ORDINANCE NO. 759, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY OF
MANDALUYONG UNDER STATE OF CALAMITY
DUE TO THE SPREAD OF THE NEW CORONA
VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, the State shall also protect and promote the right to health of the people and install health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991” states that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, under the same Code, the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 thereof, and for an efficient and effective city government, maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and suppress lawlessness and disorder, and adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod also has the power to approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of the basic services and facilities as provided for under Section 17 of this Code, and in addition to said services and facilities, approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 10121 otherwise known as “Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010” provides that the declaration and lifting of the state of calamity may be issued by the local sanggunian, upon the recommendation of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRRMC), based on the results of the damage assessment and needs analysis;

WHEREAS, Section 21 of the same Act provides that the present Local Calamity Fund shall be known as the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF). Not less than five percent (5%) of the estimated revenue from regular sources shall be set aside as the LDRRMF to support disaster risk management activities. Of the amount appropriated for LDRRMF, thirty percent (30%) shall be allocated as Quick Response Fund (QRF) or stand-by fund for relief and recovery programs in order that situation and living conditions of people in communities or areas stricken by disasters, calamities, epidemics, or complex emergencies, may be normalized as quickly as possible;
WHEREAS, the City of Mandaluyong recognizes the right of every Mandaleño to health, and shall protect their lives and limbs from any form of danger;

WHEREAS, there is an emergence of a novel corona virus that have been acknowledged by the global community to cause public health emergencies of international concern;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has already made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring a Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF) issued Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020, and President Duterte approved the imposition of Stringent Social Distancing Measures in the National Capital Region (NCR) for thirty (30) days from March 15 to April 14. The entire NCR has been placed in community quarantine;

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Health (DOH), the country has presently 64 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infections wherein there are 53 who are admitted and receiving treatment, 5 recovered and 6 accounted fatalities. Throughout the country, there are hundreds being monitored as persons under investigation (PUI) and the number is still increasing;

WHEREAS, as of 9:00 PM of March 14, 2020, the City of Mandaluyong has already 3 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infections, 6 persons under investigation (PUI) and 125 persons under monitoring (PUM);

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, the Mandaluyong City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MCDRMC) has recommended placing the entire city under the state of due to the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, the City of Mandaluyong considers the COVID-19 a matter of serious and urgent concern, and there is a need to establish preparedness, and ensure appropriate and efficient local government response to assess, monitor, contain, control and prevent the spread the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Mandaluyong, In session assembled, hereby DECLARES the City of Mandaluyong under the STATE OF CALAMITY due to the spread of the new corona virus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

All city departments and offices concerned, in coordination with the private sector and other government agencies, are directed to take all necessary efforts to monitor, contain, control and prevent the spread the disease, and protect all Mandaleños from COVID-19.
Upon recommendation of the MCDRRMC, the State of Calamity may be lifted based on the results of the assessment and needs analysis of COVID-19 cases in the City.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED on this 15th day of March 2020, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSDO OF MANDALUYONG IN A SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.

MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

ANTONIO DLS SUVA
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

CARMENITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: MAR 15, 2020