



Republic of the Philippines
Region IV-A (CALABARZON)
Province of Cavite
CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 20-15 (GENERAL)

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STRICTLY PROHIBITING SPITTING OR EXPELLING OF SALIVA, PHLEGM, MUCUS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES IN PUBLIC PLACES AND IMPOSING THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES THEREIN.

WHEREAS, the protection and promotion of the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them are ones of the expressly provided policies of the State under the Constitution;

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 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which enjoins all government agencies and local government units 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, the Department of Health (DOH) and the World Health Organization (WHO) validated on several directives that COVID-19 can easily be transmitted through the release of respiratory droplets and other contact from an infected person;

WHEREAS, the health of the people and the containment of the COVID-19 are compromised by the continued unhygienic practice of spitting in public places;

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of SP Member Kristine Jane M. Perdito-Barison duly seconded by SP Member Jonas Glyn P. Labuguen,

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Continuation...page 2 of City Ordinance No. 20-15 (General):

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of General Trias, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Anti-Spitting Ordinance in the City of General Trias".

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

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS -

- a. Spitting is the act of forcibly ejecting saliva and other substances from the mouth,
- b. Expelling is the act of forcing out or ejecting substances from the body such as nose, and
- c. Public Places refers to any place open to the public, such as but not limited to streets, alleys, sidewalks, malls, markets, terminals, banks, schools, churches, hospitals and other similar places.

SECTION 4. PUNISHABLE ACT - It shall be unlawful for any person to carelessly or intentionally spit or expel saliva, phlegm, mucus and other substances in public places within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of General Trias.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES - Any person who violates the immediately preceding section 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,

Second (2nd) Offense. 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, and

Third (3rd) and Subsequent Offenses. The offender shall be fined with One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000).

SECTION 6. ENFORCEMENT OR 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.

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.

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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 Diseases (IATF-EID), or by authorized agencies of the Government on the proper handling, procedure, and management response for Persons Under Investigation (PUI), Persons Under Monitoring (PUM), and persons found afflicted with or undergoing treatment for or have recovered from the COVID-19 virus.

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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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


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Secretary to the Sanggunian

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ATTESTED:


MAURITO C. SISON
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ANTONIO A. FERRER
City Mayor

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