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ORDINANCE No. 2934 S- 2020

AN ORDINANCE ENABLING THE DECLARATION OF LOCALIZED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN QUEZON CITY AND PROVIDING LOCALIZED GUIDELINES THEREFOR.

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*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 pandemic;*

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

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WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the President issued Executive Order No. 112, extending the ECQ over the National Capital Region (NCR) to May 15, 2020, provided that after the expiration, the local chief executives of cities and municipalities would have the authority to impose, lift or extend ECQ locally in their barangays, upon the concurrence of the relevant regional counterpart body of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF);

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) issued an Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the Presidential Spokesperson announced that the National Capital Region (NCR) would be placed under Modified ECQ (MECQ) until May 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the IATF issued the Revised Omnibus Guidelines for ECQ, MECQ, General Community Quarantine (GCQ) and Modified GCQ (MGCQ);

WHEREAS, there is a need to localize the above-mentioned guidelines and issuances for application to Quezon City;

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, the Office of the Quezon City Local Chief Executive, through a Memorandum, issued Guidelines for Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ);

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 Republic Act No. 7160, 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 general welfare, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

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WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(iv) of 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 natural disasters and calamities;

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

**SECTION 1. POWER TO IMPOSE LOCALIZED QUARANTINE** - After the expiration of the NCR-wide community quarantine, in response to any localized outbreak, the Local Chief Executive may declare, lift or modify a localized ECQ, MECQ, GCQ or MGCQ in any barangay or portion of the same, upon recommendation of the City Health Department (CHD) and subject to the concurrence of the IATF-NCR. This Ordinance shall also apply in case of any localized quarantine that the national government directly imposes within Quezon City.

**SECTION 2. GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER LOCALIZED ECQ**  
- The following guidelines shall be observed within areas under ECQ:

- a. **No Mass Gatherings** - Mass gatherings such as but not limited to. movie screenings, concerts, sporting events, and other entertainment activities, community assemblies, religious gatherings, and non-essential work gatherings shall be prohibited.
- b. **No Physical Classes** - Physical classes in all schools within the ECQ area shall be suspended. However, such schools may provide virtual learning classes whereby students can attend remotely from their homes.
- c. **No Public Transportation** - Public transportation shall be suspended in the ECQ area. However, permitted establishments may operate point-to-point private transport services or shuttles for their employees, provided that passengers must comply with safe distancing and other applicable guidelines. Provided however, that residents are encouraged to adopt bicycle-riding as a mode of last-mile transport.



d. *Home Quarantine - Strict home quarantine shall be observed in all households in the ECQ area. The movement of all residents shall be limited to accessing essential goods and services, and going to work in (and returning home from) any permitted establishment. Each barangay in the ECQ area may issue quarantine passes to limit movement, provided that such passes shall be subject to any applicable guidelines that the City may prescribe.*

e. *Strict Quarantine of Children, Elderly and High-Risk Persons - Any person (i) below twenty-one (21) years old; (ii) sixty (60) years old and above; (iii) with immunodeficiency, comorbidities or other health risks; or (iv) pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted establishments. An identification card indicating the age and other circumstances of persons herein mentioned must be exhibited to authorities or establishments to avail of the aforementioned exceptions. Provided, that the concerned barangay to which these persons reside may issue Quarantine Passes with information of date of birth and residence address, to specifically avail of the exceptions in this provisions.*

f. *Permitted Establishments and Activities in Localized ECQ Area - The following essential establishments and activities shall be permitted in an ECQ area, under workforce limitations as may be prescribed by applicable national regulations, or in implementing rules of this Ordinance:*

- i. *Food, water and related essential services, including public markets, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, laundry shops, water-refilling stations, provided that food services shall be limited to delivery or take-out only, and there shall be no dine-in service;*
- ii. *Medicine, healthcare and related services;*
- iii. *Delivery, courier and logistics services, whether in-house or outsourced, as well as cargo vehicles of any kind;*

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- iv. Banks, money transfer services, microfinance institutions, credit cooperatives, and related services;
- v. Utilities and fuel including power, energy, water, information technology and telecommunications; gasoline stations and LPG suppliers;
- vi. Garbage, maintenance and security services, including property management and building utility services;
- vii. Funeral services and crematoriums, and necrological rites limited to immediate family;
- viii. Other essential establishments or activities, as may be allowed under relevant national government guidelines or any implementing rules of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER LOCALIZED MECQ** - Areas under localized MECQ shall observe the same restrictions on mass gatherings, school closure, suspension of public transportation and home quarantine as under ECQ, except for the following differences:

- a. Tricycles - Tricycles shall be allowed to operate, Provided, that each tricycle shall transport only one (1) passenger at a time. Additional limitations may be provided under national government regulations or implementing rules of this Ordinance. Provided further, that each tricycle shall observe the following, subject to additional guidelines to be issued by the Tricycle Franchising Board (TFB) and Tricycle Regulatory Division (TRD):
  - a.1. Have only one (1) passenger;
  - a.2. Strictly implement no back ride policy;
  - a.3. Provide a transparent barrier between the motorcycle and the sidecar;
  - a.4. Observe other precautionary measures such as sanitizing, wearing of face masks, gloves, etc.;
  - a.5. Regularly disinfect and sanitize each unit.; and
  - a.6. Drivers covered in this section are encouraged to, prior operating, have themselves tested of COVID-19 at the City's community-based testing centers in accordance with DOH and CHD guidelines.

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- b. *Limited Outdoor Activities - Limited outdoor activities shall be allowed, including walking, jogging and bicycling, provided that persons must continue to wear face masks and continue to observe social distancing.*
- c. *General Non-Leisure Commercial Activity Allowed in MECQ Area - Aside from essential establishments allowed under ECQ, general non-leisure commercial establishments (e.g., manufacturing, shopping malls, wholesale, retail, offices, etc.) shall be allowed under limited capacity. Personal care, leisure and amusement businesses shall remain closed. The foregoing shall be subject to specific national government guidelines or any implementing rules of this Ordinance.*
- d. *Mandatory presentment of Barangay or City Government issued Quarantine Pass upon entry to permitted establishments - Establishments are required to ensure that persons entering the establishments have Quarantine Pass. This applies to establishments allowed to operate, including but not limited to malls, supermarkets, and banks.*
- e. *Inter LGU Movement – Entry to and Exit from Quezon City shall be governed by additional guidelines that may be issued by the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) and the Office of the City Administrator. Provided, that a person travelling within Quezon City shall be able to show proof of legitimate non-leisure purpose for being in the City, such as a company ID of a permitted establishment or ID showing a residence address in the City. Alternatively, national government-issued passes such as the IATF-Authorized Person Outside Residence pass shall be honored. Provided further, that the City shall not require persons leaving the City to obtain any pass (except for areas under extreme quarantine/special concern lockdown). However, if the destination LGU requires a certification from the City, the concerned person may request the certification from the Office of the City Administrator.*

**SECTION 4. GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER LOCALIZED GCQ - Areas under localized GCQ shall observe the following restrictions:**

- a. *Limited Gatherings - Only limited gatherings of up to 10 people, or such other number as may be prescribed under national guidelines or implementing rules of this Ordinance, shall be allowed.*

- b. *Limited Physical Classes – There may be limited physical classes subject to authorization by the Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED).*
- c. *Limited Public Transportation - Public transportation may operate at limited capacity subject to applicable Department of Transportation (DOTr) guidelines and any implementing rules of this Ordinance, and provided that passengers observe social distancing to the required extent.*
- d. *Home Quarantine only for Children, Elderly and High-Risk Persons - Any person (i) below twenty-one (21) years old; (ii) sixty (60) years old and above; (iii) with immunodeficiency, comorbidities, or other health risks; or (iv) pregnant women, including any person who resides with the aforementioned, shall be required to remain in their residences at all times, except when indispensable under the circumstances for obtaining essential goods and services or for work in permitted establishments. Other persons shall not be subject to quarantine provided that they must continue to observe social distancing, wearing of face masks, frequent hand washing, and other prescribed minimum health measures.*
- e. *General Non-Leisure Commercial Activity Allowed in GCQ Area - Aside from essential establishments allowed under ECQ, general non-leisure commercial establishments (e.g., manufacturing, shopping malls, wholesale, retail, offices, etc.) shall be allowed under limited or full capacity. Personal care, leisure and amusement businesses shall remain closed. The foregoing shall be subject to specific national government guidelines or any implementing rules of this Ordinance.*

**SECTION 5. GUIDELINES FOR AREAS UNDER LOCALIZED MGCQ-** Areas under localized MGCQ shall observe the following restrictions:

- a. *Gatherings at 50% Capacity. Public gatherings including movie screenings, concerts, religious gatherings and entertainment activities shall be allowed only at 50% of the venue or seating capacity, or such other limitations as may be prescribed under national guidelines or implementing rules of this Ordinance.*

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- b. *Limited Physical Classes* - There may be limited physical classes subject to authorization by the Department of Education and Commission on Higher Education.
- c. *Limited Public Transportation*. Public transportation may operate at limited capacity subject to applicable Department of Transportation guidelines and any implementing rules of this Ordinance, and provided that passengers observe social distancing to the required extent.
- d. *General Freedom of Movement Subject to Health Measures*. All persons may freely move outside their residences, provided that they must continue to observe social distancing, wearing of face masks, frequent hand washing, and other prescribed minimum health measures.
- e. *Limited Personal Care, Leisure and Amusement Activity*. General commercial activity shall be allowed, provided that personal care, leisure and amusement businesses shall operate only at 50% capacity. The foregoing shall be subject to specific national government guidelines or any implementing rules of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. GUIDELINES FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE DURING COMMUNITY QUARANTINE WHETHER ECQ, MECQ, GCQ or MGCQ.**

- a. *Reducing possible transmission of COVID-19 prior to entrance in buildings and workplaces* - Employers shall: provide for PPEs of employees and ensure "No Mask No Entry" policy; require employees to answer health check questionnaires; check employees body temperature and isolate those with 37.5 Centigrade for further medical attention; establish disinfection systems for vehicles entering the hub operational area; ensure physical distancing of at least one (1) meter. Notwithstanding the above, all employers must ensure that an employee who has COVID-19 symptoms such as, but not limited to, sore throat, fever, headache, body ache, shortness of breath, shall be advised not to report for work, seek medical advice and medical clearance prior admission to work.

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- b. Reducing possible transmission of COVID-19 inside the workplace - Employers shall ensure all work areas and frequently handled objects are disinfected regularly, at least once every two (2) hours including canteens and cafeterias; alcohol, sanitizers, soap and water must be made available for hand washing; avoid face to face contacts minimizing meetings with physical contacts; use online systems and video/audio calls with clients and workers as means of conversation.
- c. On Reducing the Risk of COVID-19 – Workers who reported and admitted to work must be checked of their body temperature at least two (2) times during such worker’s work shift. Workers suspected of having COVID-19 infection or exposure must be isolated; health protocols for transporting and reporting COVID-19 cases must be in place; workplace decontamination with appropriate disinfecting solution be made 24 hours prior work.
- d. COVID-19 Testing - Employers may test workers of COVID-19. Testing kits use and procurement shall be the responsibility of the employer. Establishments are strongly encouraged to test all employees, Provided, that at the minimum, persons exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms should be tested. Protocols on testing and interpretation or handling of results shall be in compliance with the Department of Health (DOH) guidelines and issuances.
- e. Compliance with DTI and DOLE issuances - Employers are required to comply with all the issuances and advisories from but not limited to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on all guidelines set to be followed prior to return to work.

SECTION 7. HEALTH MEASURES - All establishments in Quezon City shall observe the following arrangements, regardless of whether the same are under any form of quarantine, or are no longer under community quarantine (i.e., “new normal”). The following measures shall be subject to any applicable national guidelines or implementing rules.

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- a. *Social Distancing.* All workplaces shall, to the extent feasible, adopt arrangements to enable both workers and customers to maintain at least a one-meter distance from one another in the course of their public interactions, including but not limited to the following: (i) place floor markers, barriers or other means of encouraging people to socially distance in locations where persons may naturally congregate, such as queues, elevators, escalators, walkways, restrooms and other transit points; (ii) place dividers between workstations prevent physical contact; (iii) post signs in prominent places reminding people to observe social distancing and other basic safety precautions; (iv) deploy marshals to manage personal movement accordingly; and (v) rearrange furniture to minimize face-to-face interaction (e.g. workstations with back-to-back seating arrangements); (vi) dedicate points of either exit only or entrance only to avoid physical contact; (vii) providing cut off for queues and segregating waiting areas in limited number of batches of people in a waiting room; (viii) regulate temperature setting in malls and shopping centers; (vix) disabling of free wifi access to discourage long period of stays in commercial centers;
- b. *Face Masks or Face Coverings* - All persons in public places and workplaces shall wear face masks, earloop masks, indigenous, reusable, do-it-yourself masks, or face shields, handkerchiefs, bandanas, towels, cloth masks or any other kind of covering for the nose and mouth, to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Employers must provide their employees with the required personal protective equipment (PPEs) at no cost to the employees.
- c. *Hand Washing* - All employees shall be encouraged to engage in frequent handwashing or disinfection of hands. Management shall ensure that employees have sufficient provisions of soap, alcohol and other appropriate hygiene products. All business establishments with facilities for public use shall provide the same hygiene products available for their customers.
- d. *Disinfection of High-Touch Objects* - Regular disinfection must be conducted for all high-touch objects including but not limited to door handles, elevator buttons, fingerprint scanners, railings, keypads, counters, tables and chairs. To the extent feasible, establishments should schedule shutdowns of operations to conduct thorough disinfectant spraying and misting of all facilities.

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- e. *Health Checks* - The management of each establishment shall, to the extent feasible, undertake regular health checks for employees. Persons exhibiting elevated temperature, or who are otherwise exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms such as a fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing or body aches, shall not be allowed to remain in close contact with other persons and shall be referred to immediate medical attention. No worker shall be required to report for or remain at work if he or she exhibits COVID-19 symptoms.
  
- f. *Testing Program* - An establishment with 10 or more employees shall be required to submit to the City Health Department its program for COVID-19 employee testing in accordance with applicable DOH guidelines, using duly accredited testing providers. Employees testing positive or showing symptoms similar to COVID-19 should be promptly isolated and treated in accordance with DOH guidelines.
  
- g. *Business Return to Work Plan* - All establishments must prepare and furnish the City Health Department of its Return to Work Plan that incorporates the rules and regulations herein to its guidelines prior business operations.
  
- h. *Capacity Restrictions* - All establishments must report to the Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD) and the Department of the Building Official (DBO) the actual number of their employees and the dimensions of their premises, for purposes of computing accurately any applicable capacity and workforce limitations. Establishments that physically receive customers should post signs indicating their maximum customer capacity as may be prescribed by the BPLD and/or DBO.
  
- i. *Mandatory Reporting*. In case any establishment becomes aware of any suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 case among their staff, the establishment should immediately report the same to the City Health Department.

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- j. PPEs. The private medical staff, if any, of each establishment should have the appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the Department of Health and other applicable guidelines.
- k. Alternative Work Arrangements. To the extent feasible, establishments shall adopt work arrangements that will lessen face to face contact and physical interaction, including work from home, telecommuting, virtual meetings, staggered working hours and compressed workweek.
- l. No Contact Facilities. Establishments shall, to the extent feasible, provide no contact facilities for their customers or clients, such as using online interfaces, electronic menus, pre-arranged services, digital or cashless payment schemes and the like.
- m. Contact Tracing – Establishments and business open to public including transportation in queues or whenever possible, must adopt a contact tracing procedure by way of monitoring the names, addresses and contact numbers of its customers in specified time of visits through the likes of logbook monitoring or equivalent. In addition, businesses who are required to have CCTV cameras must ensure that such cameras will be able to capture clearly the movement of consumers to help in future contact tracing when required.

**SECTION 8. QUARANTINE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL CASES** - To support disease prevention and control, the City may isolate and quarantine individual suspect, probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases in accordance with the recommendations of the City Health Department (CHD). The City may acquire additional quarantine facilities, aside from the existing facilities designated as Hope-1, Hope-2 and Hope-3, in so far as necessary.

**SECTION 9. COMMUNITY TESTING IN QUARANTINE AREAS** - The City shall continue to conduct community-based testing for COVID-19 as the CHD may recommend, using duly accredited testing providers. Existing testing arrangements may be added to or expanded in so far as necessary.

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*SECTION 10. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BARANGAYS - Under the principle of local autonomy, and pursuant to their duty and power to protect the general welfare, each barangay may implement localized measures to protect the health and safety of their residents, including issuing quarantine passes to limit movement; regulating ingress and egress in their respective areas of jurisdiction; enforcing wearing of face masks, physical distancing, and other public health measures; and other appropriate measures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the City may review and modify any barangay health or safety measures to make the same consistent with applicable City or national guidelines, and to ensure unhampered essential movement. Each barangay is enjoined to coordinate with the Barangay and Community Relations Department and the City Health Department on any health or safety measure that it wishes to enact in its locality.*

*SECTION 11. RESPONSIBILITY OF BUSINESSES AND ESTABLISHMENT OWNERS OPERATING WITHIN QUEZON CITY - Owners of businesses and establishments operating within Quezon City shall be responsible in formulating policies and guidelines to ensure that their businesses are operating in compliance with all the orders herein, such as but not limited to requiring consumers to present quarantine passes if required under the circumstances, or its equivalent prior to entry to their establishments, no face mask no entry policy, health checks and social distancing.*

*SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTING RULES - While this Ordinance and the provisions hereof are already operative upon its effectivity, the Mayor may issue the appropriate and relevant rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Ordinance, including the issuance of relevant mechanisms in combatting the spread of COVID-19, mitigating its effects and impact to the community.*

*SECTION 13. DURATION - This Ordinance shall remain effective until the Local Chief Executive, on recommendation of the City Health Department, determines that the emergency public health measures contained herein are no longer necessary.*

*SECTION 14. VIOLATION - Persons who violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and/or imprisonment of not more than Six (6) Months at the discretion of the court. The Business Permits and Licensing Department may revoke the Business Permit of any establishment that violates this Ordinance upon determination of violation through filing of complaint and conduct of proceedings. The foregoing is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges under Republic Act No. 11332 or any other applicable law.*

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*SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars and Administrative Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.*


*SECTION 16. 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 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon posting and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.*


ENACTED: May 18, 2020.

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


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

APPROVED: 01 JUN 2020

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was Certified as Urgent by the City Mayor, was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 18, 2020 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading under Suspended Rules on the same date.*

  
Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III  
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