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MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 48TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON 08 JUNE 2020 1:00 P. M. AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL

Present:

	Vice Mayor Gualberto V. Magno	- Presiding Officer
	Councilor Jerwin S. Dimapilis	- Member
	Councilor Agustin L. Cusi	- Member
	Councilor David D. De La Cruz	- Member
	Councilor John John S. Yason	- Member
	Councilor Robert S. Quiatchon	- Member
	Councilor Lucille T. Bacay	- Member
	Councilor Juan Rafael M. Talens	- Member
	Councilor Ronel S. Sescar	- Member
	Councilor Elmira May V. Tarac	- President, Mun. SK Federation
Absent:	Councilor Celso M. Dimapilis	- President, Liga ng mga Barangay

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 15
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, BARANGAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT GROUPS, AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO STRICTLY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL AND OTHER STRINGENT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT AND CONTAIN THE TRANSMISSION OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Authors:

Councilor DAVID D. DE LA CRUZ
Councilor LUCILLE T. BACAY

WHEREAS, the emergence of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) has been an international concern in which the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus, which can be transmitted from one person to another through hands, mouth, eyes and nose, has infected a large number of people and resulted in an alarming rise of death rates from different countries all over the world;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation Order No. 922, entitled "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency

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throughout the entire Philippines" to safeguard the Filipinos against the spread of COVID-19 in the country;

WHEREAS, the said declaration would facilitate the implementation of essential provisions of RA 11332, otherwise known as the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Disease and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act to address the Covid-19 threat, including but not limited to mandatory reporting, intensification of government response and measures, quarantines, and disease control preventive measures;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Roxas renders full assistance and cooperation and mobilizes the necessary precautionary measures through the issuance of a series of executive orders to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measures to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, it behooves upon this Sanggunian to require the strict observance of social distancing protocol and other precautionary measures by all citizens of the municipality, business establishments, hospitals, schools, barangay local government units, public transport groups, government offices, and other public and private institutions;

WHEREAS, the strict implementation of stringent social distancing has been proven by local and foreign researchers and medical experts as an effective tool to fight the spread and to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 pandemic, thus, the same should be strongly adopted to protect all constituents of Municipality of Roxas;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan is empowered to approve ordinances to ensure the immediate delivery of basic services and facilities; approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro, that:

SECTION 1. **TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "**COVID-19 Social Distancing Protocol Ordinance of the Municipality of Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.**"

SECTION 2. **DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- **Social distancing** – is a precautionary measure that involves the observance of a physical distance of at least one (1) meter radius between and among persons/individuals to avoid physical/social contact.
- **Mass gathering** – is a planned or spontaneous event where the number of people brought together to attend the event has the potential to strain the planning and response resources of the health system in the community where it takes place.

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SECTION 3. **STRINGENT SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL AND GUIDELINES.** All natural and juridical persons in the Municipality of Roxas are hereby required to adopt stringent social distancing protocol to manage the COVID-19 situation, including but not limited to the following:

a) Classes and all school activities in all levels shall be temporarily suspended until the community quarantine shall have been lifted either by the Local Government Unit of the Municipality of Roxas or through an Executive Order issued by the President of the Philippines. In this regard, all schools and universities and other educational or training institutions shall provide adequate arrangement or alternative innovative strategies to allow students to fulfill their requirements and to continue learning activities in their homes during the said period;

b) All students shall remain in their homes during class suspension;

c) Mass gatherings shall be prohibited until such time that the community quarantine shall have been lifted. These include fiestas, sporting events, community assemblies and other recreational events that encourage mass gathering which are not related to disaster risk reduction management and delivery of basic welfare necessities;

d) Essential work-related meetings may be allowed for as long as strict social distancing is maintained and strict precautionary measures are observed during the entirety of the event or activity;

e) Business establishments which are allowed under the executive orders issued by the Local Chief Executive to operate during the community quarantine period shall observe strict social distancing protocol and other precautionary measures.

SECTION 4. **PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.** All business establishments, government offices, barangay local government units, hospitals, schools, public utility vehicles (PUVs), markets, terminals and other institutions within the Municipality of Roxas are hereby required to adopt stringent social distancing protocol to prevent and contain the spread of transmission in their respective areas and facilities. Other safety precautions are likewise encouraged to include, but not limited to the following:

a) **"No contact/No Handshake"** policy or touchless greetings;

b) **"No face mask, No entry"** policy in all establishments, PUVs, markets and likewise require all personnel who will be attending to clients/customers, and for public utility drivers to wear protective face mask;

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c) Mark or provide signages to the designated area for customers and employees in line to maintain the appropriate distance or spacing requirement of at least one (1) meter;

d) Make regular announcements or place signages reminding the employees and customers of the social distancing protocol;

e) Ensure the availability of alcohol, hand sanitizer, or other sanitizing products in the entry and exit of the buildings and/or establishments, offices and other institutions;

f) Provide thermal scanner to monitor the temperature of visitors, employees, and passengers;

g) Require frontline personnel and employees, customer support and others of similar functions to wear face masks during their duty or shift;

h) Ensure regular cleaning and disinfecting of offices, spaces, public utility vehicles and other areas accessible to the public;

i) Ensure the availability of soap and water in public comfort rooms and washrooms;

j) Disinfect contact points that may carry the virus; including but not limited to, buildings, government offices, private and public establishments;

k) Encourage alternative working arrangement, including but not limited to work from home, compressed workweek, staggered working hours, and creation of skeletal workforce as well as flexible work arrangement;

l) Adapt and observe other safety precautions to ensure the prevention and containment of COVID-19 transmission.

SECTION 5. **CURFEW.** Curfew is hereby implemented in the Municipality of Roxas. All constituents should be at home from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am of the following day except for medical personnel, authorized government officials and employees, Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Emergency Response Team, barangay personnel, volunteers manning checkpoints and other essential workers. A 24-hour curfew is also implemented to senior citizens, pregnant woman, children, immune compromised persons and those with chronic medical conditions, students and out-of school youth below 18 years of age, except for those senior citizens who are public officials or authorized government officials who have vital role in the implementation of the community quarantine, and those who will have to undergo medical interventions.

SECTION 6. **SAFE DISTANCING TASK FORCE.** The Safe Distancing Task Force is a crowd control and monitoring group which shall be composed of

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members from the PNP and deputized barangay officers headed by the Municipal Mayor, to monitor the implementation of social distancing measures in all contact point areas in the Municipality of Roxas. Any report of mass gathering or convention of people which provokes unsafe social distancing shall be immediately dispersed by the Safe Distancing Task Force.

SECTION 7. **PENALTY CLAUSE.** Any person violating Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this Ordinance shall be penalized by P1,000.00 or community service of three (3) days. Any business establishment or entity violating this ordinance shall be subjected to the revocation or suspension of its business permit and license to operate after due notice and hearing. Violation of this ordinance is without prejudice to other applicable penal and administrative laws violated by the perpetrator. The Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) shall also be strongly encouraged to establish the Barangay Safe Distancing Task Force headed by the Barangay Captain of each barangay. For efficient implementation of this Ordinance, citizen's arrest is strongly encouraged.

SECITON 8. **SEPARABILTTY CLAUSE.** If for any reason, any section or provision of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not declared and not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All previous ordinances, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

On motion of Councilor David D. De La Cruz duly seconded by Councilor Lucille T. Bacay this Ordinance is hereby ENACTED

Adopted: 08 June 2020

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

FERDINAND V. TALENS, MPA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

GUALBERTO V. MAGNO
Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

LEO G. CUSI, SR.
Municipal Mayor
Date: 08. 14. 2020

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