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Over 439,000 beneficiaries so far received P5K

SAP distribution in EV to end this week



JOEY A. GABIETA

TACLOBAN CITY- More than 439,000 families here in the region have already received the social amelioration program (SAP) being extended by the government through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Each of these SAP beneficiaries, consisting of the low income families displaced due to the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and single parents, among others, received P5,000.

The regional DSWD of-

fice has downloaded more than P2.98 billion for the giving of this financial assistance to various local government units.

But Joshua Kempis, information officer of the disaster response management division of the DSWD-8, said that there

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SAP DISTRIBUTION. The Department of Interior and Local Government has announced that the distribution of the social amelioration program (SAP) is to end this week. This program introduced by the national government aims to help the financial suffering of the 'poorest of the poor' brought about by the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.(DSWD-8)

Non-SAP beneficiaries in Eastern Samar to receive P2,000 from the provincial gov't

TACLOBAN CITY-An estimated 30,000 households who were excluded in the distribution of the social amelioration program (SAP) in Eastern Samar are to receive P2,000 each.

This was disclosed by Governor Ben Evardone who said that he already directed all the mayors and village officials of the province to come up with a list of the beneficiaries

of the provincial government-sponsored cash giving within the week is over.

Based on the records of the regional office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), about 43,747 families in Eastern Samar have so far received the P5,000 SAP, a financial assistance extended by the national government to those who were affected due to the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.

"I have decided to all households who were not include in the SAP will receive in the amount of P2,000," he said.

The beneficiaries of this program are those identified to be the 'poorest of the poor' like the senior citizens, persons with disabilities, single parents, and those who lost their incomes due to the pandemic,

among others.

It was learned that for this especial cash giving, the provincial government of Eastern Samar made use of its savings.

Evardone said that excluded for this financial assistance initiated by the provincial government are those who already received their SAP, members of the 4Ps (Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program), and assistance being extended by other government agencies like the Department of Labor and Employment.

However, barangay tanods and barangay health workers stand to receive an additional P500 on top of the P1,500 assistance that they are to receive from the government.

The barangay nutrition scholars who received P1,200 earlier are to receive an additional P800.

(JOEY A. GABIETA)

Face shield using e-bamboo enters market

BORONGAN CITY-Protective face shields using e-bamboo has entered the market.

Proprietor Aniano Manlapas is making e-bamboo face shields for his workers and frontliners.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) chanced upon Manlapas who tried his initiative and ingenuity in using e-bamboo to craft face shields using e-bamboo as frame.

"It is e-bamboo because it is engineered bamboo or treated bamboo to make it insect repellent," said Manlapas.

The proprietor of E-Bamboo-Eastern Samar that manufactures bamboo furniture thought of the concept just last week.

He admitted that life with the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) is a little tight.

"Very few people order furniture as their focus is



food and health essentials this GCQ," said Manlapas.

As to the face shields, he thought of its demand with the COVID-19 period. With the e-bamboo at his disposal, he thought of maximizing it.

He used strips of e-bamboo as frame and attached plastic with magic tape to secure the face shield

around the head of the user.

"I tried to give some to my workers initially, some guards at the Eastern Samar State University (ESSU) and some to the DTI workers," he told PIA.

Ruthelma Samonte, provincial director of DTI E. Samar posted some pic-

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Calbiga local government unit purchases all the harvests of agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) to give variations to canned goods given to its residents during relief distribution. (Photo courtesy of BENJIE SAMAR)

Agrarian reform beneficiary organizations generate P22.9M in sales during quarantine

TACLOBAN CITY – Despite the implementation of community quarantine throughout the country for several weeks now, 104 agrarian reform beneficiaries’ organizations (ARBOs) in Eastern Visayas generated a combined gross sales of P22,928,460.00.

This period covers from the last week of March, where most of the local government units started enforcing their respective community quarantines, up to the third week of April this year.

Regional Director Stephen Leonidas of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) was impressed with the determination of this farmers to survive amid this global crisis caused by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

Members of the said DAR-assisted farmer organizations continue with their farm activities and marketing of their harvests despite the current situation.

As assistance to them during this hard and trying times, Leonidas disclosed that DAR has provided 119 ARBOs throughout the region with quarantine accreditation pass to have access in checkpoints, which was authorized by the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Dis-

ease (IATF-EID), for the continuous supply of agricultural products.

Leonidas said, these farmers did not only earn income during the quarantine period but contributed to the sustainability of food supply in the region.

Based on the DAR monitoring report, of the 104 ARBOs who continued with their marketing activities to supply food, 33 are in the province of Leyte; 21 in Eastern Samar; 20 in Samar; 15 in Northern Samar; eight in Southern Leyte; and seven in Biliran.

Among these ARBOs are the MAALSADA FISCO based in Alangalang town, and the Paglaum Farmers Association based in this city.

The MAALSADA FISCO continued to supply over 6,000 kilos of milled rice to the Eastern Visayas Medical Center (EVRMC); while the Paglaum Farmers Association delivered some 3,000 kilos of assorted vegetables to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

Both ARBOs are recipients of marketing tie-up arrangements facilitated by DAR under the Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) program.

In Samar, the local government unit (LGU) of Calbiga purchases all the harvests of the Calbi-

ga Vegetable Growers Association, Panayuran Upland Farmers Association, Brgy. Bulao Farmers Association, Canbatic Farmers Association, and the Borong Active Farmers Association to give variation to the canned goods commonly given during distribution of relief assistance for the town’s residents.

In Southern Leyte, the Liloan Farmers Agriculture Cooperative conducts a mobile market around the municipality of Liloan in coordination with the LGU to sell their products composed of milled-rice and various types of vegetables harvested under the Linking Smallholder Farmers to the Market with Microfinance (LinkS-FarMM) program. This is to lessen the movement of people and avoid mass gathering in the market.

Meanwhile, in the province of Biliran, the BSF Farm Workers and Beneficiaries Agrarian Reform Cooperative based in Biliran town and the Anislagan Ceramic Agrarian Reform Cooperative based in the municipality of Naval continue to supply fresh eggs, from the egg layering livelihood they availed under the Convergence of Livelihood Assistance for ARBs Project (CLAAP), to their clients.

In his Facebook comment, Agrarian Reform Secretary John Castriciones described the farmers as “silent frontliners” against COVID-19.

(JOSE ALSMITH L. SORIA)

US provides P298 million in new COVID-19 assistance to the Philippines

MANILA- The U.S. Embassy in the Philippines announced today that the U.S. government is providing an additional Php298 million (\$5.9 million) to help support the Philippines in the fight against COVID-19, bringing the total amount of U.S. pandemic assistance to the Philippines to more than Php768 million (\$15.2 million).

As part of this new assistance, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will partner with 18 local governments in some of the Philippines’ hardest-hit areas to promote effective crisis management and implement response plans. Funding will support local governments to rapidly disburse emergency funding and supplies, and strengthen the capacity of local crisis response centers to disseminate accurate and timely crisis response information, manage quar-

antine measures, set up public handwashing facilities, ensure food supply, and support local business recovery.

U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Kim welcomed this new tranche of support to the Philippines: “This latest assistance builds on our long-standing relationships with local government units across the Philippines, and represents our continued commitment to our Filipino friends, partners, and allies in this time of crisis.”

Other activities funded through this new assistance tranche will provide supply chain analytics and promote a regulatory environment that facilitates logistics and transportation for food, medical products, and other essential goods. To assist with small and micro-enterprise recovery, USAID will facilitate access to credit and provide grants

and skills training to heavily affected sectors and communities.

This new assistance also includes Php44 million (\$875,000) from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration for the International Committee of the Red Cross to support COVID-19 response in the Philippines, including increasing stocks of essential medical supplies and expanding hospital capacity, preventing the spread of disease in detention centers, and supporting resilience for vulnerable people and communities.

The United States has provided more than Php228 billion (\$4.5 billion) in development assistance to the Philippines over the past 20 years, including over Php29 billion (\$582 million) in health assistance. (PR)

EDC assures uninterrupted power supply amid expanded community quarantine



Lopez-led geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) expressed its commitment to its customers and stakeholders of unimpeded power supply despite the pronouncement of an expanded community quarantine now covering the entire Luzon region, in response to mitigating the spread of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the country.

The power producer has put a skeletal on-ground workforce in place for the continuous operations of its power plants across the

country as a vital installation that is required to continuously function despite the quarantine.

“While we have begun taking all the necessary precautionary measures to keep our employees and their families safe from COVID-19, such as imposing a travel ban and having a work from home arrangement in all our facilities, we have also assigned key people in our power plants to continuously provide the electricity that is vital to our country, especially in these trying times,” said Marvin

S. Bailon, head of EDC’s Business Development, Trading & Marketing.

EDC recognizes that healthcare facilities, pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies, and the food manufacturing industry that get power from them need reliable supply now more than ever in order for them to serve the general public.

“We are a committed organization that stands ready to fulfill our duty to the public—to not only

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Tarangnan mayor expresses thanks for ‘overwhelming’ donations to their town amid COVID-19 problem

TACLOBAN CITY – Tarangnan Mayor Arnel Tan has expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming support his town is receiving as it continue to grapple its health crisis due to the coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.

Tarangnan, with nine cases and is now considered as the epicenter of the COVID-19 of the region, is in a lockdown.

“Thank you for all the donors and those who will send help to us. This has motivated the people of Tarangnan to keep on fighting,” the town mayor said.

After the lockdown, Tan issued an appeal for help to the national government and even to private sector for food, medicine, milk for babies and potable water.

He added that the re-

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tures on social media that easily got orders.

“This is DTIs strategy of helping our MSMEs market their products under the GCQ to help them re-

er and the overwhelming help to the municipality, the local government had asked the assistance of the provincial government in managing donations from groups and individuals.

Donations for the municipality will be dropped at the covered court located inside the Samar provincial capitol grounds in Catbalogan City.

“For less contact, the province personnel will deliver the donation to our town wearing personal protective equipment,” Mayor Tan said.

Those who will donate must look for Arlene Gruta and Maritess Mustacia.

For donors coming from the first district of Samar, the drop-off point is at the waiting shed in Barangay Balugo, a village of Tarangan located along car line.

“For donations that needs documentation, please wear safety gears and observe 2-meter distance and avoid engaging to conversation if it is not needed. If there is no need for the donors to get off of the car, it would be better to avoid possible infection of the virus,” he added.

(ROEL T. AMAZONA)

Police Regional Director Balba assures public they are on top of situation amid COVID-19 crisis

TACLOBAN CITY- The Police Regional Office here in the region has assured the over-all security in the region amid the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

“In these times of crisis, we cannot allow any crime to happen in all the malls where people buy for their basic needs and also in the markets, drug-stores and other food and essential establishments,” said police regional director Brigadier General Bernabe Balba in a statement.

“We see to it, that security of the public is our prime obligation. We are all in this battle. We are one in praying for an end to this pandemic,” he added.

The police regional headquarter deployed over 500 uniformed personnel to monitor the proper social distancing, proper wearing of face masks, and to maintain the total safety of the



BRIGADIER GENERAL BERNABE BALBA

public in the in the said essential areas.

The police also provided security to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) during the distribution of cash aid through the government’s social amelioration program (SAP).

“These undertakings of PRO-Eastern Visayas only prove that police officers are not merely in the streets manning checkpoints and maintaining peace and order among the populace, but are also providing safety and security assistance to

our government counterparts and stakeholders,” Balba said.

Meanwhile, the police regional director said they have provided assistance to 2,015 families with 8,939 individuals in the whole Eastern Visayas as of April 23, 2020.

Through the “Kapwa Ko Sagot Ko, Adopt A Family Program” of the Philippine National Police (PNP), police personnel in the region “are encouraged to adopt indigent families in their area of responsibility.”

“I hope that with this continuing project, we can at least ease the burden of some of the families who are adversely affected by this pandemic,” Balba said.

The assistance is composed of grocery items, food packs, other goods, and voluntary cash donations which can sustain a family’s need for at least one week.

(RONALD O. REYES)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF TACLOBAN
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

25th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CITY HALL, TACLOBAN CITY, ON APRIL 15, 2020.

PRESENT:

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Hon. Eden C. Pineda

City Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer
ABC President/Presiding Officer Pro Tempore (Actg. Floor Leader)

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Hon. Nikki C. Chua,
Hon. Leo O. Bahin,
Hon. Aurora Aimee D. Grafil,
Hon. Dalisay T. Erpe,
Hon. Brian Steve G. Granados,
Hon. Rachelle Erica C. Pineda,
Hon. Thomas John M. Diaz,

Sangguniang Panlungsod Member
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ABSENT:

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Hon. Evangeline L. Esperas,
Hon. Jose Mario S. Bagulaya,

Floor Leader (Excused)
Asst. Floor Leader (Excused)
Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (Excused)

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-14-08

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ANY PERSON FROM COMMITTING ANY ACT WHICH CAUSES STIGMA, DISGRACE, SHAME, HUMILIATION, HARASSMENT AND/OR ANY FORM OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS INFECTED, PROBABLE OR SUSPECT, AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) INCLUDING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DOCTORS, NURSES, HEALTH WORKERS, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND VOLUNTEERS, SERVICE WORKERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO HOSPITALS OR OTHER CENTERS WHERE THESE PERSONS ARE BEING TREATED WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Sponsor by: Hon. Brian Steve G. Granados

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, it is the policy of the State to maintain peace and order and the promotion of general welfare of the people;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Section 1 provides that every person has the right to life, liberty, security of person and privacy and the right to be free from discrimination. Furthermore, under Section II thereof, the State values the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) and the Code Alert System for Covid-19 was raised to Code Red Sub-level 2 in accordance with the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH) and the inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF). Further, Presidential Proclamation No. 929, Series 2020 was issued declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Covid-19.

WHEREAS, since the emergence of COVID-19 we have seen instances of public stigmatization among persons who have contracted the disease including Probable and Suspect, and the rise of harmful stereotypes. This means that people are being labelled, stereotyped, separated and/or experience loss of status and discrimination because of a potential negative affiliation with the disease. Stigmatization could drive people to hide the illness to avoid discrimination or prevent people from seeking health care immediately and discourage them from adopting healthy behaviours;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) recently warned the public

against discrimination against persons reported to have contracted COVID-19 as well as Probable, Suspect, including health workers and emergency workers who are among those in the frontlines of the battle against the rapidly spreading COVID-19. The Department of Health (DOH) stated “that with the world confronted with a virus with little information known, it is human to be afraid. But we must not allow hysteria and paranoia to result in irrational treatment of people”;

WHEREAS, there have been several reported incidents of people being evicted out of their residences or after having recovered from the illness were prevented from returning back to their residences, while some were even doused with water and were refused services in eateries or transportations over fears of infection; Some were shunned by local stores, boarding houses, and even their own barangays and homes. Several false and inaccurate social media posts even circulated online spreading names of people alleged to have been infected with COVID-19 and urging the recipients to check if they had contact with those listed;

WHEREAS, considering the gravity of the situation, there is an urgent need to combat this pervasive stigmatization on the basis of one’s medical condition; There is a need for the LGUs to bring normalcy and order amidst the crisis, and protect its constituency from unjust discrimination brought on by fear and panic by public;

WHEREAS, it is as these trying times, families who are affected by this pandemic suffer severe anxiety and social humiliation. Hence, it is the policy of the City of Tacloban to act as *parens patriae* during this trying time by showing compassion, empathy and tolerance towards its affected constituents as this virus can inflict any person regardless of race, age, sex or social standing. Only through a unified front, strengthened by our religious conviction can we fight and end this pandemic;

WHEREAS, both the DOH and the IATF called for the protection of these individuals, and sought the assistance of the LGUs to enact measures to prevent these crimes.

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Tacloban in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance for brevity shall be known and cited as “Anti COVID-19 Discrimination Ordinance of 2020” of Tacloban City.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

A. Persons Infected Probable, Suspect - are those defined by the protocols and guidelines of the Department of Health (DOH).

B. Recovered Person - a person who was either a confirmed COVID-19 patient or a Probable who has made a recovery, and who was subsequently discharged from the public or private hospital clinic, or center by the attending physician.

C. Health Workers - are those who deliver care and services to the sick and ailing, either directly or indirectly. Health workers include, among others, doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic aides and laboratory technicians.

D. Frontliners - include officers and members of the PNP, AFP and instrumentalities of the government rendering emergency frontlines services, border control and other critical services. Front liners also include service workers who are working in private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, e.g. public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparation and delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power energy, telecommunications and water supplies and other related facilities.

E. Juridical Persons - an entity (as a partnership or corporation) that is given rights and responsibilities.

SECTION 3. UNLAWFUL ACTS

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural or juridical, to commit any act or make utterances which cause or tend to cause stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or otherwise discriminating against a person infected, probable or suspect due to Covid-19, health worker or frontliner as defined under this Ordinance.

B. If any public officer refuses or fails to give assistance to a person infected, probable or suspect due to Covid-19, health workers or frontliner who intends to return to his place of residence or domicile, after obtaining clearance of the Covid-19 infection from the proper health officials, he/she shall be equally liable under this Section.

C. Any person who shall publicly claim, post on social media, spread or announce that a person is infected, is probable or suspect due to Covid-19 whether or not the same has been confirmed or validated from the list given by authorized proper health officials, agency or department, shall be liable under this section. If the person violating is a public officer, the penalty imposed shall be its maximum and can also be a ground for filing of an administrative case against said public officer. Except when the patient concerned waived his/her right to privacy and for purposes of contact tracing and other medical purposes.

SECTION 4. PENALTY CLAUSE - Any person caught in violation of Section 3 hereof shall be fined of not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00)

or an imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both at the discretion of the court. If the violator is a public officer, the maximum penalty herein shall be imposed.

Juridical Person - If committed by a juridical person, the President, General Manager, Corporate Secretary or a person with related interest in the Corporation or Partnership or Association shall be held liable or penalized accordingly.

The violator may opt to pay an Administrative Fine, in lieu of filing the case before any court of competent jurisdiction, in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) to the Office of the City Treasurer of Tacloban.

SECTION 5. REPEALING CLAUSE - All previous ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconstant with this Ordinance are hereby revoked, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason, any provision or part of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication and approval and after due compliance with all the requirements provided under Republic Act 7160. The regulation prescribed in this Ordinance shall be deemed suspended once the State of National Emergency on Public Health is lifted by the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

ENACTED, April 15, 2020.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-mentioned Ordinance No. 2020-14-08.

MARIA N. ANDRADE
Secretary

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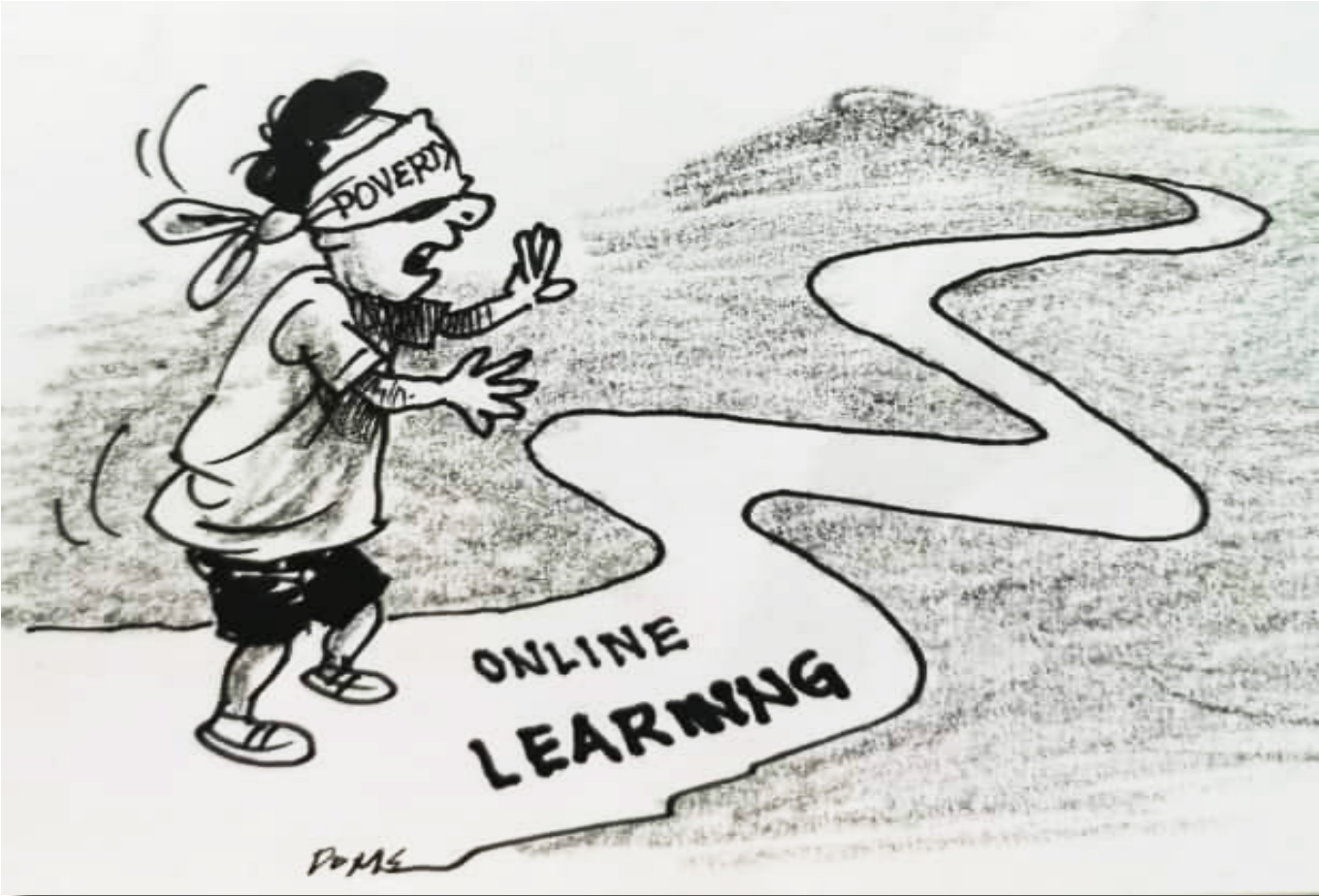
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Online learning

In response to the threat of COVID-19 to the health conditions of people comprising the academic community, and in compliance with quarantine and lockdown protocols implemented by the government, the

Department of Education (DepEd) has been toying with the idea of resorting to online teaching-learning activities instead of requiring teachers and students to conduct classroom sessions that could aggravate likely mass infections.

While such scheme is commendable indeed as a wise alternative, it has accompanying problems that are beyond our control. In fact, these drawbacks are quite many. Just one of which could already render the entire process ineffective, and could thus affect the desired results. These are problems that, this early, should merit consideration among education authorities so that they would be properly addressed, or other alternatives could be opted.

As we can see, online learning is only suitable for urban centers, among well off families, and so on. But in rural areas, the absence of electricity is already a big problem. This could be remedied only with the use of, say, car batteries with solar panels, which people

hardly own. Here, where pupils could hardly afford to buy notebooks and pencils, we cannot expect them to own gadgets like cellphones and laptops for use online. Even if they have, there being no internet signal becomes a problem.

In fact, having an internet signal is not a guarantee of success since, in most places, the signal is extremely slow. You have to wait for eternity before a command takes effect. This wastes a lot of time, a cause for a learner to be left behind in an online interactions or activities. And what about the ignorance of old teachers in using hi-tech gadgets and online applications? You see, making them undergo trainings can hardly change the fact that, when it comes to using hi-tech gadgetry, ancient teachers are slow learners.

All these are handicaps that DepEd should consider before institutionalizing online schemes. We cannot afford to ignore these or else, many students would not be able to catch up with the lessons. Indeed, these are complicated matters, but education specialists can untangle all this. We just hope that, in the proposed resolutions, no one among the key players of the academe will be disadvantaged. Priority and special considerations must zero in, if need be, on the learners. After all, they are the objects of education.



Things To Mind

DOMS PAGLIAWAN

Marital clash

I had a quarrel this morning with my wife.

I should not tell you this, it being a private, marital issue; but I just can’t help it. Anyway, we seldom quarrel because, though she is ill-tempered and is frequently agitated to put up a fight, I do not engage, rather opting to stay calm and quiet.

This morning, though, my anger soared. I found myself ready to rumble. Not to win an argument for my

sheer pleasure, nor to assert a personal bias, or to prove her wrong. It was to protest against an inappropriate act that could put our family at risk. In short, it was to fight for our safety and protection in the house.

You see, for months now, we have been carefully guarding ourselves against the onslaught of this unseen yet dreadful enemy—the coronavirus. I don’t know how many bottles of alcohol and sanitizers we have consumed just to disinfect our hands, gadgets, and other items that had been exposed to the outside world. Plenty of soaps had been consumed as well, and water, too, in washing body

parts, worn items, and carried objects that may have caught hold of any viruses from potential sources.

When we go somewhere, I keep reminding them to strictly observe physical distancing, non-touching of the face, proper wearing of face mask, disinfecting of hands with alcohol after touching coins, money bills, and public handles like doorknobs or railings. Just to make sure we get rid of this despicable virus. Not giving it any place in our daily routines and appointments.

But this morning, a mobile crab vendor, locally see Marital /page 5 ...



Commentary

FR. ROY CIMAGALA

Chill it out, take it slow

THE expressions are part of the lyrics of a pop rock song entitled, Best of both worlds, as performed by Miley Cyrus. It talks of a small town girl who enjoys privacy and the status of an ordinary girl in her school but is a big-time phenom when performing on stage because of her extraordinary talent. She's just cool about that condition.

The expressions can also be applied to what our attitude should be in these times of uncertainty and suspense due to this Covid19 pandemic. We are quite aware that we are thrown into an ocean of mysteries and unknowns, and we are trying our best just to coast along if only to survive with a certain level of ease and comfort. As long as we continue to pray and be vigilant, I believe such attitude is the right thing to have.

Let's be careful when we get carried away by our emotions, usually of fear and anxiety that often are manifestations of our over-reaction to what we have now. Let's just take it easy, and as the song puts it, let's just "chill it out, take it slow." Otherwise, things

would just be worse for us.

Thus, let's not be rash in our thoughts, words and deeds in reacting to what we are having now. Let's restrain ourselves from giving in to ideas and pieces of information that are thrown to us in abundance, thanks but no thanks to our modern communication technologies.

By now we should already be quite familiar with what are known as fake news. We should be properly guarded against them. They can come from different sources.

We know that there are people out there who, wittingly or unwittingly, are too focused on pushing their own agenda without due regard to other views. This usually happens with those with a political agenda. And there are people who simply come out with wild, completely baseless assertions, relying more on their biases and prejudices—yes, even religious biases.

But before all that, we cannot deny that there are things that still are up in the air as to their veracity. Like whether the virus is man-made or is something natural, whether it came from China or wherever, whether

lockdown, ecq, gcq are the right thing to do, whether we have a real pandemic or a 'plandemic,' etc.

Of course, we should follow the exchanges of views, but let's not be rash in making judgments. What we should not forget is that God is always in control of everything, and that while we have to do our part, we neither should worry too much nor over-react to the developments of this crisis.

Whether we end up right or wrong in our views or positions about these issues is not as important as whether we are with God or not in living out these trying times. Yes, we should try our best to get to the bottom of these issues, but we should never leave God behind. He is in the middle of all this, and the way we react to it would show how we are relating ourselves with God.

So, more than anything else, what is always needed are prayers, sacrifices, works of mercy and all the other spiritual and supernatural means that are still made available to us.

We should try our best to live and act in solidarity with others, which does not mean that we all have a uniform way of doing things. Solidarity involves the variety of the subsidiary ways to serve the common good. Let's do what we can to help, and let's do it in coordination with everyone else.

So, let's just chill it out, take it slow. No need to be tense. We have to learn to smile and ride out this storm. This one will also pass, just like the previous one, though we are still held in suspense at the moment.

she got inside that the vendor is familiar to her.

"So what if he looks familiar?" I argued. "Do you know what places he goes to, and the many people he gets in touch with? What if they are just asymptomatic but are carriers of the virus for real?" All this I expressed in anger while thinking of our kids that we have been trying to protect all these months.

And the heated argument continued.



What's New Mr. Q?

TENTE U. QUINTERO

Remdesivir, the new anti-COVID drug

In the United States and many other countries, this is the so-called "Wonder Drug" versus the dreaded Coronavirus that many doctors, medical experts are now openly talking about!

GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. (pronounced Gil'yad) of Foster City in California, USA, announced topline positive results from their 5-day and 10-day dosing durations of hospitalized patients with severe manifestations of COVID-19 disease.

No less than Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top Infectious Disease Expert in the United States, and Dr. Stephen Hahn, of the US Food & Drug Administration commented positively on these results

So what does this mean? – That it is just a question of time – several weeks or a bit more, we'd have the honest-to-goodness cure of this dreaded Coronavirus!

Now, at this stage, let me divert your kind attention to an Article I wrote, which could not be published in my column in this newspaper, because of ECQ, & which I posted in my facebook last 5 April 2020, with the title—

JUNE 30th SIGNALS CORONAVIRUS' END...

Televisions & newspapers all over the world announced that an Anti-Coronavirus Vaccine is already being developed and safety-tested; and now undergoing the usual process of TOA (Tests on Animals or 'guinea pigs'); TOCP (Tests on Covid-19 Patients), and when officially proclaimed successful, the MOBV (Manufacture of Billions of Vaccines) and of course, the eventual sales and distribution of

the Vaccine to countries affected.

Many International Pharmaceutical Industries even announced last March 21st that "they expect to roll-out Anti-Coronavirus vaccines in several months pa."

Now, let me explain why I believe in this 2nd title – the June 30th theory. The next paragraph is a product of my research – this narrative (with some clarifying insertions) was taken from the Santo Niño de Tacloban facebook. You dear readers can form your own connection!

"In 1888, the original image of the Child Jesus, known as the "El Capitan", was brought to Manila for a facelift and a change of its vestments in preparation for its forthcoming feast day. On its return trip to Tacloban on-board the steamship "Luzon", the image was packed in a crate together with some heavy bronze "Candelabras".

"The Santo Niño, however, did not reach its destination as the ship caught fire off the coast of the Mindoro & Romblon provinces. In the midst of the confusion, the crate containing the image of the Santo Niño was thrown overboard and, for some time was believed to be lost at sea.

"A year after the inci-

dent, the devotees and residents of Tacloban were at the brink of giving up all hope of ever seeing their beloved Santo Niño again; and the feast day of the Holy Child came and went without any celebration.

"Adding to this despair was a cholera epidemic that engulfed Tacloban. The deadly plague claimed many lives and, almost every night, many cholera victims were loaded into a "caromata" or two-wheeled carriage drawn by a carabao, to be buried in common graves.

"At the height of the epidemic, the then Leyte Governor received a letter from Jose Gil de Avalle, Military Governor of Mindoro, stating that a crate labeled "Santo Niño Han Tacloban" was spotted at sea by one of his Barrio Lieutenants.

"The crate was seen afloat with a boy standing on its top and, to the disbelief of the natives of Mindoro, it remained afloat despite its heavy load of bronze Candelabras.

"The Hermanidad promptly organized and dispatched a team of nine volunteers to retrieve the image. This columnist's paternal grandfather, Eduardo "Lolo" Daydo" Quintero, was one of the nine volunteers who traveled to Mindoro to fetch the miraculous Santo Niño.

(Going back to this narrative...) "News of the recovery and the beloved Santo Niño's expected arrival spread like wild fire. Devotees and residents, including those struck with the plague; came in canes, crutches, stretchers and ham-

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known as labasero, passed by our house, shouting out invitations for people to come out and buy his goods. At the mention of crab, masag in the local tongue, my wife quickly got out, without a mask on as we do not wear it in and outside our house.

There with the vendor outside, they started negotiating about the price and all, the vendor explaining with his usual sales talk, just a few inches away from my wife, who was now scanning the crabs in the container placed inside the pedicab that the vendor was driving. What flared me up was that, this ven-

dor had no mask at all, his mouth and nose just bare. He could have been raining my wife's face with droplets of saliva coming from his big, talkative mouth. Both of them, then, violated the rule on social distancing.

"Do wear a mask," I shouted to my wife from our front window. "Keep your distance!" My wife heard these, giving me a furtive glance, but she just ignored my instructions, justifying her action when

Letters should be as brief as possible, and sent with the writer's name, signature address and phone numbers (if any) to: "Letter to the Editor", Leyte Samar Daily Express. They may be edited for length and clarity



Pray the Holy Rosary daily for world peace and conversion of sinners (The family that prays together stays together)

Prayer for the Nation and for Those who Serve in Public Office

God, our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our nation, by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace.

Almighty and eternal God, You know the longings of our hearts and You protect our rights in your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen. (Courtesy of Daughters of St. Paul)

Leyte leads in fishery production in EV covering last quarter of 2019

TACLOBAN CITY - The province of Leyte led in the fishery production in the region covering the last quarter of 2019 as per report of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA-8).

Wilma Perante, PSA regional director, said that Leyte recorded the highest volume of fishery production at 12,993 metric tons (MT) in the fourth quarter in 2019, accounting 37.19 percent of the total fishery production of the region.

Perante reported that Samar ranked second at 8,037 MT which accounted for 23.01 percent of the region's total fish production with Southern Leyte had the lowest volume of production at 1,459 MT, equivalent to 4.18 percent of the total fishery production of Eastern Visayas.

Perante also reported that among provinces, Leyte dominated in aquaculture production as it produced 8,331MT of the same period comprising 85.84 percent of the total aquaculture production in the region.

Samar ranked second at 1,016 MT, accounting for 10.47 percent share to the region's total aquaculture production.

Biliran, meanwhile, registered the lowest contribution with 0.23 percent share or 22 MT during the fourth quarter of 2019.

The director said that Eastern Visayas fishery production increased substantially by 14.69 percent in the fourth quarter of 2019. Its production went up to 34,936 metric tons MT, from 30,461 MT in the same quarter in 2018.

“Eastern Visayas ranked eleventh among regions with high fishery production in the country in the fourth quarter of 2019. The region contributed 2.73 percent only to the country's total fishery production,” she said.

Commercial fishery production posted the highest increase of 19.44 percent from among the subsectors of the fishery sector, Perante said, adding that its production increased to 3,397 MT in the fourth quarter of 2019 from 2,844 MT in the same quarter of 2018.

Among provinces, Samar registered the highest volume of production at 1,540 MT, comprising 45.34 percent of the total commercial fishery production in Eastern Visayas.

Southern Leyte, meanwhile, registered the lowest volume of production in the fourth quarter of 2019 at 91 MT. It shared 2.68 percent only of the total commercial fishery production in the region.

(RESTITUTO A. CAYUBIT)

More than 5,600 Taclobanons receive their amelioration worth P5,000

TACLOBAN CITY- The city government here has distributed over P28 million cash aid to 5,662 beneficiaries of the social amelioration program (SAP) as of Tuesday (May 5).

The recipients were from the 33 villages of the city who each received P5,000 as their financial assistance during this time of coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) pandemic.

The City Treasurer's Office (CTO) led the cash grant distribution along with the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) held at the Tacloban Convention Center or astrodome.

Under Republic Act 11469 or the Bayanihan to Heal as One Act, financial support will be granted to indigent families affected by the quarantine measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The cash assistance prioritizes those in the most vulnerable sector and the informal workers and granted per family.

The (CTO) said the release of emergency cash aid will run until Thursday (May 7) to serve the remaining beneficiary-families.

About 51,635 families are the target beneficiaries for the SAP in Tacloban.

Meanwhile, to abide by the social distancing measures, the local government limits the number of people entering the venue and puts up acetate as barriers.

Likewise, personnel and recipients have been sanitized, as part of the health and safety protocols imposed by authorities as well as the wearing of masks.

(LIZBETH ANN A. ABELLA)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

In compliance with the publication requirements and pursuant to OCRG memorandum Circular No. 2013-1, Guidelines in the implementation of the Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2012, a notice is hereby serve to the public that **MARLYN VILLARINO SY** has filed with this Office a Petition for **Correction of Child's Date of Birth** from **OCTOBER 20, 1961** to **OCTOBER 16, 1961**, and **Change of child's first name** from **LINDA** to **MARLYN** in the Certificate of Live Birth of **LINDA AMBOY VILLARINO**, born on **OCTOBER 16, 1961** at **Songco, Borongan, Eastern Samar** and whose parents are **PACIENCIA AMBOY** and **WENCESLAO G. VILLARINO**.

Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than **22 May, 2020**.

(Sgd.) MA. LUISA M. AZUL III
City Civil Registrar

LSDE: May 09 & 16, 2020

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R8-NC/PA-PJ-2019-12-0195
Case No. VIII-2019-0195

MAHAGNAW TRANSPORT
CORPORATION,
Applicant/s

Re: Application for **Issuance**
of a Certificate of Public Convenience
to operate a PUJ service
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that this case is
set for hearing of the **Issuance** on **MAY 27, 2020** at **10:00 A.M.** at the above mentioned
address.

WITNESS the Honorable
GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO,
Regional Director, LTRFB, this 5th day of
MARCH, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

LTRFB, Palo, Leyte, Philippines.

(Sgd.) GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO
Regional Director



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN REFORM
Tunay na Pagbabago sa Repormang Agraryo

Please be informed that the landholdings described below had been placed under coverage of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) per Notice of Coverage as indicated below:

LANDOWNER	DATE NOC PUBLISHED	TITLE NO	LOT NO	AREA PER TITLE	MUNICIPALITY / PROVINCE	BARANGAY	DATE OF FIELD INVESTIGATION
1. LIBORO BALDEVIA CORTES	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	TCT-T-14921	7904	3.3556	BAYBAY, LEYTE	HILAPNITAN	MAY 26, 2020
2. REGINA DY	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	TCT-T-7157	6333	1.5353	BAYBAY, LEYTE	MAITUM	MAY 27, 2020
3. PEPITA CAMPUS	JUNE 23, 2014 / THE PHIL. STAR	TCT-T-12294	9884-F	1.3590	KANANGA, LEYTE	AGUITING	MAY 28, 2020
4. CAMILO C. ARGUELLES	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	OCT-P-33644	2642	0.6364	TABON-TABON, LEYTE	CAPAHUAN	MAY 25, 2020
5. CAMILO C. ARGUELLES	JUNE 17, 2014 / MANILA BULLETIN	OCT-P-33645	2613	0.9385	TABON-TABON, LEYTE	CAPAHUAN	MAY 25, 2020

In this connection, may we invite you or your authorized representative to participate in the Conduct of Joint Field Investigation as scheduled on the above date at 8:00 in the morning.

Your failure to participate in the Field Investigation shall be a waiver on your part to question the findings thereof.

We anticipate your full cooperation and support. Thank you.

(Sgd.) RENATO G. BADILLA, MPMRD
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Sangguniang Bayan Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE “2015 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE”, MANAGEMENT OF SALCEDO WATER SYSTEM AND IMPOSITION OF STRICT PENALTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Salcedo, Eastern Samar in session assembled today:

ARTICLE I – TITLE, COVERAGE AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Section 1 – Title – This Ordinance shall be known as the “AMENDED MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE” in the Municipality of Salcedo;
- Section 2 – Coverage - This ordinance shall cover the amendment of the Municipal Ordinance No. 15-04, series of 2015 entitled “2015 MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM ORDINANCE”;
- Section 3 –Definition of Terms

ARTICLE II –ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

- Section 4 – Salcedo Municipal Water System –
- Section 5 – Duties and Responsibilities –
- Section 6 – Municipal Water Board –
- Section 7–Composition -

Article III – WATER APPLICATION, SERVICE FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

- Section 8 –Water connection classification –
- Section 9 –Application for water connection –
- Section 10 –Imposition of water fees and charges – There is hereby imposed and required fees and charges for service connection by SMWS, as follows:
 - a. Installation/Connection Fee Php. 500.00
(Including cost of plumbing materials
And cost of labor)
 - b. In case Water meter (20 mm) is provided by SMWS. P h p . 1,800.00
(Consumer may also provide their own standard water meter)
 - c. Inspection Fee Php. 50.00
 - In cases of connection across the service line: Regular Fee (+) Equipment rental including operator (concrete cutting for 6 meters)
 - d. Php 100/meterPhp. 600.00
 - Other Charges:
 - e. Transfer Fee (labor only) Php. 200.00
 - f. Reconnection fee (for disconnected meters) P h p . 200.00

For purposes of uniformity, the Salcedo Municipal Water System shall use pipes with ½ inch meter size. Each applicant shall be entitled to one (1) water supply connection along/within the service line/stub-out(s).

- Section 11 –Provision of Materials and equipment –
- Section 12- Transfer of water service –
- Section 13 – Water Consumption Rate– There shall be a Minimum charge to be collected by the Salcedo Municipal Water System to every water consumer/concessionaire, in the following rates:

Classification	Pipe Size	Minimum Charge (1-3 cu.m.)
Residential	½"	P130.00
Commercial	½"	P150.00
Government/Institution	½"	P160.00
	1"	P180.00
Industrial	½"	P170.00
	1"	P190.00

Whereas, upon effectivity of this ordinance, the existing monthly water flat rate computation (26.00/cu.m.) in excess of the minimum charge (1-5 cu.m.), shall be reduced by forty five percent (45%) and shall be imposed in an interval and in accordance with and at the reduction percentage rates established in the following schedule:

Classification	Pipe size	Excess from 5 cu.m. will have the flat rate computation	15% to be reduced w/in first year effectivity	30% to be reduced by second year from effectivity	45% to be reduced by third, fourth year, etc. from effectivity
Residential	½"	26.00/cu.m.	P22.00/cu.m.	P18.00/cu.m.	P14.00/cu.m.
Commercial	½"	30.00/cu.m.	P26.00/cu.m.	P21.00/cu.m.	P17.00/cu.m.
Government/Institution	½"	32.00/cu.m.	P27.00/cu.m.	P22.00/cu.m.	P18.00/cu.m.
	1"	36.00/cu.m.	P31.00/cu.m.	P25.00/cu.m.	P20.00/cu.m.
Industrial	½"	34.00/cu.m.	P29.00/cu.m.	P24.00/cu.m.	P19.00/cu.m.
	1"	38.00/cu.m.	P32.00/cu.m.	P27.00/cu.m.	P21.00/cu.m.

ARTICLE IV – COLLECTION OF FEES AND CHARGES

- Section 14 –Payment Collection – All fees, charges and water bills imposed under this ordinance shall be payable to the Municipal Treasurer or its authorized representative. The Municipal treasurer or its duly representative shall not accept partial payment when the fees, charges and water bills are due and demandable.
- The Municipal Treasurer or its duly representative shall issue an official receipt with appropriate entries thereof.
- Section 15 –Manner of payment in the installation– All fees and charges herein imposed shall be guided by following payment regulation:
 - a. New application – The applicant may be given an option to settle partial payment, equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the total fees. Balance shall be paid in three (3) equal payments within three (3) months. The partial payment shall be settled prior to the service connection. The balance shall be added and paid together with the recurring monthly water bill consumption. Until and unless, full payment of the total required fees and charges for the water connection are completed, ownership of the water meter shall retain to the SMWS;
 - b. Unpaid monthly water bill – There shall be a ten percent (10%) surcharge as penalty, for the consumer/concessionaire who fails to pay the water bill obligation when becomes due, the surcharge is reflected on the water bill.
- Section 16–Refusal to pay – Any person (natural or juridical) who refuse or continue its refusal without valid reason to pay its outstanding water bill obligation when becomes due and demandable, shall, aside from the penalty of disconnection imposed hereof, be liable for civil or criminal action in any competent courts.
- The failure to receive a monthly water bill, shall not relieve the consumer or concessionaire his/her obligation under this ordinance.

ARTICLE V – PRIVILEGES

- Section 17 –Discounts – There is hereby a five percent (5%) discount applied to the total water bill for every water meter registered in the name of;
 - (1) Senior Citizens;

- (2) Persons with Disability; or
- (3) Solo Parents, as identified by the Office of the Department of Social Welfare of Development. Provided, that the monthly water consumption shall not exceed thirty (30) cu.m. per month. Excess of the thirty (30) cu.m. per month, the regular water rate hereof shall automatically apply.
- The privilege is granted per water meter in each household, irrespective of the number of senior citizens, persons with disability or solo parent residing therein.
- Section 18 –How to avail the discount – To avail the discount, the senior citizen, persons with disability or solo parent, shall:
 - a. Apply personally or through his/her representative to avail the discount at the Office of the Salcedo municipal Water System. The privilege of discount is renewable every year beginning on the month of January; and
 - b. Submit the following requirements:
 - Proof of Age/ disability/ solo parent
 - Proof of billing (Meter should be under the name of the person claiming the privilege);
 - Proof of residence.

ARTICLE VI – PROHIBITION AND DISCONNECTIONS

- Section 19 – Illegal Connections – Any service line or stub-out not duly applied or registered with the Salcedo Municipal Water System, shall be prima facie illegal and shall be liable for violation of this ordinance, without prejudice to the right of the SMWS to file for a criminal and civil actions;
- Section 20 –Extension of service line to another residence – It shall be prohibited for a consumer or concessionaire to have water service line connection to another household/boarding house/apartment, thereby evading the separate application and obligation for water connection before the Salcedo Municipal Water System.
- Section 21 - Utilization of water – It shall be prohibited for a consumer or concessionaire to sale or engage in selling water taken from its water connection. Unless, registered as a commercial and/or industrial classification. Except for Barangay, at the rate determined through a Barangay Ordinance.
- For water service connection engaged either in private/public swimming pool, the draining and refilling of the swimming pool shall be regulated by the SMWS and shall be done only twice a year.
- Section 22 - Failure to pay – Failure to settle the water bill consumption for two (2) consecutive recurring months and after notice of disconnection has been sent by the SMWS. The latter shall impose a mandatory water service disconnection without further notice. The SMWS, may from time to time request for an assistance of a police officer from the Salcedo Municipal Police Station in the enforcement of Water Service Disconnection.
- Failure to apply for reconnection before the SMWS within three (3) months from the time the water service was disconnected. The water meter shall be removed and shall be surrendered to the consumer or concessionaire, if the ownership of the water meter is already turned-over by the SMWS. Otherwise, the same shall be deposited at the General Service Officer. And after three (3) months from the time the water meter is removed, the SMWS shall have the authority to dispose or issue the same to the new applicant.

ARTICLE VII –COMPLAINTS AND REMEDY

- Section 23 – Water Complaint Desk – In order to have an orderly flow of administrative complaint or protest and to discourage the proliferation of libelous remarks over social media, there shall be a water system complaint’s desk at the Local Government Unit of Salcedo, who shall receive all the complaints relative to the water supply and service of the Salcedo Municipal Water System including protest and query on the amount of water bill consumption and other violations of this ordinance. The complaint/protest shall either be in writing or verbal given to the water complaint’s desk.
- Posting of complaint or protest, directly or indirectly at social media, like facebook, etc. shall not be treated as complaint or protest and the Salcedo Municipal Water System shall not take any action thereto.
- Section 24 –Unattended complaint or protest - Failure of the SMWS to undertake any action to the complaint or protest duly filed or submitted within ten (10) days, shall cause aside from the violations of this ordinance, for an administrative charge for neglect of duty;

ARTICLE VIII – IMPLEMENTATION AND REGULATORY PROVISIONS


- Section 25 –
- Section 26 –
- Section 27 –
- Section 28 –
- Section 29 - Opening, tapping, reconnection and repair services shall be limited only up to the water meter stand assembly or Stub-outs, and shall be done only by the SMWS personnel. The repair and maintenance from the water meter stand assembly to the consumer or concessionaire’s premises shall be the responsibility of the registered owner.
- Section 30 - The SMWS shall not be responsible for any contamination caused or occasioned by the consumer or concessionaire's failure to comply with the pipe and fixture maintenance for connections beyond the stub-outs.”
- Section 31 - Damaged pipelines due to construction or other related activities caused by the registered owner or any person (natural or juridical) other than the SMWS personnel, shall be liable and responsible to immediately restore to its original state of the damaged pipelines. The SMWS may be requested to restore the damaged pipelines upon payment of the necessary fees at the Office of the Municipal treasurer.”

ARTICLE IX – WATER SHED PROVISIONS

- Section 32 - Municipal Water Shed Board – To promote the best interest of the public and the welfare of the people of Salcedo and for coordinated protection, preservation and conservation of the sustainable potable water supply for its inhabitants, there is hereby created the Municipal Water Shed Board in the Municipality of Salcedo.
- Section 33 - Composition – The Municipal water shed board shall be composed of the following:
 - Chairman: Municipal Mayor
 - Vice-Chairman: Municipal Vice Mayor
 - Secretariat: SMWS Supervisor
 - Members: MENRO
MPDC
Municipal Health officer
MDRRMO
Municipal Treasurer
Municipal Accountant
Municipal Agriculturist
SB on Environment
LNB President
SK Federation President
SMPS Chief of Police
Brgy. Chairman of the concerned area
2 Representative from CSO

- Section 34 – Functions and Responsibilities – The Municipal Water Shed Board shall have the following functions and responsibilities, to wit:
 - a) Adopt measures that will promote protection and preservation of the water shed area for sustainable potable water supply to the general public and to next generations;
 - b) Promote awareness water conservation and utilization for domestic usage in order to balance the needs of development and protection of the environment;
 - c) Conduct and monitor the implementation of the programs re reforestation and/or related activities in all protected and water shed areas and;
 - d) Review and provide assessment annually or as the need arises, the municipal program on water shed protection to ensure the sustainability, viability and effectiveness.
- Section 35 – Water shed development fund – In order to secure the conservation and survival of water source for generations and to properly manage

- and implement the programs for the water shed protection and preservation of the water shed areas in the municipality of Salcedo, there is hereby the water shed development fund taken from the proceeds of the annual operational income at five percent (5%), to be deposited in a separate trust fund of the Local Government Unit of Salcedo, subject to accounting rules and regulations.
 - To fully utilize the water shed development fund, the office of the municipal environment and natural resources shall be responsible in the preparation and implementation of plans, programs and activities for the development of water shed area, as well integration of such plans, programs and activities in the comprehensive development plan of the municipality.
- ARTICLE X – PENAL PROVISIONS
- Section 36 - Unlawful acts– Unless otherwise provided by law, the following shall constitute an offense under this code, including but not limited to the following:
 - a) Unauthorized tapping and/or connection of service pipeline to the water main distribution and other water appurtenances;
 - b) Unauthorized tapping and/or reconnection of disconnected service pipeline;
 - c) Underground connection or illegal connection of water line from the duly registered water consumer or concessionaire to the other household, both shall be liable unless the former is innocent;
 - d) Malicious destruction of water service system appurtenances, such as but not limited to fire hydrant, gate valves, blow-off valves, air release valve, main and distribution pipelines, water meter and structures or edifice of the water systems;
 - e) Unauthorized opening and/or tapping of fire hydrant and gate valves, unless in case of emergency;
 - f) Tampering of water meter that will result to impair the inner mechanism and affect the meter gauge reading;
 - g) Use of water pump of any kind to generate pressure direct from the water connection owned by the SMWS to the consumer or concessionaire's water connection;
 - h) Intentional contamination of the water source/s and reservoir/s, and;
 - i) Any other acts or omissions of similar in nature and analogous to those above-mentioned.
 - Section 37 - Penalty – Any person or persons (Natural or Juridical) who by act or omission:
 - a. Violates any provision of this ordinance or commits of any of the unlawful acts under (a-g and i), shall aside from mandatory water service disconnection, be liable for a fine of P2,500.00 or an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months, or both at the discretion of the court, and;
 - b. For acts under (h), Section 36 shall be an imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months;Further, this shall not renounce the right of the SMWS to demand payment for the estimated facilities damaged and water used/consumed by reason of the unlawful act/s;
 - Furthermore, the penalty under this ordinance shall not prejudice the filing of any separate administrative, criminal or civil liability.
- ARTICLE XI – FINAL PROVISIONS
- Section 38 – Implementation - The Salcedo Municipal Water System shall be responsible in the dissemination, operation and enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.
 - Section 39 - Separability Clause – Unlawful acts which are not covered by this ordinance, but punishable under existing laws, rules and regulations. This ordinance shall be supplementary to such laws, rules and regulations, unless the latter should especially provide the contrary;
 - And if, for any reason, any provisions held to be invalid, the same shall not affect the other provisions hereof;
 - Section 40 - Repealing clause–Other provisions of Municipal ordinance No. 15-04, series of 2015 or any ordinances not carried or parts thereof inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
 - Section 41 - Effectivity clause - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after it has been posted in two (2) conspicuous places and publication in general circulation.
- Enacted and Approved: April 27, 2020 at Salcedo, Eastern Samar
- I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session on April 27, 2020.
- BIBIANA V. TORRES
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan
- Concurred by:
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Municipal Mayor



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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Authored/Introduced by: JOSELITO C. ESQUIERDO
Sangguniang Bayan Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-01
Series of 2020

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO AVERT THE SPREAD OF PANDEMIC COVID 19, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Salcedo, Eastern Samar in session assembled today:

ARTICLE I – TITLE, OBJECTIVE, APPLICATION AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as *“Municipal ECQ regulation ordinance”*, in the municipality of Salcedo;

Section 2. COVERAGE – This ordinance shall cover all the residents and non-residents found within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipality of Salcedo, including those in a public or private motor vehicle and whether mobile or stationary;

Section 3. APPLICATION – This ordinance shall be applicable during the existence of national state of public health emergency, pursuant to Executive Order No. 922, series of 2020, issued on March 8, 2020 by President Rodrigo R. Duterte unless otherwise sooner lifted by law, order or an ordinance;

Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For purposes of this ordinance, the following shall mean:

a. **FACE MASK** – Shall mean anything that covers the nose, mouth and chin, like earloop mask, face shields, reusable or washable facemask including do-it-yourself mask;

b. **PUBLIC PLACE** – Shall refer to public buildings and roads of whatever in nature, including walkway or human trail pathways as well as places, structures and establishment that are accessible, open and available for the general public, fixed or mobile, this shall include churches, playgrounds, sports grounds or centers, transportation terminals, markets, parks, resorts, waiting areas, and the like, irrespective of ownership. Further, this shall mean to include municipal water of the municipality of Salcedo;

c. **MOTOR VEHICLE** – Shall refer to trucks, bus, car, motorcycle or any similar thereto, whether public or private that is used as mean of transportation and powered by a machine. This includes motorized pumboat;

d. **PERSONS IN AUTHORITY** – Persons directly vested with jurisdiction, as well as those defined and mentioned in Section 388 of the local government code. However, this shall not mean to include those mentioned in art. 152, last paragraph of the revised penal code.

e. **AGENTS OF PERSON IN AUTHORITY** – Persons who are charged with the preservation of law, maintenance of public peace and order and the protection and security of life and property by direct provision of law, election, or appointment by competent authority.

f. **PHYSICAL DISTANCING** – Shall mean keeping space between yourself and other people outside your home or in public place;

g. **CROWDED PLACES** – Shall mean a gathering of people in a public or private place, irrespective of the nature and purpose of gathering.

h. **QUARANTINE** – Shall mean imposition of isolation in a specified place for a required number of days for all persons that have arrived from outside the municipality of Salcedo and/or classified either as *suspect* (A PUI with mild, severe or critical who was not tested or awaiting test results), *Probable* (A PUI with mild, severe, or critical with inconclusive test results) and *Confirmed* (A covid 19 positive case);

i. **QUARANTINE PASS** – Shall refer to a color-coded pass issued by the Barangay concerned. *Color White* intended for purchasing of household important needs, like food and medicine whereas *Color Green* intended for work or employment. It shall likewise refer to any quarantine pass or its equivalent issued by LGU concerned or by the national IATF;

j. **LIQUOR**– Shall refer to any alcoholic drinks, whether commercial or native product or locally produced, like tuba, bahal, irrespective of volume. This shall include selling or making of assortment or mixed drinks of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, like punch.

k. **CURFEW HOURS** – Shall mean enjoining every person to remain indoors in a specified number of hours.

l. **COCK FIGHTING** – Shall mean any game involving fowl for commercial game, with or without permit or authority. The term shall include derby, pintakasi, tapada or its equivalent terms;

m. **GAMBLING** – Shall refer to a game of chance for money or property.

n. **DISCRIMINATION** – Shall refer to any act of which causes stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or discriminating against a person infected or under investigation or monitoring due to covid19.

o. **FRONTLINER** – Shall refer to medical and non-medical personnel, whether from private or public sector, such as doctors, nurses, health volunteers, hospital workers, administrative staff, janitors, security personnel, emergency response team, police personnel, bureau of fire personnel as well as public officer, official or employee, either elective or appointive who is performing covid 19 response or duties and function related to thereto or for preservation of law, peace and order;

ARTICLE II – MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASK

Section 5. MANDATORY USE OF FACEMASK – Every person in public place and public structure, within the municipality are mandated at all times to wear facemask. *Further*, this shall apply to person in motor vehicle whether public or private, moving or stationary. *Furthermore*, the mandatory wearing of facemask shall extend even in private place to immediate family of a person who is classified either as suspect, probable or confirmed covid 19 patient, as certified by MHO. *Provided finally*, non-wearing shall constitute an unlawful act.

Section 6. EXCEPTIONS – The mandatory wearing of facemask shall be exempt in the following situations:

a. When a person is under in an emergency situation;

b. When a person has to aid or render care or rescue assistance during emergencies;

c. When there is an impending or imminent danger in the life or limb of a person or to protect one’s property;

d. When a person undertakes to transport any victim suffering from a threatening injury or sick person whether from accident or a crime to the nearest medical facility or any similar place;

e. When extra-ordinary and justifiable circumstance that may warrant non-apprehension.

ARTICLE III – PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Section 7. PHYSICAL DISTANCING – Every person shall strictly observe at least one (1) meter distance from another person at all times. It shall likewise be observed in public or private motor vehicle, moving or stationary, with exception to those riding in the back of a motor cycle, *provided*, they are (1) husband and wife; (2) Frontliners who are going to and/or official duty; and (3) Any person who are required to attend official meeting called by the Local government unit of salcedo. *Provided further*, they must have their corresponding quarantine pass issued by the Barangay where they reside.

ARTICLE IV – MANDATORY QUARANTINE AND WEARING/POSSESSION OF QUARANTINE PASS

Section 8. MANDATORY QUARANTINE – All person who have arrived from outside the municipality of Salcedo, shall undergo a mandatory quarantine. It shall be unlawful to violate the protocol imposed by the DOH thru the Municipal Health Office to person who is required to undergo mandatory quarantine.

For purposes of Mandatory quarantine, the Municipal Health Office shall be responsible in the implementation of protocols for the enforcement and management of quarantine to all persons that have arrived from outside the municipality of Salcedo and/or classified either as *suspect* (A PUI with mild, severe or critical who was not tested or awaiting test results), *Probable* (A PUI with mild, severe, or critical with inconclusive test results) and *Confirmed* (A covid 19 positive case).

Section 9. MANDATORY QUARANTINE PASS – All persons found in pub-

lic places shall at all times wear/possess a valid quarantine pass issued by the Barangay concerned. *Further*, only one colored white quarantine pass, shall be issued to every household. *Furthermore*, Barangay official (elective or appointive) who issues more than one quarantine pass to a household shall be administratively liable. *Provided finally*, the mandatory wearing or possession of quarantine pass shall be exempt in the following situation mentioned in section 6 of this ordinance.

Article V - LIQUOR BAN

Section 10. LIQUOR BAN - Shall refer to prohibition to any person to consume, give, sell or purchase any alcoholic drinks, whether commercial or native product or locally produced, like tuba, bahal, irrespective of volume. *Further*, this shall include selling or making of assortment or mixed drinks of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, like punch. *Furthermore*, this shall include any person under the state or influence of alcoholic drinks. *Provided finally*, Violation of hereof, shall constitute an unlawful act.

Section 11. PRESSUMPTION – Possession of empty refillable bottles of alcoholic drinks (like redhorse, Pale Pilsen, etc., shall be presumed as purchasing alcoholic drinks and shall not be allowed to pass in any checkpoint within the municipality of Salcedo.

Article VI - CURFEW HOURS

Section 12. CURFEW HOURS — It shall be prohibited the following:

a. For minors and senior citizens to stay outdoors or in public places, as well as in public and private vehicle within 24 hours in the municipality of Salcedo;

b. All other resident and non-resident who are not minor and senior citizen to stay outdoors or in public places, as well as in public and private vehicle between 8pm. – 4am. in the municipality of Salcedo

Violation hereof, shall constitute an unlawful act.

Section 13. EXCEPTIONS – *Section 11 (a)* shall not apply in the following situation:

a. When a person is under in an emergency situation;

b. When there is an impending or imminent danger in the life or limb of a person or to protect one’s property;

c. When extra-ordinary situation or justifiable circumstances that may warrant non-apprehension, such as: (1) Minors holding covid 19 relief operation/ distribution; (2) Minors undertaking important needs in household (gas, water, medicine, etc.); (3) Senior citizens going to church for a mass or exercise of religious vocation; and (4) Senior citizens going to and/or from work or employment.

Further, Section 11 (b) shall aside from the above-mentioned circumstances, curfew hour shall not apply when:

a. When a person is a frontliner who is acting in the performance of official duty of function; and

b. When a person is going home to and/or from work or employment.

ARTICLE VII –COCK FIGHTING AND GAMBLING

Section 14. COCK FIGHTING/GAMBLING – Any cockfighting, derby, pintakasi, tapada or its equivalent terms, irrespective of its purpose, whether for fun, Leisure or entertainment, with or without bet, shall constitute an unlawful act. *Further*, for purposes of this ordinance, it shall also be considered as unlawful cock fighting when during the existence of national state of public health emergency to hold cock fighting, whether a corresponding permit has been issued. *Furthermore*, the public officer who issued the permit shall be subject to penalty provided under existing laws, rules and regulations. *Provided finally*, all forms of gambling, during the existing national state of public health emergency shall constitute an unlawful act under this ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII – ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Section 15. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION – Any person who by act intentional or not causes stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment or discriminating, as well as by omission, refusal or fails to give assistance to frontliners and person infected or under investigation or monitoring due to covid19, who intends to return to his place of residence or domicile, without justifiable reason, shall constitute as unlawful act under this ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII – IMPLEMENTATION, IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS AND FUNDING

Section 16. IMPLEMENTATION – For purpose of this ordinance, the Salcedo municipal police force and all persons in authority and agents of persons in authority shall be primarily tasked in the implementation and enforcement of this ordinance.

Section 17. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS – This Ordinance shall be self-executory. However, should there be a further need to promulgate rules and regulations to effectively carry out the purposes hereof. The Municipal Mayor through the recommendation of the municipal inter-agency task force shall as far as practicable may promulgate rules and regulation for the efficient implementation and enforcement of this ordinance;

Section 18. FUNDING – The local government unit of Salcedo, shall as the need arises allocate necessary funds for the implementation of this ordinance;

ARTICLE IX – UNLAWFUL ACTS, PENALTIES AND PAYMENT

Section 19. UNLAWFUL ACT – The following shall be considered as an unlawful act:

a. Non-wearing of facemask in public places mentioned section 4(a), in relation section 5 of this ordinance;

b. Violation of physical distancing in public places mentioned in section 4(f), in relation section 7 of this ordinance;

c. Violation of the mandatory quarantine provided mention section 4(h), in relation to section 8 of this ordinance;

d. Non-wearing/non-possession of mandatory valid quarantine pass mentioned in Section 4(i), in relation to section 9 of this ordinance;

e. Any person wearing/possessing a quarantine pass belonging to another person;

f. Consume, give, sell or purchase any liquor or alcoholic drinks defined under section 4(j), in relation section 10 of this ordinance;

g. Any person under the influence of alcoholic drinks;

h. Violation of curfew hours provided mentioned in section 4(k), in relation to section 12 of this ordinance;

i. Engaging or holding of illegal cock fighting and gambling mentioned in section 4(l) and (m), in relation to section 14 of this ordinance.

j. Any person who by act or omission of any discriminatory act mentioned in section 4(n) in relation to section 15 of this ordinance.

Section 20. PENALTIES – Commission of any of the unlawful act under section 17 of this ordinance shall be imposed by the following penalty:

a. **Non-wearing of facemask in public places:**

<i>First Offense</i>	500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Second Offense</i>	1,000.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Third, 4th offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

b. **Violation of physical distancing public places and engaging in a group or crowded places:**

<i>First Offense</i>	500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Second Offense</i>	1,000.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Third, 4th offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

For violation of physical distancing committed in a group or crowded places each violator attending or engaging in a group or crowded places shall respectively suffer the penalty.

c. **Violation of mandatory quarantine:**

<i>First Offense</i>	2,500.00
<i>Second, 3rd offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

d. **Non-wearing/non-possession of valid quarantine pass in public places:**

<i>First Offense</i>	500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Second Offense</i>	1,000.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Third, 4th offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

The same penalty shall be imposed upon any person found wearing or possessing a quarantine pass belonging to another person.

e. **Give, sell or purchase any alcoholic drinks:**

<i>First Offense</i>	500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Second Offense</i>	1,000.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Third, 4th offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

The same penalty shall be imposed upon any person found to be under the state or influence of alcoholic drinks.

f. **Violation of curfew hours:**

<i>First Offense</i>	500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Second Offense</i>	1,000.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Third, 4th offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

Planting of trees shall not be applied to minor and senior citizen

g. **Engaging or holding of cock fighting and gambling:**

<i>First Offense</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
<i>Second, 3rd offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

h. **Anti-discrimination:**

<i>First Offense</i>	500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas
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<i>Third, 4th offense, etc.</i>	2,500.00 and Planting of 20 fruit trees in water shed areas or imprisonment or both at the discretion of court.

Further, the penalty/fine herein imposed can be separately, successively or cumulatively. *Furthermore*, the penalty under this ordinance shall not prejudice the filing of any separate administrative, criminal or civil liability.

Section 21. PLANTING AND PAYMENT – Penalty of planting of fruit bearing trees and fines shall be settled within five (5) days from violation of this ordinance. *Further*, the offender shall first proceed to the office of the municipal environment and natural resources who shall assist and responsible in the provision of twenty (20) fruit trees and the issuance of certificate of compliance. *Furthermore*, fines shall be paid only to the municipal treasurer or his/her duly authorized representatives. *Finally*, after the planting of fruit bearing trees and settlement of fine, the certification from the MENRO and receipt of fine shall be submitted to the Salcedo municipal police station for clearance of violation of this ordinance.

For purposes of implementation of the fines and penalties apprehended by the persons in authority and agents of persons in authority, shall coordinate with the Salcedo municipal police for the proper apprehension and recording of the offenders.

Failure to settle the planting and fines within five days shall cause the filling of information for violation of this ordinance with the office of the prosecutor.

ARTICLE IX – FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - Unlawful acts which are not covered by this ordinance, but punishable under R.A. 11469 and R.A. 11332 and other existing laws, rules and regulations. This ordinance shall be suppletory to such laws, rules and regulations, unless the latter should especially provide the contrary.


And if, for any reason, any provisions held to be invalid or declared unconstitutional by courts, the same shall not affect the enforcement of other provisions hereof.

Section 23. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, including Executive orders issued inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed or modified accordingly.


Section 24. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after it has been posted in two (2) conspicuous places and publication in general circulation.

ENACTED AND APPROVED: April 27, 2020 at Salcedo, Eastern Samar.

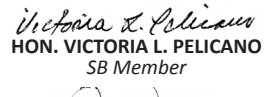
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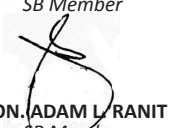
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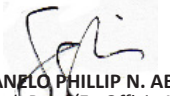
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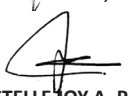
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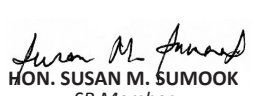
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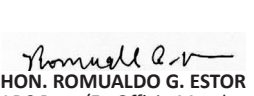
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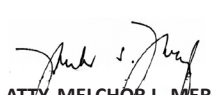
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Municipal Mayor

COVID-19 testing personnel in Eastern Visayas undergo training

TACLOBAN CITY- A team of nine medical technologists and one pathologist from the region arrived in Cebu City on Sunday, May 3, for a three-day proficiency training, as the region bid for its first testing center for coronavirus diseases (COVID-19).

The 10-member's team consisted of a pathologist and nine medical technologists

The COVID-19 proficiency training of the personnel is stage 3 of the five steps needed before the full scale implementation of the molecular laboratory set up at the old Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC) along Magsaysay Boulevard, this city.

The said proposed testing center already passed validation stage in the laboratory accreditation steps of the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in Manda-

luyong City.

The Office of the Presidential Assistant for the Visayas(OPAV), who facilitated the trip and accommodation of the COVID-19 testing personnel, said the team will have their training at the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) and Department of Health (DOH)-7 COVID Testing Center.

"After the training, stage 4 or proficiency testing will be done. The PCR testing of samples from Region 8 is currently being done at VSMMC but once EVRMC will be granted Stage 5 accreditation by RITM, it will now be running its own PCR testing for the entire region," the Cebu City-based OPAV said.

The RT Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) machine, a cutting-edge diagnostic technology machine used for COVID-19 testing, was already installed at the proposed laboratory



A team of 10 (1 Pathologist and 9 Medical Technologists) from DOH Region 8 arrived in Cebu City on May 3 for their 3-day COVID19 proficiency training in Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center and DOH 7 COVID Testing Center.

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Regional Office No. VIII
Palo, Leyte

R8-EV/PA-PJ-2020-03-20150048
Case No. VIII-2015-0048

Application for Extension of Validity of a Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service

BENJAMIN E. DABUET,
Applicant/s
x-----x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Applicant is a grantee of a Reconstituted Certificate of Public Convenience to operate a PUJ service for the transportation of passengers and freight on the route: **TACLOBAN CITY-SAN JOSE-AIRPORT & VICE VERSA** with the use of ONE (1) unit/s which Certificate is valid and subsisting

until **MARCH 12, 2020.**

In the present application, applicant request authority for extension of validity of the said certificate using the same number of unit/s.

NOTICE is hereby given that this application will be heard by this Board on **MAY 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** at its office of the above address.

At least **TEN (10)** days prior to the above date, applicant/s shall cause the publication of this Notice of Hearing once in a newspaper of local circulation.

This application will be acted upon by this Board on the basis of its records and documentary evidence submitted by the parties, unless the Board deems it necessary to receive additional documentary and/or oral evidence.

WITNESS the Honorable **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**, Regional Director, this 18th day of **MARCH, 2020.**

(Sgd.) **GUALBERTO N. GUALBERTO**
Regional Director

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PREVENTS and TREAT

- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Infertility
- ✓ Depression/Anxiety
- ✓ Muscle Pain
- ✓ Hearing and Vision Problems
- ✓ Mood Disorders
- ✓ Memory Loss
- ✓ Alzheimer's Disease
- ✓ Dementia
- ✓ Learning Disorders in Children
- ✓ Autoimmune Disease
- ✓ Varicose Veins

PREVENTS and TREAT

- ✓ Osteoporosis
- ✓ Brittle Bones and Nails
- ✓ Teeth Discoloration
- ✓ Muscle cramps
- ✓ Poor Appetite
- ✓ Insomnia
- ✓ Skin Dryness
- ✓ Bone Fractures
- ✓ Wellness and Fatigue
- ✓ Delays in Children's growth and development
- ✓ Regulate Blood Pressure

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