

COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 08 - 2020

INTERRUPTION OF THE REGLEMENTARY PERIODS FOR THE FILING OF PLEADINGS, MOTIONS AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE COMMISSION AND THE PAYMENT OF FINES OR PENALTIES IN VIEW OF THE ENHANCED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE TO MANAGE THE COVID-19 SITUATION

WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, the World Health Organization has characterized the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, following the sharp increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the country, the President adopted the recommendation of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Disease to raise the Code Alert System for the COVID-19 in the country to Code Red Sublevel 2, and impose the Stringent Social Distancing Measures in the National Capital Region (NCR) for thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, following the President's adoption of IATF's recommendation, the Executive Secretary issued a Memorandum dated 13 March 2020 providing further directives and guidelines on the imposition of Stringent Social Distancing Measures in the NCR for thirty (30) days starting 15 March 2020 until 14 April 2020;

WHEREAS, the Stringent Social Distancing Measures to manage the COVID-19 situation in the NCR include the imposition of Community Quarantine and the implementation of alternative work arrangements in the Executive branch;

WHEREAS, on 16 March 2020, the Executive Secretary issued a Memorandum imposing an Enhanced Community Quarantine and Stringent Social Distancing Measures over the entire Luzon, including the NCR, effective 17 March 2020 until 13 April 2020;

WHEREAS, Item 4 of the said Memorandum states that "a work from home arrangement shall be implemented in the Executive branch, except the PNP, AFP, PCG, and health and emergency frontline services, border control and other critical services, which shall ensure a skeletal workforce";

WHEREAS, on 17 March 2020, the Civil Service Commission issued Announcement No. 13, s. 2020 declaring that work arrangement of government agencies in Luzon, except those required to provide skeletal workforce, shall be limited to work from home, which shall subsist from 17 March 2020 to 13 April 2020, or until such time the Enhanced Community Quarantine over Luzon has been lifted;

WHEREAS, as of 17 March 2020, there are one hundred eight-seven (187) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Philippines, with numbers expected to increase as agencies and local government units continue to screen and monitor suspected cases;

WHEREAS, the welfare of PCC employees, transacting parties, and other stakeholders are of utmost concern to the Commission during this period of public health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon, and in the interest of the welfare of PCC employees and stakeholders, the Commission has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, the following:

- (1) The reglementary periods for the filing of pleadings, motions, affidavits, and other submissions to the Commission are deemed interrupted from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020, or until such time the Enhanced Community Quarantine has been lifted;
- (2) Whenever applicable, the reglementary period for the payment of fines or penalties is deemed interrupted from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020, or until such time the Enhanced Community Quarantine has been lifted; and
- (3) The reglementary periods shall begin to run again on 15 April 2020, or the day after the Enhanced Community Quarantine has been lifted, whichever is applicable. Parties shall have the balance of their respective reglementary periods to file their submissions with, or to pay the fines and penalties imposed by, the Commission. Submissions and payments made during the remaining period shall be considered to have been timely made.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Adjudication Division is hereby directed to send the proper notices to all parties concerned.

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force unless sooner modified or revoked.

DONE this 17 March 2020 in Quezon City, Philippines.


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