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Province of Sorsogon  
**CITY OF SORSOGON**



## *Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON JANUARY 18, 2022 VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE.

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City Councilor/ Temporary Presiding Officer

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Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III

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**ABSENT:**

Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda –on official business  
Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda

## *Resolution No. 029, Series of 2022*

(Author: Hon. Erwin J. Duana)

### **RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY “BABay ASF” PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON CREATING THEREBY THE CITY ASF TASK FORCE 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 mechanism and measures to promote the well-being of its constituents, their livelihood and economy, in general;

**WHEREAS**, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high impact transboundary 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% reduction of national swine inventory impacting both livelihood and agriculture economy;

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

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

**WHEREAS**, DA Administrative Order No. 7 Series of 2021 Implementing Guidelines for the “Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program” was enacted for the intensified disease response of the Government against ASF, where the DA, academe, private stakeholders and swine industry experts provide technical and support services to empower LGUs in the implementation of the “BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY” interventions at the farm and community levels;

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of DA Administrative Order No. 7 Series of 2021 Implementing Guidelines for the “Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program” reiterates the strengthening and institutionalization of LGU Engagement in the implementation of the Bantay ASF Program;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **Hon. Erwin J. Duana**, duly seconded by **Hon. Nestor J. Baldon**, resolved as it is hereby resolve to pass a resolution enacting an ordinance for the adoption and implementation of Bantay ASF sa Barangay “BaBay ASF” Program in the City of Sorsogon creating thereby the City ASF Task Force and for other purposes.

## *City Ordinance No. 003, Series of 2022*

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY “BABay ASF” PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON CREATING THEREBY THE CITY ASF TASK FORCE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 7<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL OF SORSOGON IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:**

### **SECTION 1. TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known as the “**Bantay ASF sa Barangay Ordinance of 2021**”

### **SECTION 2 DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For the purpose of implementing the provisions of these Ordinance the following terms shall apply:

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

**2.2. Barangay Biosecurity Officer (BBO)** are community/ Village Animal Technicians, Barangay Animal Health Worker (BAHW), volunteer veterinarians who are not resident or consulting veterinarian of any farm.

**2.3 Biosecurity Level 1** refers to the level of biosecurity in compliance to minimum standard set by the Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP).

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

**2.5 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:

**2.5.1 Semi-commercial Farm** which refers to at least one of the following:

Between 10-50 sow level

Between 41-500 fatteners

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

51 sow level and above

501 fatteners and above

**2.6 Community** is hereby defined in this ordinance as a sians employed inn 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.

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

**2.9 Department of Agriculture (DA)** is the Executive branch of the Philippine Government mandated to improve, upgrade and regulate the agricultural sector.

**3.0 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-sector through the formulation of a comprehensive policy, preparation of plans, and implementations of programs and projects.

**3.1 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.

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

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

**3.4 Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC)** is a government owned and controlled corporation, PCIC is an attached agency of the DA. The PCIC's principal mandate is to provide insurance protection to farmers against losses from natural calamities, plants diseases and pests infestation of palay and corn crops.

**3.5 RADDL** government laboratory that provides services in support to animal health and production, regulatory, research and surveillance.

**3.6 Stockyard** a large yard containing pens and sheds, in which livestock is kept and sorted.

**3.7 Swine** –“pig” any stout, cloven hoofed artiodactyl of the world family suidae.

**3.8 Quarantine** to put on hold in isolation to prevent spread of disease or pest.

3.9 **Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC)** an official document issued by licensed veterinarian certifying that the animals identified on the documents have been inspected and were formed to satisfy the regulation.

### **SECTION 3    COVERAGE**

This ordinance shall apply to all persons, whether natural or juridical, whether resident or not, and all places, found within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon.

### **SECTION 4    COMPOSITION OF THE CITY ASF TASK FORCE**

The Task Force is hereby constituted as follows:

Chairperson	-City Mayor
Co-Chairperson	- City Veterinarian
Members	- Representative from: City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer (CDRRMO) City Planning and Development Officer Office of the City Veterinarian (CVO) City Disaster Risk and Reduction Coordinating Council (CDRRCC) Philippine National Police (PNP) City Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO) Office of the City Agriculturist (CAO) City Health Office (CHO) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) City Information Office (CIO) Department of Education (DepEd) Private Sector (NGO's, CSO's)

### **SECTION 5    TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAMS**

These are the regular members of the ASF-TF that are responsible for the preservation and protection of the swine industry in Sorsogon City

<b>Rapid Action Team</b>	- Representative from: Office of the City Veterinarian (CVO) City Risk and Reduction Disaster Coordinating Council (CRRDCC) Philippine National Police (PNP)
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<b>Surveillance Team</b>	-Representative from: Office of the City Veterinarian (CVO) City Environment and Natural Resources (CENRO) City Health Office (CHO) Bureau of Food and Drug (BFAD)
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<b>Quarantine Team</b>	-Representative from the: Office of the City Veterinarian Philippine National Police
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<b>Census Team</b>	-Representative from the: City Information Office Office of the City Agriculturist
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Private Sector (NGO's, CSO's)

**IEC Team** - Representative from the:  
Office of the City Veterinarian  
City Planning and Development Officer  
Department of Education  
Private Sector Representatives

**SECTION 6 ROLES AND FUNCTIONS**

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

**Surveillance Team** - conducts regular surveillance and profiling of swine diseases in the identified priority areas.

**Quarantine Team** - conducts periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc.

**Census Team** - conducts periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc.

**IEC Team** -ensures adequate awareness of the general public matters and updates to African Swine Fever.

**SECTION 7 FUNCTIONS OF THE SORSOGON CITY ASF TASKFORCE**

The main function of the City ASF Task Force include but not limited to the following:

- a. Main implementer of the "Babay ASF" Program.
- b. Formulate local issuances, ordinance and contingency plans for the ASF prevention and control measures in the barangays.
- c. Initiate and coordinate all ASF- related activities including quick response, disease investigation surveillance, animal movement control, information and education and logistics to relevant agencies, such as the National, Regional, Provincial and Barangay ASF Task Force.
- d. Conduct capacity building activities.
- e. Disseminate information, guidelines and memorable to all stakeholders
- f. Regularly submit reports to the Local Chief Executive on the status of its activity.
- g. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the full and proper implementation of ASF prevention and control protocols with the municipality.
- h. Each Barangay shall be mandated to register all small, medium and commercial farms in their localities.
- i. Every barangay shall be mandated to register swine stockyard in their localities
- j. No Hog Traders should be allowed to transact business without Animal Inspection Certificate, Farm Accreditation Certificate and Swine Stockyard Certificate all issued by the LGU's that will be the requirement before Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) issuance.
- k. Assist in the recovery and repopulation projects
- l. Intensifies and strengthens biosecurity implementation



## **SECTION 8     REGISTRATION AND DEPUTIZATION OF BIOSECURITY OFFICERS**

**Veterinary Biosecurity Officers (VetBO)** are Resident Veterinarians or Veterinary Consultants who shall be recognized as Biosecurity Officers or VetBO while Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBOs) are Community/Village-BasTechnicians (CBAT), Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), para-veterinary workers, Veterinary Technicians, Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), volunteer veterinarians who are not resident or consulting veterinarian of any farm, or any person assigned/endorsed by the city/municipality to act as such and perform the duties and responsibilities stated in this order.

**Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO)** - All VetBOs and BBOs shall be registered and deputized by the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO). VetBO shall apply directly to PVO, while BBO shall be assigned/endorsed by the CVO. Upon completion of all requirements and training, a Biosecurity Officer Code will be issued by the PVO.

**City Veterinary Office (CVO)**– The CVO shall endorse the list of registered BBO to be issued a Biosecurity Officer Code by the PVO.

To fast track the implementation of this activity, all existing networks of Animal Health Workers such as Barangay Animal Livestock Aide (BALA), Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), and other similar barangay officials assigned to assist in the implementation of different animal health programmes shall be readily designated for this purpose.

## **SECTION 9     DISEASE INVESTIGATION**

A disease investigation is prompted when there is a report of a suspect case of ASF in the area. The City 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.

Blood/organ samples to be collected for disease investigation shall come from 30 randomly selected animals preferably exhibiting clinical signs consistent with that of ASF, if the population is greater than 30. If the population is less than 30, samples shall be collected from all pigs in the farm.

A disease investigation activity shall be conducted in accordance with the protocol set in Annex 2 of the DA AO 7 Series of 2021

## **SECTION 10    SURVEILLANCE**

Surveillance shall be done in accordance to Section 3.3 of the DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021. Furthermore, a detailed protocol on surveillance within the 1 km quarantine area from the ASF infected premise is stipulated in Annex 3 of the said DA AO.

## **SECTION 11    ISSUANCE OF WEEKLY NEGATIVE DISEASE MONITORING REPORT & HOG TRANSPORT PASS**

### **Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring**

**Commercial/Semi-commercial Farm/Paiwi** – VetBOs and BBOs (as approved by CVO) shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the CVO.

**Small hold Farms** – BBOs shall conduct disease monitoring and biosecurity evaluation and submit reports to the CVO. Community sampling may also apply following the guidelines in the community testing and sample collection in Annex 4 of DA AO 7 Series of 2021.

Weekly disease monitoring report may be submitted through online and/or on-site depending on the discretion of the implementing CVO.

Biosecurity Officers shall report immediately to their respective CVO, any farms with animals showing clinical signs suggestive of ASF infection for corresponding actions such as surveillance and disease investigations.

### **Hog Transport Pass**

This aims to properly register all hog traders and other logistical support providers and their respective transport vehicles and vessels transacting business in the respective provinces with the end view of traceability and maintaining disease free areas thereby achieving safe, clean and orderly handling of commodities throughout the stages of marketing or distribution channels.

No hog traders and livestock transport carriers shall be allowed to transact business within each province without the Hog Transport Pass (HTP) which shall be a requirement before issuance of Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC).

All livestock transport carriers are required to comply with the biosecurity measures such as cleaning and disinfection as may be imposed by the authorities.

Any violation in this guideline by the hog traders and other logistical support providers shall immediately render his/her HTP revoked.

An updated list of traders shall be submitted regularly by all provinces to the DARFO and the BAI.

Issuance of Hog Transport Pass shall be in accordance with Annex 6 of DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021.

### **SECTION 12 REGULATION CONTROL**

All livestock farms (piggery, large ruminants, poultry), Aviary, Exotic Pets, Pet shops, Veterinary Clinic, Animal Pounds, within the City of Sorsogon must be accredited by the City Veterinary Office (CVO).

Farm Accreditation Certificate issued by the CVO will be a requirement for Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC) issuance.

All “viajeros” passing by the province of Sorsogon from (Mindanao and Visayas) to (Luzon) and vice versa shall not be allowed to wit;

12.1 Discard, dispose, buy and sell swine that are alive, sick or deceased at any area within the city.

12.2. Truck washing, Hog washing and discarding waste and fecal materials within the city.

12.3. Buying or Re-stocking is highly prohibited.

However, “viajeros” are allowed to refuel, rest, take meals and change tire if necessary and check the mechanical troubles. Viajeros are required to seek CVO assistance or from quarantine office should there is any form of prolonged stay due to mechanical troubles.

For biosecurity of the City all “viajeros” that intend to sell, transact and dispense loaded swine stocks coming from any municipality shall be required to; Inform and submit documents at the quarantine ports (Matnog, Pilar and Bulan) for cleaning and disinfection.

- a. Inform the City Agriculture Office for price monitoring
- b. Inform the City Veterinary Office (CVO) for document assessment and examination of health status of stocks, such as PCR and blood collection and testing may be required by the CVO if it is deemed necessary.

### **SECTION 13 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Awareness campaign shall be conducted to ensure all aspects relevant to BABay ASF will be cascaded and disseminated to the farmers. Engagement of agencies including the Department of Agriculture (DA) Communications Group, Agriculture and Fisheries Information Division (AFID), Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Sections (RAFIS), Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) and local government (Provincial to Municipal/City) information office, and all media resources of government shall be involved.

The campaign shall focus on ensuring that biosecurity protocols are duly observed by the farmers, discouraging the use of swill as feed for hogs and bringing farmers to register in the Farmers Registry developed for livestock farmers.

### **SECTION 14 RECOVERY AND REPOPULATION**

The Local Government Unit of Sorsogon City shall guide farms in proper cleaning and disinfection. (CVO) City Veterinary Office personnel shall conduct farm inspection to assess compliance with cleaning and proper disinfection procedures.

The complete guidelines and procedures for the recovery and repopulation is presented in Annex 8 of DA AO No. 7 Series of 2021.

### **SECTION 15 DECLARATION OF ASF FREE STATUS**

There are two levels of Declaration of ASF Free Status of an area previously infected with ASF.

The first level is the City/Municipality Level Local Declaration of ASF Free Status for cities/municipalities with certain barangay/s which have been previously infected with ASF and will be declared ASF Free area by the Provincial ASF Task Force.

The second level is the National Declaration of ASF Free Status for the whole Province to be declared by the Bureau of Animal Industry. All infected barangays of the city/municipality must be locally declared ASF Free area prior to application to be declared ASF Free on a national level.



The guidelines for Declaration of ASF Free Status is subject to adapt as deemed necessary by DA-BAI.

## **SECTION 16 ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER BY THE CITY MAYOR**

In the result of calamities, outbreak of contagious animal disease, holiday seasons, and times of extreme economic conditions, the City Mayor may issue an Executive order temporarily regulating/ prescribing the price of meat products as well as the transport of livestock to and from the City within the specific period time.

## **SECTION 17 VIOLATIONS/ PROHIBITED ACTS**

17.1 Any per of entity found to have committed any of the following instances/ acts shall be deemed in violation of this Ordinance.

- 17.1.1 Tampering and falsification of documents such as, but not limited to:
  - 17.1.1.1 Veterinary Health Certificate
  - 17.1.1.2 Certificate free status on ASF
  - 17.1.1.3 Farm Registration Certificate from (LGU)
  - 17.1.1.4 Swine Stockyard Certificate from (LGU)
  - 17.1.1.5 Laboratory Test Result for ASF
  - 17.1.1.6 Weekly Negative Disease Monitoring Report
  - 17.1.1.7 Biosecurity Evaluation Form
  - 17.1.1.8 Barangay Certificate
  - 17.1.1.9 Municipal Certificate
- 17.1.2 Concealment of information
- 17.1.3 Removal of diseased animal from quarantine area
- 17.1.4 Movement of animal without necessary permits/ documents
- 17.1.5 Non-Reporting/ Delay in reporting
- 17.1.6 Interference/ Disobedience to persons in authority
- 17.1.7 Refusal to farm inspection and conduct of surveillance
- 17.1.8 Data Privacy issues

## **SECTION 18 SLAUGHTERING REGULATIONS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON**

During the existence of African Swine Fever in Sorsogon City where the barangay/s is or are affected, all owners/raisers of live hog for slaughtering within the city shall secure a Certificate of Animal Origin from respective barangay signed by the barangay official and Animal Inspection Certificate from the City Veterinary Technician to ensure that the said hog is apparently healthy and fit for slaughtering.

## **SECTION 19 PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS**

The Local Government Unit of Sorsogon City shall initiate the filing of legal action/s to penalize any person or entity found to have committed the instances/acts listed under Section 14 "Violations/Prohibited Acts" of DA AO 7 Series of 2021.

Any person or entity found to have violated the provision under section 17 of this ordinance shall be fined:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense** – a fine of P 3,500.00 and confiscation of carcass/meat products.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**- a fine of P4,000.00 and confiscation of carcass/meat products

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense-** a fine of P5,000.00, an imprisonment of six (6) months to one (1) year at the discretion of the court and confiscation of carcass and meat products.

**SECTION 20 FUNDING**

Counterpart funding to support the activities of the African Task Force shall be allocated by the Office of the Mayor.

**SECTION 21 REPEALING CLAUSE**

All ordinances, resolutions and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 22 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

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

**SECTION 23 EFFECTIVITY**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and after compliance with the law on public dissemination and of publication.

**DATE APPROVED:      JANUARY 18, 2022**


**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.

  
**ROVAN E. DOMASIAN**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:

  
**REBECCA D. AQUINO**  
City Councilor/ Temporary Presiding Officer

Approved:

  
**MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**  
City Mayor