



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 23 Series of 2020

AN ORDER LIFTING THE UNIFIED NUMBER CODING SCHEME FOR PRIVATE VEHICLES AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2.2 OF PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15-3 SERIES OF 2020; AND SUBJECT TO LOCAL ORDINANCES, ALL NUMBER CODING SCHEMES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRICYCLES PROVIDED THAT THE MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS ARE OBSERVED.

WHEREAS, on 30 April 2020, the President issued Executive Order No. 112, Imposing the Enhanced Community Quarantine in High- Risk Geographical Areas of the Philippines and General Community Quarantine in the rest of the country, including the Province of Isabela, from 01 to 15 May 2020, Adopting the Omnibus Guidelines On The Implementation Thereof And For Other Purposes as contained in IATF Resolution No. 35-A dated 13 May 2020;

WHEREAS, on 11 May 2020, the IATF convened to analyse current scientific data and apply the parameters to determine the appropriate community quarantine or social distancing measures that should be implemented in different provinces, highly urbanized cities (HUCs), and independent component cities (ICCs) in the country;

WHEREAS, cognizant to the effort of the National Government to rebuild our economy through gradually easing up certain measures and allowing the opening of many business enterprises of significant economic value, the relaxation of guidelines by the IATF and all its member agencies including the DA, DTI, DOTr, DepEd, has been evident and pronounced as the province move towards the integration into the new normal;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela, in its effort to further promote the health and safety of Isabeleños during the General Community Quarantine (GCQ), has passed SP Ordinance No. 2020-15-3 Series of 2020 dated 11 May 2020 establishing a Unified Traffic and Crowd Reduction Scheme during the effectivity of the GCQ to reduce the daily number of persons and vehicles travelling and roaming around and to ensure public's compliance and adherence to the government's policies and mandates against COVID-19, which the Executive Department appreciates and welcomes as a manifestation of partnership and support to the initiatives of the provincial leadership;

WHEREAS, at the time of the enactment of Ordinance No. 2020-15-3 Series of 2020, it was fitting and proper to impose the same considering that numerous LGUs have imposed their own versions of number coding scheme which have resulted to conflicting schedules causing misunderstanding instead of putting things in order;

WHEREAS, the requisite publication for the Ordinance to become effective has to be complied with, resulting to delay in its timely implementation and was also unfortunately overtaken by the National IATF relaxation measures and guidelines and by matter of issuance of the GCQ Omnibus Guidelines dated May 15, 2020, which did not include the restrictions contained in the ordinance. Moreover, the ordinance needs to be parallel to the declared policies under the Omnibus Guidelines particularly Sec. 4 par2; personnel using private vehicles under par. 6, 7 & 8; Sec. 7 par1, 2, 3, 6 & 7; Sec. 8 par 1;

WHEREAS, National IATF has been duly created and was primarily tasked to manage the COVID 19 Pandemic and exclusively made to be responsible for setting public policies and protocols. LGUs were *"enjoined not to issue orders inconsistent"* with the IATF directives on Interzonal and Intrazonal movement as contained in the Omnibus Guidelines. Moreover, the DILG in item 4.4.2.1.11 of Memorandum Circular 2020-083 also advised LGUs *"to refrain from imposing other similar forms of coding scheme"* as that of PUV which has been also lifted. SILG Año has likewise publicly warned LGUs against making issuances that are not part of the Omnibus Guidelines and subsequent circulars issued by IATF member agencies;


WHEREAS, lifting the unified number-coding scheme in the provincial territory will open new opportunities for the constituents to regain their losses during the previous and stricter community quarantine at the same time easing the flow of commerce and traffic within Isabela, thereby, easing tension, confusion and pressure to both citizens and government implementers;

WHEREAS, in lieu of the above-cited provision of the Ordinance, this order intends to further strengthen the observance of the Minimum Health Standards which must be strictly complied with at all times by all vehicles and the travelling public and adherence to limitations on the number of passengers to be loaded in private vehicles; and permitted public transports according to the guidelines set by the Department of Transportation through LTFRB Memorandum Circular No. 2020-017;

NOW THEREFORE I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, and pursuant to the IATF Guidelines and Protocols, do hereby order the lifting of Unified Number Coding Scheme for private vehicles as provided in Section 2.2 of Provincial Ordinance No. 2020-15-3 series of 2020; and subject to existing ordinances, all number coding schemes on public and private tricycles provided that the minimum health standards and social distancing requirements are observed.

This order shall take effect of immediately unless sooner revoked or rescinded.

Issued this 25th day of May, 2020 at City of Ilagan, Isabela


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 