



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22
Series of 2020

**AN ORDER ENFORCING PRICE CONTROL WITHIN THE CITY DURING THE
ENHANCED QUARANTINE PERIOD**

WHEREAS, on 8 March 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, "*Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines*" in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus as a global pandemic due to the breadth of its geographic spread;

WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, The President approved Resolution No. 11, series of 2020 of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease, which imposed a community quarantine in the entirety of Metro Manila, and other emergency health measures in Metro Manila and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, the Executive Secretary issued a Memorandum requiring the restriction of non-essential movement within Metro Manila during the community quarantine period;

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* adopted Resolution No. SP-8141, series of 2020, declaring a state of calamity in Quezon City due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effect on the City;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, the President imposed an enhanced community quarantine over the entirety of Luzon, wherein strict home quarantine shall be implemented in all households, mass transportation shall be suspended, and the provision of food shall be borne by the City; and

WHEREAS, under Section 455(b)(1)(vii) of Republic Act No. 7160, or the *Local Government Code*, the Mayor may carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during times of calamity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE, *City Mayor* of Quezon City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do order:

SECTION 1. The prices of basic necessities and prime commodities (collectively, "Supplies") as defined under Republic Act No. 7581, or the *Price Act*, has been subjected to a price freeze based on the issuances of the relevant Implementing Agency responsible for the appropriate basic necessity or prime commodity. For the purposes of this Order, all such issuances shall serve as the basis for the prices to be monitored and enforced under this Order.

SECTION 2. The Local Price Coordinating Council ("LPCC") shall be the authority in the City's Price Control operations by monitoring and enforcing the mandated prices of all Supplies.

SECTION 3. The LPCC shall maintain and publish the Price Control list of all Supplies as may be issued by the appropriate Implementing Agency. The list of all Supplies is attached herewith as **Annex "A"**, without prejudice to its modification upon the direction of the relevant Implementing Agency.

SECTION 4. Panic Buying is the abnormal phenomenon where consumers buy Supplies grossly in excess of their normal requirement resulting in undue shortages of such goods to the prejudice of less privileged consumers. To prevent Panic Buying, all establishments selling Supplies shall ensure that each of their customers are limited to the purchase of Supplies in the quantities set forth in **Annex "B"** of this Order per transaction.

SECTION 5. Establishments such as sari-sari stores, restaurants providing take-out and delivery services, and other establishments which necessarily purchase Supplies in greater quantities for the provision of their services shall be allowed to purchase Supplies at higher quantities as set forth in **Annex "C"** of this Order, provided that they shall present their original business permit, or a certified true copy thereof, to the retail establishment from which they are making their purchase.

SECTION 6. All establishments selling Supplies shall designate a dedicated courtesy lane for purchases by officials of government agencies and instrumentalities including Barangays. The purchases to be made by such officials shall be exempt from the quantity limits set forth herein, provided that such purchases shall be solely for public distribution or use, and provided further that such officials shall be required to present their valid identification and the appropriate official document authorizing such purchase.

SECTION 7. The LPCC shall deputize at least one (1) Barangay personnel to be designated by the *Punong Barangay* for each Barangay in the City. Such deputized Barangay personnel shall monitor the prices of the Supplies within their respective Barangays and report any violations to the LPCC.


SECTION 8. All duly deputized Barangay personnel shall report to bantaypresyo@quezoncity.gov.ph any violation of the provisions of this Order. The report shall contain the name of the establishment and the specific violation, including a brief narration of the facts and circumstances thereof.

Upon report of a violation committed by any retail establishment selling such Supplies to the LPCC, the said establishment shall be given a Notice of Violation and it shall be given twenty four (24) hours from receipt thereof to explain why its Business Permit should not be revoked and penalized for its violation. Further, the offending establishment shall be reported by the LPCC to the National Price Coordinating Council for the imposition of all applicable charges under the appropriate law.

All circulars, issuances, orders, or directives inconsistent with this Order are hereby rescinded or repealed accordingly.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, 17 March 2020, Quezon City.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
City Mayor