

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF BOHOL
City of Tagbilaran



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IMPOSING A PROVINCE-WIDE PARTIAL LIQUOR BAN DURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

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

WHEREAS, the novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) has been declared by the World Health Organization as a pandemic outbreak that threatens the right of the people to a safe and healthy environment;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health has confirmed the local transmission of COVID-19 in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governor is empowered to issue executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement of laws and ordinances and to carry out such emergency measures during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities under Section 465 (b) (1) (vii) in relation to Section 465 (b) (2) (iii) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 19121, otherwise known as the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010, disaster as defined as a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic, or environmental losses and impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources. Disaster impacts include disease;

WHEREAS, one of the primary means to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19 is to implement social distancing and limiting close person-to-person contact;

WHEREAS, the drinking of liquor and other alcoholic beverages is typically done in close groups and in households;

WHEREAS, there is a need to control the accumulation of people in confined spaces to ensure proper social distancing and to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, there is a need to minimize the consumption of alcohol in order to ensure healthy well-being and not to compromise the immune system to mitigate the risk of being infected by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain peace and tranquility in the neighborhood during nighttime and consumption of liquor may affect the same and cause quarrels, disputes and incidents which should be avoided during this time of crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, I, **ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP**, Governor of the Province of Bohol, by virtue of the powers vested on me by law, do hereby order the following:

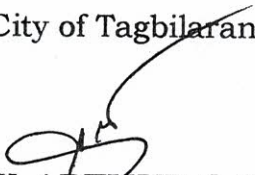
It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, furnish, offer, buy, serve or take alcoholic drinks and beverages, anywhere in the Province of Bohol; provided that:

- (1) Alcoholic drinks and beverages purchased for consumption at home, or in private premises shall be allowed;
- (2) The consumption of liquor within residential premises shall be limited to the dwellers of the said residence and it shall be prohibited for a person to proceed and congregate in another residence to consume and drink alcohol; and
- (3) It shall be prohibited for a person intoxicated or under the influence of liquor to go out of their residential premises or public spaces.

The Philippine National Police and the Barangay Officials are hereby directed to ensure strict implementation of the foregoing.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon signing.

Done this 24th of March, 2020 in the City of Tagbilaran, Bohol, Philippines.


ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP
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Province of Bohol