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PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan
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Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 30TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON MAY 11, 2020.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, the world is experiencing an unprecedented international health crisis due to the exponential spread of the deadly COVID-19 which affected and claimed 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 address the same;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases, 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 IATF Resolution No. 29, series of 2020 downgrading the status of some localities from Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to General Community Quarantine (GCQ) – which included the Province of Isabela;

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

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Provincial Government of Isabela to ensure and promote public health and safety of its people with due regard to the general welfare of the majority;

WHEREAS, guidelines have to be established for the travel of Isabeleños within and from outside the Province in order to safeguard the health and safety of our people and ensure that no further COVID-19 transmission will occur, or at least if it were to occur, be immediately controlled and addressed;

WHEREFORE, the passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-15-2
Series of 2020

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

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

Section 1. Purpose. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to regulate the transportation of Isabeleños amid the COVID-19 pandemic to limit any possibility of disease transmissions in furtherance of the Provincial Government's mandate to ensure public health and safety and promote the general welfare of its people.

Section 2. Mandatory Health Assessment for Returning Isabeleños. Isabeleños seeking to return to the Province who failed or were unable to do so due to the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine or any version thereof must be, prior to entry in the Province, in the possession of a Health Clearance duly issued by the Department of Health or the Local Health Officer of the Local Government Unit to which the Returning Isabeleño was stranded, the date of issuance of which must not exceed ten (10) days upon entry to the Province and stating therein that the Returnee is COVID-19 negative.

Section 3. Treatment of Persons Exhibiting Symptoms Upon Entry. Returning Isabeleños referred in Section 2 who are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptom during transit or upon entry to the Province shall be immediately transferred to a medical facility approved by DOH to treat COVID-19 Patients for his/her testing, and later treatment and quarantine, if necessary.

Persons who boarded the same vehicle as the Returning Isabeleno referred in the previous paragraph shall also be subjected to testing, and later treatment and quarantine, if necessary.

Section 4. Treatment of Persons Not Exhibiting Symptoms Upon Entry. Returning Isabelenos referred in Section 2 who are not exhibiting any COVID-19 symptom during transit and upon entry to the Province shall be allowed to proceed to his/her home LGU. However, upon arrival therein, he/she shall undergo quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days to be conducted by the Municipal or City Local Government Unit.

Section 5. Inter-Municipal Travel. The inter-municipal travel of people across the localities of the Province are prohibited, except:

- a) All persons allowed to render service under the IATF or DOH Guidelines on the Implementation of the General Community Quarantine, provided that he or she has secured the following documents:
 - i. Travel Pass duly issued by the Local Chief Executive;
 - ii. Worker Pass duly issued by his or her Employer; and
 - iii. Medical Certificate duly issued by a licensed Physician certifying that the person is physically fit, not pregnant, and is not suffering from any comorbidity or other similar health risk such as, diabetic, hypertension, cancer, severe asthma, serious heart condition, etc.
 - iv. For PUV Drivers and Operators, a Special Permit to Operate duly issued by the LTFRB.
- b) Government Officials, and government personnel duly ordered to proceed to work;
- c) Hospital personnel boarding vehicles of medical or health facilities;
- d) Personnel driving and boarding cargo, shipping, or delivery vehicles;
- e) Farmers or farm workers transporting their agricultural products; and
- f) Others persons whose travel are to be declared as allowed or essential by the IATF.
- g) Non-Workers are allowed to travel outside of their LGU for the purpose of procuring medicines or for the conduct of medical or laboratory services, 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 6. Harmonization of Number Coding Schemes. To promote the orderly implementation and cohesiveness of the traffic plans in the Province amid the COVID-19 pandemic, all local government units are hereby enjoined to adopt a number coding scheme that is in harmony and compatible with the coding schemes implemented by other LGUs.

Section 7. Limited Operation of Public Transportation. Local Government Units are hereby mandated to devise a scheme prescribing the operation of public transportation within their respective areas of jurisdiction on a scheduled basis.

Section 8. Public Transportation Operators. Public Transportation Operators shall be allowed to operate but at reduced capacities with strict observance to physical distancing measures, and shall ensure the ready availability of disinfectants or sanitizers.

They must also ensure that passengers are wearing face masks and in the possession of a travel permit, work pass, or medical certificate, as the case may be, before boarding the vehicle.

Any public transportation vehicles caught violating the **physical distancing** measures shall have the following penalty:

- First Offense: The driver and/or operator shall be fined Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00), and if in case of inability to pay the fine, the vehicle shall be impounded for a period of two (2) days;
- Second and Subsequent Offenses: The driver and/or operator shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), and if in case of inability to pay the fine, the vehicle shall be impounded for a period of seven (7) days;

Public tricycles caught **operating in excess of the allowed capacity** shall have the following penalty:

- First Offense: The driver and/or operator shall be fined One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) per passenger in excess of allowed capacity, and if in case of inability to pay the fine, the vehicle shall be impounded for a period of two (2) days;
- Second and Subsequent Offenses: The driver and/or operator shall be fined One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) per passenger in excess of allowed capacity, and if in case of inability to pay the fine, the vehicle shall be impounded for a period of seven (7) days;

Any operator operating a public transportation vehicle without a Special Permit to Operate shall be a cause of the filing of appropriate charges for the immediate cancellation of his actual Permit to Operate, and shall be penalized with a fine of Five Thousand Pesos.

Section 9. Operation of Transport Terminals. Public Transportation Terminals are hereby mandated to observe the following health and sanitary measures:

- a) Terminal personnel shall wear face masks and gloves at all times;
- b) Conduct mandatory checking of body temperature of all commuters at the entrance of the terminal, those with a temperature of 37.5 degrees

centigrade or higher, even after five minutes of rest, shall not be allowed to board the establishment nor the vehicle;

- c) Establish a disinfecting facility for vehicles at its entrances;
- d) Establish disinfecting facility for passengers and commuters should be set up at strategic locations within the terminal and along the entrances; and
- e) Implement physical distancing measures to all waiting passengers, and ensure that all are wearing face masks.

Section 10. Private Vehicles. Private Vehicles shall be operated at reduced capacities with strict observance to physical distancing measures. For private vehicles, only the driver and one passenger shall occupy the front seats, and two passengers for each row are allowed; For Private Tricycles, only a maximum of one passenger to be seated at the passenger's seat; and for Motorcycles, only the driver.

The owner must ensure that his or her passengers are wearing face masks and are observing physical distancing measures.

The owner of the vehicle shall be fined one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) for every passenger in excess of the herein established vehicle capacities.

Section 11. Deputization of Authority to Enforce Ordinance. The following governmental agencies and personalities are authorized, deputized, and mandated to enforce this Ordinance and to cause the citing or arrest or apprehension of any person violating this Ordinance:

- (a) Philippine National Police;
- (b) Barangay Officials, whether elected or appointed, including their deputized Barangay Tanods, in their respective barangays;
- (c) Enforcement Officers of the Land Transportation Office;
- (d) Government personnel duly designated to guard or patrol municipal checkpoints;
- (e) Other persons to be deputized by the City and Municipal Mayors with proper identification card.

Section 12. Issuance of Official Receipt to Violators. All payments made for violation of this Ordinance shall be issued with a Government Official Receipt.

Section 13. 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 14. Incentives. Payments received for violation of this Ordinance shall accrue to the following persons and entities:

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

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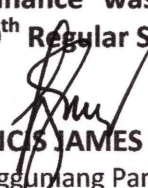
Section 15. Suppletory Application of National Issuances. All Guidelines, Orders, Directives, and Similar Issuances of the National Government relative to the implementation of the Community Quarantine are hereby made applicable in a suppletory character to this Ordinance.

Section 16. 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.

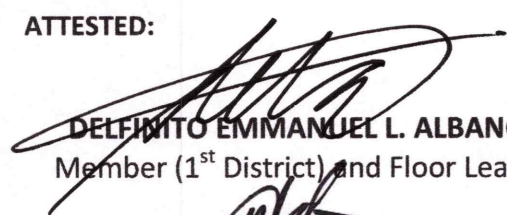
Section 17. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances contrary to or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


Section 18. 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.

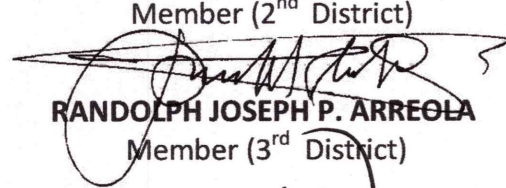
I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 30th Regular Session on May 11, 2020.



ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

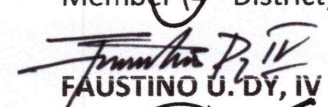
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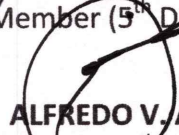

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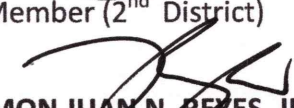

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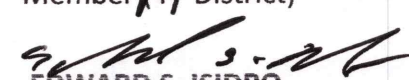

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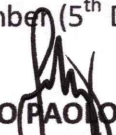

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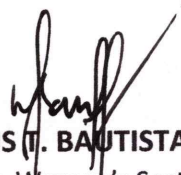

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