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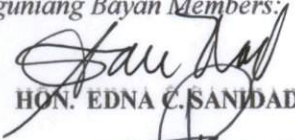


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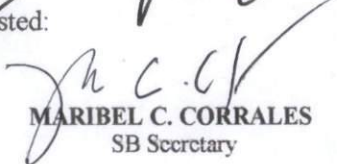
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 11TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF NARVACAN, ILOCOS SUR HELD ON MARCH 30, 2020 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL

ORDINANCE NO. 24
Series of 2020

ENACTING THE NARVACAN ANTI-COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONA VIRUS) ORDINANCE, CONSOLIDATING ALL ANTI-CORONA ORDINANCES, MEASURES AND ISSUANCES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, under Section 15, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, it is a State Policy to protect and promote the right to health of the people;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, the Chief Executive, President RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring the entire nation under a **STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY** and has ordered all local government units to render full assistance and cooperation, and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 Threat;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Novel Corona Virus (COVID 19) a PANDEMIC due to the rapid increase of Corona cases worldwide, including the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive, on March 16, 2020, issued Presidential Proclamation No. 929, Series of 2020 placing the entire country under a **STATE OF CALAMITY** for a period of **six (6) months or until September 16, 2020**;

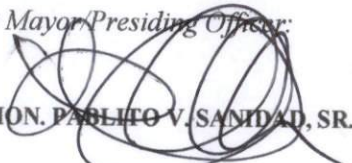
WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Honorable Governor of the Province of Ilocos Sur, Governor RYAN LUIS SINGSON, issued Executive Order No. 14, Series of 2020, placing the entire Province of Ilocos Sur, under **COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**;

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-062 as Supplementary LGU Guidelines on the Implementation of **ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE** in Luzon, and **STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY** in Other Parts of the Country due to the COVID-19 Threat;



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WHEREAS, in reaction to the foregoing, the Sanggunian Bayan of Narvacan, upon urgent certification of the Municipal Mayor, Mayor LUIS "CHAVIT" SINGSON, calling attention to the urgency of the emergency situation and in the exercise of **Police Power** and the **General Welfare Clause** (Section 16) of the Local Government Code (R.A. 7160) enacted several Ordinances;

WHEREAS, due to the swift and rapid deterioration of the situation worldwide and in the country, and other critical developments in the fight against the COVID-19, the Municipal Mayor, Mayor LUIS "CHAVIT" SINGSON again called the attention of and directed the Sangguniang Bayan to the urgent need to more effectively meet the COVID-19 threat, and to rationalize and reconcile the ordinances, issuances, rules and regulations that should be followed and to fashion and enact a consolidated Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "**THE NARVACAN ANTI-COVID-19 ORDINANCE**";

SECTION 2. STATE OF ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ). The Municipality of Narvacan is hereby declared in a **STATE OF ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ)** in consonance with the Presidential Proclamations 922 and 929, 2020 and as implemented and supplemented by various executive issuances;

SECTION 3. GENERAL PURPOSE: The proclamation of an ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (ECQ) has for its general purpose a strict home quarantine of all households in the town of Narvacan.

Movement shall be limited to accessing basic necessities, provision of food and essential health services as hereinafter provided; *provided that*, whenever it shall become necessary, an EXTREME ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE (EECQ) can be declared and imposed on any Barangay that shall a PUI/s (Person under Investigation) or a positive case of COVID-19, at



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the discretion of the Municipal Mayor or the Provincial Governor; *provided finally*, that in the event of an EECQ the Barangay/s involved, or the entire municipality, when necessary, shall be placed on total LOCKDOWN, meaning no resident can enter or exit the identified Barangay or the Municipality, until health and municipal or provincial authorities shall provide otherwise;

SECTION 4. EXCEPTIONS: The establishments and persons who may be authorized to open and be outside their residences during the implementation of this Ordinance and the State of Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) are the following:

A. BASIC SERVICES:

1. Medical Services

- a. All Department of Health (DOH) officials and staff;
- b. All health and service personnel stationed at LGU health facilities.
- c. All Philippine Red Cross (PRC) vehicles bearing the Red Cross logo and staff with Red Cross identifications (IDs);
- d. Core staff from the World Health Organization (WHO) Country and Regional Offices;
- e. Doctors and their drivers;
- f. Hospital staff and employees including janitors and helpers;
- g. Medical professionals, doctors, physicians, dentists and other employees; and
- h. Private caregivers

2. Emergency Responders

- a) DILG and LGU Emergency Operation Center personnel;
- b) BFP (Bureau of Fire Protection)
- c) DRRMC;
- d) DSWD
- e) Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT)
- f) LGU officials



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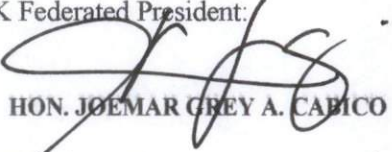

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3. Justice and Security Services

- a) Judges, prosecutors, PAO lawyers while going to and from duty and their necessary personnel;
- b) PNP, AFP, BJMP, NBI, BOC, BI, PPA and other law enforcement agency personnel
- c) Company Security Officers and Security Guards; and
- d) Force Multipliers (Barangay Officials, Tanod and duly appointed deputies;

4. Funeral/Crematorium/Funeral Homes Services

- a) Employees;
- b) Immediate family of the deceased, and
- c) Officiating Priests, Pastors and Ministers;
- d) Public and private cemetery crematorium employees, workers during burial or cremation activities

Provided that, Pursuant to Resolution No. 15, 2020, March 24, 2020 Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF), it shall be illegal, and hereby made punishable under this Ordinance, for any *funeraria* or funeral parlor/home to refuse to provide logistics and transport of COVID-19 remains, including but not limited to, refusal to pick-up the remains of the deceased; *provided further that,* said funeral parlors/homes are mandated to charge the same rate of charges/fees that they collect for services that they render to non-COVID-19 related cases;

B. DAILY ESSENTIALS (limited to skeletal workforce)

1. Banks
 - a) Bank employees
 - b) Technical Service Support Crew
 - c) ATM Service Provider Crew; and
 - d) Armored Vehicle Crew

2. Money Transfer Services Employees



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3. Hypermarkets/Supermarkets/Groceries/Convenience/Sari-Sari/Retail store employees
4. Public market vendors
5. Pharmacies/Drugstores Pharmacists and Employees; and
6. Food chain/Restaurants/Carinderia engaged in delivery and take staff and crew

C. ESSENTIAL GOODS

- a) Delivery and handling of personnel cargoes – with or without load (maximum of 3 including driver), warehousing and trucking;
- b) Employees working at establishments engaged in the production and distribution of the following:
 - 1) Food
 - 2) Essential and Hygiene Products (soap and detergents, diapers, feminine hygiene products, tissues, wipes, toilet paper, disinfectants and the like;
 - 3) Medicines, Vitamins, minerals; and
 - 4) Medical products such as PPEs, masks, gloves and others;

D. UTILITIES

- a) Telecommunications
 - 1) Key Officials and Employees; and
 - 2) Employees of Cable and Internet Service Providers and 3rd party contractors;
- b) Water companies
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 - 2) Water delivery and refilling Stations crew
- c) Energy Companies
 - 1) Electric power generation, transmission and distribution employees;
 - 2) Petroleum Tanker drivers;
 - 3) Gasoline attendants;
 - 4) Third party contractors;



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d) Sanitation

Individual, Residential, Hospital and Toxic Garbage/
Waste collectors and drivers

E. FARMERS AND FISHERMEN

- a. All farming and fishing activities shall continue, to help ensure sufficient food supply. These activities shall include, but not limited to, land preparation, planting, crop maintenance, harvesting, threshing, drying, milling, sorting, packaging, and trading;
- b. All farmers and farm workers, fisherfolk and agribusiness personnel, as well as **able bodied senior citizens farmers and fisherfolk** who live alone or are the breadwinners of their families, are exempted from doing home quarantine provided that:
 1. They do not exhibit any of the symptoms of COVID-19;
 2. The number of farmers/ fisherfolks/ farm personnel is at the minimum, and
 3. Safety protocols are ensured and social distancing is practiced in the work place;

F. OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSONS

- 1) Private individual (1 per household) availing of the services of the above-mentioned establishments;
- 2) Media personalities with PCOO IDs;
- 3) Residents with duly issued Barangay passes as hereunder provided;

G. VIOLATIONS - Violations of the provisions of this Section, by failing to provide or respect or violate the exceptions granted, shall be punishable under SECTION 15 hereof;

SECTION 5. CHECKPOINTS. To effectively implement an Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and prevent the spread of COVID-19, checkpoints shall be implemented under the following terms and conditions:



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a. Checkpoints shall be established at all entry and exit points, to and from the municipality, in coordination and with the assistance of health and police authorities, official uniformed personnel, and barangay officials where the checkpoints are established, who shall however follow the necessary protocols before an individual may be allowed to enter the town of Narvacan.;

b. At the provincial boundary between Narvacan, Ilocos Sur and the Province of Abra, the following protocols shall be enforced in addition to others that may be imposed by national, regional and provincial authorities:

1. Non-residents of Ilocos Sur, but who are working in Ilocos Sur in any of the agencies, offices and establishments exempted by this Ordinance, shall be allowed into the province at the said checkpoint only once a day, **provided that**, they are not COVID-19 infected or residents of a COVID-10 affected area or town in the province of Abra, and shall undergo screening protocols set forth before entry; **provided further that**, this restriction shall not apply to health care workers, responders, members of the police force, AFP and other government personnel whose work station is in the Province of Ilocos Sur, and who shall be allowed to return to Abra, also once a day; **provided also**, that they shall obtain the necessary work and travel permit from the Provincial Health Officer;

2. All travelers from Abra who are granted passes and merely passing through the Province of Ilocos Sur, shall be allowed entry and passage, **provided that**, they must submit their authority to travel and such other documents allowing them to travel; **provided further**, that they must submit themselves to the screening protocols set-forth and **provided also, that**, they shall not make any stop-overs within the town of Narvacan during their entire passage therein;

3. No transfer and/or referral of patient/s coming from Abra to any Health Facility in Narvacan or the entire Province of Ilocos Sur shall be allowed during the entire effectivity of this Ordinance, unless granted written authority from the Provincial Health Officer of Ilocos Sur;



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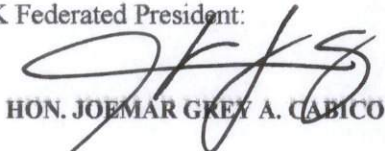

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4. There shall be unrestricted movement however of all cargoes (food and non-food) within and to and from the town of Narvacan and shall not be delayed, despite the enforcement of the quarantine, pursuant to DTI Memorandum No. 6, Series of 2020 entitled: "Ensuring unhampered movement of cargo and transit of personnel of business establishments allowed to operate during the ECQ of Luzon"; provided this shall also be allowed for all exempted personnel and vehicles under Section 3 above;

c. BARANGAY CHECKPOINTS AND MONITORING POSTS manned by Barangay Officials shall be established at the points of entry and exit to their respective barangays, to enforce the provisions on curfew and home quarantine and to facilitate the flow of passage in and out of the respective Barangays during the market days and hours allowed by the municipal authorities; *provided that*, the barangays officials shall coordinate with the Barangay Officials of their neighboring Barangay to ensure the smooth and orderly passage of residents during their allowed market days and hours;

d. **VIOLATIONS** – Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable under Section 15 hereof;

SECTION 6. CLOSURE OF ESTABLISHMENTS/MASS PUBLIC TRANSPORT

a. All establishments normally opened to the public shall be closed, except, those enumerated in Section 3 above;

b. The operation of all forms of mass public transportation and conveyances for hire, shall be prohibited; *provided that*, this shall include buses, jeeps, UV, taxi, tricycles, *padayak*, and other forms which are included in the category of mass public transportation;

c. All tourism-oriented activities are hereby suspended and prohibited during the effectivity of this Ordinance;

d. Cockfighting and all gambling, gaming (including mahjong, card games, bingo, and the like) or entertainment activities that will draw a number of attendees or participants are likewise prohibited;



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e. VIOLATIONS - Violations of the provisions of this section shall be punishable under SECTION 15 hereof, *provided that*, the Suspension or Cancellation of the Business Permit or License To Operate of the violator/s, may also be imposed by order of the Municipal Mayor or the Sangguniang Bayan;

SECTION 7. BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BHERTS.

- a. All Barangay Officials are charged with the promotion of health and safety within their jurisdiction. As such, they are to take the lead in the prevention and control of the spread of COVID-10 at the barangay level; *provided that*, pursuant to R.A. 11332, they are mandatorily required to report to the DOH all cases of COVID-19 cases;
- b. Travel Ban - All Barangay officials, except for urgent and Covid-19 related officially approved business, must remain present in their areas of jurisdiction. They are expected to be the frontliners in times of crisis;
- c. The Barangays must organize their **respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs)**. BHERTs are designated to help combat the spread of COVID -19 by managing, on the barangay level, Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and those who come in contact with them. BHERT members are also tasked with the monitoring and reporting of PUIs with their jurisdiction;

SECTION 8. CURFEW, QUARANTINE, BARANGAY PASSES AND MASKS

1. There is hereby declared a **STRICT 24/7 (24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK) CURFEW** pursuant to the general intent of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ); *provided that*, movement in and out of barangays must always be accompanied by a PASS issued by the Barangay Captain, or his/her duly authorized representative; *provided further, that*, a BARANGAY PASS shall be issued to only one (1) person/ individual per household, and shall be valid only on the date that it is issued and the purpose of the travel and the allowed time period indicated therein; *provided further that*, only one (1) pass shall be granted each household per day, unless in extreme emergency; *provided that*, Barangay officials are required to keep an accurate record and inventory of all Barangay passes issued by them;



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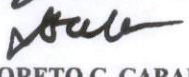

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2. Because of the 24/7 curfew and strict home quarantine, **no private motor vehicles, tricycles and other similar conveyances** shall be allowed to be operated in or out of the barangays, except for purposes provided for in the exemptions hereunder;

3. STRICT HOME QUARANTINE shall be enforced in all house holds. At no instance shall SENIOR CITIZENS be allowed outside their residences, except in case of personal medical emergency that require immediate and lifesaving health and medical services or procedures. All persons who suffer from chronic medical conditions that require regular medical procedures (such as dialysis) shall also be allowed visits to their medical providers and pharmacies, if needed, but only for such purpose/s;

4. **Exemptions:** Exempted from the Barangay curfew and quarantine are the following:

a. All those exempted as provided in Section 3 above;

b. Market vendors at the Narvacan Public Market, with the required permits, during the allowed market hours and those who shall provide and/or deliver cargoes of their products and the items that they sell; *provided that*, all COVID-19 protocols such as masks, social distancing and freedom from all signs or symptoms of COVID infection shall be followed;

c. Tricycle drivers who are provided with the required BARANGAY PASS and are allowed by the Barangay authorities can ferry Barangay residents to and from the Narvacan Public Market, on the allowed market days and hours; *provided that*, only the **driver and one (1) passenger** shall be allowed in each tricycle; *provided further*, that in cases of medical and other emergencies, tricycles and even private vehicles shall be allowed to deliver the patients to the hospital/clinics, RHU or other competent medical establishments and in which case a barangay health worker or responsible relative shall be allowed to accompany the patient and their transportation arrangement shall be given priority and provided by the barangay when necessary;



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d. **Private vehicle owners** may also be given BARANGAY PASSES, to enable them to purchase their market and medical needs, but only during the allowed market days and hours of the barangay or during hours where pharmacies are open; *provided that*, said private vehicles shall only be allowed to travel carrying **one (1) person** if the purpose is to buy medicine and **three (3) persons including the driver** for market needs, and, *provided further that*, social distancing shall always be maintained;

e. NO CHARGES or FEES shall be collected for the issuance of BARANGAY PASSES;

f. **VIOLATIONS** – Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable under Section 15 hereof;

SECTION 9. COMPULSORY USE OF MASKS AND/OR PROTECTIVE COVERING.

a. All residents, whether exempted from quarantine or not, and due to the physical and medical difficulty of swiftly determining who are infected with COVID-19, shall at all times wear masks, or such other improvised or substitute protective face covering, during the instances that they are allowed to go out of their homes; *provided however*, that social distancing of at least one (1) meter apart shall at all times be observed;

b. **VIOLATIONS** – Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable under Section 15 hereof;

SECTION 10. MASS GATHERING, LIQUOR BAN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

a. MASS GATHERING, or the gathering or meeting of more than FOUR (4) PERSONS who do not reside in one and the same house is prohibited, *provided that*, even in the allowed number, social distancing shall always be maintained even among families, relatives and housemates;

b. SOCIAL DISTANCING means a distance of at least ONE (1) METER between each person;



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c. In order to prevent the useless, irresponsible or unnecessary dissipation of family finances during the time of crisis and to discourage mass gatherings, a 24/7 (24 hours, 7 days a week) **LIQUOR BAN** is hereby imposed. The **LIQUOR BAN** includes the SALE, TRANSFER, PROVIDING, GIVING, SERVING, DRINKING and the like, of any liquor or intoxicating drink or concoction;

d. **VIOLATIONS** – Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable under Section 15 hereof;

SECTION 11. QUARANTINE FOR RETURNING RESIDENTS/ OTHERS AND MANDATORY ACCURATE REPORTING AND DECLARATION OF HEALTH CONDITIONS

1. During the effectivity of this Ordinance, all residents and their relatives and companions, who are allowed to enter or return to Narvacan from elsewhere, shall be required to:

a. Register with the RHU (Rural Health Unit) or the DOH and also the Barangay officials where he or she shall reside and shall automatically be considered a **PUM (Person Under Monitoring)**; *provided that*, the Barangay Captain shall immediately report the presence of said persons in their Barangay/s to the RHU and the DOH and they shall assist in the quarantine and monitoring of said persons;

b. They shall be placed under a mandatory 14-day home quarantine, *provided that*, he/she may, during the period of the quarantine, be allowed to permanently depart from Narvacan;

2. Any person who shall be required by any medical clinic, hospital, health care facility, whether public or private, including quarantine stations established by the government, to fill-up or accomplish information sheet, data form, declaration, or any similar document, shall be mandated to state the truth and disclose all relevant information, as may be required in the said form or document, or as may be asked by the health personnel, such as but not limited to the nurse, physician and their assistants;



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3. Any patient, person, Person Under Monitoring (PUM) or Person Under Investigation (PUI) under the care, custody, examination or investigation by health workers and authorities, who is found to have knowingly and deliberately lied, misled, committed dishonesty and/or withheld accurate and relevant information (such as, but not limited to travel history, experience of symptoms, etc.) during the effectivity of this Ordinance shall be a violation hereof; *provided that*, included in those required to furnish information and covered by this Ordinance are the relatives, friends, guardians, and the like of the said subject person and patients who possess knowledge of the medical condition and background of said patients or persons;

4. Any patient who escapes a quarantine facility/hospital while undergoing treatment or observation during the duration of a State of Enhanced Community Quarantine shall also be in violation of the Ordinance;

5. **VIOLATIONS** – Unless the acts committed in violation of this Section shall constitute a violation of any other law, such as the Revised Penal Code on falsification, any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable under Section 15 hereof;

SECTION 12. SPREADING OF FAKE, FALSE AND/OR ALARMING NEWS:

a. The deliberate creation, purveying, transmission, publication, or spreading, by anyone who has knowledge or should know or suspect that the news he/she is spreading is fake, false, malicious and/or may cause undue alarm and apprehension about the COVID-19 pandemic is prohibited. This spreading of news may be done by word of mouth, in writing, by phone, text, or internet of any other vehicle or method of transporting messages from one person to the other;

b. **VIOLATIONS** – Unless otherwise punishable under **Art. 154 of the Revised Penal Code**, as amended by R.A. 10951, on "*Unlawful use of means of publication and unlawful utterances*", any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable under Section 15 hereof;



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SECTION 13. HUMAN RIGHTS AND HANDLING OF SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES

a. Even during the emergency brought by COVID-19 and during the effectivity of this Ordinance, all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution shall be respected; *provided that*, access to courts, judicial authorities and prosecutorial services shall be governed by the directives of the Supreme Court and the Department of Justice;

b. Prudence shall at all times be exercised in sharing or revealing information about suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 cases, *provided that*, Except for those willing to have their identities and data divulged, the unauthorized disclosure of private and confidential information pertaining to a patient's medical condition or treatment is a violation of R.A. 11332 and punished thereunder, *provided further*, that the RHU, the DOH and the Head of the District Hospital are designated as the Information Managers for this purpose and with the assistance of Barangay Captains, they shall also be incharge of the immediate reporting of PUIs in the municipality;

c. The RHU, DOH and Barangay officials are hereby authorized to place **INDELIBLE INK MARKS** on the forearms of PUMs (Person Under Monitoring) away from the hand area that is frequently washed, *provided that*, this shall not be interpreted as discriminatory, or placing a stigma, or derogatory tagging, but only to make the monitoring of PUMs easier if they should break their quarantine, which is punished by this Ordinance;

d. VIOLATIONS – Except as above provided, any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be punishable under Section 15 hereof;

SECTION 14. PRICE CONTROL. The Local Pricing Coordination Council is hereby reactivated and shall monitor prices of medicine, protective gears, food and other basic necessities, and shall charges against hoarding and overpricing defined under existing law.



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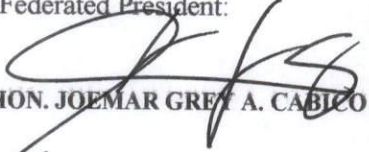

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SECTION 15. PENAL CLAUSE. Unless the acts committed may also be punished under **Republic Act 11332**, the **Revised Penal Code**, particularly **Art 151, 172, 173** thereof, and by other relevant provisions and statutes, violators of any of the provisions of **Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13** of this Ordinance shall be charged and if found guilty by the Court of proper jurisdiction, shall suffer the following penalties:

- a. Fine of P1,000.00 – for the **FIRST OFFENSE**
- b. Fine of 2,000.00 - for the **SECOND OFFENSE**
- c. Fine of P2,500.00 and or imprisonment of one-month or both at the discretion of the Court for the **THIRD OFFENSE** and subsequent violations committed thereafter;

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE

All previous Ordinances enacted (Ordinance No. 19, 20, 21 and 22, Series of 2020), are hereby **REPEALED**, without prejudice to the maintenance and continuation of any prosecutions pending under said Ordinances which shall continue, and only in connection with said prosecutions are they not considered repealed;

The choice of prosecution under this Ordinance, or under any other law, shall be subject to the sound discretion of the law enforcement officers, the police and other investigative agencies and the prosecutorial officers of the Department of Justice;

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision, section or part of this Ordinance be declared invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, or by the Sanggunian Panlalawigan upon review, the same shall not affect or impair the remaining parts thereof and they shall continue to be in full force and effect;

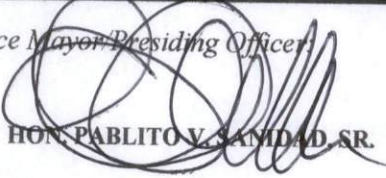
SECTION 18. ENACTMENT AND PERIOD OF EFFECTIVITY:

- 1. That due to the critical national emergency posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and upon urgent certification of the Municipal Chief Executive and motion unanimously approved suspending the rules on the 3 day reading of ordinances, which is compelled by the current emergency, in order not to defeat its purpose and to effectively and immediately fulfill its objectives, this Ordinance shall be effective **immediately upon approval**;



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2. Publication of this Ordinance pursuant to law shall be made, when feasible, and without affecting its immediate validity and implementation, and a copy of the same shall also be furnished the Chief Executive Officer of the Official Gazette; *provided that*, copies of this Ordinance shall however be POSTED at prominent places in the municipal hall;
3. Furnish copies of this Ordinance to the DOH, RHU, PNP, AFP, Judges of the RTC and MTC, PROSECUTORS, PAO, DSWD, DILG, BARANGAY CAPTAINS, and all interested sectors, stake holders, parties and those who may wish to obtain a copy of the same;
4. Unless otherwise mandated by any national legislation or an amendatory or repealing Ordinance, this Ordinance shall remain in force and effect, **until September 16, 2020** which is the period of the State of Calamity imposed throughout the Philippines by Proclamation No. 292, issued by the President of the Philippines on March 16, 2020.

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