



Republic of the Philippines
Caloocan City
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 031-21

ALLOWING RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS OF UP TO TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF THE VENUE CAPACITY OF CHURCHES, CHAPELS, MOSQUES, AND SIMILAR PLACES OF WORSHIP DURING THE PERIOD OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE WITH HEIGHTENED RESTRICTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSE

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, Part E, Item 9 of Resolution No. 127-A issued by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ITAF-MEID) allows religious activities under highly urbanized cities under general community quarantine with heightened restrictions up to ten percent (10%) of the venue capacity provided that there is no objection from the local government unit where the religious gathering may take place. Resolution No. 127-A further provides that the local government unit may increase the allowable venue capacity up to thirty percent (30%).

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”;

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. ALLOWING RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS TO UP TO TWENTY FIVE PERCENT (25%) OF VENUE CAPACITY. Religious gatherings inside churches, chapels, mosques, and similar places of worship in the City of Caloocan are hereby allowed to up twenty five percent (25%) of venue capacity, provided that the religious denominations strictly observe their submitted protocol and the minimum health standards.

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SECTION 2. Separability Clause – If any clause, sentence, or provision of this Order shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting;

SECTION 3. 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 4. Effectivity – This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain valid unless revoked or modified.

Let copies of this Executive Order be furnished to all concerned.

Done this 27th day of July 2021 in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

HON. OSCAR "OCA" G. MALAPITAN
City Mayor

Attested by:


LILIBETH M. LUAKIAN-KAW
Secretary to the Mayor