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PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE  
Municipality of La Libertad

**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 008**  
**Series of 2020**

**PROVIDING FURTHER GUIDELINES ON SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ADOPTING A  
CALIBRATED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA LIBERTAD  
AND FOR OTHER RELEVANT PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, under section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, after its declaration of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as a global pandemic, the World Health Organization (WHO) also made pronouncements that the spread of this disease may be significantly slowed or even reversed through robust containment and control activities;

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte has already placed the entire country under a State of Public Health Emergency pursuant to Proclamation No. 922 and recently called for the raising of the Code Alert System for the COVID-19 to Code Red Sublevel Two (2);

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the President, through the Executive Secretary, has likewise issued a Memorandum which provides "Stringent Social Distancing Measures and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Situation" and directs all agencies, including local government units (LGUs) to immediately comply;

**WHEREAS**, the current public health emergency is covered by Republic Act 11332 and other pertinent laws and issuances of the National Government (with each penal sanctions), that the Local Government desires to implement its applicable provisions against any disruption and/or violation to the strict observance of the directives in the Executive Order;

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made public statements that certain viral infections are believed to be spread mainly through close contact in the community and that social distancing measures aim to reduce the frequency of contact and increase the physical distance between persons, thereby minimizing the risk of person-to-person transmission;

**WHEREAS**, in response to these pronouncements and taking into primordial consideration the general welfare of our constituents, the undersigned has issued Memorandum Order No. 2020-03-067: "Immediately Suspending Social Events and Mass Gatherings, Both Public and Private, to Help Combat the Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic in the Municipality of La Libertad and For Other Relevant Purposes;

  
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**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government of Zamboanga del Norte has recently issued Executive Order No. 20-24: "Imposing General Community Quarantine in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte from March 17, 2020, 12:00 noon Until April 14, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Local Government to further make drastic, proactive and aggressive measures to complement with the foregoing issuances and help restrain the exponential rise of this threatening disease the soonest possible time:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I ROMEO J. MEJIAS**, Mayor of the Municipality of La Libertad, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby ORDER:

#### **SECTION 1. GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.**

A General Community Quarantine is hereby imposed within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of La Libertad effective 12:01 A.M. of March 18, 2020, which further limits the movement of people to access to basic necessities and work, and provides for the presence of uniformed personnel, health and quarantine officers at border checkpoints.

As such and as general policy, all persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of La Libertad, during the affectivity of this Order, shall restrict their movements and remain in their residences (stay at home), especially those with manifest signs and symptoms, travel history abroad or in any part of the country with confirmed COVID-19 cases, or those who have high risk of being infected such as senior citizens, persons who are immune-compromised or with no morbidities, and pregnant women.

Specifically, the following limitations shall be imposed:

**A. Restrict the non-essential entry of people** to the contained area, especially people who are at high risk of being infected (i.e., 60 years old and above, immunocompromised or with co-morbidities and pregnant women), **EXCEPT**:

1. Health workers, except those transporting persons considered as PUIs unless Authorized by the Municipality IATF;
2. Authorized government officials;
3. Those travelling for medical and humanitarian reasons;
4. Persons providing basic services, public utilities and basic needs;
5. Persons on board land transport delivering all types of goods provided that only a maximum of two (2) persons shall be allowed;
6. Wholesalers/distributors within Zamboanga del Norte purchasing goods and/or with financial transactions in the Municipality of La Libertad, provided they present valid business permit from their respective LGU, provided further that only a maximum of two (2) persons shall be allowed;
7. Municipal Government employees and workers reporting for work; and
8. Essential private sector employees living outside the Municipality of La Libertad, provided they are included in the approved list submitted by their employers to the Permits and License Division. Employees shall present proof of identification at the border checkpoint for verification purposes.



Provided that the above-mentioned persons must submit a declaration form prior to entry and must be checked for signs and symptoms (e.g. fever, respiratory symptoms, diarrhea).

**B. Prevent the non-essential exit of people out of the contained area, EXCEPT:**

1. Health workers;
2. Authorized government officials;
3. Those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons; and
4. Those who were granted entry as mentioned in Section 1A.

**SECTION 2. RESTRICTIONS ON GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHMENTS.**

To facilitate social distancing measures and further restrict mobility, the following limitations shall be imposed:

**A. CLOSED to the PUBLIC**

1. Local Tourist Destinations (river)
2. All covered courts and multi-purpose halls;
3. Public Schools, Preschools and Day Care Centers; other educational facilities and training centers;
4. Videoke and KTV bars, internet shops, billiard halls, play areas, and similar Establishments;
5. Gyms, basketball courts and similar establishments;
6. Ukay-ukay stores and similar establishments;

**B. LIMITED OPERATIONS**

1. Municipal Land Transport, only for the delivery of essential goods and services and limited only to two persons per delivery vehicle may be allowed to enter;
2. La Libertad Public Market and Food Court shall be open but shall maintain and observe social distancing;
3. Stores and other similar establishments shall limit their daily operations only until 8:00 o'clock in the evening, EXCEPT for the following essential commerce, provided that social distancing and sanitation measures are imposed:
  - a. Groceries and convenience stores and similar establishments that sell basic commodities
  - b. Gasoline and licensed water refilling stations
  - c. Financial institutions and similar establishments
4. Only restaurants and food establishments, including carenderias, with takeout and/ or delivery order arrangements are allowed (No dine-in services)

5. Employers with workers residing outside La Libertad are encouraged to provide living quarters or temporary accommodation for essential personnel.

6. Private employers should immediately submit a list of their workers residing outside La Libertad at the Permits and Licenses Division located at Treasurer's Office, ground floor, Government Center,

7. Religious sectors and groups are urged to adopt alternative measures in conducting mass, service and other religious rites consistent with the relevant issuances of their respective congregations;

### **SECTION 3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT.**

All public transport shall only be allowed 50% of their load capacity. For Motorcabs, Baobao and Habal-Habal, only two (2) maximum passengers are allowed. For single motorcycles, only one (1) "backride" is allowed, provided that both wear facemask and the driver wears helmet.

There shall be no increase in fare rates. Any violation shall be charged to the fullest extent of the law.

### **SECTION 4. PRICE FREEZE.**

Consistent with republic Act No. 7581, otherwise known as the "Price Act", and Proclamation No. 922, s. 2020 issued by President Rodrigo Duterte, a price freeze of all basic necessities shall continue to be in effect. Any Trader, vendor or establishment found violating the price freeze shall be charged to the fullest extent of the law.

### **SECTION 5. ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.**

The Municipal Government, upon recommendation from the Municipal Inter-Agency Task Force on the Management of Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases (DCIATF- MERID), may place the entire Municipality or any portion thereof, including a barangay, building, household or any number thereof under Enhanced Community Quarantine should conditions warrant.

This refers to the imposition of stricter quarantine measures, absolute suspension of transportation, regulation on the provision of food and essential health services, and the heightened presence or uniformed personnel to enforce health and quarantine protocols.

### **SECTION 6. PUBLIC PROTECTION HOURS.**

For the general welfare and protection of the public, all persons are hereby prohibited from loitering around the Municipality from 8:00 o'clock in the evening until 5:00 o'clock in the morning for students and minors; and 10:00 o'clock in the evening until 4:00 o'clock in the morning for adults, except on extreme necessity.

The following persons are however allowed:

1. Health workers;
2. Authorized government officials;
3. Those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
4. Persons providing basic services and public utilities;

5. Persons delivering food, water, medicines and other essential commodities; and
6. Essential services and skeletal workforce of exempted establishments, the Municipal Governments.

#### **SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS.**

The La Libertad PNP is directed to take the lead in enforcing the provisions of this Order and relevant laws and issuances, especially in restricting the entry, exit and mobility of persons within the territorial jurisdiction of la Libertad.

The Municipal Health Office (MHO), Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO), Municipal Sanitation Office, and other concerned offices shall render necessary assistance and logistical support in the effective enforcement of this Order. Other agencies and offices may be called upon to aide in administrative and management efforts of the Local Government.

Barangay Officials should activate their respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs) for the round-the-clock detection, strict profiling and monitoring of COVID suspects (PUM's and PUI's). All Persons Under Monitoring (PUM) and Persons Under Investigation (PUI) shall strictly and diligently adhere to the health protocols and guidelines issued by the Department of Health and other concerned agencies.

The Permits and License Division is hereby ordered to monitor strict compliance of this Order and pertinent regulations by business establishments.

Any person who fails or refuses to abide with the foregoing guidelines and measures shall be subjected to appropriate criminal, civil and administrative actions as may be allowed by law and prevailing circumstances, including the revocation of business permits.

#### **SECTION 8. DURATION AND EFFECTIVITY.**

This Order shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. of March 18, 2020 and until April 14, 2020, subject to lifting or extension should conditions warrant and upon advise from the Department of Health (DOH) or higher authorities. All persons who do not wish to be covered by the foregoing restrictions are directed to immediately leave La Libertad before the effectivity of the Community Quarantine.

Done this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 in La Libertad, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.

  
**ROMEO J. MEJIAS**  
Municipal Mayor