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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2908**, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE USE OF FACEMASKS OR OTHER FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN QUEZON CITY.

Introduced by Councilors DIORELLA MARIA G. SOTTO – ANTONIO and WINSTON “Winnie” T. CASTELO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe “TJ” L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah Candy” A. Medina, Franz S. Pumaren, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Ivy L. Lagman, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Rogelio “Roger” P. Juan, Donato “Donny” C. Matias, Eric Z. Medina and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, the 21st City Council declared Quezon city to be under a state of calamity due to the Covid-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, to combat the pandemic, the President declared an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) over the entire Luzon island. Among others, the ECQ prohibited mass gatherings, closed down all but essential businesses and suspended public transportation;

WHEREAS, on 02 April 2020, the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases directs all persons in public within areas under ECQ to wear any type of face mask or face covering to mitigate the spread of COVID 19;

WHEREAS, Section 6(e) of Republic Act No. 11332, entitled “The Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act”, provides that local governments have the authority to conduct and enforce disease surveillance and response systems, epidemic/outbreak and epidemiologic investigations, and rapid containment, quarantine and isolation, disease prevention and control measures;

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, gives the City implied power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote the general welfare, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as "Mandatory Face Masks Ordinance".

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms:

- a. Face mask or Face Covering- means any form of covering for the nose and mouth, including medical masks, industrial masks, earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, or do-it-yourself masks, cloth masks, improvised masks, face shields, bandanas, or handkerchiefs.
- b. Public Places - shall mean any place within the territorial boundaries of Quezon City that people in general may access, including but not limited to streets, highways, sidewalks, parking lots, vacant lots and the common areas in and about churches, apartment buildings, office buildings, hospitals, schools, malls or shopping centers, pharmacies, supermarkets, and commercial establishments.

SECTION 3. Mandatory Wearing of Facemasks and Face Coverings - All persons must at all times, wear a face mask or face covering while in public places in Quezon City, regardless of the length of time in such public place, purpose for being there, or proximity to another person.

SECTION 4. Penalties - Any person found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense: Fine of One (1) Thousand Pesos
- b. Second Offense: Fine of Three (3) Thousand Pesos
- c. Third Offense: Fine of Five (5) Thousand Pesos

This Ordinance is without prejudice to the filing of charges for violation of Section 9(e) of Republic Act No. 11332, and other appropriate administrative, civil, or criminal charges under applicable law.

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SECTION 5. Funding. Funds shall be drawn from the emergency funds of the city and other funds available as may be later identified.

SECTION 6. Dissemination and Enforcement. This Ordinance shall be immediately disseminated to the barangays and public places and shall be enforced by the Quezon City Police Department, all barangay officials, the Department of Public Order and Safety, Task Force Disiplina, the Market Development and Administration Department, and other relevant instrumentalities of the Quezon City Government.

SECTION 7. Automatic Dissolution – This ordinance shall be deemed automatically dissolved and without effect immediately after the Enhanced Community Quarantine due to COVID 19 has been lifted by the proper authorities.

SECTION 8. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


ENACTED: April 13, 2020.


GIAN G. SOTTO
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: 14 APR 2020


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on April 13, 2020 under Suspended Rules and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III



