CITY ORDINANCE NO. CO 60-2020  
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE NUMBER OF FACE MASKS AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CAN PURCHASE OR SELL DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES IN THE CITY OF BACOOR AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

Introduced by:

Hon. Robert Javier, Hon. Leandro De Leon, Hon. Alejandro Gutierrez,  
and Hon. Hernando Gutierrez

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 (also known as the Local Government Code of 1991) authorized local government units to exercise such powers as may be necessary to promote the general welfare and public safety.

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2020, Taal Volcano erupted and blanketed the provinces of Batangas and Cavite and its inhabitants with volcanic ash.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the Department of Health confirmed that a 38-year old Chinese woman who flew into the country from Hongkong has tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

WHEREAS, both public emergencies resulted in the hoarding of facemasks by a few unscrupulous individuals in the name of personal gain to the detriment of the general public.

WHEREAS, the City Government must take decisive action to prevent such hoarding of face masks and other vital, life-saving medical supplies during public emergencies so that more people will be able to have access to the said items during public emergencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite THAT:

Approved by:

Hon. Lani Mercado - Revilla  
City Mayor

Certified by:

Hon. Catherine Sarayvaristo  
City Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

Amended by:

CITY XALID A. ATEGA, JR.  
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary
Section 1: Short Title. This ordinance shall hereafter be known as the "Anti-Hoarding of Medical Supplies Ordinance of the City of Bacoor".

Section 2: Coverage. This ordinance shall cover all drugstores, pharmacies, medical supplies stores, hospitals, clinics, other establishments selling medical supplies such as convenience stores and shopping malls, and all other natural or juridical persons who/sell the various medical supplies mentioned in Section 4 hereof to the public within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Section 3: Construction. In the interpretation and construction of this ordinance, the commonly understood meaning of all the words and phrases used herein shall be employed.

Section 4: Prohibited Acts. During public emergencies - as declared by either the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Sangguniang Panlalawigan, any national agency, or by the President of the Philippines - that endanger public health and safety, no natural or juridical person shall be allowed to purchase or sell more than three (3) pieces of the following medical supplies within the City of Bacoor, Cavite:

a. Face masks;
b. Surgical gloves;
c. Medicines;
d. Vaccines;
e. Hand sanitizers; and
f. Rubbing alcohol and other medical supplies needed to protect oneself from the public emergency/ies mentioned above.

Section 5: Implementation. The City Mayor shall have the power to exempt certain natural or juridical persons in the implementation of this Ordinance. The City Mayor shall also have the power to: (1) reduce or increase the number of medical supplies and (2) add other types of medical supplies covered by this Ordinance depending on the nature of the public emergency and the response needed to address the challenges it pose to the city government. The City Mayor shall issue an Executive Order whenever exercising the powers granted unto his/her office under this Ordinance.
Section 6: Penalties. The owners, managers and/or supervisors of the establishments covered by this ordinance who committed the prohibited act/s in the preceding section shall be required to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5000.00) and shall be imprisoned from three (3) months to six (6) months upon the discretion of the proper court of law.

Any natural person not employed by, or connected with, the establishments covered by this Ordinance who commits the prohibited act/s in the preceding section shall be required to pay a fine of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and shall be imprisoned for three (3) months upon the determination of the proper court of law.

Any juridical person who commits any of the prohibited acts provided above shall be required to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), its business permit issued by the city government shall be cancelled for thirty (30) calendar days, and the Business Permits and Licensing Office shall be empowered to close the said establishment/s during the period that its business permit has been suspended.

Section 7: Automatic Lifting of Prohibition. The restriction on the sale or purchase of vital medical supplies shall be automatically lifted as soon as either the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Sangguniang Panlalawigan, a national agency, or the President of the Philippines or any of his/her alter egos officially announces the abatement or end of the public emergency/ies mentioned above.

Section 8: Separability. Any provision of this ordinance declared void by a competent judicial authority shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 9: Automatic Review. This ordinance shall be automatically reviewed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod every two (2) years or as recommended by the City Health Officer of the City of Bacoor.

Section 10: Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite and after it has been posted in three (3) conspicuous places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite.
APPROVED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod on 10th day of February 2020 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in accordance with law.

Certified by:

HON. CATHERINE EVARISTO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Approved by:

HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA
City Mayor

Attested by:

ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA, JR.
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

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