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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 67

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**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE
IN BAYBAY CITY, LEYTE, AND ADOPTING POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS TO
CONTAIN AND MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE CITY**

WHEREAS, this office issued Executive Order No. 61 dated 28 April 2020 extending the general community quarantine in Baybay City, Leyte up to 11:59 p.m. of 31 May 2020, and prescribing measures in relation thereto;

WHEREAS, last 27 May 2020, Baybay City confirmed its first confirmed COVID-19 patient, from the returning residents it received under the repatriation programs of the national government;

WHEREAS, it shall and will always be the policy of the city government of Baybay to accept and welcome all its Returning Overseas Filipino Workers (ROFWs), its Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) and all *Baybayanons* who seek sanctuary, shelter and protection from the COVID-19 pandemic, and treat them in the most humane and dignified manner consistent with the available resources of the local government unit;

WHEREAS, there is the need to continue, as well as strictly enforce the measures and protocols already established to contain and mitigate 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. Extension of the General Community Quarantine - The General Community Quarantine (GCQ) over the City of Baybay due to Covid-19 shall be EXTENDED up to 11:59 p.m. of 15 June 2020, unless sooner lifted or withdrawn.

Section 2. Curfew - The curfew from 9:00 p.m. up to 5:00 a.m. shall continue to be imposed on all residents and persons in the city.

Senior citizens (65 years old and above), minors (below 18 years old), those with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks, and pregnant women, are prohibited from leaving their homes, except to engage in physical exercise within their respective barangays only from 5:00 a.m. up to 9:00 a.m. Those below 14 years of age shall be accompanied by their parents or guardians in going out of their homes. Nothing in this order shall excuse and exempt senior citizens and members of the vulnerable sectors from the mandated protocols of social distancing, wearing of face masks, personal hygiene, and other measures against Covid-19.


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Section 3. Strict Implementation of Social Distancing, Wearing of Facemasks, Handwashing, and other Protocols - Social Distancing and wearing of face masks shall be implemented in all public areas of the city. No person shall be allowed to travel outside his or her home, or be allowed entry in any establishment, without wearing a face mask, and complying with other protocols imposed to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the city.

Section 4. Liquor Ban - The selling, distribution and private consumption of liquors, alcoholic beverages, coconut wine (tuba), other nature wines, and the like, that cause intoxication shall continue to be prohibited, except on Friday 5:00 p.m. up to Saturday 8:00 p.m. Public consumption of liquors and other alcoholic drinks shall at all times be prohibited until such time as the community quarantine in the city is lifted.

Section 5. No-Smoking - The provisions of City Ordinance No. 15, Series of 2017, or the Ordinance Regulating Smoking in Public Places as Health Protection to the General Public in the City of Baybay and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof, dated 5 June 2017, shall be strictly implemented.

Section 6. Closing Hour for Businesses - All business establishments, except pharmacies, shall be closed by 8:00 pm until 5:00 am for the duration of the general community quarantine.

Section 7. Regulation on Business Establishments - In accordance with Executive Order No. 112 dated 30 April 2020 issued by the President of the Philippines, and the Omnibus Guidelines issued by the IATF-MEID, business establishments in the city shall be allowed to operate except the following:

1. Gym/Fitness studios and sports facilities;
2. Amusement, Betting, and Gaming establishments;
3. Bars and Pub houses;
4. Kids Playhouses and like establishments; and
5. Travel agencies and tourism industries.

Hotels and similar establishments shall be allowed to operate but only to accommodate the following:

1. Guests having long-term bookings;
2. Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
3. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
4. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine;
5. Healthcare workers and other frontliners.

Restaurants, snacks, refreshment stores, and similar establishments shall operate strictly on a take-out order basis only.

Barbershops, parlors, salons and other personal care establishments, *Ukay-Ukay*, Ready To Wear (RTW) stores and similar establishments shall be allowed to operate *provided* that social distancing, wearing of face masks, and disinfection of equipment after use on each customer, are strictly implemented. There shall be no over-crowding inside said establishments, and *queing* or lining-up outside of these establishments shall strictly follow the protocols of social distancing and the wearing of face masks.

Limited operations in malls and shopping centers shall be allowed, except for leisure establishments and services which shall continue to be closed, *provided*, that those persons below twenty-one (21) years old, and also those sixty-five (65) years old and above, shall not be allowed to enter malls and shopping centers, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods, and services, or for work establishments located therein.

Violation of the above mandates shall make the owners and operators of the business establishments liable to criminal prosecution, as well as the immediate closure of their establishments.

Section 8. Regulation on Certain Activities - Pursuant to Omnibus Guidelines of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, entertainment-related mass gatherings, theaters, cinemas, concerts, fiestas, festivals, carnivals, conventions, shows, trade shows, workshops, retreats, and political gatherings are strictly prohibited.

Religious gatherings of all religious denominations in the city are discouraged, but shall be allowed, *provided*, that such gatherings shall be held only in the main churches of the religious denominations, that the attendees shall only comprise of no more one-fourth (1/4) capacity of the main church, and that strict social distancing (2 meters between persons), wearing of face masks, and other prescribed minimum health standards are observed. All religious denominations are required to submit to the city their plans on how to conduct their religious gatherings in accordance with this Order.

Individual outdoor exercises such as outdoor walks, jogging, running, biking, tennis, practical or sports shooting, badminton, and other non-contact sports shall be allowed, *provided*, that the minimum health standards and precautions such as wearing of face masks, and the maintenance of social distancing protocols are observed. Basketball, football, frisbee, volleyball, swimming, and other contact sports shall continue to be prohibited.

Section 9. Checkpoints. - In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our city, 24-hour checkpoints shall be established along the national highways of barangay Maybog, Gaas, and Plaridel in the City of Baybay. These checkpoints shall be manned by personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), together with members from the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), the City Health Office (CHO), and other barangay officials.

Section 10. Documents needed at checkpoints. - All persons entering the checkpoints referred to above, shall present valid identification documents and a certification from their respective barangays or local governments stating that such person entering the checkpoint is not a Covid-19 Suspect, Probable, or Confirmed case or a Person Under Monitoring (PUM), or a Person Under Investigation (PUI) in their barangay or local government. Failure to present the identification documents and the certification shall be a ground for the person to be refused entry into Baybay City.

Section 11. Protocols in checkpoints. - All persons entering checkpoints shall wear facemasks, shall practice social distancing inside the motor vehicles, and shall be subjected to mandatory temperature scanning by persons manning the checkpoints. All vehicles shall be subjected to disinfecting procedures, and inspection by the PNP and AFP personnel.

Without prejudice to existing rules and regulations, all trailers, cargo holds, wing vans, and other vehicles carrying shipment of goods shall be subjected to a mandatory inspection by members of the PNP or AFP. Members of the PNP and AFP manning the checkpoints shall inspect and open the cargo holds of trucks and closed vans for the contents of their cargo. It shall be the duty of those manning checkpoints in national highways to verify and record the identity, travel history and destination of trucks and closed vans entering the city.

Vehicles with no plate numbers or registration documents, shall be barred entry in checkpoints, nor allowed to travel within the territorial jurisdiction of the city government.

Failure to strictly comply with the above protocols shall be a ground for non-entry of the person or vehicle into Baybay City.


Section 12. Returning Overseas Filipino Workers, Locally Stranded Individuals, and other Returnees - The provisions of Executive Order No. 65 dated 18 May 2020 on the procedures for returnees into the city are hereby adopted, and shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the community quarantine. The arrival of ROFWs, LSIs, and other returnees into Baybay City shall be unhampered and without unnecessary difficulties, but subject to appropriate measures and protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the city.

Section 13. Penalty for Violations – Without prejudice to the prosecution for violation of other laws and regulations, those caught violating the provisions of this and previous executive orders issued in relation to the general community quarantine, and other measures against Covid-19, shall be prosecuted for violation of the following laws:

- a. 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);
- b. Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended, on Resistance or Disobedience to a Person in Authority (penalty of 1 month and 1 day to 6 months imprisonment, and a fine not exceeding P100,000) or the Agents of such Person in Authority (penalty of 1 day to 30 days imprisonment, and a fine not exceeding P20,000);
- c. Republic Act No. 11469, otherwise known as the “Bayanihan to Heal as One Act” (Imprisonment of 2 months or a fine of not more than P1,000,000).

Section 14. 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 general community quarantine over the city subsists, or unless rendered ineffective in writing by the City Mayor.

SO ORDERED, this 30th day of May 2020, in the City of Baybay, Leyte, Philippines.


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