



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Surigao del Sur
CITY OF BISLIG

TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

ORDINANCE ENACTED DURING THE 55TH REGULAR (VIRTUAL) SESSION OF THE EIGHTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF BISLIG, HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

Present:

HON. ALFREDO J. CARMELO
Acting City Vice Mayor
(Temporary Presiding Officer)

Regular Members:

Hon. Aaron E. Castillo	-	City Councilor
Hon. Romeo F. Cacayan	-	-do-
Hon. Edmund R. Estrella	-	-do-
Hon. Edgar B. Corvera	-	-do-
Hon. Ben V. Almanon	-	-do-
Hon. David K. Salazar, Sr.	-	-do-
Hon. Victor B. Alvar, Jr.	-	-do-
Hon. Geoffrey G. Cagakit	-	-do-
Hon. Mario S. Alvizo	-	-do-

Ex-Officio Members:

Hon. Rolando E. Millan, RME	-	ABC President
Hon. John Paul V. De Jesus	-	SK Representative

On Leave:

Hon. Jonas A. Cacayan	-	City Vice Mayor
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ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 14

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“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 CAPTIONED, ‘AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS TO WEAR FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE CITY OF BISLIG DURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE TO ABATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND OTHER PURPOSES’, TO INCLUDE STRICT WEARING OF FACE SHIELD”

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of its people;

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, His Excellency President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 entitled “*Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines*” due to the COVID-19 infection for a period of six (6) months unless earlier lifted or extended as the circumstances may warrant;

SP Ordinance No. 2020-14 "An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2020-12 captioned, 'An Ordinance requiring all persons to wear face mask at all times in public places within the City of Bislig during the effectivity of the Community Quarantine to abate the spread of COVID-19, providing penalties for violation thereof and other purposes', to include strict wearing of face shield"

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter on 12 March 2020, His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, adopted Resolution No. 11 Series of 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease and placed the entire country under community quarantine;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 11332 otherwise known as the "*Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern*", states that the "*City Health Department has the authority to enforce rapid containment, quarantine and isolation, disease prevention and control measures as well as response activities for events of public health concern*";

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 2020-014 provides that the Department and Transportation, through its Administrative Service, has ordered all officials and heads of its various transportation sectors to enjoin, within respective jurisdictions, the mandatory wearing of face mask and face shields for all passengers in areas where public transportation is allowed;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of R.A No. 7160, otherwise known as the "*Local Government Code of 1991*", states that, "*Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.*";

WHEREAS, the use and wearing of face masks is effective in preventing the spread of airborne pathogens like COVID-19 Virus in addition to other measures like strict social distancing, community quarantine, hand washing and maintaining good health and nutrition;

WHEREAS, as recommended by the City Health Department, the Sangguniang Panlungsod has enacted Ordinance No. 2020-12, requiring all persons to wear face mask at all times in public places in the City of Bislig;

WHEREAS, Item C.2 of the National Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases Resolution No. 68 series of 2020 dated September 3, 2020 states that, "*In addition to the requirement of wearing face shields in public transportation and in workplaces as mandated by the issuance of Department of Transportation and the Joint Issuance of the Department of Labor and Employment and the Department of Trade and Industry, respectively, the wearing of the same shall likewise be required in supermarkets, public markets, malls, and in venues where government-initiated meetings and critical government services are being conducted or provided. In all other public areas, the wearing of face shields shall be highly encouraged. Local Government Units are enjoined to provide their constituents with face shields, subject to availability of funds, and giving priority to members of the vulnerable population*";