

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG  
PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA  
ON MAY 01, 2020.

PRESENT:

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

**WHEREAS**, the world is experiencing an unprecedented international health crisis due to the exponential spread of the COVID-19 which claimed numerous countless casualties, affected countless lives, and severely disrupted economies;

**WHEREAS**, His Excellency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Presidential Proclamations No. 922 and No. 929, series of 2020, which placed the entire country under State of Public Health Emergency, and imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon lasting until April 30, 2020, following the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the country and to help address the same;

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolutions, or IATF, is the country's lead planning authority in its fight against the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, His Excellency, President Rodrigo R. Duterte approved the Resolution of IATF No. 29 which downgraded the status of some localities, from Enhanced Community Quarantine, to General Community Quarantine – which included the Province of Isabela;

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body lauds the strong, decisive efforts exhibited by all local government units and their officials in implementing effective courses of action to address the social, health, and economic problems brought about by the pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the downgrading of the Province's status from ECQ to GCQ now allows the operation of several, select establishments and slightly relaxed the rules on mobility, work, and transportation;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure that no local community transmission will occur and that the sacrifices of our good people, especially our medical frontliners, will not be for naught, there is a need to standardize and harmonize the enforcement efforts of all local government units in implementing all relevant quarantine laws, rules, and directives;

**WHEREFORE**, the passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14-1**

### **Series of 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE LAWS, RULES, AND DIRECTIVES, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10-04, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION HEREOF**

**Sponsor: HON. RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA**  
Member, Committee on Laws, Rules, and Regulations

**Co-Sponsor: HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES**  
Chairperson, Committee on Public Security and Order

**Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to standardize and harmonize the enforcement efforts and operations of all local government units in implementing quarantine laws, rules, and directives (as provided by the Office of the President, Department of Health, IATF, the Province of Isabela and its local government units) towards a strict and firm approach to ensure adherence thereto and to safeguard the public health and safety of all Isabeleños.

**Section 2. Curfew.** A Provincial Curfew is hereby established to non-workers from 8:00PM to 5:00AM the following day in the entire Province of Isabela.

Curfew Violators shall be penalized in accordance with the Curfew Ordinance of the LGU where he or she resides, but if there is none, the violator shall be penalized in accordance with this Ordinance by a fine of Two Thousand Pesos for each and every offense committed.

**Section 3. Persons Authorized to Travel Outside of Residence.** Only persons between the ages of twenty-one to fifty-nine years old (21 to 59) are allowed to travel outside of their residence but only for the purpose of:

- a) Proceeding to their workplace or fulfilling the duties of his employment; or
- b) Procuring or obtaining essential goods and services.

When going out of their residence, such persons must be in possession of duly issued documents in accordance with Section 8 or Section 9 hereof.

**Section 4. Persons Not Authorized to Travel Outside of Residence.** Pregnant women, and those suffering from immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risk with similar effects shall not be allowed to travel out of their residence except when obtaining essential goods and services.

When going out of their residence, such persons must be in possession of duly issued documents in accordance with Section 9 hereof.

**Section 5. Mass Gatherings.** All forms of mass gatherings or events which tend to cause mass gatherings are prohibited.

Mass Gatherings as used in this Ordinance is relative to the space of the area wherein attendees will gather and in which effective implementation of physical distancing measures is impossible, subject to further classification of local government units.

**Section 6. Strict Observance of Health and Sanitary Measures of Establishments.** All establishments, including government offices, shall: strictly observe physical distancing measures in the acceptance of clients, customers, guests, and personnel in their establishments; disinfect their clientele and personnel at their entrances; and conduct disinfection of their premises whenever necessary.

**Section 7. Mandatory Body Temperature Assessment.** All establishments, public or private, allowed to operate are hereby mandated to conduct temperature assessments to all persons entering their establishments. Those with a temperature of 37.5 degrees centigrade or higher, even after five minutes of rest, shall not be allowed to enter the establishment.

Establishments that does not comply with this Section shall not be allowed to operate, subject to imposition of further penalties as determined by local government units.

**Section 8. Worker Requirements.** All persons allowed to work under the IATF or DOH Guidelines on the Implementation of the General Community Quarantine, hereinafter referred to as GCQ Guideline, must secure the following documents prior to work engagement:

- a) Travel Permit duly issued by the Office of the Mayor;
- b) Work Pass from his or her Employer; and
- c) Medical Certificate from a duly licensed physician stating that the person is physically fit for work.

Government officials, and government employees duly ordered to proceed to work via Office Order or Travel Order are exempt from this Section.

**Section 9. Non-Worker Requirements.** Non-workers are allowed to travel outside of his residence but only for the purpose of buying goods and procuring services excepted from the GCQ Guideline, and provided that he or she:

- a) Wears a Face Mask or its equivalent;
- b) Duly Issued with a Travel Permit by the Office of the Punong Barangay.

**Section 10. Work in Government Office.** Government Offices may operate at full capacity, or under such alternative working arrangements as such agencies may deem proper in accordance with relevant rules and regulations issued by the Civil Service Commission.

**Section 11. Operation of Food or Market Stalls, and Restaurants.** Food or Market Stalls are allowed to operate. However, the owner shall only accept persons wearing face masks as customers, observe physical distancing between their clientele, and shall have readily available sanitizers or disinfectants.

Restaurants meanwhile are not allowed to accept dine-in customers and shall only cater to take out and delivery services.

**Section 12. Mandatory Wearing of Facemask and Provincial Liquor Ban.** All local government units and the Philippine National Police are hereby ordered to strictly enforce Ordinance No. 2020-10-04 which mandated all persons to wear face masks when outside of their residence, and Ordinance No. 2020-13-01 which imposed a liquor ban before, during, and after calamities.

**Section 13. Amendment of Ordinance No. 2020-10-04.** Sections 6, 7, 9, 11, and 14 of the Mandatory Wearing of Face Mask are hereby amended to read as follows:

**“Section 6. Penalties.** Any person proven to be not wearing face mask, or an equivalent thereof, outside of his or her residence shall be meted with the following penalties:

- a) **First Offense.** The Offender shall be fined Three Thousand Pesos.
- b) **Second and Subsequent Offenses.** The Offender shall be meted with the penalty of Five Thousand Pesos for each offense committed after the first offense.

All payments made for violation of this Ordinance shall be issued with a government-recognized Official Receipt.”

**“Section 7. Vicarious Liability.** Parents or guardians of minors violating this Ordinance shall be liable for the payment of the fine.”

**“Section 9. Incentives.** Payments received from violators due to violation of this Ordinance shall accrue to the following entities:

- 10% to the Informant;
- 40% to the Province; and
- 50% to the Apprehending Office or LGU.

**Section 9-A. INFORMANT.** Any person may provide information, including the names of the violators and other attending facts, to any Enforcing Officer regarding any occurring incident violative to this Ordinance.

The Enforcing Officer shall immediately verify the received information and if proven true, proceed to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

**“Section 11. Failure to Pay Fine.** In case of failure to pay the fine, the offender shall be liable to render twenty-four (24) hours of community service and be placed under strict home quarantine for a period of seven (7) days, for the First Offense; and forty-eight (48) hours of community service and another seven (7) days of strict home quarantine for the Second and for each Subsequent Offenses, thereafter.

In case of minor offenders, the parent or guardian of the said minor shall be liable for the same penalty and duration as mentioned above in case of inability to pay the fine.

The Punong Barangay shall be responsible for the strict monitoring, documentation, and reporting thereof to the City or Municipal Mayor who in turn shall consolidate the same and submit to the Provincial Governor.

Non-completion of the whole duration of the Community Service and the Home Quarantine shall be deemed as a waiver for the availment of this Section and a case for violation of this Ordinance shall proceed accordingly.”

**“Section 14. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval, and shall cease to be effective upon conclusion of the COVID-19 Pandemic, as determined by proper authorities.”

**Section 14. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

**Section 15. Repealing Clause.** All Ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 16. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval, and shall cease to be effective upon conclusion of the Province’s General Community Quarantine status, as determined by proper authorities.

**I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguninang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 9<sup>th</sup> Special Session on May 01, 2020.**

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Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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