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PRESENT:

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| HON. DIANSON R. TAYTAY..... | Municipal Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer |
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ABSENT:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 084 - 2020

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOOC, ROMBLON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Sponsor: Hon. Ismael S. Osorio, Jr.

Co-sponsors: Hon. Periano R. Bernardo, Hon. Benrol M. Palacio, Hon. Teodulo G. Tirol, Jr., Hon. Johnny M. Aguirre, Hon. Hermie G. Lachica, Hon. Michael P. Francisco, Hon. Rolando F. Bautista, Hon. Josefina G. Mortel - LnB President and Hon. Angelic F. Condes - SK Federation President

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has confirmed the local transmission of declaring a State of Public Health Emergency on 08 March 2020;

WHEREAS, the outbreak of COVID-19 virus has posed serious risk and was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 11 March 2020;

WHEREAS, the Code Alert System for COVID-19 has been raised to Code Red Sublevel Two (2) on 12 March 2020;

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WHEREAS, the relative to the current situation of the country, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease has issued several Resolutions, citing certain provisions for effective control of the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS, having the health and safety of our constituents as paramount consideration, and in response to the call of the President, the Municipal Government of Looc has adopted measures to lessen the unnecessary exposure that might lead to the local transmission of COVID-19 virus in the Municipality of Looc, Romblon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Looc, Romblon, in session duly assembled:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall also known as "COVID-19 Management and Control Ordinance of looc, Romblon.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The Municipal Government joins the National Government efforts to institute an effective and efficient management and control of the containment and spread of COVID-19 in the Municipality of Looc, Romblon to ensure the well-being and protect its constituents and institutions from the ill-effects of the said disease.

Section 3. Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to all residents, institutions, organizations and other entities found or located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Looc, Romblon.

Section 4. Definition of Terms.

- a. **Code Alert System** - a system implemented by the National Government specifying the alert levels and terms of response to the COVID-19 threat.
- b. **Community Quarantine** - a restriction imposed by the National Government on the movement of people and goods which is intended to prevent the spread of COVID-19 which is as qualified as follows:

b.1. Enhanced Community Quarantine refers to the level of community quarantine where strict home quarantine shall be implemented in all households within some specified geographic boundaries, transportation shall be suspended, provision for food and essential health services shall be regulated, and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce to

b.2 General Community Quarantine refers to the level of community quarantine where movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and work; and uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border points.

b.3 Individual Quarantine refers to mandatory isolation for at least fourteen (14) days at home or at a designated quarantine site for PIUs and PUMs.

- c. **Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)** - a new strain of an infectious disease that was discovered in 2019 caused by a new virus that had not been previously identified in humans which causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever and in more severe cases, pneumonia. It also refers to a disease assigned by WHO with emergency code U07.1

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(2019-nCoV acute respiratory disease) in the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) and characterized by rapid transmission and signs symptoms that may include fever, tiredness, dry cough, runny nose, sore throat, nasal congestion, diarrhea, shortness of breath, and in more severe cases, pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and sometimes, death.

- d. **Mass Gatherings** - a planned or spontaneous event where the number of people attending could strain the planning and response resources of the community hosting the event.
- e. **Persons Under Investigation (PUI)** - a person who exhibits the symptoms of COVID-19, who has a history of travel of history of exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- f. **Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)** - a person who does not exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 but has a history of exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- g. Person with increased risk of death due to COVID-19 any of the following:
 - 1. Immuno-compromised or with weakened immune system, such as those with HIV/AIDS, cancer an transplant patients who are taking certain immunosuppressive drugs, and those with inherited diseases that affect the immune system;
 - 2. People with serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, mellitus, or respiratory disease;
 - 3. Those aged 60 years old and above;
 - 4. Pregnant women; and
 - 5. Other persons as identified by the Department of Health.
- h. **Social Distancing** - a set of non-pharmaceutical infection control actions intended to stop or slow down the spread of a contagious disease and reduce the probability of contact between persons carrying an infection, and others who are not infected, so as to minimize disease transmission, morbidity and ultimately, mortality.

Section 5. Public Health Protocols and Procedures. The Municipality of Looc shall implement the Code Alert System of the National Government to specify the alert levels and terms of response to the COVID-19 threat. The public health protocols and procedures imposed by the National Government shall be strictly enforced by all health and security personnel of the Municipality of Looc. All residents and establishments shall comply with the Code Alert System and observe all public health and security protocols and procedures.

The Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall likewise ensure proper medical protocol for suspected cases of Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and Persons Under Monitoring (PUM). All public and private hospitals are enjoined to Code Alert System and observe all public health protocols and procedures implemented by the National Government.

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The Municipality of Looc shall safeguard the safety of health and security persons performing functions under this Ordinance through proper education and provision of protective gears and equipment.

Section 6. Curfew. A curfew within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Looc shall be imposed from 8:00pm until 5:00am. All non-essential travels and activities shall be restricted during the said period. Institutions and companies are encouraged to modify its operational hours to conform to the curfew hours.

Section 7. Exemptions. The following shall be exempted from the enforcement of the curfew:

- a. Workers fulfilling work related activities or functions provided that the worker will show company ID, certificate of employment or other supporting documents as proof of work-related duties;
- b. Delivery of basic or essential services and commodities such as food and medicines;
- c. Health and security workers or personnel performing official functions;
- d. Peace and order personnel in both municipal and barangay level as determined by the Local Chief Executive;
- e. Authorized government officials performing official functions;
- f. Establishments catering to food, security, safety and health services;
- g. Public transport services; and
- h. Those travelling for humanitarian or emergency reasons.
- i. Other exemptions that may be provided by the National Government and/or any competent authority.

Section 8. Social Distancing and Mass Gatherings.

- a. All individuals shall observe social distancing at least one(1) meter to reduce the probability of contact between persons carrying an infection, and others who are not infected, to minimize disease transmission. All enforcers shall implement this social distancing to all public places as an efficient infection control action intended to stop or slow down the spread of COVID-19.
- b. All Senior Citizens, Persons With Disability (PWD), pregnant women, children and person with increased risk of death due to COVID-19 shall strictly observe social distancing that would expose such persons to increased risk of illness or death due to COVID-19. All programs and activities organized by the Municipality for the said individuals are hereby suspended until further notice by the Office of the Mayor.
- c. The Office of Senior Citizens Affair (OSCA), PWD Office, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and Municipal Health Office (MHO) shall provide guidance, information and support to senior citizens, PWDs, pregnant women, children and person with increased risk of death due to COVID-19 in the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance. The Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) shall establish mechanisms to ensure that senior citizens and other vulnerable groups in need of urgent social service assistance shall continue to have access to such assistance while continuing to observe social distancing.
- d. All publicly held or non-essential mass gathering within the Municipal Government which may include religious activities, sporting events, entertainment activities, community assemblies, and other gatherings or activities are prohibited. All individuals and establishments are discouraged

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to conduct events or gather crowds to prevent the local transmission of COVID-19.

- e. Essential mass gathering referring to a mass gathering (i) that is work-related, which is necessary to sustain the business or to continue essential work functions or (ii) that is organized to respond to the COVID-19 situation may be allowed. Provided, however, that the organizers of the essential or personal gatherings shall be required to explain the risks involved in attending the event and the measures that should be undertaken to ensure the health and safety of the attendees and shall comply with the following:
 1. Social distancing;
 2. No self-service in buffets;
 3. No sharing of food and drinks;
 4. Provision of hand sanitizers in prominent locations;
 5. No entry for ill people or those with high-risk medical conditions; and
 6. Submission of a list of attendees with their addresses and contact information to the Municipal Health Office within twenty-four (24) hours from the said event/activity.

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Section 9. Temporary closure of Publicly owned Places and Facilities and Cancellation of Activities.

- a. All publicly owned places and facilities shall be temporarily closed until further notice by the Municipal Government of Looc except to serve for evacuation, quarantine, health, security, emergency, humanitarian, safety and other public purposes as may be determined by the Local Chief Executive.
- b. All events or activities scheduled on all publicly owned places and facilities shall be cancelled and will be re-scheduled until further notice.

Section 10. Travel and Transportation.

- a. All public-utility vehicle (PUV) operators and drivers shall observe the following passenger limit that will comply to at least one (1) meter distancing between passengers including the driver.
- b. All private motor vehicles and drivers shall observe social distancing, public health and security protocols and procedures for the prevention, containment and control of COVID-19. Personal use of motorcycles is allowed as long as it complies with the social distancing measures required by the Department of Health (DOH).
- c. All operators are also directed to inform/educate their drivers and conductors to be observant of their passengers during travel. Should any of their passengers manifest any symptoms of COVID-19, they shall assist said persons to the nearest hospital and report the incident to the Municipal Health Office for proper handling. All PUV drivers and conductors are also required to cooperate and observe public health protocols/procedures.
- d. All terminal operators and dispatchers shall not allow any a person to enter their terminal premises if said person manifest any of the symptoms of COVID-19, such as those with a body temperature of 38°C or higher, severe coughing or breathing difficulty.
- e. The following measures shall continue to be implemented:
 1. All PUV drivers and conductors should always properly wear masks while on duty;
 2. All public transport vehicle and terminal operators should ensure and maintain proper sanitation and cleanliness of their PUV fleets and their

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premises daily, and provide disinfectants or sanitizers for use by passengers;

3. Posting or periodic announcements and precautionary reminders in strategic locations that could help prevent the transmission of the virus; and
4. All public-transport vehicle and terminal operators are encouraged to take other measures necessary to reduce the risk of transmission in public transportation.

Section 11. Commodity and Price Control and Monitoring.

- a. The Municipality of Looc through the Business Permit and Licensing (BPLO) and Local Price Coordinating Council (LPCC) shall monitor groceries, markets, shops, malls and other business establishments selling basic necessities or commodities in the Municipality of Looc to prevent panic buying, hoarding and to take necessary price control and monitoring of basic goods and necessities.
- b. Groceries, markets, shops, and other business establishments in the Municipality of Looc are encouraged to implement control mechanisms and procedures against panic buying, profiteering and hoarding.

Section 12. Community Quarantine. The Municipality of Looc, upon detection of at least one (1) positive case of COVID-19, in accordance with the guidelines set by the National Government, shall observe community quarantine.

Unless otherwise, a national or provincial declaration provides that the Municipality of Looc is included as such.

Section 13. Coordination with National Agencies. The Municipality of Looc shall work closely and seek proper guidance with the Department of Health (DOH), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), other national agencies and other local government units to ensure that all its efforts to address this public health emergency are in harmony with the directives of the National Government.

Section 14. Information Dissemination.

- a. The Municipality of Looc shall disseminate all official communications to the entire municipality to regulate the spread of inaccurate information and fake news.
- b. The Barangays are enjoined to raise awareness on the management and control of COVID-19 through information and education campaigns.

Section 15. Public Order and Safety. To ensure public order during the COVID-19 emergency:

- a. Barangay Peace-keeping Action Team (BPAT) through the direct control and supervision from the Punong Barangay - for the implementation of the necessary provisions of this Ordinance in the barangay level;
- b. The bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and Armed Forces of the Philippine as support forces in maintaining public order and safety; and
- c. Accredited Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) as volunteers in line with public order and safety advocacy - for assistance of the lead agency.

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SECTION 16. Checkpoints.

- a. To ensure that the Municipality remains COVID-19 free or prevent its spread to the Municipality of Looc, all entry and exit points to the Municipality shall be closely monitored and any individual who shall enter the municipality will be examined thoroughly. Temperature and personal identification check shall be required.
 - b. The PNP shall take the lead in the monitoring entry or exit points in close coordination with the Punong Barangays of the locality where the said entry or exit point are located, MHO and the MDRRMO.
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Section 17. Activation of Incident Command System.

The Municipality of Looc, Romblon hereby activates the Incident Command System group for systematic prevention, containment, and control of COVID-19.

Section 18. COVID -19 Task Force.

The Municipality of Looc, Romblon hereby creates the COVID-19 Task Force to help contain the spread of the disease in the municipality.

Section 19. Composition. The COVID-19 Task Force shall be composed of the following:

- Chair - Municipal Mayor
- Co-chair - Municipal Health Officer

Members:

- 1. Sangguniang Bayan Chair, Committee of Health
 - 2. Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (MDRRMO)
 - 3. Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO)
 - 4. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC)
 - 5. Liga ng mga Barangay
 - 6. Department of Education (DepED)
 - 7. Philippine National Police (PNP)
 - 8. President, Barangay Health Workers (BHW)
 - 9. Other members that may be pertinent to help contain the spread of the disease
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Section 20. Functions. The COVID-19 Task Force shall perform the following functions:

- a. Oversee implementation of this Ordinance;
 - b. Ensures that the municipality is on a state of preparedness and take all proactive steps to stop the spread of this disease;
 - c. Ensure compliance with protocols and guidelines of the Department of Health (DOH) in responding to the country's COVID-19 situation and extend full cooperation to the DOH and other government agencies to meet the world health emergency guidelines;
 - d. Ensure the operationalization and implementation of the Municipality's COVID-19 response.
 - e. Ensure that local health authorities have the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE);
 - f. Conduct surveillance and monitoring of COVID-19 cases in the municipality;
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- g. Cause the referral and transport of the COVID-19 PUI or confirmed case to a DOH designated corona virus referral center or hospital, in coordination with DOH and police authorities;
- h. Responsible for the training of the respective health workers on COVID-19 virus prevention, containment, and control, in coordination with the DOH;
- i. Conduct a municipal-wide COVID-19 prevention, containment, and control information campaigns to educate the public and reduce public unrest;
- j. Cooperate with the DOH and facilitate the conduct of contract-tracing of all individuals that came into contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient;
- k. Maintain public order and safety in the Municipality Looc;
- l. Enforce measures to control and sanction panic buying, profiteering and hoarding;
- m. Identify gaps in the Municipality of Looc response on the part of government agencies and of partners from intergovernmental organizations and civil society, to develop and implement the interventions required to address such gaps;
- n. Recommend policies and programs that will institutionalize or sustain the interventions required to address the gaps identified in the Municipality of Looc response to the COVID-19 situation; and
- o. Performs other related functions as may be necessary or as directed by the Municipal Mayor.

Section 21. Assistance to Indigent Quarantined Persons.

1. The Municipality, through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), shall provide necessary assistance to indigent quarantined persons within the Municipality.
2. Assistance shall include, but not be limited to, following:
- a. Medical Assistance, including medicines and medical services for management of COVID-19 symptoms and treatment of COVID-19;
 - b. Food for the duration of the quarantine; and
 - c. Mental Health and social support.

Section 22. Private Sector Participation.

- a. Private sector such as private individuals, owners of private /properties, business, house or religious worship, subdivisions, homeowners and community associations and other private entities are hereby enjoined to implement its own regular preventive measures against the threat of the COVID-19 virus, such as but not limited to proper hygiene, sanitation, disinfection, self-quarantine, curfew, avoidance of large gatherings, social distancing and wearing of face masks when necessary.
- b. Observance of proper cleanliness and hygiene, staying at homes, minimizing of visitors and provision of emergency first aid kits and adequate food without hoarding are encouraged.

Section 23. Minor Offenders. The enforcer shall exert all efforts to get in touch with his/her parent guardian when the offender is a child, wether a resident or non-resident of the barangay. If they could not be reached nor contacted, the Barangay or other enforcers shall send home the child to ensure his/her safety or turn-over him/her to the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) immediately for proper disposition pursuant to existing laws and ordinances.

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Section 24. Confidentially. The patient or a person found positive with COVID-19 and his or her attending physician, consulting medical specialist, nurse, medical technologist and all other health workers or personnel involved in any counseling, testing or professional care of the former shall maintain confidentiality of COVID-19 status and a relationship of trust and confidence is created or existing between them. It also applies to any person who, in any official capacity, has acquired or may have acquired such confidential information, such as peer educators, community-based counselors, school counselors, etc. This does not include the release of anonymized medical information for purposes of reporting to the Department of Health (DOH) and contact tracing.

Section 25. Support of Relevant Departments/Units. All Department and Units shall give its full support, assistance and cooperation in the course of the implementation of this Ordinance. Each departments and units in the rendition of public service shall observe health and security protocols for the prevention, containment and control of COVID-19.

Section 26. Barangay Participation. All Barangay within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Looc shall align its plans and programs with the objectives of this Ordinance and shall comply and enforce all health and security protocols, laws and ordinances for the prevention, containment and control of COVID-19.

Section 27. Appropriation. Funds shall be taken from the appropriations from the Disaster Risk Reeducation and Management Fund and other applicable funding source for the creation, operation and maintenance of this Ordinance subject to its availability.

Section 28. Penalties and Sanctions.

- a. All persons found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

1st Offense - fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than seven (7) days or both at the discretion of the court;

2nd Offense - fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than fifteen (15) days or both at the discretion of the court; and

3rd Offense -- fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment of not more than one (1) month or both at the discretion of the court.

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- b. This is without prejudice to other penalties that may be imposed under applicable national laws, rules and regulations,
- c. Minor offenders shall be taken under the custody of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) for proper handling in compliance with exiting child protection and welfare laws.
- d. For juridical persons committing violations of this Ordinance, the officers and board of directors or trustees shall suffer the foregoing fine, in addition to the suspension or revocation of their business permit, and the seizure or materials, where applicable.
- e. Procedure for Suspension or Revocation of Business Permits. Any person or entity found to be in violation of the provision of this Ordinance that are relevant to establishments with business permits shall be issued a Notice of
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Violation and/or Cease and Desist Orders and given timeframe shall result in the suspension or revocation of the violator's business permit or license, as the case may be.

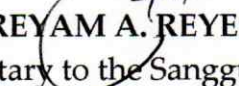
Section 29. Separability Clause. If for any reason, any provision, section or part of this Ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revised by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, such judgement shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, section or parts thereof and shall remain or continue to be unfull force and effect.

Section 30. Repealing Clause. All other ordinance, rules and regulation in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

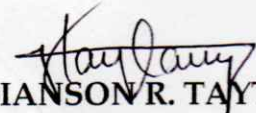
Section 31. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and completion of its posting requirements.

Approved: 12 May 2020/34th Regular Session.


CERTIFIED to the correctness of the aforesaid Ordinance.



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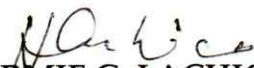

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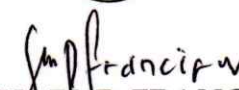

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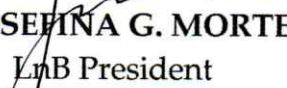

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