



Republika ng Pilipinas
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG MARIKINA

ORDINANCE NO. 099
Series of 2020

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES IN THE FORM OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE, BLOOD DONATION AND MORAL AND SPIRITUAL
COUNSELING IN CASES OF VIOLATIONS OF COVID-19 ORDINANCES
BEING IMPOSED DURING THE QUARANTINE PERIOD**

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the General Welfare Clause as provided for in Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the City Government of Marikina, among others, enacts ordinances to promote the general welfare of the people, to protect the environment, and to preserve peace and order;

WHEREAS, most of these city ordinances contain penalty clauses which ranges from payment of fines to incarceration of offenders depending upon the discretion of the courts;

WHEREAS, on November 17, the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 226 Series of 1999 entitled "Ordinance Prescribing Voluntary Blood Donation as Alternative Fine for Violation of Tricycle Rules and Regulations" authored by then Councilor Marion S. Andres, M.D., now the current City Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer of the 9th City Council;

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WHEREAS, on September 13, 2000 the City Council also enacted Ordinance No. 178, Series of 2000 and on March 7, 2001 passed Ordinance No. 076 Series of 2001 thru the sponsorship of Councilor Serafin Y. Bernardino and both measures provide, among others, that counseling can be an efficient alternative for violators of all existing city ordinances;

WHEREAS, during these trying times of COVID-19 pandemic, the City Government of Marikina thought it wise to consolidate all these alternative penalties into one city ordinance so that in lieu of the main penalties of the ordinances like payment of fines and imprisonment, offenders, if qualified, may settle their penalties by voluntary donation of blood or undergo spiritual counseling including the rendering of community service;

WHEREAS, the Liga ng mga Barangay, several religious groups in the City and Philippine Red Cross- Marikina Chapter, upon authority given them by this Ordinance, have signified their intention to help execute these penalties, like the implementation of cleanliness thru community service, collection of blood donation and disciplinary counseling, to individuals apprehended for violating city ordinances;

WHEREAS, their expressions of support can further improve the cleanliness and orderliness of the City, the health and well-being of the populace and public morals and in transforming the people into responsible citizens - to be more aware of their duties and responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the CITY COUNCIL OF MARIKINA, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.- The City Government declares as a policy to lessen the negative impact of imposing the principal and weighty penalties of ordinances in Marikina City during the quarantine period considering that practically all are experiencing economic and emotional hardships as a result of COVID-19 pandemic.

While lessening the unwelcome effects of the main penalties of these ordinances, the city government maintains to further instill upon the violators of city ordinances the value of civic duty, deter aberrant behavior by providing them reasonable alternative penalties especially suited to persons, upon assessment and evaluation, who are not financially capable to pay the penalty of fines and/or are physically or medically unfit to be placed behind bars.

SECTION 2. Alternative Penalties.- During this COVID-19 pandemic, violators of any city ordinances relative to the COVID-19 pandemic are hereby given the following alternative penalties in lieu of the main penalties of city ordinances:

- a. Community Service
- b. Blood Donation
- c. Moral or Spiritual Counseling

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