



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 57TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 14TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST 2020 AT JUAN M. RELAMPAGOS SESSION HALL, LOON, BOHOL-

PRESENT:

Hon. Lloyd Peter M. Lopez, M.D.	Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Pedro M. Literatus, Jr.	SB Member
Hon. Lydia L. Almasa	SB Member
Hon. Kristel P. Tecson	SB Member
Hon. Judy Marie H. Veloso	SB Member
Hon. Zaide Y. Coritico	SB Member
Hon. Timoteo L. Legitimas	SB Member
Hon. Priscila C. Branzuela	SB Member
Hon. Lucena C. Lanaja	LnB President, Ex-Officio Member
Hon. April Joseph L. Corciega	SKMF President, Ex-Officio Member

VIRTUAL PRESENCE:

Hon. Ana Lisa O. Go	SB Member
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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 20-005
Series of 2020

THE LOON HEALTH ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE OF 2020

RATIONALE

There has been several reported incidents where healthcare workers, other related frontliners and persons who had recovered from the disease were being prevented from entering a certain office or establishment, being refused in eateries or transportation over the fears of infection, and even several false and inaccurate posts circulated online (social media) spreading the names of people alleged to have been infected of the COVID-19.

Considering the gravity of this situation, there is a need to combat this stigmatization and protect them from any kind of discrimination, harassment or abuse whether it is verbal, physical or in social media.

The 1987 Philippine Constitution under Article III, Section 1 provides that every person has the right to life, liberty, security to person and privacy and the right to be free from discrimination. Furthermore, under Section 11 thereof, the State values the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

Be it enacted, by the 14th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as An Ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination Against Healthcare Practitioners and Health Workers, and other Public Health Frontliners, Suspected and Confirmed Covid-19 Patients and other Related Cases, Repatriated Individuals such as the Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs) and Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), or any Person With Communicable Diseases In The Municipality Of Loon And Their Families Respectively, Otherwise Known As The “Loon Health Anti-Discrimination Ordinance Of 2020”

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined:

- a) Discrimination – refers to any act or conduct which withholds, excludes, restricts, curtails, demeans human dignity, or otherwise impairs recognition and access to services, goods, benefits or privileges, including any act that causes or tends to cause any stigma, disgrace, humiliation and harassment based on the reason that the person is identified as person infected, under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19, health worker or frontliner.
- b) Healthcare Workers – are those who deliver care and services to the sick and ailing, either directly and indirectly. Health workers include, among others, doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic aides, and laboratory technicians.
- c) Frontliners – include officers and members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and other instrumentalities of the government, officials and employees of LGU Loon, all elected and appointed barangay officials rendering emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services. It also refers to service workers who are working in private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food and medicine production, i.e. 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 basin food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, transport services, power, energy, telecommunications and water supplies and other related facilities.
- d) Persons infected, Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) and Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) – are those defined by the protocols and guidelines of the Department of Health.
- e) Repatriated Individuals – refers to Loonanons that are: a) stranded in different provinces due to the declaration of community quarantine in the Province of Bohol and who are part of the “Oplan Exodus” for their safe return in their respective municipalities, and b) Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who are repatriated by the national government.
- f) Communicable Diseases – also known as infectious diseases or transmissible diseases are spread from one person to another through a variety of ways that include: contact with blood and bodily fluids, breathing in an airborne virus or by being bitten by an insect or animals capable of transmitting the disease (mosquito: malaria and yellow fever; flea: plague).

SECTION 3. HEALTH POLICY. This LGU adopts the policy of Anti-Discrimination on Healthcare workers, frontliners, suspected and confirmed COVID patients and related cases, repatriated individuals, or any person with communicable diseases.

SECTION 4. PUNISHABLE ACTS. The following acts are considered discriminatory and therefore prohibited under this Ordinance:

- 1) Prohibiting healthcare workers, frontliners, persons who had recovered from any communicable disease and their families respectively from entering any establishment that is accessible to the public.
- 2) Refusal to provide services or goods.

- 3) Denying access on the use of establishment, facilities, utilities or services that are open to the general public.
- 4) Forcing to leave temporarily, refusing or preventing by reason of the person's status be it healthcare workers, frontliners, persons who had recovered from the disease, or any person with communicable diseases and their families respectively, to allow, avail or from entering his/her accommodation in a house, apartment, inn, hotel, dormitory, office or any place of dwelling.
- 5) Humiliating, insulting, ridiculing, or any act of harassment or abuse either verbally, physically or by posting and messaging in social media of healthcare workers, frontliners, persons who had recovered from the disease, suspected and confirmed patients of Covid-19, LSIs, OFWs, or any person with communicable diseases and their families respectively.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES. This Ordinance shall be implemented and enforced by the local offices of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Department of Health (DoH) through the Municipal Health Office (MHO), as well as the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC), elected barangay officials, members of the Barangay Tanod, Members of Barangay Health Response Team, and other individuals or groups deputized by the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 6. PENALTIES. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense – a fine of Php 500.00
- b) Second Offense – a fine of Php 1,000.00
- c) Third and Succeeding Offenses – a fine of Php 2,500.00 and/or imprisonment of 2 to 6 months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and due publication.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

FIDELINO P. CORITICO, LLB
SB Secretary

ATTESTED:

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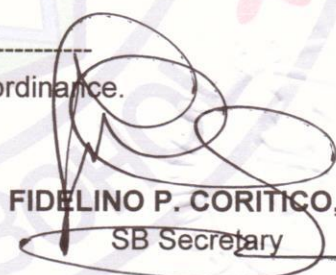
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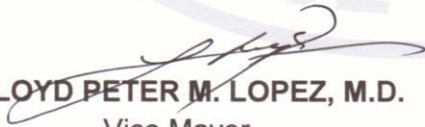
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