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

WHEREAS, this office issued Executive Order No. 67 dated 30 May 2020 extending the general community quarantine in Baybay City, Leyte up to 11:59 p.m. of 15 June 2020, and prescribing measures in relation thereto;

WHEREAS, as of date, Baybay City has twenty-one (21) confirmed COVID-19 patients, from the returning residents, and locally stranded individuals it received under the repatriation programs of the national government;

WHEREAS, despite the alarming rate of confirmed COVID-19 patients in the city, 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, to improve, as well as to 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General Community Quarantine (GCQ) over the City of Baybay due to Covid-19 shall be EXTENDED unless sooner lifted or withdrawn in writing by the Office of the City Mayor.

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.

Section 3. Strict Implementation of Social Distancing, Wearing of Facemasks, Handwashing, and other Protocols – In accordance with City Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2020¹, dated 21 May 2020, 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 the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines (with amendments as of 3 June 2020) 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:

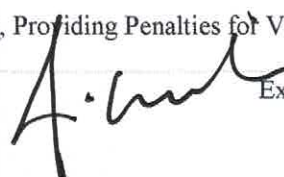
1. Guests having long-term bookings;
2. Distressed Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) and stranded Filipinos or foreign nationals;
3. Repatriated OFWs in compliance with approved quarantine protocols;
4. Non-OFWs who may be required to undergo mandatory facility-based quarantine;
5. Healthcare workers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

Restaurants, snacks, refreshment stores, and similar establishments shall operate and allow its patrons and customers to dine-in on a twenty-five percent (25%) capacity.

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

¹ An Ordinance Adopting Guidelines Against Emerging Infectious Diseases, Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof, and For Such Other Purposes.



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.

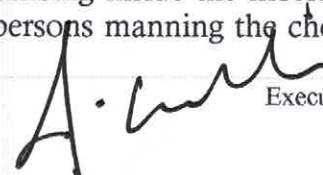
Section 9. Checkpoints. – In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in our city, 24-hour checkpoints shall be established along the national highways of barangay Maybog, Gaas, and Plaridel in the City of Baybay. These checkpoints shall be manned by personnel of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and 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. – Without prejudice to the procedures for returnees and other persons entering the checkpoints of the city under Sections 12 and 13 of this Order, all persons entering the checkpoints referred to above, shall present the following documents:

- a. Identification Cards;
- b. Certification from his/her respective barangay issued within a two (2) day period from entry stating that such person is a resident of such barangay, and that the person 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; and
- c. Health Certificate issued by the Health Officer and the Chief Executive of the local government unit within a two (2) day period from entry stating that the person is not a Covid-19 Suspect, Probable, or Confirmed case or a Person Under Monitoring (PUM), or a Person Under Investigation (PUI) in city or municipality.

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. – Without prejudice to the procedures for returnees entering the checkpoints of the city under Section 12 of this Order, 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.

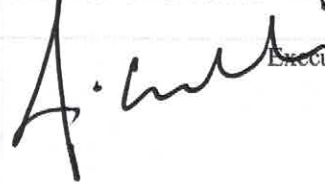
Failure to strictly comply with the above protocols shall be a ground for non-entry of the person or vehicle into Baybay City.

Section 12. Returning Overseas Filipino Workers, Locally Stranded Individuals, and other Returnees - The 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 contain and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the city.

The policies and principles mandated under Executive Order No. 65, dated 18 May 2020 shall remain in force and effect, but subject to the following amendments stated herein. Thus, the following shall be the procedures for all ROFWs, LSIs and other returnees entering into Baybay City, Leyte:

Section 12.A. Procedure for those Coming/Travelling by Sea – ROFWs, LSIs, and other returnees coming or travelling to the city by sea, and arriving at the port of Baybay City, shall undergo the following procedures:

1. All persons arriving and disembarking the port of Baybay City shall be made to undergo verification to determine and record their personal information, as well as check their travel and other documents;
2. A team composed of personnel from the City Health Office (CHO), the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Coast Guard, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), shall receive the returnees and ascertain if they are *bonafide* residents of Baybay City;
3. At a designated area in the port, checkpoint, or center, the *bonafide* residents of the city shall be made to undergo a physical examination, a COVID-19 rapid-test, a swab test or the Real-Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction Test (RT-PCR Test), and an assessment by the personnel from the CHO. All belongings and personal effects of the returnee shall be subject to disinfection and decontamination procedures;
4. The returnee who tested “positive” for the COVID-19 rapid test, or who shows COVID-like symptoms during the physical assessment and examination by the CHO shall be admitted to the Ligtas COVID-19 Center at the New Baybay City Hospital. Returnees who tested “negative” for the COVID-19 rapid test shall be admitted to the “Holding Area” located at the Baybay City Senior High School, or any designated holding area of the City IATF, for a period of two to 3 days (2-3 days) pending the release of the results of his/her RT-PCR Test;
5. Returnees who tested “positive” in their RT-PCR Test shall be classified as a “Confirmed” COVID-19 patient, and shall be admitted to the Ligtas COVID-19 Center at the New Baybay City Hospital for treatment. Those who tested “negative” in their RT-PCR Test shall be made to undergo a fourteen-day (14-day) quarantine at the barangay quarantine facility where they hold residence. The returnee who tested “negative” for the



RT-PCR Test shall have the option to stay in any of the available designated/accredited hotels or pension houses in the city for purposes of quarantine or isolation;

6. Returnees shall undergo the procedures mandated under this Order even if they have already undergone quarantine procedures in their place of origin;

7. All returnees shall execute an Affidavit of Undertaking to diligently observe the 14-day quarantine period in their barangay quarantine facility, to observe the 7-day home quarantine in their respective residences, as well as follow the protocols and measures established by the city against COVID-19;

8. Well-wishers or families of Returnees are discouraged from fetching the latter in order to minimize contact, prevent possible infection of the virus, and lessen the need for additional persons in the quarantine/isolation centers;

Section 12.B. Non-Residents Coming/Travelling by Sea – Non-residents of the city coming or travelling by sea shall undergo the same procedure under Section 12.A (1) and (2) of this Order. They shall then be escorted to their own vehicles, or the designated transport of the local government unit where they belong. The non-residents referred to in this section are strictly prohibited from wandering or loitering the premises of the port, the bus terminal, or any part of the city. They are prohibited from entering any establishment in the city, except for emergencies or medical reasons. Local government units from neighboring municipalities of Baybay City, shall, as far as practicable, provide transportation for their own residents to assist them in returning to their own towns.

Shipping companies with travel routes from Cebu City to Baybay City, and *vice versa*, shall furnish the city government in advance the manifesto of their passengers. No passenger from any ship or sea vessel shall be allowed to disembark the Baybay City port, or enter the territorial jurisdiction of the city, without having their identities checked and recorded in accordance with Section 12.A (2) of this Order. It shall be the duty of the City IATF Against COVID-19, the Philippine Ports Authority, and the Philippine Coast Guard to monitor and strictly implement this measure.

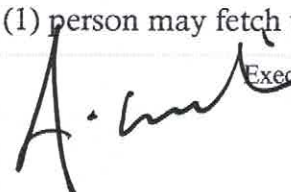
Section 12.C. Procedure for Returnees Coming/Travelling by Land – Returnees coming or travelling to the city by land through the checkpoints established in barangays Maybog, Ga-as, and Plaridel, shall undergo the following procedures:

1. All vehicles must be stopped at the checkpoints. The passengers shall disembark and undergo processing by a team composed of personnel from the CHO, the PNP, the BFP, and the barangay officials, who shall ascertain if the passengers are *bonafide* residents of the city;

2. Bonafide residents of the city shall undergo the process mandated under Section 12.A (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this Order;

3. Returnees who are residents of barangays not covered by the Ga-as checkpoint, shall be allowed to disembark ONLY at the Ga-as checkpoint. They shall not be allowed to directly go to their homes, and shall undergo the procedures in 12.A (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this Order;

4. Those persons using vehicles to fetch Returnees from the Tacloban City airport shall secure a Vehicle Pass from the PNP – Baybay Station for the purpose of travelling across towns and municipalities in the Province of Leyte. The Vehicle Pass shall valid for one (1) day, and shall be surrendered to the personnel manning the Ga-as checkpoint. Vehicle Pass holders are given priority in returning to the city, and shall be allotted a separate lane when entering the Ga-as checkpoint. In order to minimize the number of persons subjected to isolation or quarantine, only one (1) person may fetch the Returnee at


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the Tacloban airport terminal. The City IATF Against COVID-19 shall coordinate with the Civil Aviation Authority in Tacloban City for the purpose of having advance notice of Baybayanons arriving in their airport terminal.

Section 12.D. Returnees Who Fail to Undergo the Procedures under Sections 12.A and 12.C – Returnees who fail to undergo the procedures stated in this Order shall be reported to the CHO, the PNP, or the City IATF Against COVID-19, and shall be detained at the concerned barangay hall or prohibited from leaving their respective homes. Upon arrival of the CHO personnel, the Returnee and his household shall be taken to the Center and undergo the procedure under 12.A (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this Order.

Section 12.E. Returnees whose batch of arrivals has a COVID-19 Positive result - Returnees who tested “negative” for COVID-19 rapid test, as well as the RT-PCR Swab Test, but whose batch of arrivals has at least one (1) “positive” result from the RT-PCR Swab Test, shall be tested again for the RT-PCR Swab Test within eight (8) days from quarantine. The results of the subsequent RT-PCR Swab Test shall determine whether the returnee shall be admitted to the Center or shall continue in isolation at the barangay quarantine center.

Section 12.F. Returnees who tested Positive in the RT-PCR Swab Test – Returnees who tested Positive in the RT-PCR Swab Test shall be admitted for treatment and isolation at the Ligtas COVID-19 Center at the New Baybay City Hospital. These returnees shall not be cleared and released for Home Quarantine unless they have tested “Negative” for at least TWO (2) RT-PCR Swab Tests.

Section 12.G. Completion of the Treatment in the Center or Completion of the 14-day Quarantine – Those who have been successfully treated in the Ligtas COVID-19 Center, or those who have completed the 14-day quarantine in their barangay quarantine facility shall undergo a physical and medical assessment by the CHO. They shall then be made to undergo a seven-day (7-day) home quarantine in their respective residences. During such period of home quarantine, and in accordance with the Affidavit of Undertaking executed by the returnee, they shall not be allowed to leave the premises of their own homes until cleared by the CHO.

Section 12.H. Completion of the 7-day Home Quarantine - Those who have completed the 7-day Home Quarantine shall be issued a Health Certificate by the CHO stating that such person has completed the required quarantine procedures and protocols, and that such person is not a Covid-19 Suspect, Probable, or Confirmed case or a Person Under Monitoring (PUM), or a Person Under Investigation (PUT) in city. No returnee under this Order shall be allowed to go out of his/her residence without the Health Certificate issued by the CHO.

Section 13. Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR) – Residents of other towns who are authorized to enter the city, as mandated by the regulations of the national government, shall be allowed entry into the city upon showing of a Health Certificate issued by their Health Officer or Chief Executive stating that he/she has tested “negative” for the COVID-19 rapid test conducted within two (2) days from entry into the city, and that such person is not a Covid-19 Suspect, Probable, or Confirmed case or a Person Under Monitoring (PUM), or a Person Under Investigation (PUT) in the city.

Section 14. No Backride Policy – The no backride policy for motorcycle riders of the national government shall be implemented for the duration of the community quarantine in the city. For violation of social distancing protocols, backriding or pillion riding in motorcycles is prohibited in all areas under the territorial jurisdiction of the city.




Section 15. Registration of Persons and Vehicles for Contact Tracing and Other Purposes – For purposes of monitoring the movement of persons and vehicles, as well as for contact tracing and other purposes in relation to the containment of COVID-19, and the prevention of the spread of the virus in the city, all residents and vehicle owners of Baybay City, Leyte, shall register their persons and their vehicles with the City IATF Against COVID-19. All information gathered shall be stored, secured, and used within the mandates of the Data Privacy Act and other applicable laws. The City IATF Against COVID-19 shall utilize all technologies and processes for the attainment of the purposes of this Order.

Section 16. 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 and regulations:

- a. City Ordinance No. 25, Series of 2020, dated 21 May 2020 (Fine of P1,000 or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months);
- b. 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);
- c. 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);
- d. 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 16. 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 14th day of June 2020, in the City of Baybay, Leyte, Philippines.


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