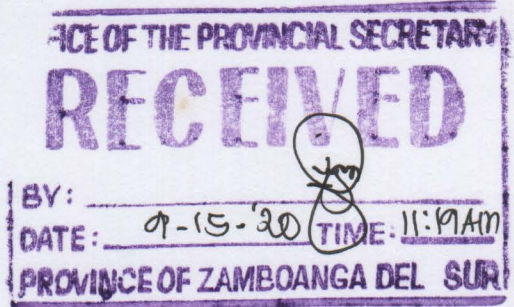




Republic of the Philippines
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Province of Zamboanga del Sur
Municipality of Ramon Magsaysay

Office of the Sanggunian Secretary



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 48th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF RAMON MAGSAYSAY, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, HELD AT
THE SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL ON JULY 6, 2020.

Officers/Members:	Designation	Present	Absent	Remarks
Hon. MARGIE ARCITE-MACHON	Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding	/		
Hon. VERGINITA A. GONZALES	SB Member	/		
Hon. JOHN PAUL C. HONTIVEROS	SB Member	/		
Hon. NECASTER N. JAVIER	SB Member	/		
Hon. CHANDER RAY N. ENTIENZA	SB Member	/		
Hon. LOLITO O. ARIAS	SB Member	/		
Hon. ANSELMO D. SACASAN, JR.	SB Member	/		
Hon. NIEVES A. CABASAG	SB Member	/		
Hon. CELSO C. CUYOS	SB Member	/		
Hon. CHED LOUI D. ARCITE	Liga President	/		
Hon. JADE MICHAEL M. MENDOZA	SK Fed. President	/		
Hon. FELIMON G. OYAG	IPMR	/		

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05-2020

AN ORDINANCE PROTECTING THE MUNICIPALITY'S HEALTHCARE WORKERS, FRONTLINERS, OFW, AND COVID AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS FROM ANY FORM OF DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT; AND IMPOSING THE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the Code Alert System for COVID-19 was raised to Code Red Sub-Level Two in accordance to the recommendation of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Inter-Agency Taskforce for Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF). Further, Presidential Proclamation No. 929 was issued declaring a State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, because of COVID-19 there has been increased instances of public stigmatization among persons who have contracted the virus, suspected carriers, probable carriers, health workers and front liners. This means that people are being labeled, stereotyped, separated and /or experienced loss of status and discrimination because of a potential affiliation with the disease;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health warned the public against discrimination against COVID affected individuals, healthcare workers, emergency workers and other front liners who are battling the rapid spread of the virus. The Department of Health stated "that with the world confronted with a virus with little information known, it is human to be afraid but we must not allow hysteria and paranoia to result in irrational treatment of people,"

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued an advisory on April 9, 2020, urging the Local Government Unit to pass an ordinance versus discrimination against COVID-19 affected individuals and front liners;

WHEREAS, the LGU of Ramon Magsaysay would like to safeguard our front liners, health workers, and emergency volunteers who have put so much effort in battling the spread of the virus;

WHEREAS, Section 447 (a)(1)(iv) of the Local Government Code of 1991 states that the Sangguniang Bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact and approve ordinances for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code xxx and for an efficient and effective municipal government and in this connection shall adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the municipality from the harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters and calamities;

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Ramon Magsaysay, Zamboanga del Sur, in session assembled:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as “COVID -19 Anti-Discrimination Ordinance of Ramon Magsaysay.”

Section 2. Definition of Terms:

- **Frontliners** – refer to officers and members of the PNP, AFP, PCG and instrumentalities of the government rendering emergency frontline services to include border control and other critical services. Frontliners also include service workers who are working in private establishments providing basic necessities and such activities related to food, medicine production and financial institutions, i.e public markets, supermarkets, groceries, convenience stores, hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and drug stores, food preparation and food delivery services, water refilling stations, manufacturing and processing plants of basic food products and medicines, banks, money transfer services, power, energy, telecommunications, water distributors and other related facilities.
- **Healthcare Workers** – refer to people who deliver care and services to the sick and ailing, either directly or indirectly. Healthcare workers include, among others, doctors, nurses, hospital and clinic aides, laboratory technicians, radiology technicians, barangay health workers, health and emergency volunteers and service workers assigned at hospitals and isolation centers.
- **Discrimination** – include any act which causes stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation or harassment against a person infected, under monitoring or investigation due to COVID-19, as well as frontliners, OFWs, healthcare workers and healthcare volunteers.
- **COVID -19 Affected Individuals** – refer to persons infected with the virus, persons under monitoring or investigation for possible contact with an infected person or area, and those defined by the protocols and guidelines established by the Department of Health.

Section 3. Unlawful Acts. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural or juridical, to commit any acts of discrimination against healthcare workers, frontliners, OFWs, and COVID-19 affected individuals as defined in this Ordinance.

Acts in furtherance of discrimination, such as but not limited to coercion, libel, cyber-libel, slander, physical injuries and the dishonor of contractual obligations such as contracts of employment, shall be dealt with criminally, civilly, and/or administratively.

If any public officer refuses or fails to give assistance to a COVID-19 affected person, healthcare worker or frontliners who intend return to his/her place of residence or domicile, after obtaining proper clearance of the COVID-19 infection from the proper health officials; he/she shall be equally liable under this Section.

Any person who publicly claim, post on social media, spread or announce that a person is infected, is under investigation or monitoring due to COVID-19 whether or not the same has been confirmed or validated from the list given by authorized health officials, agency or department, shall also be liable under this Section.


Section 4. Penalties. Any person caught in violation of Section 3 hereof shall have a maximum fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) or maximum jail time of 6 months or both upon the discretion of the court.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. Any ordinance or parts thereof, inconsistent with this enactment is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.




Section 6. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

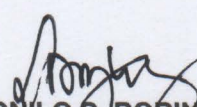
CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


TESSIE R. TAGA-AN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


MARGIE ARCITE-MACHON
Municipal Vice-Mayor, Presiding

APPROVED:


LEONILO D. BORINAGA, SR.
Municipal Mayor 9/14/20