ORDINANCE NO. 2020-086

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING IMPORTANT PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION ON COVID-19 TO THE PEOPLE OF MUNTINLUPA CITY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Local Council enacted Resolution No. 2020-253 declaring the City of Muntinlupa in a State of Calamity on March 16, 2020 because of the acceleration of COVID-19 confirmed cases within the City of Muntinlupa;

WHEREAS, as of April 2, 2020, there are Forty-One (41) total number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 patients, 4 deaths, 348 Persons under Monitoring (PUM) and 186 Patients Under Investigation (PUI) in the City of Muntinlupa which is continuously and steadily increasing every day;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(iv) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that, “the City Council can adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the city 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 or calamities and their return to productive livelihood following said events;
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WHEREAS, Section 16 of 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, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Proclamation No. 922 series of 2020 provides that all government agencies and LGUs are hereby enjoined to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the COVID-19 threat;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10173, also known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012, declares the need to protect privacy while ensuring free flow of information, and provides further that collection and use of personal information is allowed when provided to government and public authority in accordance with its mandate, and also when necessary to respond to national emergency, and to protect vitally important interests of citizens, including right to life and health;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the “COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION” Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Objectives. This Ordinance shall be guided by the following objectives:

a) To provide accurate and timely health information to people regarding COVID-19 and ensure that proper procedures and measures are in place to promptly control, curb and contain the virus;

b) To use necessary information only, such as, but not limited to, barangay residence, travel history, frequent locations, start of symptoms, visited hospitals or public places, for contact tracing and proper advisories to people regarding the potential contagion of COVID-19 in affected areas; and
To implement specific activities that can control further spread of the COVID-19 virus through sharing of necessary information regarding persons confirmed positive with COVID-19, Persons Under Monitoring (PUMs) and Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) without disclosing their names, identities and other unnecessary personal information to protect them from discrimination and to uphold their right to privacy.

SECTION 3. The COVID-19 Public Health Information System. The City Government of Muntinlupa shall collect information through the conduct of verification, investigation, monitoring, surveillance and contact tracing, in coordination with the Department of Health or its local counterpart in the City Government of Muntinlupa, of persons afflicted with COVID-19, identified PUMs and PUls.

Based on verified information, the City Government of Muntinlupa shall inform and update the public of relevant health information regarding persons afflicted with COVID-19, PUMs and PUls. The City Government of Muntinlupa shall exercise due diligence in protecting the personal information and sensitive personal information of COVID-19 patients, PUMs and PUls, disclosing only what is necessary to inform the people of the current situation, curb the potential and further infection of people, and provide containment measures against COVID-19.

SECTION 4. Full and accurate disclosure of information. Persons positively confirmed with COVID-19 PUMs and PUls are obliged to truthfully disclose their complete medical and travel history, and other relevant information that are necessary for the management of their health, contact tracing, and to minimize the risk of endangering other persons with the virus. They are enjoined to strictly observe health protocols as advised government authorities and health professionals for the safety of others, especially the health workers and other front liners.

SECTION 5. Restrictions on Disclosure of Personal Information. Disclosure of information regarding COVID-19 patients, PUMs and PUls shall be restricted to:

1. Barangay address, which may include name of purok or subdivision but excluding actual street names;
2. Age;
3. Travel history;
4. Frequent locations;
5. Time of manifestation of symptoms, start and end of symptoms;
6. Visited hospitals, private or public places;
7. Status, for purpose of contact tracing and proper advice to people of the potential contagion of COVID-19 in affected areas and warning them to limit their movement in places where there is a high risk of infection.
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But in no case that the name, address and gender regarding the COVID-19 patients, PUMs and PUI's shall be disclosed.

The City Government of Muntinlupa shall exercise care in ensuring that the COVID-19 patients, PUMs and PUIs are not directly or indirectly identified by the public.

SECTION 6. Any person who is confirmed to be COVID-19 positive or who is a PUI or a PUM as confirmed by the City Health Office, but violates the quarantine protocol shall be arrested and confined to the hospital or the City's

SECTION 7. Implementing Offices - The City Health Office, with the assistance of the People's Coordinating and Monitoring Office and the Barangays, with proper coordination with the Department of Health, shall be responsible for the development and handling of the COVID-19 Public Health Information System and the information that will be disclosed to the public.

SECTION 8. Other Relevant Laws - This Ordinance shall be implemented in accordance with other existing and applicable national laws, such as RA 11332 or the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, RA 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, its Implementing Rules and Regulations and other relevant rules, regulations and issuances of the Department of Health and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases.

SECTION 9. Budgeting. The City Government of Muntinlupa shall obtain the necessary funds to implement this Ordinance from its annual budget and the Quick Response Fund.

SECTION 10. Information and Educational Campaign. The People's Coordinating and Monitoring Office, in coordination with Public Information Office and non-government organizations, shall disseminate information on the substantial provisions of this Ordinance to the public immediately upon effectivity of this Ordinance.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ENACTED, by the 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 6th day of April 2020, on its 39th Regular Session.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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