

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
BATANGAS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD

ORDINANCE NO. 1 S. 2005

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE BATANGAS CITY ANIMAL HEALTH
COUNCIL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 8485 otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998" it is our duty to protect and promote the welfare of animals in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, one of the major sources of livelihood of local farmers/raisers come from livestock and poultry farming industries and Batangas City ranks first in swine production in the whole province of Batangas;

WHEREAS, animal health disease outbreak remains a serious threat to the development of animal industry and generally affects the economic stability of local farmers/raisers;

WHEREAS, livestock and poultry diseases continuously deter the competitiveness of the local meat and meat products in the global markets;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority conferred by law upon the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas, said body in session assembled hereby ordains and decrees:

SECTION 1. CREATION - There is hereby created the Batangas City Animal Health Council (BCAHC) which shall be responsible for the effective monitoring of the Animal Health status in the locality and affirm sound animal health program with the end view of achieving continuous economic growth through safe, clean and animal disease free areas devoted to livestock and poultry farming industries in Batangas City. Further, to complement the national program in the eradication phase of priority animal diseases which threaten the global competitiveness of local meat and meat products.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION - The Batangas City Animal Health Council shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	: City Mayor
Vice-Chairman	: City Veterinarian
Members	: City Council, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture Chairman of the Committee on Cooperatives : City Director - DILG : City Health Officer City Treasurer City Social Welfare and Development Officer Public Information Officer Defense and Security Services Officer Philippine National Police NGO's

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

The duties and functions of the council are as follows:

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- a) Conduct an awareness campaign on the prevention and control of animal diseases, the importance of adopting proper practices, and the economic importance of animal disease control in relation to public health.
- b) Monitor the possible outbreak of the animal diseases and prevent it's spread.
- c) Set up, when necessary, animal checkpoints in strategic areas specifically in entry and exit points of the City of Batangas.
- d) Create a disease free animal population through a program of compulsory vaccination.
- e) Enforce the required standard of sanitation and cleanliness in slaughterhouses, auction markets and meat vending places.
- f) Enforce regular disinfection of commercial/backyard farms, slaughterhouses, auction markets, weighing scales and other related establishment.
- g) Control the movements of disease infected animals and or meat, and for this purpose may seize and confiscate such animals and meat and provide means for their treatment and disposal.
- h) Designate dumping or disposal sites of confiscated/condemned animals.
- i) Study, disseminate and apply scientific practices in preventing and/or controlling animal diseases.
- j) Disseminate information and technology on livestock and poultry production thru the distribution of reading materials, conduct of seminars/trainings and film showing and use of media.
- k) Regulate and control the movement of animals in and out of the City of Batangas. Charge (per head) on health certificate/shipping permit set:

1. Chicken	Php	0.10
2. Game fowls		10.00
3. Pig		2.00
4. Cattle & Carabao		5.00
5. Dog & Cat		5.00
6. Other Pet Animals		0.10

- l) Restrain and direct the securing of clearance of animal industry related establishments except government owned entities before registration to concerned agencies. Every slaughterhouse, feed mills, auction market, weighing scale, meat processing center, meat stall, meat shops, veterinary supply, veterinary clinic, veterinary hospital, pet shop, livestock and poultry farm, meat and poultry farm will be charged with the following fees:

a.) Piggery Farm (regardless of age)		
100-150 heads	Php	100.00
151-200		150.00
201 and above		200.00
b.) Poultry Farm		
5,000 - 10,000 heads	Php	100.00
10,000 - 30,000		150.00
30,000 and above		200.00
c.) Large Animal		
50 and above heads	Php	200.00

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Such fees shall be subjected to annual renewal.

- m) Regulate payments of severely affected backyard raisers and small traders during the course of the disease outbreak in the form of indemnification fund. Payments of condemned animals will be subject to the availability of fund of the city government.
- n) Conduct monthly calibration/inspection on weighing scales. Failure to comply shall be subject to penalties/or closure.
- o) Post price information chart in animal related establishments and prevailing market and farm gate price of animals, meat and meat products, and other needed information.
- p) Regulate permits of traders to buy and sell animals, meat and meat products within the city.
- q) Designate a Livestock Inspector to auction market and public markets.
- r) Provide technical and financial support to livestock and poultry farmer-cooperative clientele.
- s) Coordinate with national agencies for the timely procurement and distribution of vaccines, disinfectants and veterinary medicines.
- t) Coordinate with the local city officials and barangay officials in the implementation of the program or action on the control of highly communicable animal diseases.
- u) Acknowledge/recognize outstanding contribution of farmer-entrepreneurs and cooperative organizations in the City's animal industry in celebrating Farmer's Day.
- v) Provide weighing scale/"Timbangan ng Bayan" in slaughterhouse and public markets.
- w) Perform such other functions and duties necessary for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF OWNERS OF INFECTED ANIMALS AND/OR EXPOSED HERD.

After the council has determined and decided the need for condemnation, treatment, and or compulsory vaccination of animals, in certain area or areas, it shall be the duty of every owner, custodian or caretaker of every animal or poultry, to coordinate with the council or its representative to facilitate the recommended steps for the affected animals.

SECTION 5. DUTIES OF BARANGAY FARM AND RELATED ESTABLISHMENT OWNERS AND TRADERS OF ANIMALS, ITS PRODUCTS AND BY PRODUCTS.

After the council has determined and decided the need for the control and restriction of animals and related activities/operations with the regards to its development, it shall be the duty of the official, owner, custodian or caretaker in every barangay of animals, its products, by product and related establishments to coordinate with the council or its representatives to facilitate cooperation, secure of clearances and permits, conduct of monthly inspection calibration, post of price information charts, and acknowledgment of outstanding contribution to the industry.

SECTION 6. DESIGNATION OF PERSONNEL.

Subject to Civil Service Law, the members of the council may designate from the present personnel of their offices those persons who shall compose the task force that shall act in the implementation of this ordinance under the direct supervision of the OCVAS Chief.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Batangas City Animal Health Council (BCAHC) thru the City Mayor is empowered to promulgate rules and regulations to effectively implement the intent and spirit of this ordinance. The said rules and regulations shall include among others the purchase of medicines and other supplies, priority of vaccination, handling of suspected animals and animal products, establishments of checkpoints, conduct of information campaigns and monitoring of animal diseases, animal related establishments and prevailing market prices provide technical and financial support, artificial insemination services, direct securing of clearance and acknowledge outstanding contributions of farmers-entrepreneurs-cooperatives to the industry.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

The City Mayor with the concurrence of the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall appropriate in the annual and/or supplemental budget of the city a some sufficient in amount to carry out the purposes and provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 9. PENAL PROVISIONS.

- a. All unscrupulous meat haulers, meat vendors, meat establishments, livestock/meat traders/haulers/raisers, once proven guilty of trading, selling, vending unsafe meat/meat products, diseased/dead livestock and poultry animals including those meat or meat products which are not subjected to ante/post mortem examination of the authorized meat inspectors shall be penalized as follows:

Fist Offense	:	Fine of Php 1,000.00
Second Offense	:	Fine of Php 2,000.00
Third Offense	:	Php 3,000.00 or imprisonment of not less than 1 month or more than 6 months or both at the discretion of the Honorable Court.

- b. All meat establishments operating without the necessary permits and regulatory fees shall be subjected to a fine as per the existing Batangas City Tax Code of 2001.
- c. All livestock, poultry, pet animals, raiser who refuse to abide to the different programs of the City Government concerning Animal Health such as:

- * mass vaccination
- * deworming
- * disinfection
- * quarantine

shall be held liable on any untoward disease incidents that may occur in the area/Barangay and shall be denied of any assistance with regards to Animal Health Program as certified by the OCVAS Personnel.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All provisions of city ordinances, executive orders or resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

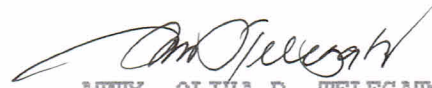
SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If for any reason or reasons any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY.

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after approval by the City Mayor and complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the province and city of Batangas.

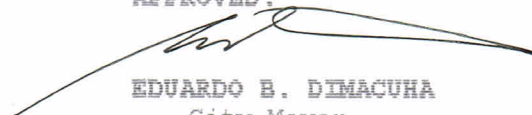
ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City this 24th day of January, 2005.


ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


JOSE Y. TOLENTINO
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


EDUARDO B. DIMACUHA
City Mayor

Date Approved: Feb. 3, 2005

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