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MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2021-092

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING ASF TASK FORCE AND "BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY" PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN, ISABELA AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote a just and fair environment for trade and other economic activities, and to provide effective mechanisms or measures to promote the well-being of its citizens, their livelihood, and the economy, in general;

WHEREAS, in the exercise of the mandate of Section 7, Chapter 2, Book IV of Executive Order No. 292 entitled: Instituting the Administrative Code of 1987, the Secretary of the Department is empowered to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out department objectives, policies, functions, plans, programs and projects; and issue administrative orders necessary for the efficient administration of the offices under the Secretary and for proper execution of the laws relative thereto;

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high impact transboundary animal cure disease (TAD), continues to affect the swine production sector of the Philippines with no vaccine and no known cure to date;

WHEREAS, early reporting of animal-borne disease is vital for an efficient and well-coordinated response and immediate implementation of control measures;

WHEREAS, there exist a need to implement in full force and effect the ban on entry of live swine/hogs or pigs and implement the measures to prevent the entry/spread of ASF in the municipality;

WHEREAS, successful control efforts lies with strong collaboration between the Department of Agriculture; its relevant agencies, with concerned Local Government Units (LGUs), and stakeholders taking ownership of such program benefitting the farmers;

WHEREAS, the Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP), a collegial body of swine veterinarians, developed the " BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY", a community-based approach to prevent, control, and manage ASF applying sound epidemiologic principles and available technology such as the use of ASF rapid test kits, through the cooperation of Local Government Units (LGUs) and swine raisers, was successfully piloted in the province of Batangay with support from the local hog industry;

WHEREAS, local government officials including those in the barangays must be empowered considering their role as very critical in the successful implementation of disease control programs of the government, particularly ASF, at the grassroot level in order to timely detect, manage and prevent further spread of any disease;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION. The following are the key components of the Program:

- a. Intensified Risk Assessment, Surveillance and Monitoring;
- b. Strengthening Biosecurity Implementation;
- c. Strengthening and Institutionalization of LGU Engagement; and
- d. Recovery and Repopulation.

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SECTION 2. SCOPE. To empower LGU in the implementation of the " BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY" interventions as the farm and community levels. This is a joint flagship national program of various Government Departments to control and prevent ASF at the Barangay level involving disease surveillance and monitoring, disease reporting, disease investigation, disease response, the implementation of biosecurity protocols, zoning recovery, and repopulation.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES.

- a. To establish an effective ASF monitoring surveillance and reporting system;
- b. To strengthen biosecurity measures at the farm level and border control;
- c. To intensify awareness campaigns and other capacity building activities;
- d. To strengthen and institutionalize LGU engagement for ASF prevention and control;
- e. To assist in the recovery and repopulation of previously affected areas; and
- f. To generate and mobilize resources for an effective implementation of the program;

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SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

Animal Disease Diagnostic Reference Laboratory (ADDRL) - is the national reference laboratory under the Bureau of Animal Industry that provides services in support to animal health and production, regulatory, research and surveillance in the whole country.

African Swine Fever (ASF) - is a severe viral disease that affects all breed of domestic and wild pigs in the country and has already caused grave production and economic losses in Luzon and some parts of Visayas and Mindanao.

Barangay Security Officers (BBOs) - are Community/Village-Based Animal Technician (CBAT), Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), para-veterinary workers, Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), volunteer veterinarians who are not resident or consulting veterinarian of any farm, or any person assigned by the Punong Barangay at the Barangay in coordination with the Municipal Agriculturist/Veterinarian shall also be known as Barangay Biosecurity Officers of BBO who will be appointed, designated and registered as the frontliners of the BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY PROGRAM and shall have specific responsibilities indicated in this ordinance.

Biosecurity Level 1 - refers to the level of farm biosecurity in compliance to minimum standards set by the Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP).

Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) - is the primary agency mandated to control animal diseases in the country.

Commercial Farm - is a farm category for any farm with a swine population that exceeds the definition of small-hold farm in high density areas, commercial farms are further classified into:

Small-Commercial Farm - which refers to at least one of the following:

- Between 10-50 sow level
- Between 41-500 fatteners

Commercial Farm - which refers to at least one of the following:

- 51 sow level and above
- 501 fatteners and above

Community - is hereby defined as a barangay or clustering of barangays.

Consulting Veterinarians - refer to veterinarians employed in 300 sow-level farms and below as defined by the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998.

Contingency Plan - outlines the needed plans and procedures in the event of an incursion of the disease.

Department of Agriculture - is the Executive Branch of the Philippine Government mandated to improve, upgrade and regulate the agricultural sector.

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Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office (DARFO) - is the regional branch of the DA that facilitates and supervises the formulation and execution of policies, plans and programs of the Department in the respective regions.

Local Government Unit (LGU) - is an administrative and political government units subsidiary to the national government which could itself consist of sub-units as in the case of a province or a municipality.

Paiwi/Paalaga - pertains to the system of rearing animals in some areas in the Philippines whereby the care and management of few animals are delegated to individuals in a community.

Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) - is a government laboratory under the DA Regional Field Office that provides services in support to animal health and production, regulatory, research and surveillance in the region.

Resident Veterinarians - refer to veterinarians employed in than 300 sow-level farms as defined in the IRR of Republic 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998.

Small-hold Farm - is commonly known as backyard farm which refers to at least one of the following:

- Less than 21 heads of adult and zero head of young (1-20 heads adult and zero young and below)
- Less than 41 heads of young animals (1-40 heads young and below)
- Less than 10 heads of adult and 22 heads of young (1-9 heads adult and 1-21 heads young and below)

Test and Destroy - refers to the testing swine population and when found positive to ASF are subject for rapid, deliberate humane killing and proper disposal.

Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (VetBO) - are Resident Veterinarians or Veterinary Consultants who shall be recognized as Biosecurity Officers or VetBO. They shall be registered and deputized to act as such and perform the duties and responsibilities stated in this ordinance.

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION. The Palanan African Swine Fever (ASF) Task Force is hereby composed of the following:

Task Force Head	:	DR. JOSE MARIE G. MONTECLARO Municipal Agriculturist/Municipal Veterinarian/MDRRM Officer designate
Assistant Task Force Head	:	CHIEF OF POLICE Palanan Police Station
Members	:	MA. RUBY ROSE ANGELIE G. BACCAY, LGOO VI MLGOO
		HON. ANGELINA A. BERNARDO LNB President
		MR. ALVEN L. LORENZO Agriculturist I
		MS. CHARIVEL C. MANZANO Rural Sanitary Inspector III
		MR. DANNY G. ALVAREZ Meat Inspector I
Enforcers	:	PNP Personnel All Punong Barangays and their Tanods

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SECTION 6. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF ASF TASK FORCE.

1. The Task Force shall implement in full force and carry out the measures embodied in the following issuances and future issuances relative to ASF.
 - DILG Advisory dated September 25, 2019 " Measures to Control the Spread of African Swine Fever";
 - DILG Memorandum dated October 21, 2019 "Guidelines on the Movement, Distribution and Sale of Processed Meat Products";
 - DILG Advisory dated November 20, 2019 " Strengthened Measures to Mitigate the Effects of African Swine Fever";
 - PGI Executive Order 46-2019 dated October 1, 2019;
 - PGI Executive Order No. 50-2019 dated October 22, 2019
 - PGI Executive Order No. 58-2019 dated November 29, 2019
 - PGI Executive Order No 07-2020 dated February 6, 2020
 - PGI Executive Order No. 09-2020 dated February 11, 2020;
 - DA Administrative Order No. 07, Series of 2021 and
 - Other pertinent issuances.
2. The Task Force shall establish check points in all entrances to the municipalities, implementing the total ban on the entry of live swine/hogs/pigs in the municipality;
3. The Task Force shall determine the compliance of suppliers with incoming pork meat supplies or products if the required documents are in order and identify irregular, inappropriate, suspicious and potentially unsafe products;
4. The Task Force shall order and implement non-negotiable one-day quarantine procedures if checkpoint inspection finds there is a lack required documents in the transport of fresh pork meat or frozen pork products being imported to the municipality;
5. The Task Force is mandated to confiscate any swine/hogs/pigs and its by-products with no proper documents from any individual or establishment procured or acquired in violation of this order and shall be disposed accordingly (deep burial in a safe location that the carcasses or pork products no longer constitute a risk for further spread of the pathogen to other susceptible animals by direct or indirect means, for example by carrion eaters, scavengers or through contamination of food or water);
6. The Task Force shall endeavor to provide massive information to the public on the matter of African Swine Fever and the enforcement of existing rules and regulations;

SECTION 7. "BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY" RESPONSIBILITIES.

In support to " Bantay ASF sa Barangay", with the following responsibilities:

1. Prohibits slaughtering in barangays;
2. Strengthens barangay checkpoints to apprehend illegal shippers and penalize the violators;
3. Intensifies risk assessment, surveillance and monitoring;
4. Strengthens biosecurity implementation;
5. Enhances capability building and awareness campaign;
6. Strengthens LGU engagement; and
7. Assist in the recovery and repopulation projects.

SECTION 8. PROHIBITED ACTS. Any person or entity found to have committed any of the following instances/acts shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance.

1. Tampering and falsification of documents such as but not limited to:
 - 1.1. Veterinary Health Certificate
 - 1.2. Certificate of Free Status on ASF
 - 1.3. Laboratory Test Results for ASF
 - 1.4. Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring Report
 - 1.5. Biosecurity Evaluation Form
2. Concealment of information
3. Removal of diseased animals from quarantine area
4. Movement of animals without necessary permits/documents

5. Non-reporting/Delay in reporting
6. Interference/Disobedience to person in authority
7. Refusal to farm inspection and conduct of surveillance
8. Data privacy issue(s)

SECTION 9. INTENSIFIED RISK ASSESSMENT, SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING.

9.1. Disease Monitoring

The Biosecurity Officers (VetBO and BBO) shall conduct ASF negative monitoring on weekly basis. Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (Resident and Consulting Veterinarians) must submit weekly monitoring reports for commercial farms/paiwi to the PVO. In some cases, (BBO) can conduct the monitoring and reporting for semi-commercial farms up to 50 Sow Level and paiwi/farms up to 500 heads with the concurrence and approval by the LGU Veterinarian.

Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) must conduct and submit the Farm Biosecurity Evaluation Form for the farm to the MAO/MVO, which also serves as a basis for concurrence of Certificate of Weekly Disease Monitoring for African Swine Fever.

9.2. Disease Investigation

All disease investigation is prompted when there is a report of a suspect case of ASF in the area. The Municipal ASF Task Force in coordination with the Provincial ASF Task Force (PATF) and Regional ASF Task Force (RATF) shall act quickly on the reported case by conducting thorough disease investigation and sample collection pursuant to Section 3.2. of DA Administrative Order No. 7, Series of 2021.

9.3. Surveillance for early detection

Technician of the Municipal Agriculture Office/Municipal Veterinarian and Barangay Officials shall conduct an active surveillance for unusual pig mortalities and shall immediately report the same to the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist/ Municipal Veterinarian designate who shall conduct an investigation and request for blood sampling for laboratory testing from the Provincial Veterinary Office/Department Agriculture.

9.4. For Barangays with suspected ASF infection

- a. Suspected premises shall be quarantined. No pig, pork, pork products or feeds should be allowed to get out of the piggery to prevent contamination of other piggeries. Likewise no pig should be allowed to get into the suspected premise to prevent being infected.
- b. Sick animals in suspected premises shall not be allowed to be slaughtered.
- c. Dead pig should be buried properly and shall not be thrown to bodies of water, rivers, and creeks or irrigation canals.
- d. Suspected premises shall be disinfected daily to include other surrounding piggeries.
- e. The barangay with suspected ASF case shall also be put under quarantine by establishing barangay check points.

9.5. For Barangays with positive ASF case

- a. All pigs positive of ASF and potentially infected with ASF in the identified culling area within the one (1) km radius from the infected premises shall be stamped-out (culled). The extent of the culling area will be identified by the VetBO.
- b. Culled pigs shall be disposed of properly by burying in a safe place deep enough to provide at least six (6) feet covering.
- c. To prevent the spread of the disease, the barangay with positive case of ASF shall be put under strict quarantine.
- d. After culling, the infected and potentially infected premise must be disinfected daily for 30 days to kill the virus which is very resistant in the environment outside the host.
- e. No restocking of piggeries shall be made unless the barangay is declared cleared of ASF.

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9.6. For barangays without suspected or positive case of ASF

All barangays without suspected or positive case of ASF shall likewise establish checkpoints as "BANTAY ASF" to monitor and regulate entry of pigs, pork and pork based processed meat from suspected and positive barangays and exit of sick animals.

SECTION 10. STRENGTHENING BIOSECURITY IMPLEMENTATION.

10.1. Designation of VetBO and BBO.

The Municipal Agriculturist/Veterinarian is hereby designated as Veterinary Biosecurity Officer (VetBO) and Punong Barangay as Barangay Biosecurity Officer (BBO).

VetBO shall apply directly to Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) while BBO shall be assigned or endorsed by the MAO/MVO. They shall undergo one (1) day orientation and training as regards to their duties and responsibilities including the conduct of farm and area biosecurity evaluation and assessment, sample collection and weekly ASF negative monitoring report.

10.2. Issuance of Hog Transport Pass

No hog traders and livestock transport carrier shall be allowed to transact business without the Hog Transport Pass before the issuance of Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) by the VetBO.

SECTION 11. CAPABILITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.

The ASF Task Force (ASFTF) will coordinate with relevant government agencies including feed and nutrition suppliers/retailers to ensure all aspects relevant to Babay ASF.

Information and Education Campaign shall be conducted by the ASFTF and BBOs to ensure biosecurity protocols are duly observed by the farmers.

SECTION 12. PENALTIES. Any person or entity found to have violated the provision under Section 8 of this ordinance shall be fined of:

- 1st Offense : One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) and confiscation of meat products;
- 2nd Offense : One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) and confiscation of meat products;
- 3rd Offense : Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) and confiscation of meat products;

SECTION 13. LEAD AGENCIES.

The Office of the Municipal Agriculturist/Veterinarian, and Punong Barangays/ BBOs with the assistance of the PNP Members shall implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 14. FUNDING.

An initial funding shall be allocated under the MOOE of the Municipal Agriculturist/Veterinarian and 5% MDRRM Fund in case of the declaration of State of Calamity due to ASF outbreak.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CLAUSE. All laws, decrees, executive orders, administrative orders or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days posting and publication.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution, which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its *Regular Session* on April 19, 2021.


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