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MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 104TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 8TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2003 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL-

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 03-004
Series of 2003

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE QUARANTINE OF SUSPECTED SARS-INFECTED PERSONS, IMPOSING SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, INCLUDING HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS-

(Introduced by: Honorable Zenon R. Perez)

Be it enacted by the 8th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol, that:

Section 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the Anti-SARS Ordinance of 2003.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared policy of the Municipal Government of Loon, Bohol to promote and ensure the protection of the health and safety of its inhabitants from forms of diseases, especially those of epidemic proportions.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For purposes of this Ordinance, the terms hereunder mentioned shall be defined as follows:

- a) SARS – Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome also known as atypical pneumonia. It is caused by a new form of corona virus, related to the virus causes flu. A confirmed case of SARS is one who has a fever of more than 38 degrees centigrade, develops body weakness, and respiratory signs and symptoms like cough, sore throat and shortness of breath and had travelled to SARS-infected countries or had close contact with a confirmed SARS victim.

- b) suspect is one who has lived with, cared for, or closely worked with a confirmed case and who also develops cough, sore throat and shortness of breath.
- c) QUARANTINE – Detention or isolation for the purpose of preventing the spread of epidemic diseases.

Section 4. QUARANTINE OF SUSPECTED SARS VICTIM.

- 4.1 Pursuant to Executive Order 201 of the President, any individual who is identified or determined by the DOH or the local health officials to be suffering from the symptoms of the SARS virus, shall be required to undergo testing and be quarantined in either the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila or the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine in Muntinlupa or in such other places or institutions that may be designated as quarantine areas by the DOH or the local health officials until such time that the DOH issues a SARS-negative clearance.
- 4.2 All family members or other persons who have been in contact with the suspected SARS victim shall be required to undergo home confinement or be quarantined in places or institutions as may be designated quarantine areas by the DOH or the local health authorities until such time that the DOH issues a SARS-negative clearance.
- 4.3 While under quarantine, suspected SARS victims shall be prevented from making personal contact with other individuals except the medical personnel treating them, until a SARS-negative clearance is issued for their discharge from quarantine.
- 4.4 For the effective implementation of this provision, the mayor or his representative, particularly the Municipal Health Officer, may call on the local PNP to ensure that the above persons shall remain in quarantine or in their area of confinement until the necessary clearance is issued by the DOH.

Section 5. OTHER PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE SPREAD OF SARS – In order to prevent the entry and spread of SARS in the community the Mayor shall adopt measures against the spread of SARS to include but not limited to the following:

- a) The conduct of massive information drive to raise the consciousness of the constituents on SARS and show that it could affect their day-to-day activities.

The information drive maybe in the form of flyers, leaflets, and other information materials on SARS prevention for distribution to the public through the help of barangay health workers, other officials and members of the barangay, public and private school teachers, officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, and members of non government organizations in the area. Owners of cinemas may also be requested to allow the showing of informations on SARS prevention for a certain period, as maybe agreed upon.

- b) Mandatory requirement for all personnel and staff of public and private hospitals to wear personal protective equipment such as masks and apparel while on duty.

- c) Mandatory requirement for all owners/proprietors/administrators of private establishments, including private hospitals, to formulate their own safety measures to protect their employees and the general public from the threat brought about by SARS and inform the Provincial Health Office of their SARS prevention plan.
- d) Mandatory requirement for crematoriums, funeral, and embalming establishments to provide for the immediate cremation/burial of any person confirmed or suspected to have died of SARS. These establishments are further required to coordinate with the DOH or local health authorities in formulating measures for the handling of the remains of persons confirmed or suspected to have died of SARS.
- e) The conduct of clean-up drive in the barangays, regularly but not less than once a week, to include households, esteros, rivers and riverbanks, drainage, streets, alleys, pathways, and other public places. All barangay officials shall be required to take the lead in the massive clean-up operations in the barangays.

The Mayor through the Municipal Health Officer may promulgate or issue such other rules and regulations consistent with this Ordinance.

Section 6. MONITORING TEAM – There is hereby constituted a Municipal SARS Monitoring Team specifically tasked to monitor the ingress and egress or presence in the province of all persons who may have come from SARS-infected places.

The team shall be composed of the following:

Team Leader	\-	Municipal Health Officer
Assistant Team Leader	-	PNP Chief
Members	-	Barangay Captains
	-	PH Nurses - PSI
	-	RH Midwives - RSI
	-	BNAO/BHW

All Barangay Captains are further tasked to constitute their own monitoring teams down to the family level to be headed by their respective Public Health Nurses.

Section 7. HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS – In view of the precariousness of the situation involving SARS cases, the following humanitarian considerations are hereby mandated:

- a) All barangay captains and their Public Health Nurses (PHN) shall help ensure the procurement and provision of basic necessities to quarantine individuals, families, or communities.
- b) Local health, Police, and Social Welfare authorities are tasked to ensure that no person or group of persons are unduly discriminated, ostracized, oppressed, or unnecessarily humiliated by reason of being suspected as SARS-infected.

Section 8. FUNDING – The appropriate funding needed for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be taken from the funds of the Municipal coffers. The Calamity Fund of the Municipality may be utilized for this purpose; subject, however, to existing

guidelines prescribed under the rules and regulations and other issuances implementing Republic Act No. 8185 governing the allocation and utilization of the local calamity fund.

Section 9. SANCTIONS

9.1 Person who violates the requirement for home confinement as provided for in the second paragraph of Section 4 hereof shall be subject to forced confinement in any of the quarantine areas designated by the DOH until the necessary clearance is issued by the latter.

9.2 Any crematorium or funeral or embalming establishments offering cremation services who refuse to cremate a person confirmed or suspected to have died from SARS shall be subject to closure and cancellation of their business and mayor's permit. In addition, the owners, proprietors, and managers of the said establishments shall be penalized with a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 10. SEPARATION CLAUSE – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, other parts or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances found to be inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 12. EFFECTIVITY – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval hereof, except the second paragraph of Section 9 which shall take effect only after the posting of this entire ordinance in three (3) conspicuous places and publication for three (3) consecutive weeks in a local newspaper of general circulation.

“APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.”

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted Municipal Ordinance.

A T T E S T E D:

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A P P R O V E D:

CESAR TOMAS M. LOPEZ, M.D.
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: _____