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ORDINANCE NO. SP-_______, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL CONCERN LOCKDOWN TO CONTAIN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

Introduced by Councilors FRANZ S. PUMAREN, ERIC Z. MEDINA, ATTY. BONG LIBAN and VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.


WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President declared Community Quarantine over Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Council declared Quezon City to be under a State of Calamity due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

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;

WHEREAS, based on Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991, the City has the implied power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote the general welfare, health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;
WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(iv) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the City Council may adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(5)(xii) provides that the City Council may approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the President’s Executive Order No. 112 dated April 30, 2020 authorizes the mayors to impose localized Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) within their city’s barangays, subject to certain conditions;

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum of the City Mayor dated June 1, 2020, the City implemented special concern lockdowns to contain COVID-19 outbreaks at the street or neighborhood level;

WHEREAS, with respect to special concern lockdowns, the relevant protocols and guidelines should be embodied in an Ordinance to enhance enforcement and implementation of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. SPECIAL CONCERN LOCKDOWN. - The City may, upon recommendation of the City Health Department (CHD), place an area on Special Concern Lockdown for fourteen (14) days, or such other period as may be recommended by the CHD, when the area has (i) clustered cases; (ii) high population density; and (iii) difficulty in implementing physical distancing measures. An area with “clustered cases” is a neighborhood, street or compound that has two (2) or more households with confirmed, suspected or probable COVID-19 cases within the last fourteen (14) days.

Entry to or exit from the Special Concern Lockdown for any reason shall be strictly prohibited, except in emergency cases.

SECTION 2. ENFORCEMENT. - The QC Laban COVID-19 Team created under the Memorandum issued by the City Mayor on May 12, 2020, in coordination with the concerned Barangays, shall enforce the above quarantine measures and arrange for provision of essential supplies to households under Special Concern Lockdown.
SEC. 3. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BARANGAYS. – The concerned barangays shall have the following responsibilities:

- Coordination on Lockdowns. Obtain the approval of the City before blocking or closing any roads, or implementing any quarantine measures;

- Disinfection. Coordinate with the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (DRRMO) or other appropriate City offices for disinfection of specific affected areas, to the extent feasible. The DRRMO may issue a certification with respect to any disinfections performed;

- Monitoring of Cases. Monitor the number of known suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Barangay and regularly report the same to City Health Department; and

- Public Safety Hours. Enforce any prevailing curfew or public safety hours.

SEC. 4. LIFTING OF QUARANTINE MEASURES. – The City may lift the above quarantine measures upon recommendation of the City Health Department, taking into account the prevailing Department of Health protocols and guidelines.

SEC. 5. DURATION. – This Ordinance shall remain effective until the City Mayor, on recommendation of the City Health Department, determines that the emergency public health measures contained herein are no longer necessary.

SEC. 6. VIOLATION. – Any Person that violates quarantine protocol imposed on a Special Concerned Lockdown may be physically returned to quarantine with police assistance. In this case, CHD may re-adjust the quarantine period of the offender accordingly. Further, persons that break home quarantine may be required by the CHD to serve their quarantine in a separate quarantine facility.

In addition to the imposition of the provisions in the above preceding paragraph, any person who violates the quarantine protocols imposed in accordance with this Ordinance shall be penalized with the following:

First Offense: Fine of Three Hundred Pesos (Php 300.00)
Second Offense: Fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00)
Third Offense: Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)
and/or imprisonment of not more than one (1) Month at the discretion of the court.
In the event that the violator of this Ordinance is a minor or child (person under eighteen (18) years old), his/her parents or legal guardian shall be issued with the Ordinance Violation Receipt corresponding to the violation and shall be liable to pay the fine and/or undergo the penalty.

The foregoing is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges under Republic Act No. 11332 or any other applicable law.

SECTION 7. ISSUANCE OF ORDINANCE VIOLATION RECEIPT (OVR) - Any person who is cited in violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be issued an OVR by concerned barangay officials, Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and Philippine National Police (PNP) who shall properly observe the procedure in the issuance of OVR pursuant to Ordinance No. SP-2752, S-2018 and other applicable City Ordinances. Violators who are minors (persons below eighteen (18) years old) are exempted from the issuance of an OVR.

SECTION 8. DEPUTIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT AGENTS – The Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and Philippine National Police (PNP) are hereby deputized as agents in the enforcement of this Ordinance. The Barangay Public Safety Officers (BPSO) shall be deputized in the event that the DPOS and PNP personnel are not available.

SECTION 9. NO CONTEST PROVISION – In consideration of the COVID-19 health measures and social distancing, any offender shall be entitled to avail of the No Contest Provision and its procedure subject to applicable Ordinance in order for the early closure of the said offender’s OVR.

SECTION 10. NON-PAYMENT OF FINE – Non-payment of fine within five (5) days from issuance of the OVR and without the offender availing of the No Contest Provision, the officer who apprehended the offender shall file the necessary charges to the Prosecutor’s Office.

Moreover, the Barangay to which the offender resides shall keep a record of its residents with outstanding and overdue OVR and may refuse to issue any Barangay Clearance or document that attests to the offender’s good standing until such time that the OVR is paid and its corresponding action cleared and closed.

SECTION 11. PROCEDURE IN HANDLING OF A CHILD OFFENDER – A child who is cited for violation of this Ordinance shall not be subject to penalties hereof. However, the child shall be subject to intervention program for minor offenders to be processed by the City Social Services Development Department (SSDD) in accordance with applicable law.
SECTION 12. JURIDICAL PERSON – When the offender is a juridical entity, the OVR shall be issued to such entity’s officers or officer in charge of the administration of the business. Any penalty corresponding to imprisonment to a natural person shall be equivalent to revocation of permit to do business as issued by the City.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars and Administrative Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


GIAN G. SOTTO
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Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

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APPROVED: AUG 1 1 2020

MA. JOSEPINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 3, 2020 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.

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