



Republic of the Philippines
City Government of Meycauayan
Province of Bulacan

Office of the City Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 036
Series of 2020

AN ORDER IMPOSING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEMETERIES, MEMORIAL PARKS, AND COLUMBARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN FROM OCTOBER 29, 2020 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2020.

WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines has placed the country under State of Public Health Emergency through Proclamation No. 922, proclaiming that “all government and LGUs are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measure in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat”;

WHEREAS, the City Government recognizes the yearly tradition of the people in visiting the graves of their loved ones to commemorate their passing - before, during, and even after All Saints Day and All Souls Day, as one of the intimate holidays of Filipinos, where reunions and get-togethers take place;

WHEREAS, in line with the Omnibus Guidelines on Community Quarantine issued by the IATF, mass gatherings must be regulated to prevent the transmission and spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, in order to protect our constituents and to prevent the influx of people in the City during this season, mass gatherings and activities in cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbaries, as well as other activities for the Halloween must be prohibited during this COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 provides 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”;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA, by the powers vested in me by law, as the Local Chief Executive of the City of Meycauayan, Bulacan, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CEMETERIES, MEMORIAL PARKS, AND COLUMBARIES. All cemeteries, memorial parks, columbaries, whether private or public, within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Meycauayan, shall be temporarily closed to all visitors from October 29, 2020 until November 04, 2020. No person or any form of activity shall be allowed within the said places during the aforesaid dates. *Provided, that*, the Omnibus Guidelines on the Implementation of Community Quarantine shall continue to govern burial and cremation activities during the said period, *Provided finally, that*, age restrictions shall not apply to visitors of the aforementioned places.

SECTION 2. OTHER PROHIBITED ACTS. Gatherings and activities related to All Saints Day and All Souls Day such as, but not limited to, Halloween parties, "Trick-or-Treat", and *Pangangaluluwa*, shall not be allowed at any time during the months of October and November 2020.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTIONS. Only those interments and cremations duly authorized by the City Health Officer shall be allowed in the above-mentioned dates. However, attendees thereof shall be limited to a maximum of **Thirty Percent (30%)** of the venue capacity of the cemetery, memorial park, or columbarium, with strict observation of social distancing, proper wearing of face mask and face shield, and other minimum health standard protocols.

SECTION 4. REGULATION OF AMBULANT VENDORS. Ambulant vendors shall not be allowed to put up stations or peddle their goods within One Hundred Meters (100 Meters) from cemeteries, memorial parks, and columbaries during the period herein stated.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT. The Punong Barangay, barangay tanods, City Economic Enterprise Management Office (CEEMO), City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO), and the Meycauayan PNP shall implement this Order.

Any person found violating any of the provisions under this Executive Order shall be penalized under Article 151 of the Revised Penal Code, R.A. 11332, and such other applicable laws and ordinances.

Any public officer or government employee, whether or not duty-bound to enforce this Order, who shall knowingly prevent, prohibit, refuse, or violate the implementation hereof shall be charged in court for such criminal and administrative offense/s as the case may be.

SECTION 6. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION. The City Information and Community Relations Office (CICRO) shall inform the public of this Order through all available media, as well as through publication of posters/tarpaulins at strategic and conspicuous places within the City. All barangay offices are mandated to disseminate this information to their constituents upon its effectivity.

SECTION 7. 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 8. INCORPORATION CLAUSE. All of the issuances of the National Government, IATF-MEID, Bulacan Provincial Government, and such other pertinent laws, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by the



authorized officials and agencies of the national government in relation hereto, are hereby adopted, incorporated, and shall form integral parts hereof.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. Any previous orders, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed.

Done this Sept 21, 2020, here at the City of Meycauayan, Bulacan.


LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA
City Mayor