



## **Office of the City Mayor**

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### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31** *Series of 2020*

**AN ORDER ALLOWING DRUGSTORES AND DSWD FINANCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS (FSPs) IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOCIAL AMELIORATION PROGRAM (SAP) TO OPERATE UNTIL SUNDAY UNDER THE MODIFIED ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IN THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30, Series of 2020, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, on 16 March 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte placed the entire island of Luzon under Enhanced Community Quarantine until 14 April 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on 02 August 2020, due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in the country, the President placed the Province of Bulacan under **Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MECQ)** for the second time, from 04 August to 18 August 2020;

**WHEREAS**, all the local government units are enjoined to issue the necessary executive orders consistent with the provisions of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID) *Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, with Amendments as of 16 July 2020*, for implementation and enforcement in their respective territorial jurisdictions;

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of order in the community, said guidelines and protocols should be adopted and supplemented during the effectivity and implementation of MECQ in the City of Meycauayan;

**WHEREAS**, R.A. No. 11469 mandates LGUs to obey National Government policies and directives, by acting within the letter and spirit of all rules and regulations issued by the latter relative to the COVID-19 situation, with the task of implementing standard community quarantine measures consistent with what the National Government has laid down for each respective areas;

**WHEREAS**, on 04 August 2020, Executive Order No. 30 Series of 2020 entitled "*An Order Outlining The Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine Protocols Of The City Of Meycauayan*" was issued which provided the necessary protocols to be observed within the City of Meycauayan during the implementation of MECQ;

**WHEREAS**, after a series of consultations with affected stakeholders, and the recent issuance of IATF-MEID Resolution No. 61 wherein it was stated that:

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- Aid beneficiaries of SAP are allowed “limited movement” to get such assistance to ensure its uninterrupted distribution to the most vulnerable in areas under the MECQ;
- Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine in the Philippines, partner financial service providers are hereby allowed to operate at full capacity, and as such, the employees of said financial service providers shall be allowed full mobility in the performance of their functions.

the City has found that there is an urgent need to amend the Executive Order No. 30, Series of 2020 to comply with, and carry out, the provisions of IATF-MEID Resolution;

**WHEREAS**, R.A. No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, and R.A. No. 9356, also known as the *Charter of the City of Meycauayan*, authorize the City Mayor to carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the power vested in me by law, I, **LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA**, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30, SERIES OF 2020.** Section 5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“**Section 5. STORE OPERATING HOURS.** Operating hours for the following establishments shall be:

- a. Wet and Dry Market - Five o’clock in the morning (5:00 AM) up to Five o’clock in the afternoon (5:00 PM) only;
- b. Groceries, and other retail establishments engaged in the business of selling essential goods - Eight o’clock in the morning (8:00 AM) up to Eight o’clock in the evening (8:00 PM) only.

In the operation of the abovementioned establishments, reasonable schemes to ensure compliance with the minimum health standard protocols, and strict social distancing measures, such as, but not limited to, the “*No Quarantine Pass, No Entry*” scheme or providing for specific daily schedules per barangay, as the case may be shall be implemented.

Furthermore, the operations of all establishments allowed to operate during MECQ shall only be permitted to operate from **MONDAY to SATURDAY**.

However, Drugstores and DSWD Financial Service Providers (FSPS) in the distribution of the Social Amelioration Program (SAP) shall be allowed to operate at full capacity until Sunday. In addition thereto, the SAP beneficiaries shall also be allowed “limited movement” to get such assistance during the periods of distribution.

**SECTION 2. UNAFFECTED PROVISIONS.** Except for the foregoing amendments, all other provisions of E.O. No. 30, Series of 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.



**SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any provision of this Order be declared unconstitutional or inconsistent with law, the other remaining parts thereof shall remain valid in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. Any previous order inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed.

Done this 07 August 2020, at the City of Meycauayan, Bulacan.

  
**LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA**  
*City Mayor*