



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Quezon
MUNICIPALITY OF POLILLO
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 39TH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF POLILLO, QUEZON HELD AT THE
EVACUATION CENTER OF POLILLO, QUEZON,
ON APRIL 13, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT:

Honorable Rufino Rene Q. Marquita,	Municipal Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer,
Honorable Rudy S. Pumarada,	Municipal Councilor,
Honorable Albert R. Agunias,	Municipal Councilor,
Honorable Cipriano A. Susa Jr.,	Municipal Councilor,
Honorable Joel V. Asis,	Municipal Councilor,
Honorable Judy Rev V. Verzosa,	Municipal Councilor,
Honorable Bella A. Correces,	Municipal Councilor
Honorable Claro A. Marasigan,	Municipal Councilor,
Honorable Hubert Bismarck A. Espiritu,	Municipal Councilor,
Honorable Ronald R. Madriñan,	President-PPLB/Ex-Officio,
Honorable Ian Kristoffer R. Del Moro,	President-PPSK/Ex-Officio.

ABSENT:

None

RESOLUTION NO. 072-2020

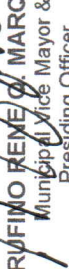
A RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS INFECTED WITH CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19), PERSONS UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI), PERSONS UNDER MONITORING (PUM), AND PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH OR RELATED TO PERSONS INFECTED WITH COVID-19, PERSONS UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUM), AND PERSONS UNDER MONITORING (PUI)

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, which declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to the Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and raised the Code Alert System for COVID-19 to Code Red Sub-Level (2) in accordance with the recommendation of the Department of Health and the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Disease (IATF-EID);

WHEREAS, further the President likewise issued Presidential Proclamation No. 929, Series of 2020 declaring a State of Calmamity throughout the Philippines due to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, with the emergence and continued spread of COVID-19, public stigma formed against persons who have contracted the said disease and their families, including Persons under Investigation ("PUIs") and Persons under Monitoring


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("PUMs"), as well as against the health workers taking care of them and others working on the frontlines;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to combat this stigmatization and all forms of discrimination, harassment, and abuse;

WHEREAS, under Section 1, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, every person has the right of life, liberty, security of person, and the right to be free from discrimination. Furthermore, under Section 11, Article II thereof, the State values the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, on unanimous motion, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to enact an Ordinance Prohibiting Discrimination against Persons Infected with Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Persons Under Investigation (PUI), Persons Under Monitoring (PUM), and Persons associated with or related to persons infected with COVID-19, Persons Under Investigation (PUM), and Persons Under Monitoring (PUI)

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 141-2020

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS INFECTED WITH CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19), PERSONS UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI), PERSONS UNDER MONITORING (PUM), AND PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH OR RELATED TO PERSONS INFECTED WITH COVID-19, PERSONS UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUM), AND PERSONS UNDER MONITORING (PUI)


Be it ordained by this Honorable Sangguniang Bayan in its regular session assembled that;

Section 1. Title - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Anti-Discrimination Against Victims of COVID-19 Ordinance of 2020."

Section 2. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance:

- a. **Discrimination** – refers to any act or omission which unduly curtails or impairs a right, or excludes and withholds access to services, goods, benefits, or privileges, where the right or access to which is not otherwise withheld, prohibited, or restricted by relevant protocols, guidelines, and rules issued by the State through the Department of Health, the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), and such other authorized agencies of the government relative to measures against the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also includes any act that causes or tends to cause any stigma, disgrace, shame, humiliation, harassment, or discrimination against persons afflicted with or have recovered from COVID-19, persons under investigation, and persons under monitoring, on the basis of their status as such.


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- b. **Persons Under Investigation (PUI)** – are persons under investigation for COVID-19 as defined by the protocols and guidelines issued by the Department of Health.
- c. **Persons Under Monitoring (PUM)** – are persons who are under monitoring for COVID-19 as defined by the protocols and guidelines issued by the Department of Health.

Section 3. Discrimination against PUIs, PUMs, and COVID-19 Cases. It shall be unlawful for any person, natural or juridical, to discriminate against persons found afflicted with or are recovering or have recovered from COVID-19, as well as against persons considered as PUIs or PUMs, by curtailing or impairing their right, or preventing them from exercising a right, or withholding access to services, goods, benefits, or privileges, where their exercise of such right and access to goods, services, benefits, and privileges are not otherwise withheld, prohibited, or restricted by relevant protocols, guidelines, and rules, issued by the State through the Department of Health, the IATF-EID, or authorized agencies of the government relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to, whether verbally, in writing, or otherwise, humiliate, ridicule, insult, embarrass, harass, or perform any act which demeans the dignity and self respect, including posting or sending of messages in social media applications or unauthorized disclosure of personal information or identity, of a PUM, PUI, or persons found afflicted with or have recovered from COVID-19 by reason of their status as such.

Section 4. Discrimination by Association or Relation. It shall be unlawful for any person to discriminate against another by reason of the latter's association or relation with a PUM, a PUI, or someone who is found afflicted with or has recovered from the COVID-19 virus.

Section 5. Persons Liable. Any person, natural or juridical, who commits any of the acts prescribed herein shall be criminally liable hereunder, provided that the owner, manager, supervisor, or any officer in charge of the store, facilities, establishments, dormitory, condominium, hotels, inn, apartments, and any such establishment guilty of discrimination against frontline workers shall be liable separately and to the same extent as the direct perpetrator if they ordered, consented to, allowed, or failed to take action to prevent such discrimination.

Section 6. Construction. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as defeating, qualifying, modifying, or superseding in any way, manner, or extent the guidelines, rules, and protocols issued by the Department of Health, by the IATF-EID, or by authorized agencies of the Government on the proper handling, procedure, and management response for PUIs, PUMs, and persons found afflicted with or undergoing treatment for or have recovered from the COVID-19 virus.

Section 7. Penalty. Any person who commits any act prohibited in this Ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php2,500.00) and imprisonment for a period of not more than one (1) year for each act.


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The employer, owner, manager, supervisor, or any officer in charge as provided in Section 6 hereof shall be subsidiarily liable for the fine imposed upon the direct perpetrator for violation of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Separability Clause. If any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Municipal Mayor and posting in the bulletin board at the entrance of the Municipal Hall, and in at least three (3) conspicuous places in this municipality.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

April 13, 2020

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*Pursuant to Section 54 and 469 of the Local Government Code of 1991, I hereby certify that **Resolution No. 072-2020/Municipal Ordinance No. 141-2020** was adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan on the date mentioned above.*

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**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO
HAVE BEEN DULY ADOPTED:**


RUFINO RENE Q. MARQUITA
Municipal Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ENGR. CRISTINA E. BOSQUE
Municipal Mayor

April 21, 2020