ORDINANCE NO. 765, S-2020

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AID AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE FAMILIES SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE CORONA VIRUS INFECTIOUS DISEASE – 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II under the Declaration of Principles of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, the National Government has announced an Enhanced Community Quarantine measure on 16 March 2020 to be implemented for the whole Luzon region;

WHEREAS, one of the strict directives of the measure is to restrict the movement of individuals outside of their homes which would substantially prevent the low-income families from earning a daily wage and impacts severely their ability to fight off Corona Virus Infectious Disease - 2019 (COVID-19), putting them at risk of infection as well as others;

WHEREAS, the City of Mandaluyong, through Ordinance No. 759, S-2020, has declared a State of Calamity, acknowledging the right of every Mandaleño to health and protection from the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Section 21 of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, provides for a Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) and a 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 exigencies of the situation, the practical loss of earning capacity of the lower-income Mandaleños during the existence of this calamity, presents an appropriate time for the City of Mandaluyong to access its Quick Response Fund (QRF) in order to mitigate the blow on these people’s health and economic fitness to combat COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session duly assembled that:

Section 1. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the “COVID-19 Aid and Financial Assistance Ordinance of 2020”.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND OBJECTIVES – The City of Mandaluyong recognizes the right of every Mandaleño to health, and shall protect their lives and limbs from any form of danger.
This Ordinance seeks to give aid and financial assistance to families in Mandaluyong City who are ill-equipped with goods and capital in order to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and sustain themselves during the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine measure by the National Government.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS—For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

a. Aid—refers to the assistance by the City of Mandaluyong consisting of food and goods to the families and food to families severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic during the Enhanced Community Quarantine measure by the National Government;

b. COVID-19—refers to the Novel Corona Virus Infectious Disease 2019 arising from infection by the Novel Coronavirus that emerged from China in late 2019;

c. CSWDD—refers to the City Social Welfare and Development Department of Mandaluyong City;

d. Enhanced Community Quarantine—refers to the measure implemented by the National Government effective midnight of March 17, 2020 up to April 12, 2020 characterized by strict home quarantine is implemented in all households; mass public transportation facilities are suspended; provision for food and essential health services is regulated; and heightened presence of uniformed personnel to enforce quarantine procedures;

e. Financial Assistance—refers to the assistance to be provided by the City of Mandaluyong consisting of monetary allotment from public funds to be distributed to families severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic during the Enhanced Community Quarantine measure by the National Government;

f. LDRRMF—refers to the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund established under Republic Act No. 10121;

g. MDRRMO—refers to the Mandaluyong Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office of the City of Mandaluyong;

h. QRF—refers to the Quick Response Fund as established under Republic Act No. 10121;

i. Severely Affected Families—refers to household who are ill-equipped with goods and capital in order to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and sustain themselves, as may be determined by the CDRRMO, the DSWD, and/or the Office of the City Mayor, during the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine measure by the National Government.
Section 4. APPLICATION AND SCOPE – The provisions of this Ordinance shall cover those families within the City of Mandaluyong severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic during the Enhanced Community Quarantine measure by the National Government.

Section 5. QUICK RESPONSE FUND – As provided by R.A. No 10121, thirty percent (30%) of the LDRMFF shall be allocated as Quick Response Fund (QRF). The QRF shall be the source of the funds to be utilized for the purchases by the City Government of food and goods to be determined by the Mandaluyong Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO) of Mandaluyong City as appropriate to help families fight COVID-19.

Immediately after the enactment of this Ordinance, the CDRRMO of Mandaluyong City shall come up with a list of goods and food to be purchased, with due consideration given to price and nutritional value. The purchases made pursuant to this Ordinance shall be considered as emergency purchases.

Section 6. EVALUATION OF BENEFICIARIES – The CDRRMO shall determine, in coordination with the City Social Welfare and Development Department (CSWDD) of the City, the families who are deemed to be severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to qualify for Aid and/or Financial Assistance.

The City Mayor shall determine the families worst affected by the COVID-19 outbreak in Mandaluyong City, and shall provide financial assistance to them, subject to the availability of the QRF after the estimated funds for the purchase of goods and food are submitted by the CDRRMO.

Section 7. DISTRIBUTION OF AID AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – The distribution of the food and goods to those families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic shall be conducted by the CDRRMO, in coordination with the Barangay officials concerned. The distribution of the financial assistance shall be conducted by the Office of the City Mayor.

It is hereby emphasized that the distribution of the food and goods, and of the financial assistance shall comply strictly with the directives under the Enhanced Community Quarantine for Luzon. The distribution shall be through the house-to-house-method and shall not be through large gatherings that will defeat the purposes of the Enhanced Community Quarantine for Luzon.

Section 8. PROHIBITED ACT – It shall be illegal for any individual to offer for sale, to sell, to offer to buy, or to buy any of the food and goods given by the City Government pursuant to this Ordinance.

Section 9. PENALTY – Any person or entity found to have violated this Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of not less than Three Thousand pesos (P3,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00), or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months but not more than one (1) year, or both, upon the sound discretion of the court.

An individual found guilty of violating this Ordinance shall automatically be disqualified from consideration from similar future projects or programs of the City.
Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If for any reason, any Section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or inconsistent with any national law, other section or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED on this 17th day of March 2020, in the City of Mandaluyong.

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

MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY: APPROVED:

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Vice Mayor &
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CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

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