



MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN  
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR



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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 012, S. 2022

PREScribing GUIDELINES IN THE OPERATIONS AND CONDUCT OF TRICYCLES-FOR-HIRE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN PURSUANT TO COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL SYSTEM

**WHEREAS**, it is the declared policy of the State to promote and protect the right to health of its citizens as mandated by the 1987 Constitution, and the exercise of necessary, appropriate, and incidental powers by the Local Government Units (LGUs) for the efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare as embodied in Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code;

**WHEREAS**, the period of State of Calamity due to Covid-19 pandemic was extended until September 2022, unless earlier lifted or further extended, through Proclamation No. 1218, s. 2021; in which the IATF-MEID approved the shift in the policy of risk classification from Community Quarantine to Alert Level System, pursuant to Executive Order No. 151 (s. 2021);

**WHEREAS**, in order to operationalize such safety measures, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) issued the Protocol/Guidelines for Public Transport Operation, as operationalized through several issuances of Land Transportation Office (LTO), emphasizing the Safety, Capacity, and Coverage/Scope in public transport sector;

**WHEREAS**, the DOTr Protocol/Guidelines for Public Transport Operation prescribes passenger limits in PUVs, in particular, tricycles-for-hire were allowed to operate to deliver “feeder” public transport services shall observe the maximum one (1) passenger in the side-car and no passenger shall be seated right beside/behind the driver;

**WHEREAS**, on November 25, 2021, the Asingan Federation of Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association, Inc. (FTODAAP), represented by its President Mr. Avelino D. Ambrosio, filed a petition for fare increase before the Sangguniang Bayan, in which the increase in passenger capacity was instead proposed by the Sanggunian for the approval and implementation of Local Chief Executive;

**WHEREAS**, this Office has initiated a public dialogue on the matter on February 10-11, 2022 to strike an agreement among concerned transport stakeholders on the increase of passenger capacity of common carriers based on the imposition of Alert Level in the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, in the exercise of jurisdiction of the Local Government of Asingan, it is imperative to prescribe guidelines in the operation and conduct of public tricycles on passenger capacity in view of neutralizing the adverse effects of the pandemic on the livelihood of our tricycle operators and drivers and to provide relief to commuters who suffer from the same limitation in mobility and livelihood opportunity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.**, Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan, premises considered, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree:

**SECTION 1. COVERAGE.** This Order shall apply and govern all types of tricycles-for-hire operating within the Municipality of Asingan during the Covid-19 pandemic, Alert Level System, and other community quarantine measures as may be imposed by the National Government.

**SECTION 2. PASSENGER CAPACITY.** Notwithstanding the expressed mandate of the local government unit to declare higher level of quarantine with the concurrence of Regional and Provincial IATF, the passenger capacity of tricycles-for-hire in the municipality shall be based upon the prevailing Alert Level as determined by the IATF-EID and competent authorities.

Alert Level	Passenger Capacity	Additional Restrictions
5	—	Public transportation not allowed
4	—	Reduced capacity
3	One (1) inside the sidecar	Back riding not allowed
2	Two (2)	Passenger in sidecar and at the back only
1	Full capacity	New Normal





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**SECTION 3. TRANSPORT SAFETY PROTOCOLS.** All types of tricycle-for-hire covered by this Order shall strictly observe the prescribed physical distancing and sanitation measures pursuant to DOTr Omnibus Guidelines/Protocol and other relevant issuances and directives:

- a. Drivers and operators shall wear masks and other PPEs at all times;
- b. Passengers are required to wear masks and other PPEs before riding;
- c. Drivers shall only collect payment at their designated terminals;
- d. Unnecessary talking, making telephone calls, and eating are strictly prohibited;
- e. The transport terminals are urged to have an equipment for thermal scanning to check the body temperature of commuters;
- f. Regular disinfection every end of the day of all surfaces with disinfecting agent while high-touch surfaces such as seats, armrests, and handles shall be disinfected at least once every vehicle use;
- g. Provision of disinfectant/alcohol spray in every tricycle units and foot-disinfectants in every terminal;
- h. Ensure tricycle units are well-ventilated;
- i. There shall be a designated safety officer in every TODA who will conduct temperature checking and monitoring of drivers and passengers;
- j. Any driver or operator who shows symptoms of Covid-19 is advised to not report to work and shall be endorsed to the Municipal Health Office for health evaluation;
- k. The Association shall keep a log of their daily travel to and from a destination for contact tracing purposes;
- l. The Association is expected to assist the local government in information dissemination to remind commuters of good sanitation practices and minimum public health standards;

**SECTION 4. SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.** All students, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens should be granted a special fare discount in accordance with the law granting special privileges for students, the Magna Carta for Persons with Disabilities, and the Expanded Senior Citizens Act upon presentation of proper identification (ID) card.

**SECTION 5. NON-COMPLIANCE.** In adherence to the DOH and IATF-EID protocols, any noncompliance shall be treated as a violation and shall be penalized in accordance with the existing rules and regulations of competent authorities.

Likewise, violation of health protocols in PUVs are considered violations of LTFRB franchise conditions. Noncompliance may entail revocation or nonrenewal of tricycle franchise by the local government.

**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Order is determined to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, its remaining provisions not adversely affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This order shall take effect immediately.

Let copies of this Order be furnished to all concerned for their information, guidance and compliance.

ISSUED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022 in the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan.

Engr. CARLOS F. LOPEZ, JR.  
Municipal Mayor