



**Republic of the Philippines**  
**City of Bago**  
**Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod**

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-22**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASK AND STRICT PRACTICE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING IN BAGO CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides that every local government unit within their respective territorial jurisdiction, shall ensure and promote health and safety and preserve the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, the declaration of a State of Public Health Emergency due to COVID 19 through Presidential Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020 by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte throughout the Philippines is intended to, among others, capacitate government agencies and LGUs to immediately act and prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to contain or prevent serious disruption of the functioning of government and the community;

**WHEREAS**, all persons are enjoined even after the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) to work together to, among others, protect and support all health workers and frontliners, ensure that social distancing is strictly implemented and direct everyone to be part of the solution in controlling the local or community transmission of COVID 19 or other emerging infectious diseases;

**WHEREAS**, mandating the use of facemasks and strict observance of social distancing will help reduce COVID 19 infections, reduce possibility of local transmission and contagion of the community especially by asymptomatic carriers, and avoiding the overwhelming of health workers and health facilities by patients; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire City of Bago had been placed under community quarantine and the adoption of these mandatory measures will prepare the constituency to the transition into the new normal to ensure the protection of the health, safety and well-being of Bagonhons.

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Jorge Agustin A. Araneta, unanimously seconded by SP Members present, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bago in session assembled that:

**Section 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the Mandatory Face Mask and Social Distancing Ordinance.

**Section 2. COVERAGE.** All persons within the territorial jurisdiction of Bago City are covered by this Ordinance.

**Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following words shall be defined as:

**FACE MASK** – 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. Due to scarcity of facemasks, any cloth that can cover the nose, mouth and chin shall be considered as equivalent to face mask.

**Section 4. MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASK.** Every person is required to wear facemask at all times, especially when going outside of their house, at the workplace, when entering government building and offices, public places, commercial establishments and other areas of human convergence. This requirement shall be in effect while there is a continuing public health emergency in the country due to infectious disease.

**Section 5. STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING.** All persons are encouraged to stay away from areas of human convergence and are mandated to observe strict social distancing of at least one meter from other persons while the threat of COVID 19 or other emerging infectious disease is still persisting or until the cessation of a state of public health emergency.

**Section 6. COMPLIANCE.** To effectively promote and encourage compliance to this Ordinance, all government offices and private commercial establishments and facilities operating in the City of Bago shall:

Conspicuously display a copy of this Ordinance at or near the entrance of the establishment; and

Strictly prohibit entry of any person who is not wearing a facemask or an equivalent thereof in the said establishment.

**Section 7. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.** The City Information Office and the barangays shall disseminate information on the requirements of this ordinance to the public immediately upon effectivity of this Ordinance.

**Section 8. ENFORCEMENT.** All local enforcement units of the City such as the Philippine National Police, traffic enforcers, members of the City Enforcement Unit, barangay officials and barangay tanods are hereby directed to implement the provisions of this Ordinance. Upon apprehension, the violator shall be turned over to the barangay LGU where the offense was committed for proper disposition.

**Section 9. PENALTIES.** Any person found in violation of this Ordinance shall be subjected to the following:

For FIRST TIME offenders, they shall be subjected to community service or awareness campaign for COVID 19 and other emerging infectious diseases for at least two hours as conducted by the city, barangay or other government offices.

For SECOND TIME AND SUSEQUENT offenders, a fine of One Thousand Pesos (PhP1,000.00) shall be imposed payable at the barangay where the offense was committed, or an imprisonment of eight (8) hours.

Thirty percent (30%) of the fines collected shall accrue to the City while the remaining seventy percent (70%) shall accrue to the barangay where the offense and subsequent collection of fine was made.

**Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or illegal by any court of competent jurisdiction, the portions not so declared shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All existing ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 12. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Enacted, April 29, 2020.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its regular session held on April 29, 2020.

**VICENTE D. MESIAS**  
Supervising Environmental Management Specialist/  
City Secretary-Designate

Attested:

**RAMON D. TORRES**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

*Approved* \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**NICHOLAS M. YULO**  
City Mayor