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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 030-21
REQUIRING PRIOR COORDINATION WITH THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE
CONDUCT OF ALLOWED MASS GATHERINGS, ESSENTIAL MEETINGS,
CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS, AND ALLOWED SOCIAL EVENTS, WITH AT
LEAST TWENTY FIVE (25) PARTICIPANTS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL
IATF RULES AND REGULATIONS, LAWS, AND ORDINANCES ON SOCIAL
DISTANCING, MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS AND OTHER MEASURES
TO CURB THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on 15 July 2021, President Rodrigo R. Duterte approved the shift of the National Capital Region to regular General Community Quarantine (“GCQ”) from July 16 to 31, 2021;

WHEREAS, even as the City has managed to control and mitigate the spread of the COVID-19, the threat of more virulent and transmissible variants i.e., the **Delta Variant**, require the City to scale up and intensify its efforts to enforce IATF rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, on 22 July 2021, the Department of Health (DOH) has reported twelve (12) locally transmitted cases of the highly transmissible COVID-19 Delta variant, three (3) of which were in the National Capital Region;

WHEREAS, GCQ refers to the implementation of temporary measures limiting movement and transportation, regulation of operating industries, and presence of uniformed personnel to enforce community quarantine protocols;

WHEREAS, the ***Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines*** (with Amendments as of May 20, 2021, the “Omnibus Guidelines”) provides that in areas under Enhanced Community Quarantine (“ECQ”), Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ) and GCQ, all gatherings outside of residences are prohibited except for those expressly permitted therein;

WHEREAS, the Omnibus Guidelines provides that in areas under ECQ, MECQ, and GCQ, gatherings that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality are allowed;

WHEREAS, the Department of Tourism (“DOT”) and the Department of Trade and Industry (“DTI”) issued **Joint Memorandum No. 2021-011** (the “*Amended Guidelines for Essential Meetings and Social Events Under the General Community Quarantine*”) to



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provide the guidelines for the conduct of essential meetings and social events allowed under areas under GCQ;

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the DTI-DOT JC No. 2021-011 allows the conduct of “Essential Meetings Events” and “Social Events” in the following permitted areas;

- a. Restaurants, in general;
- b. Restaurants within DOT-Accredited accommodation establishments
- c. Ballrooms, function halls, and other venues within DOT-Accredited accommodation establishments;
- d. Mall atria; and
- e. DOT-Accredited Standalone Venues;

WHEREAS, Section 9 of DTI-DOT JC No. 2021-11 provides that the conduct of Essential Meetings and Social Events shall be subject to applicable stricter restrictions, rules, or ordinances of the local government units where the eligible venues are located;

WHEREAS, unauthorized, prohibited, and unnecessary mass gatherings and other gatherings, especially those that do not comply with IATF Rules, minimum public health standards, and other related government regulations pose a serious risk and threat to the public health as they potentially trigger and accelerate the spread of the virus;

WHEREAS, the monitoring of gatherings, essential meetings, and social events is vital to COVID-19 disease control and prevention;

WHEREAS, Sangguniang Panlungsod **Ordinance No. 0865 s. 2020** adopted all the community quarantine guidelines, rules and regulations mandated by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) and other national government agencies, and provided penalties for violations thereof. Furthermore, **Ordinance No. 0887 S. 2020** amending Section 4, Ordinance no. 0865 s. 2020 provides that “unless expressly allowed or exempt under community quarantine rules and regulations issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) and relevant national government agencies, or under local ordinance or executive issuance, any person found outside his residence shall be penalized;

WHEREAS, violations of the Omnibus Guidelines constitute non-cooperation of the person or entities punishable under Section 9 par. (d) or (e), as the case may be, of Republic Act No. 11332, otherwise known as the “Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, and its Implementing Rules”;



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WHEREAS, the local government remains in the frontline in the implementation and enforcement of IATF community quarantine guidelines, rules and regulations, and other related national government issuances;

WHEREAS, Sec. 455(b)(vii), R.A. 7160 states that the City Mayor, as Chief Executive, shall exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided by the Code and other applicable laws, including to “[c]arry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities”;

WHEREAS, prior notice to the local government of at least medium-sized mass gatherings, including essential meetings and social events allowed under DTI-DOT JM No. 2021-011 is necessary to allow the local government to properly monitor and ensure strict compliance with the IATF Guidelines and other related government issuances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **OSCAR "OCA" G. MALAPITAN**, Mayor of the City of Caloocan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Executive Order, the following terms, shall mean:

a. Allowed Mass Gathering – refers to congregation of at least two (2) people that are essential for the provision of health services, government services, or humanitarian activities authorized by the appropriate government agency or instrumentality.

b. Permitted Venues – refers to venues allowed under DTI-DOT JM No. 2021-011 to conduct Essential Meetings and Social Events under GCQ, to wit:

- a. Restaurants, in general;
- b. Restaurants within DOT-Accredited accommodation establishments;
- c. Ballrooms, function halls, and other venues within DOT-Accredited accommodation establishments;
- d. Mall atria; and,
- e. DOT-Accredited Stand alone Venues.

c. Essential Meeting - shall refer to a congregation of at least two (2) people, with or without external participants, vital to the sustenance of the operations and business interests of the organization and not for recreational or leisure purposes, such as workshops, trainings, seminars, congresses, conferences, conventions, board meetings, colloquia, conclaves, symposia,



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company/government recognitions, and press conferences as defined and allowed by DTI-DOT JM No. 2021-011 to be conducted during GCQ in Permitted Venues.

d. Social Events – shall refer to activities such as debut and birthday parties; wedding ceremonies and receptions; engagement parties; wedding anniversaries; family reunions; and bridal or baby showers allowed by DTI-DOT JM No. 2021-011 to be conducted during GCQ in Permitted Venues.

e. Non-Essential Events – refers to gatherings that are neither essential to business nor are private gatherings for special occasions that are prohibited by DTI-DOT JM No. 2021-011 to be conducted during GCQ, such as those which are by nature and purpose, political, cultural, or sports-related, and may include, but are not limited to, political campaigns, sports fests, tournaments, corporate celebrations, cultural festivities or festival gatherings, charitable auctions, music festivals, concerts, and beauty pageants.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE - This Executive Order shall apply to all public and private gatherings in the City, whether in private or public properties, with at least twenty five (25) participants, **except** religious gatherings inside churches, chapels, mosques, and similar places of worship.

SECTION 3. PRIOR NOTICE AND COORDINATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF ALLOWED MASS GATHERING, ESSENTIAL MEETING OR SOCIAL EVENT DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.

3.1 A person, organization, or entity intending to hold an Allowed Mass Gathering in any private or public property, or an Essential Meeting and Social Event in a Permitted Venue, with at least twenty five (25) participants (including organizers) is hereby required to send Notice to the City Administrator's Office ("CAO") at least three (3) days prior to the conduct of the activity (the "Notice").

3.2 The Notice required under this Executive Order shall indicate:

- a. Purpose and nature of the activity;
- b. Address and contact number of the venue/site, or Permitted Venue, as the case may be;
- c. The number of participants, including organizers;
- d. A declaration that the activity is allowed under the Omnibus Guidelines, and will not violate the seating/venue capacity of the venue as applicable;
- e. Measures to ensure compliance with social distancing and minimum public health standards;



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- f. Duration of the activity;
- g. Complete Name, address, email address and cellphone number of the organizer or person in charge of the activity;

SECTION 4. NOTICES

4.1 The Notice required under this Executive Order may be sent either at the following:

a. **OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

8F Caloocan City Hall
8th St. cor 8th Avenue, Grace Park
Caloocan City;

Or

b. Via Electronic Mail at email Address:

cityadministrator@caloocancity.gov.ph

SECTION 5. GUIDELINES

5.1 If upon receipt of Notice, the CAO shall determine that the Mass Gathering, Essential Meeting or Social Event is allowed under the Omnibus Rules, DTI-DOT JM No. 2021-011 and other relevant issuances, laws, ordinances and regulations, and is not a Non-Essential Event, the CAO shall immediately issue to the declarant written guidelines for the strict implementation of minimum health protocols during the activity (“**Written Guidelines**”).

In the event that the CAO fails to reply to the declarant within the three (3) day period, the declarant may proceed to conduct the activity subject to the conditions under Section 5.2 (b) below, and without prejudice to the right of the City Government and all other national and local government agencies to conduct monitoring and inspection.

5.2. The (a) **concerned Barangay Chairman** in respect to Allowed Mass Gatherings in public and private spaces, or the (b) **owner/operator/management of the Permitted Venue** in respect to the Essential Meeting or Social Event, shall allow the conduct of the activity only upon presentation by the organizer of the following documents:

- a. Duplicate photocopy of the Witten Guidelines; or



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- b. If no Written Guidelines is available due to the failure of the CAO to reply to the declarant;
 - (i) Duplicate photocopy of the timely-filed and duly received Notice; and,
 - (ii) a sworn written declaration by declarant of the non-reply by the CAO to the Notice.

Activities that do not comply with the aforementioned requirements shall be disallowed.

The Barangay Chairman shall immediately inform the Caloocan Police Department, Department of Public Safety and Traffic Management, and the Office of the Barangay Secretariat of activities conducted without its permission and/or that do not comply with this Executive Order.

5.3. The Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) shall conduct random check and inspection of Permitted Venues. If upon inspection, no Written Guidelines, or Notice and sworn written declaration, as the case may be, are presented to the BPLO, the BPLO, with the assistance of the concerned Barangay, shall disallow or discontinue the activity, without prejudice to the imposition of sanctions on the Permitted Venue that allowed the activity.

5.4. The declarant shall cooperate and coordinate with the CAO and ensure that social distancing, minimum public health standards, necessary traffic management, effective crowd management, the allowable venue capacity, and similar measures are fully implemented and observed before, during and after the activity.

5.5. The CAO may deploy personnel from the Department of Public Safety and Traffic Management (DPSTM), the City Health Department (CHD), BPLO and coordinate with Caloocan Police Department to manage crowds, control traffic, and ensure compliance with minimum health standard and observance of relevant IATF Guidelines, laws, ordinances and executive orders before, during and after the activity.

SECTION 6. The Caloocan City Police Department, CHD, DPSTM, the Barangay Secretariat, BPLO and the Barangays are hereby directed to ensure the strict implementation of this Executive Order and the faithful observance of IATF Rules and Regulations, relevant government issuances, local ordinances, and executive orders during authorized or allowed mass gatherings.

SECTION 7. The filing of Notice or the issuance by the CAO of the Written Guidelines to the declarant does not excuse or relieve responsible persons,



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organizations, and entities from strictly observing all IATF rules and regulations, laws, other national government guidelines, ordinances and executive orders, or relieve them from any liability thereunder. Violations of the provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines, local ordinances, and this executive order shall be penalized under Republic Act No. 11332, Ordinance No. 0887 S. 2020 and other laws, rules, and regulations, inclusive of administrative penalties and sanctions.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any clause or provision of this Order shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.


SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, issuances, instructions and rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done, in the City of Caloocan, this 23rd day of July, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.


HON. OSCAR "OCA" G. MALAPITAN
City Mayor

Attested By:


LILIBETH M. LUAKIAN
Secretary to the Mayor