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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 62ND REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF STA. TERESITA, CAGAYAN HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 21, 2020** AT THE SB SESSION HALL.

Present: Hon. Ruben P. Fagela - Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
 Hon. Jefferson M. Javier - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. William A. Lorenzo - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Mark Anthony P. Palor - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Conrado P. Tabaco - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Gloria O. Baldiviso - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Rhudel A. Castillo - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Jose I. Gonzaga - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Jethro S. Tibuc - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Aider M. Javier - ABC President/Ex-Officio Member
 Hon. Guevarra J. Gregorio - SK Federation President/Ex-Officio Member

Absent: None

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO 22
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE "NEW NORMAL" TO PREVENT AND CONTROL COVID 19

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the country due to COVID-19, and enjoined all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate responses and measures to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) issued Resolution No. 28 which mandates that minimum public health standards must be specified by the Department Of Health and adhered to by all sectors;

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the Department of Health issued Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 which sets the guidelines on the Minimum Public Health Standards for COVID-19 mitigation and serves as a guide in institutionalizing key Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions across different settings to combat COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code (the Code) in Section 16 provides that local governments shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;

WHEREAS, with these powers, this municipality implements the Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions promulgated by DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0015 using this Ordinance's procedures and technical specifications necessary for this adaptation and transition to the "new normal";

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan, in session duly assembled, that:



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SECTION 1. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE “**NEW NORMAL**” TO PREVENT AND CONTROL COVID 19”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Principles and Policies. This section articulates the values and underlying principles of the present policy. It is the declared policy of the Sangguniang Bayan of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan to protect the lives of its residents at all times and uphold the whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach in developing solutions and response to the COVID-19 health event. It recognizes that all policies, guidelines and plans shall be cognizant of equity considerations and implications of such policies to different sectors of society. The Sangguniang Bayan of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan joins the Department of Health and other national government agencies to institute an evidence-based policy development, decision-making, and implementation of non-pharmaceutical interventions and other mitigation measures in the “new normal”;

SECTION 3. General Objectives. This section provides the general and specific objectives of the present policy. This policy operationalizes the minimum public health standards and other applicable laws and guidelines on mitigation measures for COVID-19 response across different settings.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Administrative Controls – refer to procedural interventions or modifications in policies, standards and processes, that are meant to reduce the frequency and severity of exposure to infectious diseases (e.g. hygiene and disinfection protocols, work shifting, etc.)
- b. Engineering Controls – refer to physical interventions or modifications in spaces or environments, that is meant to prevent the transmission of infectious diseases (e.g. use of physical barriers, exhaust ventilation, etc.)
- c. New Normal – refers to a set of health behaviors and minimum public health standards to be observed and institutionalized to halt the spread of COVID-19 and shall be part of routine practices even after the pandemic.
- d. Non-pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI) – refer to public health measures that do not involve vaccines, medications or other pharmaceutical interventions, that individuals and communities can carry out in order to reduce transmission rates, contact rates, and the duration of infectiousness of individuals in the population.
- e. Protective Personal Equipment (PPEs) – refer to protective garments or equipment worn by individuals to increase personal safety from infectious agents;
- f. Vulnerable Groups – refer to socially disadvantaged groups that are most susceptible to suffer directly from disasters and health events. These include senior citizens, immunocompromised individuals, women, children, persons deprived with liberty (PDL), persons with disabilities (PWDs), and members of indigenous people (IPs), internally displaced persons (IDPs), indigenous cultural communities (ICCs), among others.
- g. Municipality – refers to the municipality of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan.



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CHAPTER A.
Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions for the "New Normal"

The implementation of this Ordinance shall support the localization of the non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) provided for in the DOH Administrative Order No. 2020-0015, titled "Guidelines on the Risk-Based Public Health Standards for COVID-19 Mitigation". The ordinance shall be guided by the following COVID-19 Mitigation Objectives: (1) Increase Physical and Mental Resilience, (2) Reduce Transmission, (3) Reduce Contact, and (4) Reduce Duration of Infection.

SECTION 5. Promote Mental Health.

5.1. The municipality acknowledges that health emergencies may cause stress, anxiety, and depression. As such, interventions to deliver mental health services, psychosocial support, referral mechanisms, and other essential services shall be made available to individuals who need help and support during the COVID-19 health event.

SECTION 6. Reduce exposure of vulnerable individuals (e.g., senior citizens, pregnant women, individuals with comorbidity) to prevent infection.

6.1 The municipality of Sta. Teresita shall adopt administrative controls to designate specific lanes or areas for vulnerable individuals in public places and establishments, which must be further supported by engineering controls such as but not limited to placement of temporary barriers and visual cues.

SECTION 7. Provide support for essential workforce (ex. Financial Aid, lodging, transportation to and from the workplace, food, etc.)

7.1 Businesses, public and private offices, and other establishments authorized to operate during community quarantine shall provide services and other forms of support to its workforce such as but not limited to transportation services, financial aid, food and accommodations, and personal protective equipment.

SECTION 8. Provide support for vulnerable group (ex. Social amelioration programs, food assistance, etc.)

8.1 The municipality shall ensure timely and adequate provision and distribution of services and benefits as mandated by applicable laws and guidelines to groups or individuals, particularly those identified to be vulnerable for the duration of COVID-19. Support and services shall be extended as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 9. Reduce the use of and exposure to tobacco products.

9.1 To protect the well-being of both smokers and non-smokers, the municipality shall prohibit the use of tobacco products in public places as stipulated in Executive Order No. 26. In enclosed spaces, including private offices and establishments, owners and administrators must designate specific smoking areas, however, signages, including warning about the effects and risks of use of tobacco products shall be posted in such areas.



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SECTION 10. Promote Health-Enhancing Physical Activities.

10.1 The municipality promotes the conduct of regular exercise and other physical activities in increasing physical and mental resilience during the COVID-19 health event, provided that individuals adhere to the minimum public health standards. If the municipality designates a specific area for the conduct of outdoor physical activities, engineering and administrative controls such as but not limited to routine disinfection and sanitation, installation or handwashing stations and dispensers with alcohol-based solutions, placement of marks for physical distancing shall be implemented.

SECTION 11. Practice personal hygiene and proper cough etiquette (e.g. handwashing with soap and water, sanitizing with hand disinfectants, etc.)

11.1 To promote proper hand hygiene and cough etiquette, the municipality shall install makeshift handwashing facilities and dispensers in public places and other strategic locations, any such solution must be supported by placement of signages and visual cues to further encourage proper handwashing and cough etiquette.

SECTION 12. Avoid spitting in public places.

12.1 The Municipality shall prohibit the act of spitting in public places such as but not limited to the street, road, alley, sidewalks, parks, parking lots, or other vacant public and private properties not owned or controlled by the individual.

SECTION 13. Practice of environmental hygiene (eg. Disinfecting surfaces and objects).

13. 1 Buildings, government offices, and private and public establishments are hereby directed to conduct routine disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and objects. All disinfection and sanitation procedures shall follow protocols and prescribed disinfection solutions stated in DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0157, as amended.

SECTION 14. Use of PPE and other medical-grade protective apparel.

14.1 The municipality shall require all individuals to wear face masks in public areas. However, individuals with no symptoms must wear cloth, do-it-yourself, reusable face masks to ensure steady supply of medical-grade masks and other protective apparel, which shall be reserved for individuals with flu-like symptoms, health care workers, and other essential workers.

SECTION 15. Practice of physical distancing.

15.1 in a given space, the municipality shall enforce strict compliance with physical distancing protocols (at least 1 meter apart to side, front and back). Establishments, markets, pharmacies, banks, public and private offices, and other services authorized to operate shall install visual cues, markings, and other signages within premises.

SECTION 16. Provision for modified work structures and schedules, and alternative work arrangements.



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16.1 All businesses, establishments, and private and public offices that are authorized to resume operations shall modify work structures and provide alternative work arrangements such as work-from-home, working hour shifts, and on-rotation basis. All workplaces shall follow the guidelines for return to work set by the DOH Department Memorandum No. 2020-0220

SECTION 17. Limit non-essential services.

17.1 All businesses, establishments, and private and public offices that are authorized to resume operations shall modify work structures and provide alternative work arrangements such as work-from-home, working hour shifts and on-rotation basis.

SECTION 18. Restrict on mass gatherings.

18.1 mass gatherings shall be prohibited in accordance with the limitations provided across different community quarantine classifications. Fiestas, community assemblies, sporting events, and other events or activities that encourage gathering of individuals that exceed the indicated maximum number of individuals allowed in a given setting shall be prohibited.

SECTION 19. Detect and isolate symptomatic individuals (at home or in designated community quarantine facilities.)

19.1 In order to facilitate prompt contact tracing procedures and immediate isolation of symptomatic individuals, all establishments, businesses, and public and private offices are required to implement standard temperature and other monitoring checks and establish the necessary mechanisms and networks to refer symptomatic individuals to the appropriate authority and/or facility.

CHAPTER B. Roles and Responsibilities

The Novel Corona Virus Task Force of the municipality of Sta. Teresita shall have the following composition:

SECTION 20. Composition:

Chairman: Hon. Rodrigo P. de Gracia, CESES
Municipal Mayor

Co-Chairman: Dra. Cynthia Lyn T. Melchor
Municipal Health Officer

Members: Hon. Jefferson M. Javier
SBM/Chairman, Committee on Health

Hon. Aider M. Javier
LnB President, Municipal Chapter

Mrs. Cristina M. Agatep
MLGOO



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SFO3 VISITACION P. MARTIRES
Officer-In-Charge
BFP-Sta. Teresita

PCAPT. Ranolfo S. Gabatin
Chief of Police
Sta. Teresita Police Station

All Department Heads

CSO/NGO on Health

SECTION 21. Functions. The Novel Corona Virus Task Force shall perform the following functions:

On containment:

1. Monitor the persons arriving from a corona virus affected country through the Punong Barangays, BHW or through other sources;
2. Monitor the measures and actions taken by the Punong Barangays and the BHERTs in the prevention, containment and control of coronavirus;
3. Provide logistical assistance to the BHERTs in carrying out their tasks;
4. The MHO as the co-chairman will supervise the BHERTs and submit report(s) to the Provincial Health Office on the outcome of home confinement;
5. Assist in referral and transportation of a corona suspect to the DOH-designated coronavirus referral center or hospital;
6. Seek the assistance of the PNP or the PB to effect the compulsory home confinement of persons arriving from a coronavirus-affected country who violate home confinement to complete the 14-day prescribed period, in case the PB or the BHERT fails to impose the 14-day home confinement;
7. Extend appropriate assistance and support to those in home confinement, depending on the latter's capability and actual needs.

On prevention:

1. In coordination with the DOH and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, train Municipal Health Workers especially hospital or rural health personnel in handling and managing coronavirus suspect;
2. In coordination with the DOH and/or Provincial Health Office as the case maybe, provide training to the local health workers, members of BHERTs and Barangay Tanods on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;
3. In coordination with the DOH, DILG-PNP and/or Provincial Health Office, as the case maybe, provide training to local health workers members of the BHERTs and barangay tanods in enforcing the 14-day home confinement procedures for persons arriving from coronavirus affected country;
4. Conduct a municipal wide information campaign on coronavirus prevention, containment and control;
5. Coordinate with PBs in the conduct of municipal-wide clean-up campaign; and
6. Coordinate with Local Price Coordinating Council on monitoring of prices of medicines and coronavirus-preventive gadgets, and file charges against hoarding and overpricing.



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CHAPTER C. Penal Provision.

SECTION 22. Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

1st offense – a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)

2nd offense – a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)

3rd offense – a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00)

CHAPTER D. Miscellaneous Provision

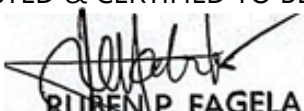
SECTION 23. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days of posting and broadcasting at the community radio station of the municipality.

APPROVED.

I CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance:


JOVY P. TACTAC
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED & CERTIFIED TO BE ORDAINED:


RUBEN P. FAGELA
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED, this day of October 9, 2020:


ATTY. RODRIGO P. DE GRACIA, CESE
Municipal Mayor

Note: APPROVED by Sangguniang Panlalawigan under SP Resolution No. 2020-10-809