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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 55-A

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AN EXECUTIVE ORDER STRICTLY IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PROCEDURES TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE CITY

WHEREAS, President of the Republic of the Philippines pursuant to Proclamation No. 929, declared a State of Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the Corona Virus Disease (Covid-19);

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 03-2020-03 Series 2020, issued by the Provincial Governor, has placed the entire Leyte Province under General Community Quarantine and enjoined all Local Government Units within the Province of Leyte to enhance its measures against Covid-19;

WHEREAS, Section 455 (1-vii) of the Local Government Code of the Philippines empowers the Local Chief Executive to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Mayor issued Executive Order No. 55 dated 22 March 2020, imposing more stringent measures in view of the growing concern over the spread of the Covid-19, in addition to the measures already laid down under Executive Order No. 53, which placed the City of Baybay under General Community Quarantine and prescribed measures to prevent and contain the spread of Covid-19;

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Mayor, upon consultation with Inter-Agency Task Force Against Covid-19 in the City of Baybay on 23 March 2020, has decided to amend certain provisions of Executive Order No. 55 in order to expand the scope of the measures against Covid-19, as well as to clear certain matters and issues related to the latter order.

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

I. CLOSURE OF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY. – Effective immediately, all non-essential businesses and establishments shall be temporarily closed until further notice. For purposes of is Order, non-essential businesses and establishments shall refer to, but not limited to the following:

- a. Beauty parlors, salons and barbershops;
- b. Office and school supplies stores;
- c. Ukay-ukay stores;
- d. Shoes and clothing boutiques;
- e. Laundry shops;
- f. Tailoring and dressmaking shops;
- g. Vulcanizing and mechanic shopes;
- h. Electronic stores and shops; and
- i. Petshops.

2. **OPERATION OF ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES AND ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CITY.** - As a general rule, all essential businesses and establishments shall remain open and in operation during the period of the community quarantine. Some essential businesses and establishments, are however, required to operate under certain conditions/limitations as part of the measures imposed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the city.

2.1 For purposes of this Order, the essential businesses and establishments which shall remain open and in operation in the city, shall refer to, but not limited to the following:

- a. Pharmacies;
- b. Bakeries;
- c. Pawnshops;
- d. Kwarta Padala and like establishments;
- e. Grocery stores;
- f. Water refilling stations;
- g. Gasoline and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) stations;
- h. Sari-sari stores;
- i. Mobile phone load distributors;
- j. Hotels and pension houses;
- k. Industrial plants producing raw materials for food or medical/health supplies;
- l. Funeral parlors;
- m. Copra buying stations.

2.2 Essential businesses and establishments, which shall remain open and in operation under certain conditions, shall refer to, but not limited to the following:

- a. Hardware stores;
- b. Restaurants and carenderias;
- c. Agrivet and animal feeds stores; and
- d. Snacks and refreshment stores.

Businesses and establishments in item 2.2 (open under certain conditions) referred to above, shall operate on a "delivery" or "pick up" basis only.

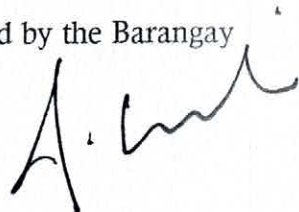
2.3 The Baybay City Public Market, which shall be sanitized daily, as well as the *Talipapas* in the barangays, shall remain open in order to ensure the supply of food and essential goods to the public. Ambulant vendors, selling basic goods and necessities only, shall operate within the confines of the public market and talipapas.

All essential businesses and establishments referred to in items 2.1, 2.2, and those operating within the public market and talipapas, shall require their customers to wear facemasks, and shall continue to strictly observe social distancing of its customers, proper hygiene practices, and other protocols.

3. **STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE BARANGAYS.** - Every barangay is enjoined to implement strict community quarantine procedures. Stricter implementation of procedures for the monitoring of Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) and Persons Under Investigation (PUI) in the city is mandated. No PUI or PUM shall be allowed to leave the premises of their homes except for medical reasons.

Each household of a PUM in the barangay shall be given one (1) Community Pass to allow a healthy member such household to go out and buy essential needs for the household. It is hereby declared that all members of the household belonging to persons declared as PUI shall be considered as PUMs, and shall not be allowed to leave the premises of their homes except for medical reasons. For this reason, the barangay officials concerned shall assist such household in securing the latter's essential needs.

All barangays of this city shall establish barangay checkpoints, to be manned by the Barangay Tanods and other barangay officials, for the implementation of the above measures.



4. **ESTABLISHMENT OF CHECKPOINTS IN STRATEGIC AREAS OF THE CITY.** - The members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) / Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) assigned in the city shall establish checkpoints in strategic areas of the city for the strict implementation of the community quarantine procedures of the city. The strategic areas mentioned above shall be determined by the city mayor or the Inter-Agency Task Force Against Covid-19 of the city.

All Persons subject to the established checkpoints shall wear facemasks, and shall give their full cooperation with the measures and protocols of the PNP and AFP. Everyone is directed to bring with them proper identification cards and documents when entering checkpoints. For this purpose, all barangays of this city shall issue, free of charge, barangay certifications for constituents who have no proper identification cards or documents.

5. **PROVISION AGAINST HOARDING AND PANIC BUYING.** - Establishments selling essential goods shall exercise appropriate measures to control the distribution of commodities in accordance with Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Memorandum Circular No. 20-07 on anti-hoarding and panic-buying, and other regulations

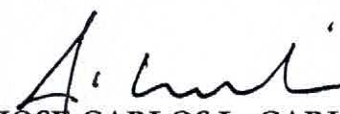
6. **PROHIBITION ON SENIOR CITIZENS, VULNERABLE SECTORS, STUDENTS, AND MINORS.** - All Senior Citizens (65 years old and above), those suffering from debilitating illnesses such as diabetics, asthmatics, those with existing heart conditions, those with apparent respiratory illnesses, persons with disabilities (PWDs), ambulant vendors selling non-essential goods, minors (below 18 years old), and students of all levels (Primary, Secondary and Tertiary) are PROHIBITED from leaving their homes. These persons are mandated to stay within the confines of their homes and residences, except to seek medical attention and care. Barangay officials shall assist the above-mentioned persons in securing their basic needs. All barangay officials, with the assistance of the PNP and AFP, shall be required to implement this provision of the order in addition to the strict monitoring of PUMs and PUIs in their barangays.

7. **CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC PLAZAS.** - The public plaza and other plazas in the barangays shall be temporarily closed until further notice.

8. **PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.** - Those caught violating the provisions of this and previous executive orders issued in relation to the community quarantine, and other measures against Covid-19, shall be prosecuted for violation of Section 9 of Republic Act No. 11332 prohibiting Non-Cooperation during health events of public concern (penalty of 1 month to 6 months imprisonment and a fine not exceeding P50,000), and for violation of Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code on Resistance and Disobedience to a Person in Authority (penalty of *arresto mayor* and a fine not exceeding P500) or the Agents of such Person (penalty of *arresto menor* and a fine not exceeding P100).

9. **EFFECTIVITY.** Previous executive, orders or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order, are deemed amended and superseded. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately, and shall remain in force and effect while the Public Health Emergency subsists, unless rendered ineffective in writing by the City Mayor.

SO ORDERED, this 24th day of March, 2020, in the City of Baybay, Leyte, Philippines.


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