



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23
Series of 2020

“AN ORDER SUSPENDING THE CONDUCT OF MASS GATHERINGS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO BARANGAY PEOPLE’S DAY, BARANGAY ASSEMBLIES, NIGHT MARKET, AND COCKFIGHTS IN TUGUEGARAO CITY”

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the State under Article 2, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code authorizes local government units to exercise its express and implied powers, 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, DOH-DFA-DOJ-DOLE-DOT-DOTr-DICT Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease Resolution No. 11 Series of 2020 dated March 12, 2020 prohibits the conduct of mass gatherings;

WHEREAS, DILG ADVISORY dated March 10, 2020 recommends the cancellation of any planned events or mass gatherings to further minimize the risk of contracting the COVID-19, and further advised the public to avoid crowded places and continue to practice self-protection measures;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is now a Public Health Emergency of national and international concern;

WHEREAS, as of the moment, Tuguegarao City remains free from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, to maintain this status and in order to prevent or mitigate the possible spread of COVID-19 in Tuguegarao City, there is a need to suspend gatherings of large crowds in the city, especially in small venues with relatively high concentration of people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO, City Mayor of Tuguegarao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws, do hereby suspend the conduct of Barangay People’s Day, Barangay Assemblies, Night Market, Cockfights, and similar activities/gatherings in Tuguegarao City.

Section 1. *Suspension of the Conduct of Barangay People’s Day.* The conduct of Barangay People’s Day once a week every week in the different barangays in the city per City Ordinance No. 12-2016, entitled: “*Ordinance Institutionalizing the Conduct of Barangay People’s Day within the Territorial Jurisdiction of Tuguegarao City and Providing Funds [Therefor]*”, is hereby suspended.

Section 2. *Suspension of the Conduct of Barangay Assemblies.* Similarly, the conduct of barangay assemblies in all forty-nine (49) barangays in the city is hereby suspended.

Section 3. *Suspension of the Operation of the Night Market.* Considering the high concentration of people in the night market, the operation of the night market is hereby suspended.



Section 4. *Suspension of the Conduct of Cockfights.* Similarly, the conduct of cockfights is likewise suspended considering the relatively high concentration of people in cockpits during cockfights.

Section 5. *Similar Gatherings Defined.* Any public gathering of more than Two Hundred (200) people or with less number of people but conducted in small venues where social distancing is not possible, is likewise suspended.

Section 6. *Private Gatherings Discouraged.* The public is advised to refrain from hosting or attending private gatherings.

Section 7. *Compliance Monitoring.* The Barangay Affairs Office headed by Engr. Kendrick S. Calubaquib, with the assistance of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, is hereby tasked to monitor compliance of all barangays with this Order.

Col. Pedro Cuntapay, *Market Administrator*, is hereby tasked to implement the suspension of the operation of the night market.

Further, the Joint Inspectorate Team under the Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) is hereby tasked to monitor compliance of all cockpit establishments, with the assistance of the local police.

Section 8. *Repealing Clause.* All prior issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or otherwise modified accordingly.

Section 9. *Effectivity.* This Order shall take effect this Monday, March 16, and shall remain effective until lifted.

DONE in Tuguegarao City, this 14th day of March, in the Year of the Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.


ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO

City Mayor