

## Republic of the Philippines City of Cagayan de Oro



## OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

## Series of 2020

## "AN ORDER ENFORCING THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES OF THE DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION (DOTr) IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AND FOR OTHE PURPOSES"

WHEREAS, on March 08, 2020, the Office of the President of the Philippines issued Proclamation No. 922, entitled "Declaring A State Of Public Health Emergency Throughout The Philippines" for the purpose of "enjoining all government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the available resources and to undertake critical, urgent and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19";

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) issued its Guidelines on community quarantine and social distancing in all means of public transportation to check the spread of OVID-19;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, thru the Office of the City Mayor, issued Executive Order No. 048, Series of 2020, entitled "AN ORDER IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES IN THE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO TO CONTROL AND LIMIT THE EXPOSURE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)", and Executive Order No. 049, Series of 2020, entitled "AN ORDER PLACING THE ENTIRE CITY OF CAGAYAN DE ORO UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE TO HELP PREVENT, LIMIT AND CONTROL EXPOSURE TO THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)", respectively, which among others, strongly adopted the policy of Social Distancing of the Department of Health (DOH) to help limit the threat of the spread of COVID-19 in the city and the neighboring areas;

**WHEREAS**, the operations of Motorelas and Trisikads are also being regulated by the City Government;

WHEREAS, there is a need to enforce the guidelines of DOTr on 1) Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs), Taxis, Public Utility Vans (PUVs), Public Utility Coasters (PUCs), Public Utility Buses (PUB), as well as provide a guideline for Motorelas and Trisikads in the City regarding the number of passengers they can carry and the required sitting arrangement to be observed by such vehicles, consistent with the policy of the national government on Social Distancing, and intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, OSCAR S. MORENO**, City Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. SITTING CAPACITY AND PASSENGER ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY:



- i. Public Utility Jeepneys (PUJs) All PUJs shall only accommodate half of their seating capacity, with passengers observing one seat apart from each other as a seating arrangement.
- ii. Taxis All Taxis shall only permit four (4) occupants, including the driver himself, with one passenger sitting in front and two passengers seated at the back observing the one seat apart from each other as a seating arrangement.
- iii. Public Utility Vans (PUVs) All PUVs shall only accommodate not more than six (6) occupants at a time - both head counts include passengers and the driver, with passengers observing one seat apart from each other as a seating arrangement.
- iv. Public Utility Coasters (PUCs) All PUCs shall only accommodate half of their seating capacity, with passengers observing one seat apart from each other as a seating arrangement.
- v. Public Utility Buses (PUB) All PUBs shall only accommodate half of their seating capacity, with passengers observing one seat apart from each other as a seating arrangement.
- vi. Motorelas All Motorelas shall accommodate only four (4) passengers at any time. The passengers will be seated in pairs and shall observe one seat apart from each other as a seating arrangement.
- vii. Trisikad All *Trisikads* shall only carry one (1) passenger at any time. The passenger will be seated at the furthest side from the driver.
- viii. Motorcycle backrides All Motorcycle backrides, as well as its use as public transportation are now prohibited in the City pursuant to the DOTr Guidelines.

**SECTION 2. FISCAL INCENTIVES.** The City Social Welfare and Development Department is hereby directed to formulate an appropriate incentive program that will somehow compensate the owners of vehicles covered hereby for their expected losses from complying with this Executive Order. Such incentive program shall be given in accordance with law.

**SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT.** The Philippine National Police, Cagayan de Oro City Police Office (COCPO), personnel of the Roads and Traffic Administration (RTA), the concerned *Sangguniang Barangay* Officials and *Barangay Tanods* shall implement this Order.

Failure to abide by the foregoing guidelines and measures shall be meted with appropriate action, in accordance with the relevant laws, City Ordinances and regulations. For this purpose, the City Legal Department is directed to initiate the appropriate charges, as may be warranted.

The Permits granted to the owners of the vehicles violating this Order will be cancelled after the review of the Business Permits and Licensing Office.

EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

ISSUED this 25 NO day of March 2020, Cagayan de Oro City.

OSCAR S-MORENO

City Mayor

Attested by:

**TEODORO A. SABUGA-A, JR.** Acting City Administrator

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