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 PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
 City of Tuguegarao
EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
 OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN
 HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2020, WEDNESDAY, 2:00 P.M.,
 AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

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 PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
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PRESENT:

Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II	City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Ronald S. Ortiz	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Arnel T. Arugay	-do-
Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (via Teleconferencing)
Hon. Grace B. Arago	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Raymund P. Guzman	-do-
Hon. Winnoco R. Abraham	-do-
Hon. Karina S. Gauani	-do-
Hon. Gil G. Pagulayan	Ex sOfficio Member (Liga ng mga Barangay President)
Hon. Karen L. Taguinod	Ex Officio Member (SK Federation President)

ABSENT:

Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Leave)
Hon. Gilbert S. Labang	Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
Hon. Danilo L. Baccay	-do-

CITY ORDINANCE NO. 60-08-2020

**ORDINANCE REGULATING SOCIAL GATHERINGS IN TUGUEGARAO CITY
 UNDER MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (MECQ)
 TO PREVENT THE LOCAL TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 VIRUS**

Sponsors: Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II
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WHEREAS, Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that it is the State's Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Section 16 on General Welfare of the Local Government Code states that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

WHEREAS, as of August 25, 2020, the Philippines has the most Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in Southeast Asia with 194, 252 COVID-19 cases; 59,200 of these are active cases;

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WHEREAS, health protocols like washing one's hands, wearing of face masks and face shields, and social distancing have been required by the National Government through the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) to curb and prevent the transmission of the deadly virus;

WHEREAS, despite of the health crisis, a number of people are still holding celebrations as a part of the Philippine culture, most of these celebrations involve gatherings without social or physical distancing among the attendees;

WHEREAS, the local transmission in Tuguegarao City has emanated from a fiesta celebration;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City was placed under MECQ for ten days starting August 26, 2020 to curb the spread of Covid-19 in the city;

WHEREAS, the Cagayan Valley Inter-Agency Task Force concurred to regulate all gatherings while the city is under MECQ.

WHEREAS, in view of this, there is really a need to prohibit gatherings to flatten or curb the local transmission of the virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, to enact:

SECTION 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as *"An Ordinance Regulating Social Gatherings in Tuguegarao City under Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) to Prevent the Local Transmission of COVID-19 Virus."*

SECTION 2. Regulated Gatherings. The following gatherings/celebrations shall only be limited to household members only:

1. Festivals or fiestas
2. Weddings
3. Baptisms
4. Birthdays
5. Blowouts
6. Other similar gatherings or celebrations

SECTION 3. Religious Gatherings. All religious gatherings shall only be limited to five individuals.

SECTION 4. Wakes and Burials. Wakes shall strictly be limited to 72 hours and may only be attended by close family members while public burial shall also be limited to close family members only, with the minimum health standards being observed at all times. Interment foot procession is strictly not allowed. Family members attending the funeral must be inside vehicles and must observe the minimum health standards.

For those who died from COVID-19, the Inter-Agency Task Force Guidelines shall strictly be followed.

SECTION 5. Enforcement/Implementation. The Tuguegarao City Police Force, Public Safety and Security Office, and the 49 Punong Barangays and their Barangay Tanods shall ensure the strict implementation of this Ordinance;

SECTION 6. Penalty. Individual/s who shall hold celebrations prohibited by this ordinance shall suffer the penalties provided hereunder:

- First Offense: A fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)
Second Offense: A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00)
Third Offense: A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00)

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All other ordinances and administrative regulations or part/s thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Public Hearing. This ordinance is enacted under unusual and extreme condition the country is experiencing in general and Tuguegarao City in particular as declared by the National Government through a number of proclamation orders and other rules and regulations promulgated by His Excellency President Rodrigo Duterte and the Provincial Government, hence, the public hearing shall be dispensed with, considering further the urgency and importance of the instant measure.


SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall immediately take effect on August 26, 2020 (Wednesday) and shall be effective for ten days or until the MECQ is lifted in Tuguegarao.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


JOEL JOSEPH L. TGIPTO, Ph.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Date: _____

APPROVED:


HON. ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor
Date: 08-26-2020

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