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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3034** , S-2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2958, S-2020 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INDIVIDUAL QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC".

Introduced by Councilor FRANZ S. PUMAREN.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Bernard R. Herrera, Lena Marie P. Juico, Dorothy A. Delarmente, M.D., Tany Joe "TJ" L. Calalay, Nicole Ella V. Crisologo, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Winston "Winnie" T. Castelo, Atty. Bong Liban, Eden Delilah "Candy" A. Medina, Ramon P. Medalla, Mikey F. Belmonte, Estrella C. Valmocina, Kate Galang-Coseteng, Matias John T. Defensor, Wencerom Benedict C. Lagumbay, Jorge L. Banal, Sr., Peachy V. De Leon, Imee A. Rillo, Marra C. Suntay, Irene R. Belmonte, Resty B. Malañgen, Ivy L. Lagman, Hero M. Bautista, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Castelo, Patrick Michael Vargas, Shaira L. Liban, Ram V. Medalla, Allan Butch T. Francisco, Marivic Co Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Diorella Maria G. Sotto-Antonio, Donato "Donny" C. Matias, Freddy S. Roxas and Noe Dela Fuente.

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020 President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 "Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines" because of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, in a Special Session held on March 13, 2020, the 21st City Council adopted Resolution No. 8141, S-2020, which declared Quezon City under a State of Calamity due to pandemic;

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WHEREAS, on August 3, 2020, the Quezon City Council enacted the "Quezon City Individual Quarantine Protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. The same was signed by the City Mayor, Honorable Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte, on August 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, IATF Resolution No. 124-B, S-2021 and the subsequent Department of Health (DOH) Guidelines were issued pertinent to COVID-19 on testing, isolation and quarantine protocols. Thus, amendment of this Ordinance is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2958, S-2020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. PERIOD OF QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION, AND PERSONS REQUIRED TO UNDERGO QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION. - The quarantine and isolation period shall be determined by Quezon City Health Department (QCHD), in consultation with the Quezon City General Hospital, Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital, and/or the Novaliches District Hospital, based on the most current medical protocols. In general, subject to prevailing protocols, ending a person's quarantine or isolation shall require fourteen (14) days without symptoms and the clearance of a medical doctor, or a negative rRT-PCR test. The QCHD shall prescribe the requirements for the conduct of rRT-PCR, COVID-19 rapid antibody test, and other tests for the detection of COVID-19 provided in the issuances by the DOH and other relevant government agencies.

The QCHD shall require persons to quarantine or isolate only in authorized quarantine facilities, under the following circumstances:



- a. *Symptomatic patients who are suspected or with probable, or confirmed cases shall complete the ten (10) days of isolation. The patient shall be considered as a recovered confirmed case and reintegrated to the community without the need for further testing, provided that he/she has completed the said quarantine period, has clinically recovered, is no longer symptomatic for at least (3) days, and has received clearance from a licensed medical doctor.*

- b. *Asymptomatic patients with confirmed cases shall complete the ten (10) days of isolation. The patient shall be considered as a recovered confirmed case without the need for further testing, provided that he/she has remained asymptomatic for the entire quarantine period, and has received clearance from a licensed medical doctor.*

- c. *Symptomatic patients who are in close contacts with a confirmed or probable cases shall be isolated for fourteen (14) days from date of last contact with a probable or confirmed case or until asymptomatic, whichever is longer.*

- d. *Asymptomatic patients who are in close contacts with a confirmed or probable cases shall be quarantined for fourteen (14) days from date of last contact with a confirmed or probable case. Provided that, fully vaccinated individuals shall be quarantined for seven (7) days from date of last contact with a confirmed or probable case. The patient shall be released from quarantine after the said period even without testing or test results as long as the patient remains asymptomatic for the entire duration of the quarantine.*



- e. Persons who have taken an rRT-PCR test shall assume they will test positive, and, immediately after swabbing, self-quarantine. The patient shall be released from quarantine if he/she has remained asymptomatic for the entire quarantine period and has received clearance from a licensed medical doctor, or received a negative rRT-PCR test.”

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 2958, S-2020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 5. PLACE OF QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION.
– The QCHD shall require the person required to undergo quarantine or isolation only at the available Quezon City HOPE quarantine and isolation facility or other authorized quarantine and isolation facility, as may be determined by the QCHD.

Home Quarantine of asymptomatic persons who are in close contacts with a confirmed or probable cases may be allowed, while under monitoring of the QCHD, provided that the home has a room and toilet for the exclusive use of the concerned person. If after rRT-PCR test, and the same found to be negative, the concerned person may be allowed to complete his/her mandatory home quarantine for fourteen (14) days from the date of last contact with a confirmed or probable case. However, if found positive for COVID-19, the concerned person shall be immediately transferred to an isolation facility and he/she shall complete the required isolation period therein.

SECTION 3. Section 6 (Mandatory Compliance) of Ordinance No. 2958, S-2020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 6. MANDATORY COMPLIANCE DURING ALLOWABLE HOME QUARANTINE. - While under quarantine, the concerned person shall remain alone in the room designated for his exclusive use, and shall not share the use of his/her toilet facilities with anyone. The concerned person must neither receive visitors nor interact with any person, including family members. The concerned person shall neither share any beddings or utensils with any other person. A quarantined person found in public before the expiration of the quarantine period may be charged for a violation of this Ordinance”

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SECTION 4. Section 8 (Violation) of Ordinance No. 2958, S-2020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 8. VIOLATION. - Persons who break quarantine or isolation protocols in violation of this Ordinance may be physically returned to quarantine or isolation facility by the barangay and/or City officials, with police assistance, if necessary. The QCHD may re-adjust the quarantine or isolation period of the concerned violator accordingly. Further, persons who are found in home quarantine or isolation shall be penalized in accordance with this section.

Aside from the foregoing, quarantine or isolation violators shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense: Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00);

Second Offense: Fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00);

Third Offense: Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than one (1) month, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

In the event that the violator of this Ordinance is a minor or a child (person under eighteen (18) years old), his/her parents or legal guardians shall be issued with the Ordinance Violation Receipt corresponding to the violation and shall be liable to pay the fine and/or undergo the penalty provided herein.

The foregoing is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges under Republic Act No. 11332 or any other appropriate law.”

SECTION 5. MANUAL OF OPERATIONS. - The QCHD is hereby directed to issue the necessary Manual of Operations for easy reference and for guidance of the concerned implementing Departments and Offices.

SECTION 6. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. - Any similar and relevant future issuance either from the national, regional or local IATF or agency regarding COVID-19 testing, isolation and quarantine protocols shall automatically form part of this Ordinance.



SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars and Administrative Orders or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or contrary with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. - If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. - This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.


ENACTED: July 19, 2021.


ERIC L. MEDINA
Minority Floor Leader
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Government Dept. Head III

APPROVED: JUL 22 2021


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on July 19, 2021 under Suspended Rules and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on the same date.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
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