Baybay City Station, confirming reports of breach in protocols by the barangay chairman, and the barangay officials and workers of Barangay Pangasugan of the mandated protocols and measures in relation to returning Baybayanons coming to city.

WHEREAS, these breach in the protocols against the spread of COVID-19 by the concerned barangay officials and employees have endangered not only the residents of the barangay, but the whole of Baybay City, Leyte, in view of the virulent nature of the virus;

WHEREAS, in view of the breach in protocols by the barangay officials and employees of Brgy. Pangasugan, there is a need to impose a 48-hour lockdown in their barangay for the purpose disease surveillance, verification, containment, and testing to mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the city.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSE CARLOS L. CARI, City Mayor of Baybay City, Leyte, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Imposition of 48-Hour Lockdown – There shall be imposed a **FORTY-EIGHT HOUR (48-HOUR) LOCKDOWN on Barangay Pangasugan, Baybay City, Leyte starting at 9:00 p.m. of 3 June 2020 (Wednesday) until 9:00 p.m. of 5 June 2020 (Friday)**, for the purpose of disease surveillance, verification, containment, and testing to mitigate and contain the spread of COVID-19 in the city;

Section 2. Lockdown and Confinement Measures – The following measures shall be strictly implemented in relation to the 48-hour Lockdown in Barangay Pangasugan:

- a. All minor ingress and egress roads going in and out of Brgy. Pangasugan shall be closed and barricaded by the PNP-Baybay City, and there shall be established checkpoints and border control in the main ingress and egress from 12:00 a.m. of 4 June 2020 until 11:59 p.m. of 5 June 2020 to ensure that there shall be no unnecessary/non-essential entry of people and non-residents and their vehicles coming from outside the barangay;
- b. All residents, including the barangay officials and employees, of Barangay Pangasugan, Baybay City, Leyte, are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED from exiting or going out of their barangay** except for the following:
 1. Those allowed by the City Inter-Agency Task Force (City IATF) to travel for medical, essential, and emergency purposes; and
 2. Suspected and confirmed cases to be transported to the Ligtas Covid Center at the New Baybay City Hospital in the Diversion Road, Baybay City, Leyte;
- c. A **Strict Stay At Home Order** and a **24-Hour Curfew** shall be imposed on all residents, including the barangay officials and employees, of Brgy. Pangasugan. No one shall be allowed to go out of their houses, or to loiter on roads and other places in the barangay. There shall be no outdoor activities and physical exercises within the barangay. The playing and mingling of children and adults outside their homes shall be strictly prohibited. No visitors shall be allowed in homes or into the barangay within the effectivity of the lockdown;
- d. The utilization of all public transportation vehicles is strictly disallowed even when used for personal purposes;
- e. The LIQUOR BAN shall be strictly implemented within the duration of the lockdown;
- f. Mass gatherings of any kind shall be disallowed. No gambling, other illegal activities, parties, celebrations and other events which entail physical gathering shall be allowed;
- g. Home Quarantine or Home Isolation of suspected, probable, and confirmed COVID-19 cases shall be strictly prohibited;
- h. All stores and business establishments shall be closed during the duration of the lockdown in the subject barangay.

Section 3. Assistance from the City Government – The City Social Welfare and Development, as well as the City-IATF are directed to render assistance to the barangay and its affected residents who are most affected by the lockdown and confinement of the whole barangay.

Section. 4. Surveillance, Contact Tracing, and Testing for Possible COVID-19 Infections – the Clusters of the City-IATF in charge with surveillance and contact-tracing are mandated to operate and conduct contact tracing of persons within the subject barangay. The City

Health Office of this city shall conduct COVID-19 testing on residents of the subject barangay for possible infection. The PNP-Baybay and the Philippine Army shall ensure that these procedures shall be unhampered and conducted within the duration of the lockdown period.

Section 5. Enforcement – The PNP-Baybay Station, the Philippine Army, and their duly delegated agents, are hereby mandated to ensure compliance to the full extent of this Order. Those caught violating this Order shall be prosecuted under Section 10 of R.A. 11332, and for violation of the appropriate penal provisions of the Revised Penal Code, as amended. Without prejudice to their prosecution for previous nonfeasance and misfeasance which brought about the lockdown, barangay officials and employees who are caught in violation of this Order shall be charged with the appropriate administrative and criminal actions.

Section 6. Effectivity – This Order shall take effect immediately. The Lockdown and Containment of Barangay Pangasugan shall commence at 9:00 p.m. of Wednesday, 3 June 2020 (Wednesday) and shall end at 9:00 p.m. of 5 June 2020 (Friday), unless further extended by the City IATF and the City Mayor.

SO ORDERED, this 3rd day of June 2020, in the City of Baybay, Leyte, Philippines.


JOSE CARLOS L. CARI
City Mayor, Baybay City, Leyte