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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 749, S-2019

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES FOR
THE CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND
WORK IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES DURING
TYPHOONS, INUNDATIONS, EARTHQUAKES,
CONFLAGRATIONS AND OTHER DISASTERS AND
CALAMITIES IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG**

WHEREAS, it is the primary duty of the State to people's right to life and safety at all times, especially during disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, consistent with Republic Act 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the power to enact ordinances for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to its General Welfare Clause;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the local conditions of Mandaluyong City's environment and to avoid confusion, there is a need to streamline the procedure in the suspension of classes and work in the city's public schools and government offices in times of typhoons, floods and other disasters and natural calamities, in order to safeguard the students and government workers, as well as the general public from the dangers to their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Mandaluyong, in session duly assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as the "Ordinance Prescribing the Guidelines on the Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Government Offices".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Mandaluyong to provide a streamlined procedure in the suspension of classes and work in the city's public schools and government offices in times of typhoons, inundations, earthquakes, conflagrations and other disasters.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. This Ordinance provides for the localized guidelines for the cancellation or suspension of classes (both public and private schools) and work in local government offices due to typhoons, inundations, earthquakes, conflagrations and other disasters.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

Disaster – means the result of a natural or man-made event which causes loss of life, injury and property damage, including but not limited to natural disasters such as typhoon, inundation, earthquakes, conflagration and other disasters including man-made disasters.

Public Official – any person who by direct provision of law, popular election or appointment of competent authority, takes part in the performance of public function in the government, duties as an employee, agent or subordinate official or any rank or class who is charged with the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. GUIDELINES FOR AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG. The following guidelines shall be followed for the automatic cancellation or suspension of classes in one, some or all public and private schools in the City of Mandaluyong, as well as work in all departments of the City Government of Mandaluyong:

- A. Adoption of Automatic Suspension or Cancellation of Classes in pre-school, elementary, secondary and tertiary schools and work in government offices depending on Public Storm Warning Signal (PSWS) raised by PAGASA under Executive Order No. 66.
 - a. When Signal No. 1 is raised by PAGASA, classes at the pre-school level shall be automatically cancelled or suspended.
 - b. When Signal No. 2 is raised by PAGASA, classes at the pre-school, elementary, secondary levels, in the affected area, shall be automatically cancelled or suspended.
 - c. When Signal No. 3 or higher is raised by PAGASA, classes at the pre-school, elementary, secondary, tertiary levels, in the affected area, including postgraduate courses shall be automatically cancelled or suspended.
- B. In the absence of typhoon signal warnings from PAGASA, cancellation or suspension of classes and work in government offices may be implemented by the Local Chief Executive as Chairman of Mandaluyong City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council, upon recommendation of the MDRRMC and in coordination with PAGASA and NDRRMC in flood prone or high-risk areas.
- C. Classes in one, some or all levels in both public and private schools as well as work in the government offices may be cancelled or suspended by the Local Chief Executive, such as but not limited to floods or inundations, earthquakes, conflagration, and other disasters and calamities, upon recommendation of the Mandaluyong Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (MDRRMC) and in coordination with PAGASA and the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC), in order to prevent loss of lives and limbs.

SECTION 6. DISCRETIONARY CANCELLATION OR SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AND WORK IN THE CITY OF MANDALUYONG. Despite the absence of typhoon signal warnings from PAGASA and upon assessment of local conditions in relation to the natural calamity faced by the City, discretionary cancellation or suspension of classes in one, some or all public and private schools in the City of Mandaluyong, as well as work in all departments of the City Government of Mandaluyong may be implemented by the City Mayor.

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS. As provided in the DepEd Order No. 43, S. 2013 (Guidelines on the implementation of the EO No. 66 "Prescribing the Rules on the Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Government Offices due to typhoons, flooding, other weather disturbances and calamities", it is reminded that parents have the ultimate responsibility for determining whether their children should go to school, even if no

order for cancellation or suspension of classes has been issued, if they feel that travelling to or from school will place their children at risks. Parents are advised to check for media advisories coming from PAGASA, NDRRMC, LDRRMC or Office of the President itself.

Even without the cancellation or suspension of classes, students who are unable to report to class or participate in scheduled activities such as exams, due to inclement weather shall be given due consideration and be allowed to make up for the missed class or activity. Parents are reminded that the required number of school days for the school year shall be considered specially in holding make-up classes to offset the days when classes are cancelled or suspended.

SECTION 8. MAINTENANCE OF WORK FORCE. In the event of cancellation or suspension of work in government offices, departments, specifically those directly involved in disaster risk reduction and management such as City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, Engineering Department, Public Order and Safety Office, DSWD, Bureau of Fire, City Environment and Management Department, City Traffic and Parking Management Department, some designated offices of City Health and hospital shall maintain the operations of their office so as to ensure continuity of delivery of needed public service. Their respective heads shall determine and designate the point persons who shall maintain the operations of their respective offices to ensure the continuity of the delivery of services to the public.

The Office of the Mayor may, likewise, order any unit or department of the City Government to maintain its operations in order to assist on-going disaster, relief and rescue operations.

SECTION 9. ROLE OF BARANGAY. The barangay shall maintain close coordination with the City Mayor as to the condition or situation in their respective barangay based on the report of the barangay concerned. The City Mayor, in her discretion, may declare suspension of classes and work in the local government, including barangays during typhoons, inundations, earthquakes, conflagrations and other disasters.

SECTION 10. ANNOUNCEMENT. All notices or announcements of cancellation of classes or suspension of work shall be made by the Local Chief Executive (City Mayor) through the City Public Information Office, to be disseminated through traditional and social media platforms. The notice or announcement shall be made not later than 4:30 A.M. of the day of the intended cancellation of classes and work, or not later than 10:30 A.M. for suspension of work and classes in the afternoon session, through diverse mass media and social media platforms.

SECTION 11. INFORMATION CAMPAIGN. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Public Information Office shall conduct an information campaign to apprise the public of the provisions of this Ordinance. Let copies of this Ordinance be disseminated in all City private and public elementary and secondary schools, local government offices in the City of Mandaluyong and other concerned offices and agencies.

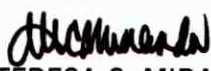
SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All local Ordinances of the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Mandaluyong, Executive Orders and Administrative Regulations of the Local Chief Executive, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, revoked or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila.

ENACTED on this 9th day of December, 2019, in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN REGULAR SESSION
HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:

APPROVED:


ANTONIO DLS SUVA
Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: 13 DEC 2019

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