



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. PCG-~~52~~⁵³
SERIES OF 2022**

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER MANDATING THE USE OF FACE MASKS FOR FOOD HANDLERS IN THE CITY OF PASIG

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, as stated in Presidential Decree No. 856 or the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines, the health of the people, being of paramount importance, necessitates that all efforts of public services must be directed towards the protection and promotion of health;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes the Local Chief Executive to institute measures towards the protection and promotion of the general welfare of the people; *Further*, in Article 3 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7160, it is stated that all local government units, within their respective territorial jurisdictions, shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety;

WHEREAS, the emergence of the infectious diseases such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Avian Influenza, Ebola, and to this date the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) which has created a global pandemic, all of which are easily transferrable, continues to threaten the lives and safety of Filipinos and Filipinas;

WHEREAS, food handlers who have been mandated in the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines to at all times wear clean working garments and observe good personal hygiene, regularly in the course of their work handle food items which are consumed by the constituent public, creating more opportunities for possible transfer of disease despite precaution; and

WHEREAS, in view of protecting the local sanitary conditions in Pasig City, further necessitated by the recent health crises involving communicable and infectious diseases, it is crucial to provide for a safety measure in the mandatory use of face masks for food handlers, not only to safeguard the transacting public, but to also protect the food handlers and establishments themselves from the potential proliferation of disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO, City Mayor of Pasig, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby ordain the following:

SECTION 1. MANDATORY USE OF FACE MASKS FOR FOOD HANDLERS IN THE CITY OF PASIG. – The proper wearing of face masks, as well as the continued observance of the minimum public health standards such as, but not limited to, proper sanitation and physical distancing, shall be mandated for all food handlers within the territorial jurisdiction of Pasig City.



SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For purposes of this Order, the following are hereby defined as such:

- (a) Food Handler – any person who works within a food establishment; and
- (b) Food Establishment – any place where food or drinks are manufactured, processed, stored, sold, and/or served.

SECTION 3. MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE. – The Sanitary Unit of the Pasig City Health Department shall carefully monitor and inspect establishments, to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Order. Any violation of the same shall warrant the issuance of a Sanitary Order to the owner of the establishment, without prejudice to additional liability under existing rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any clause, provision, paragraph or part thereof shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate or impair any other part hereof but such judgment shall be merely confined to the clause, provision, paragraph or part directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment has been rendered.

SECTION 5. – EFFECTIVITY. – This order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 14th day of November 2022 at Pasig City, Metro Manila.


VICTOR MA. REGIS N. SOTTO
Mayor



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