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MUNICIPALITY OF ROXAS

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 28TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF ROXAS, ORIENTAL MINDORO HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2023, 1:00 P.M. AT THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN SESSION HALL.

Present:

Municipal Vice Mayor Jerwin S. Dimapilis	-Presiding Officer
Councilor Robert S. Quiatchon	- Member
Councilor John John S. Yason	- Member
Councilor Lucille T. Bacay	- Member
Councilor Juan Rafael M. Talens	- Member
Councilor King Philip B. Dimapilis	- Member
Councilor Robert A. Baticos	- Member
Councilor Veil Charleo B. Cusi	- Member
Councilor Marietta R. Pajila	- Member
Councilor Elmer P. Salibio	- President, Liga ng Barangay
Councilor Elmira May V. Tarac	- Member, MSKF President

Absent:

NONE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05
Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE MUNICIPAL ASF TASK FORCE AND ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE “BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY” OR THE “BABay ASF PROGRAM,” AND PROVIDING POWERS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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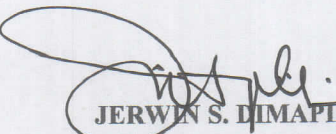
WHEREAS, Section 468 (4)(v), Section 458 (5)(xii), Section 447 (5)(xii) of the Local Government Code authorizes the Sangguniang Bayan to approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases within its territorial jurisdiction;

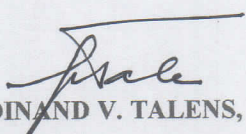
WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high-impact trans boundary animal disease (TAD), continues to affect the swine production sector of the Philippines with no vaccine and no known cure to date; resulting to industry estimate of 36 percent reduction of national swine inventory impacting both livelihood and agriculture economy;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular No. 12 (s. 2019) or the “National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control of ASF” provides for the movement protocols through classification of the country into various zones in an effort to manage, contain and control the ASF virus;

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


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WHEREAS, the Municipality of Roxas considers ASF as a serious threat to swine industry in the province;

WHEREAS, there is compelling need to adopt and implement the Department of Agriculture Bantay ASF sa Barangay or the "BABAY ASF PROGRAM" in to protect the local swine industry and the constituents of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable King Philip B. Dimapilis, unanimously seconded,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Bayan in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "BABAY ASF Ordinance of the Municipality of Roxas."

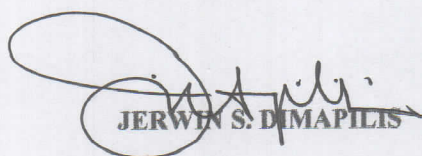
SECTION 2. Objectives

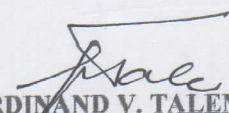
- a. To strengthen and institutionalize LGU engagement for ASF prevention and control;
- b. To establish an effective ASF monitoring, surveillance and reporting system;
- c. To strengthen biosecurity measures at the farm level and border control;
- d. To intensify awareness campaign and other capacity building activities;
- 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.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of implementing the provisions of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

1. Agricultural and Fishery Councils (AFCs) are stakeholders, nurtured by the Philippine Council for Agriculture and Fisheries (PCAF), private sector led and considered as the frontline mechanism for private sector participation in the agriculture and fisheries decision-making processes and enterprise development initiatives through the conduct of consultations for formulation of policy and program recommendations and participatory monitoring.
2. 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 other parts of Visayas and Mindanao.
3. Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) are Community/Village Animal Technicians (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, Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council (MAFC) Chairperson and Livestock Sectoral Chairperson or any person assigned by the municipality at the barangay, designated and registered as the frontliners of the "BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY PROGRAM" and shall have specific responsibilities indicated in this Ordinance.
4. Biosecurity Level 1 refers to the level of farm biosecurity in compliance to minimum standards set by the Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP).

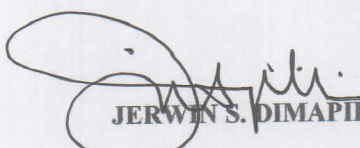

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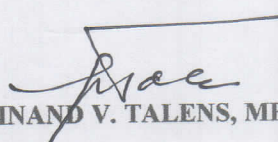

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5. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) is the primary agency mandated to control animal diseases in the country.
6. Commercial Farm is a farm category for any farm with a swine population that exceeds the definition of a small-hold farm. In high density areas, commercial farms are further classified into:
 - 6.1 Semi-commercial Farm – refers to pig farms with at least:
 - 10 to 50 heads of sow; or
 - 41 to 500 heads fattener
 - 6.2 Commercial Farm – refer to pig farms with:
 - 51 heads of sow or more; or
 - 501 heads of fattener or more
7. Community is hereby defined in this Ordinance as a barangay or clustered barangays.
8. 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.
9. Contingency Plan outlines the needed plans and procedures in the event of an incursion of the disease.
10. The Department of Agriculture (DA) is the Executive Branch of the Philippine Government mandated to improve, upgrade and regulate the agricultural sector.
11. The Department of Agriculture-National Livestock Program is the national program of DA mandated to drive and catalyze the accelerated and sustainable development of the livestock and poultry sub sectors through the formulation of a comprehensive policy, preparation of plans, and implementation of programs and projects.
12. The Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office (DA-RFO) 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.
13. Local Government Unit (LGU) is an administrative and political government unit subsidiary to the national government which could itself consist of sub-units as in the case of a province, a municipality or a city.
14. 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.
15. Resident Veterinarians refer to veterinarians employed in more than 300 sow-level farms as defined in the IRR of Republic Act 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998.


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16. Small-hold Farm – pursuant to PNS/BAFS 267:2019: Code of Good Animal Husbandry Practice (GAHP) for Swine, commonly known as backyard farm, it refers to pig farms falling under any of the following:

- With 20 heads of adult pig or lesser or zero head of young;
- With 40 heads of young pigs or lesser; or
- With 9 heads of adult pig or lesser and 21 heads of young pigs or lesser

For this purpose, young pigs refer to unweaned pigs which are a month old or less and adult pigs refer to weaned pigs.

17. Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (VetBO) are Resident Veterinarians or Veterinary Consultants recognized as Biosecurity Officers or VetBO registered and deputized to act as such and perform the duties and responsibilities stated in this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Creation of Municipal ASF Task Force. By virtue of DA AO No. 43 series of 2020, an ASF Task Force is hereby created. It shall be the main authority to oversee the implementation of this Ordinance and other related activities as may be provided by rules and regulations and guidelines promulgated by higher authority or mandated by national laws.

4.1 Composition of the Municipal ASF Task Force. A Municipal ASF Task Force shall be created and composed of the following:

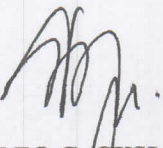
Chairperson — Municipal Mayor

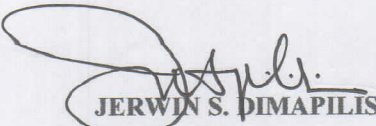
Co-chairperson — Municipal Administrator or Municipal Agriculturist

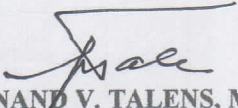
Members - Representatives from:

- Municipal Planning and Development Office
- Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council
- Municipal Agriculturist Office
- Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)
- Municipal Health Office
- Philippine National Police
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Public Information Office
- Department of Education
- President, League of Barangays
- President, Biosecurity Officers
- Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council (MAFC) Chairperson
- NGO Representative

The Task Force may include other agencies or stakeholders not mentioned in this Ordinance but has an immense part in its implementation and who shall be named as the expanded members of the Task Force.


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A Technical Working Group (TWG) headed by the Municipal Agriculturist and composed of government and private sector stakeholders can be created to serve as the advisory body of the Task Force for the efficient implementation of the BABay ASF Program.

4.2 Technical Support Teams

Rapid Action Team shall carry out the immediate diagnosis of suspect premises and the initiation and implementation of the stamping out procedures.

Representatives from:

- Office of the Municipal Agriculturist
- Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council
- Philippine National Police

Surveillance Team shall conduct regular surveillance and profiling of swine diseases in the identified priority areas.

Representatives from:

- Office of the Municipal Agriculturist
- Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)
- Municipal Health Office (MHO)
- Regional Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Quarantine Team shall conduct periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc.

Representatives from:

- Office of the Municipal Agriculturist
- Philippine National Police

Census Team shall conduct periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc.

Representatives from:

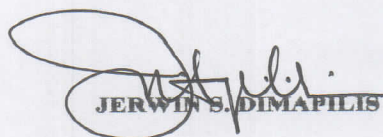
- Public Information Office
- Office of the Municipal Agriculturist
- Private Sector (AFCs, NGOs, CSOs)

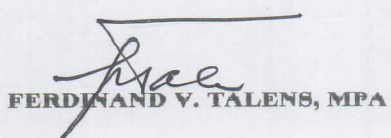
IEC Team shall ensure adequate awareness of the general public on matters and updates to African Swine Fever.

Representatives from:

- Office of the Municipal Agriculturist
- Municipal Planning and Development Office


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