



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17, SERIES OF 2021

AN ORDER PRESCRIBING FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF MANDATORY HEALTH PROTOCOLS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON

WHEREAS, the City of Sorsogon has seventy four (74) active COVID19 cases as of April 14, 2021 thereby classifying the city as a High Risk area as per the Department of Health (DOH);

WHEREAS, among the identified causes of the recent spike of COVID19 cases in the city are the sporadic violations of mandatory health protocols issued by the DOH and the Inter – Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases;

WHEREAS, to curtail the spread of the disease in the city, it is imperative that a strict monitoring and stern implementation of all safety protocols be continuously implemented as well as the enforcement of penal provisions in order to ensure compliance;

WHEREAS, the General Welfare Clause under the Local Government Code of 1991 declares that Local Government Units (LGUs) has the authority to exercise such powers necessary for the promotion of health and safety of its people;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government issued Executive Order No. 37-2020 which prescribes penalties for violators of mandatory safety protocols;

WHEREAS, Section 8, paragraph 5 of the “Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines” states that *“All persons are mandated to wear face masks, ear loop masks, indigenous, reusable, do-it-yourself masks, or face shields, handkerchiefs, or such other protective equipment or any combination thereof, which can effectively lessen the transmission of COVID-19, whenever they go out of their residences, pursuant to existing guidelines issued by the national government subject to fair and humane penalties or punishments that may be imposed by LGUs”*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, do hereby issue an order prescribing for the penalties for violations of Mandatory Health Protocols, as follows:

Section 1. MANDATORY WEARING OF FACE MASKS AND FACE SHIELDS IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES.

All persons who shall go out of their homes for work and other essential purposes must wear their face masks and face shields at all times. Social Distancing measures must likewise always be observed.

Section 2. PENAL CLAUSE. Any person, who is at a public place and for no justifiable reason is not wearing a face mask and/or face shield and/or is violating the mandatory social distancing policy shall be meted with eight (8) hours of Community Service or fines and penalties as may be imposed by existing ordinance.

Section 3. ENFORCEMENT. The Sorsogon City Police, *Seguridad, Kaayusan, Katranquilohan* asin *Kaayusan (SK3)*, *Barangay* Officials and the *Barangay* Police shall be authorized to issue citation tickets to violators of the Mandatory Health Protocols.

Section 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 15th day of April, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor