



Republic of the Philippines
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CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 20-13 (GENERAL)

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MANDATING THE USE OF FACE MASKS AND STRICT OBSERVANCE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS DURING THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE PERIOD, AND IMPOSING THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREIN.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State, as provided in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Article II, Section 15 thereof, to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020 was issued by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which enjoins all government agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation in this time of national health crisis;

WHEREAS, under Section 5.1.1 of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2020-062 entitled as "Supplementary LGU Guidelines on the Implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine in Luzon and the State of Public Emergency in other parts of the country due to the COVID-19 threat": all LGUs are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their jurisdiction. As such, they are to take the lead in the prevention and control of the spread of COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, all persons are hereby enjoined to work together, among others, to protect and support health workers and frontliners, ensure that the enhanced community quarantine is strictly implemented and direct everyone to be part of the solution in reducing the local community transmission of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in fighting this invincible enemy, the mandatory use of face masks can significantly reduce the possibility of local or community transmission and can effectively reduce the contagion in the communities especially by persons who are asymptomatic but may already be carriers of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, another health advisory of the Department of Health Memorandum No. 56 series of 2020 requires the strict observance of social distancing to ensure that the virus is not passed on to other persons through the release of respiratory droplets and other contact from an infected person;

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WHEREAS, by mandating the use of masks and strict physical distancing that aimed to reduce or contain COVID-19 infections, the people of the City of General Trias are helping the health workers, frontliners and hospitals from becoming overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SP Member Kristine Jane M. Perdito-Barison duly seconded by SP Member Vivencio Q. Lozares, Jr.,

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of General Trias in Session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the Mandatory Use of Face Mask and Strict Observance of Social Distancing Ordinance.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE - All persons within the territorial jurisdictions of the City of General Trias are covered by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASKS - Every person is required to wear face masks at all times, especially when going outside of their respective residence, at the workplace, when entering government buildings and offices and while in public places. This requirement shall be followed during the enhanced community quarantine period.

A face mask is a protective mask used to cover the nose and mouth and chin with specifications and proper use as recommended by the Department of Health such as surgical masks, N95 masks, and reusable or washable face masks ordinarily sold in commercial markets.

Due to scarcity of masks, any cloth that can cover the nose, mouth and chin shall be considered as an equivalent face mask.

SECTION 4. STRICT PHYSICAL DISTANCING - All persons are mandated to exercise stringent social distancing of at least one (1) meter from other persons during the enhanced community quarantine period.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES - Any person who fails to wear a face mask or does not exercise the stringent social distancing shall be meted out the following penalties:

First (1st) Offense. The offender shall attend community service or awareness campaigns on COVID-19 for at least three (3) hours as conducted by the barangays and other city government offices, and

Second (2nd) and subsequent Offenses. The offender shall be monitored strictly by the barangay and strictly prohibited from leaving his or her residence during the remaining period of the enhanced community quarantine or any extension thereof, except for an emergency medical situation or when in imminent danger.

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION - This Ordinance shall be implemented by the Office to the City Mayor through the Office of the City Health Officer, Office of the Legal Officer, Barangay Officials, Philippine National Police (PNP) and other office or personnel as may be deputized by the Local Chief Executive.

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SECTION 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If, for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof, not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. CONSTRUCTION – Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as defeating, qualifying, modifying, or superseding in any way, manner, or extent the guidelines, rules, and protocols issued by the Department of Health, by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID), or by authorized agencies of the Government on the proper handling, procedure, and management response for Persons Under Investigation (PUI), Person Under Monitoring (PUM), and persons found afflicted with or undergoing treatment for or have recovered from the COVID-19.


SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ORDAINED under THIRD/FINAL READING on 01 APRIL 2020.


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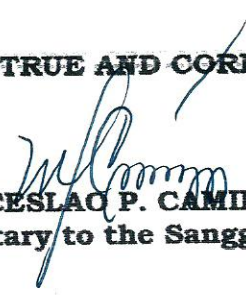


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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


WENCESLAO P. CAMINGAY
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MAURITO C. SISON
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ANTONIO A. FERRER
City Mayor

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