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Province of Isabela  
**MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANg BAYAN**

Literal copy of *Municipal Ordinance No. 2022-04-109* approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its *Regular Session on February 28, 2022* held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022-04-109**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING REASONABLE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS FOR COVID-19 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN, ISABELA**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922, declaring the country under a state of public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -19) as a pandemic due to the rapid increase of cases of infection all around the world;

**WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2022, Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Resolution No. 156-C placed Region II, Isabela on Alert Level 3 status in view of the rising active cases of COVID-19 in the country;

**WHEREAS**, in order to sustain advances in public health and the economic gains achieved, and in anticipation of the adverse impact of the highly-transmissible OMICRON variant of COVID-19, pre-emptive measures must be enforced;

**WHEREAS**, despite the availability of vaccines, there are number of individuals who choose not to be vaccinated; they thus become more susceptible to severe cases of COVID-19 infection which will require hospital care, and eventually unduly burden the health care system to the detriment of public health;

**WHEREAS**, R.A. No. 11332 or the "Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act" declares that it is the policy of the State "to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them" and that the State "recognizes epidemics and other public health emergencies as threats to public health and national security, which can undermine the social, economic, and political functions of the State";

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipality has the power to do all things necessary, appropriate, or incidental to govern efficiently and effectively, promote general welfare, promote health and safety, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need for the Municipality to enact Ordinance on the enhanced vaccination mandate to regulate the mobility of unvaccinated individuals for the protection of public health, promotion of general welfare, and sustainability of an improving economy.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in a session assemble; Be it as it is;

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as "**RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOBILITY OF UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS' ORDINANCE**".

**SECTION 2. SCOPE.** This Ordinance shall be applicable to all individuals whether residents or non-residents or merely transients who may be violating this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined:

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- a) **Fully Vaccinated Individual.** An individual shall be considered as having been fully vaccinated for COVID-19:
  - i. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having received the second dose in a 2-dose series, or
  - ii. More than or equal to 2 weeks after having receive a single-dose vaccine.
  - iii. The vaccines administered to the individual are included in any of the following:
    - 1. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) List or Compassionate Special Permit (CSP) issued by the Philippine Food and Drug Administration; or
    - 2. Emergency Use Listing of the World Health Organization (IATF Resolution No. 124-B dated July 2, 2021.)
- b) **Non-Fully Vaccinated Individual.** An individual who is not vaccinated as mentioned in the preceding paragraph.
- c) **Essential Goods and Services.** They cover health and social services to secure the safety and well-being of persons, such as but not limited to, food, water, medicine, medical devices, public utilities, energy, and others as may be determined by the IATF. *(Latest Omnibus Guidelines dated September 23, 2021). Presentation of COVID-19 vaccination card as a pre-requisite for the availment of certain government services. Exceptions may be made in favor of those with medical conditions that prevent COVID-19 vaccination.*

**SECTION 4. RESTRICTION ON NON-FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS.** All Non-Fully Vaccinated individuals shall:

- a) remain in their residences at all times except for the procurement of essential goods and services; Provided, however, that individual outdoor exercise shall be allowed within the general area of their residence, e.g., within the barangay, purok, subdivision, or village;
- b) be prohibited in indoor and outdoor/al fresco dining restaurants and other food establishments and shall likewise be prohibited from leisure or social trips to malls, hotels, event, venues, sports, recreations and similar activities;
- c) be prohibited in public transportation *except for the procurement of essential goods and services subject to the production of proof to support and justify such travel.*

**SECTION 5. WORKPLACE VACCINE MANDATE.** Non-fully vaccinated individuals shall be required to undergo a Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test every two (2) weeks at their personal expense and present a COVID-19 negative result prior to being admitted for work onsite, subject to issuances of the IATF and the Department of Labor and Employment. Provided, however, that in the event that the RT-PCR test and/or result is/are not immediately available, a Rapid Antigen Test may be utilized in lieu thereof. Provided further, that the employer shall have the option to provide a non-fully vaccinated employee a grace period of one (1) calendar month to obtain his or her first COVID-19 vaccination shot. As long as the employee obtains the first shot within the grace period, and subsequently obtains any required second shot as prescribed for the concerned vaccine, the employee shall not be required to take the biweekly tests or otherwise be held liable under this clause.

**SECTION 6. MANDATE FOR THE BARANGAY.**

- i) The concerned Barangay shall prepare a monthly inventory of vaccinated population indicating their status, whether with first dose only, fully vaccinated (with two doses/single dose) or with booster dose already;
- ii) Keep a listing of households or individuals within their territorial jurisdiction whom they know are unvaccinated for COVID-19. They shall encourage and, if necessary, render assistance, for those unvaccinated or non-fully vaccinated to be inoculated;

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iii) Closely monitor the mobility of persons yet to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and to advise them to stay at home to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission. In case an unvaccinated or non-fully unvaccinated individual desires to leave her or his residence to avail essential goods and services, the concerned Punong Barangay or his/her representative shall issue an Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APOR) pass or its equivalent, and shall be responsible in keeping track of her or his whereabouts;  
iv) The Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) may conduct an unscheduled checkpoint to monitor the movement of unvaccinated individuals and to enforce the observation of minimum public health standards.

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**SECTION 7. MANDATE FOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS.** Business establishments indicated in Section 4 (b) hereof shall ensure that they allow, accept or otherwise serve vaccinated individuals to show or exhibit their vaccination card before entering the premises.

**SECTION 8. MANDATE FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SECTOR.** Drivers, operators or owners of public transportation including shuttle/ minicab, tricycle, kulong-kulong and pedicab shall allow or take only fully vaccinated individuals as passengers, save in those cases mentioned in Section 4 (c). The riding public is encouraged to wear/bring with them their vaccination card for faster mobility and monitoring.

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**SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT.** This Ordinance shall be primarily implemented by the members of the Philippine National Police assigned or stationed in the Municipality, Punong Barangays and their Tanods and other municipal employees who may be duly deputized by the Local Chief Executive to ensure the full enforcement of this ordinance with due regard to human rights.

**SECTION 10. PENALTY.** Any person found to have violated the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense : FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense : ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00); and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense : TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00).

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**SECTION 11. NECESSARY GUIDELINES.** The Local Chief Executive may issue the necessary guidelines, rules and regulations to implement the Ordinance, and harmonize IATF resolutions and guidelines that may later be promulgated.

**SECTION 12. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances and resolutions that are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY AND AUTOMATIC DISSOLUTION CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and publication. It shall remain in force and effect while the COVID-19 alert level is on Alert Level 3 or higher and shall be automatically lifted once Alert Level 2 or lower is declared. However, the inventory of vaccinated individuals shall remain in full force regardless of the status of alert level.

CRISELDA S. DELA PENA  
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**ENACTED**, February 28, 2022.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela during its Regular Session.

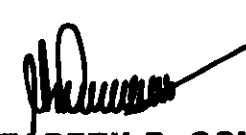
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