



Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 41ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON AUGUST 04, 2020.

PRESENT:

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, the Honorable Vice Governor sponsored the passage of Ordinance No. 2020-10-04 or the Mandatory Wearing of Face Mask Ordinance to further promote and ensure the health of Isabeleños amidst the ongoing global health crisis;

WHEREAS, this Honorable Body determined that there is a need to increase the penalties for violation of such Ordinance to promote adherence and compliance thereto. Accordingly, thru the initiative of the Honorable Vice Governor, and as pushed by the above Sponsors, Ordinance No. 2020-14-1 was passed and approved which raised the penalty for non-wearing of face mask from three (3) hours community service for the first offense and five hundred pesos for second and subsequent offenses, to three thousand pesos for the first offense and five thousand pesos for second and subsequent offenses;

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan received a Letter from the Office of the DILG Provincial Director forwarding to the Honorable Vice Governor a Memorandum from the Office of the DILG Secretary directing Local Government Officials to **Enact and/or Amend Existing Local Ordinance to Include Penal Provisions to Strengthen the Implementation of Quarantine and Health Safety Standard Protocols to Contain COVID-19;**

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WHEREAS, the Memorandum aspires to standardize the penalties for violation of mandatory face masks policies of local government units;

WHEREAS, it has been observed that a considerable number of Isabeleños wear cloth masks as protection against COVID-19. Such, as determined by the medical community, are not as effective as surgical masks in blocking the inhalation of pathogens, viruses, and other infectious agents. Accordingly, there is a need to further enhance the protection levels of Isabeleños considering that the number of COVID-19 cases in the Province are steadily increasing;

WHEREAS, pertinent scientific studies revealed that the wearing of face shields significantly reduces the risk of inhaling pathogens, viral agents, and other larger infectious aerosol particles by eliminating facial exposure - especially to entry points such as the eyes and the nostrils, to dangerous microorganisms;

WHEREAS, mandating all persons in the Province to wear face shields in addition to face masks will significantly increase their protection levels against COVID-19 thus will aid the Provincial Government's endeavor to contain and resolve the ongoing health crisis;

WHEREFORE, the passage of this Ordinance is earnestly sought.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-25-2
SERIES OF 2020**

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE SIMULTANEOUS WEARING OF FACE MASK AND FACE SHIELD IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF THEREBY AMENDING SECTIONS 3 AND 6 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10-04, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14-1

Sponsor: **HON. RANDOLPH JOSEPH P. ARREOLA**
Member, Committee on Laws, Rules, and Regulations

Co-Sponsor: **HON. EMMANUEL JOSELITO B. AÑES**
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Sanitation

Section 1. Amendatory Provision. The following Sections of Ordinance No. 2020-10-04, as amended by Ordinance No. 2020-14-1, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

i. **"Section 3. Definition.**

Face Mask. Is a Protective Mask used to cover the nose, mouth, and chin with specifications and proper use as recommended by the Department of Health (e.g. surgical masks, medical masks, N95 masks) or reusable or washable face masks ordinarily sold in commercial markets.

However, due to shortage of global supplies and to provide our anti-COVID 19 front liners steady access to personal protective equipments, **any cloth that sufficiently covers the nose, mouth, and chin shall be considered as equivalent to face mask.**

Face Shield. A personal protective face gear composed of a head strap with an attached rigid visible sheet, usually made with plastic, that aims to protect the wearer's entire face from pathogens, viral agents, and other potentially infectious microscopic materials and organisms.”

ii. **“Section 6. Penalties.** Any person in the Province of Isabela proven to be not simultaneously wearing a face shield and face mask while outside of his or her residence, except if conducting an activity which requires the removal thereof such as, but not limited to, eating and drinking, shall be meted with the following penalties:

- a) **First Offense.** The Offender shall be fined Three Thousand Pesos, and/or an imprisonment of ten (10) days at the discretion of the proper court.
- b) **Second and Subsequent Offenses.** The Offender shall be meted with the penalty of Five Thousand Pesos, and/or an imprisonment of thirty (30) days, at the discretion of the proper court, for each offense committed after the first offense.

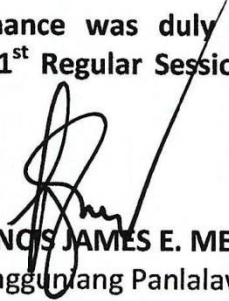
All payments made for violation of this Ordinance shall be issued with an Official Receipt.”

Section 2. Incorporation Clause. All laws, legal orders, rules, and regulations that have been issued and/or will be issued by duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines, including the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID), pertaining to public health and COVID-19 are hereby incorporated herein and made integral parts hereof. In case of conflict, such laws, legal orders, rules and regulations shall take precedence over the provisions of this Ordinance.


Section 3. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances, Resolutions, and other local legislative issuances of this Body inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

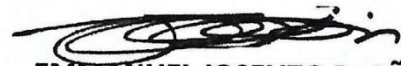
Section 4. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall be effective after approval of the Provincial Governor and immediately upon compliance with the posting and publication requirements set forth in the Local Government Code.


I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguninang Panlalawigan of Isabela during its 41st Regular Session on August 04, 2020.


ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

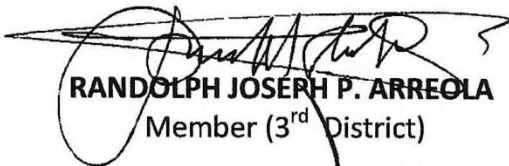
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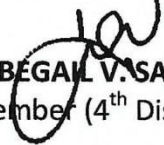

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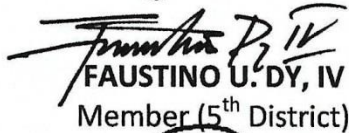

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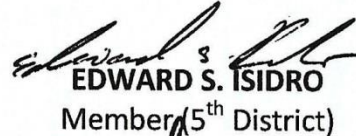

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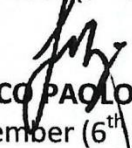

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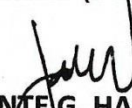

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