

# Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE MUNICIPALITY OF LA LIBERTAD

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 09-016**

Series of 2020

AN ORDER IMPOSING NEW RESTRICTIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA LIBERTAD IN PURSUANCE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-75 SERIES OF 2020, AS AMENDED, OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE.

**WHEREAS**, it is a constitutional mandate that the state shall uphold the people's right to health, safety and property and promote the general welfare of the people more over on extreme urgencies and necessities caused by disasters calamities and disease outbreaks;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states that local Government Unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as the powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare to ensure the preservation of health and safety;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines issued by the IATF-IED provides a set of guidelines for areas placed under Modified General Community Quarantine, as amended;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Inter-Agency Task Force (PIATF) of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte has declared that certain cities and municipalities within the province are already having local/community transmissions;

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement stringent measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the municipality;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, I, **ROMEO J. MEJIAS**, Municipal Mayor of La Libertad, do hereby order to establish new guidelines and restrictions, for the Municipality of La Libertad as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Municipality of La Libertad is hereby placed under new restrictions effective today, September 25, 2020 until September 30, 2020 or until COVID infection is contained, whichever comes earlier. These restrictions shall continue even beyond September 30, 2020 if the infections continue to rise.

## SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE OF MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS.

Public Health Protocols such as wearing of face mask and the observance of social distancing measures of at least one (1) meter or 3-feet radius between people shall be complied with at all times for the duration of the Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) when in public places.

The use of full-face shields shall be required in addition to the aforementioned minimum public health protocols. Public/private offices and all business establishments shall likewise require the use of face shield within their respective premises aside from wearing of face mask. "NO FACE SHIELD, NO FACE MASK, NO ENTRY" policy shall be observed.

Moreover, the new customary gesture of goodwill, praise and respect which is the simple act of gracefully laying the palm of the right hand over the center of the chest with a

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simultaneous slight head nod shall be adopted as an alternative gesture to the traditional handshake in order to reduce the chances of COVID-19 transmission

Observance of the minimum public health standards shall be strictly observed such as mandatory use of alcohol, setting up of foot baths and washing stations, strict monitoring of body temperature of all clients and/or customers. Sharing of equipment shall be prohibited.

Authorized designated personnel of the Municipality of La Libertad shall roam around and inspect all establishments to ensure compliance of this Executive Order.

#### SECTION 3. MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) shall be classified into two categories:

- **a.** APORs Within (APORW) refers to resident APORs whose place of work is within the municipality or in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.
- **b.** APORs Outside (APORO) refers to resident APORs whose place of work is outside the province and non-resident APORs whose place of work is within the province.

Movement of Authorized Persons Outside of Residence (APORs) shall be limited to work and essential travels. Travel for other purpose not allowed in this Order shall be prohibited. APORW whose travels remain within the province of Zamboanga del Norte shall only be required to present their agency/company IDs or Certificate of Employment, if the former is not available.

Any person below twenty-one (21) years old, those who are sixty (60) years old and above, those with immunodeficiency, comorbidity, or other health risks and pregnant women shall be required to remain in their residences at all times; provided, that all activities and movements herein allowed for the foregoing persons shall continue to be permitted.

**SECTION 4. MANDATORY QUARANTINE**. All persons permitted entry into the Municipality of La Libertad from outside the Province of Zamboanga del Norte shall be subjected to a mandatory quarantine, except those personnel of delivery vehicles for goods, cargo, trucking and courier services, and other individuals on a case to case basis.

The duration of the quarantine shall be fourteen (14) days in a designated isolation facility of the concerned LGU and another seven (7) days strict home quarantine.

All APORs who travel outside the province that exceeds forty-eight (48) hours regardless of the nature of travel, shall be required to undergo a mandatory quarantine.

The respective Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) shall ensure and monitor strict compliance to the additional seven (7) days home quarantine.

Department of Health (DOH) protocols shall be strictly observed and followed in every Temporary Treatment Monitoring Facility (TTMF) of the Municipality of La Libertad.

SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT BORDER CHECKPOINTS. The Municipality of La Libertad shall temporarily establish border checkpoints which shall be manned jointly with the barangay tanod of the respective barangays and the MDRRMO personnel to control the movements of individuals going in and out of La Libertad.

SECTION 6. RESTRICTION/REGULATION ON THE OPERATION OF RESTAURANTS AND SIMILAR ESTABLISHEMTS

The following establishments shall be temporarily closed, to wit:

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- a. Cockpits and other gambling places:
- b. Inland Resorts; and
- c. Such other public places.

Dine-in services in food retail establishments is temporarily prohibited. As an alternative, take-out and food delivery services shall be adopted.

All other business establishments not mentioned in the two (2) preceding paragraphs shall be allowed to operate in accordance with the operational/ seating capacity set by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and with strict compliance to the public health protocols and those defined under DTI-DOLE Joint Interim Guidelines on Workplace Prevention and Control of COVID-19.

#### SECTION 7. GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

Gatherings where the number of people attending exceeds ten (10) persons, shall be prohibited, such as but not limited to fiestas, parties, parades, recreational activities, sports events, entertainment-related gatherings, business-related gatherings, community assemblies, non-essential work gatherings, tours and other cultural activities.

Essential work and religious gatherings may be allowed but highly discouraged. Whenever such gathering is inevitable, strict compliance to the minimum public health protocols shall be observed.

#### **SECTION 8. SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

a. Indoor and outdoor non-contact sports and other forms of exercise such as but not limited to walking, jogging, running, biking, golf, swimming, tennis, badminton, equestrian, range shooting and skateboarding are allowed. Provided that the minimum public health standard such as wearing of masks, face shields and the maintenance of social distancing protocols, and no sharing of equipment where applicable, are observed.

b. All contact sports shall be strictly prohibited.

#### SECTION 10. CURFEW POLICY.

- a. There shall be a city-wide curfew hour to be adopted in the Municipality of La Libertad. The municipal wide curfew hour shall be:
  - 1) For minors-from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am
  - 2) For adults-from 10:00 pm to 4:00 am

The PNP shall conduct regular monitoring during the curfew hours and ensure increased police visibility in the communities in order to ensure that no individual violates the curfew hours, except frontliners and employees of establishments allowed to operate beyond the curfew hours.

**SECTION 11. LIQUOR BAN.** Selling and consumption of liquor and alcoholic beverages in the Municipality of La Libertad is prohibited.

#### **SECTION 12. SANCTIONS**

Any non-compliance and/or violation hereof shall be a ground for denial of entry and/or shall be dealt with accordingly under existing criminal, civil, administrative laws, and existing Municipal Ordinances.

#### **SECTION 13. INCORPORATION CLAUSE**

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All laws, legal orders, rules and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines, particularly the National Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, pertaining to public health and COVID-19 are hereby incorporated herein and made integral part hereof. In case of conflict, such laws, legal orders, rules and regulations shall take precedence over the provisions of this Executive Order.

#### SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

Should any provision of this Executive Order be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction as invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise adversely affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

#### SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE

Any and all executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations of the Municipality of La Libertad or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

#### **SECTION 16. EFFECTIVITY**

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 25th day of September 2020 at Municipality of La Libertad, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines.

Municipal Mayor

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