



SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT TAKEN FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN HELD ON APRIL 01, 2011.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2011-02

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING THE VETERINARY CODE (ANIMAL CODE) OF ALAMINOS CITY.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

WHEREAS, it is the avowed policy of the City Government of the City of Alaminos to promote the general welfare of its constituents and safeguard their health, safety and interest of the same. It is but imperative to enact statutes in order to establish policies, rules and regulations for the protection of its people with regard to the conduct of livestock production and other analogous industries as well as veterinary and other related activities in the city. It is the desire of the City Government of Alaminos to incorporate all pertinent laws and ordinances unto a single and simple yet comprehensive paper for reference of all stakeholders of the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, That:

CHAPTER 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Article 1. Title and Scope

Section 1. Title - This Code shall be known as the **"VETERINARY CODE (ANIMAL CODE) OF ALAMINOS CITY OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE VETERINARY CODE OF 2011"**.

Section 2. Scope - This Chapter shall cover all matters pertinent to the care, control and custody of animals including regulations for the distribution of livestock and poultry produce for consumer consumption, within the territorial jurisdiction of Alaminos City.

Article 2. Definition of Terms

Section 3. Definition of Terms - For the purpose of this Chapter, the following terms shall be understood in the sense indicated herein:

- (1) **ADULTERATED MEAT** refers to meat/ meat products in a state of decay or past their stated date of expiration by which they are not expected to retain their claimed safety, quality and wholesomeness and no longer permissible for consumption or sale (Republic Act No. 9296, Section 4, number 3);

- (2) **ANIMAL BREEDER** shall refer to a person or entity engaged in the commercial breeding of animals;
- (3) **ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTION** refers to inspection of live animals prior to its slaughter;
- (4) **AQUATIC PRODUCE** shall include food derived from the sea or freshwater i.e. fish, shellfish, crustacean, etc.
- (5) **AVIAN INFUENZA (AI)** refers to an infectious disease in chickens, ducks and other birds caused by different subtypes of influenza A virus;
- (6) **BASIN** a wide, shallow container for liquid, any shallow, rounded hollow, often containing water;
- (7) **"BULTOHAN" SYSTEM** shall refer to the method of assessing the value of livestock based on estimated body weight;
- (8) **BITTEN** refers to an act by which a Dog seizes, cuts or grips with its teeth so that the skin of a person has been wounded, pierced or scratched;
- (9) **CARCASS** is the dead body of an animal after bleeding;
- (10) **CITATION TICKET** document to notify an offender of a particular infraction/violation of existing city ordinances on sanitation and/or environmental protection and the corresponding penalty/s thereof;
- (11) **CVO** City Veterinary Office;
- (12) **CONCERNED OFFICIALS** refers to Barangay officials, health workers, police officers or government veterinarians;
- (13) **DISEASED MEAT** shall refer to meat/meat products derived from a sick animal or with a pathological abnormality;
- (14) **DOMESTIC ANIMALS** shall include but not limited to: dog, cat, goat, rabbit, bird, carabao, cattle, and pig;
- (15) **DOUBLE-DEAD MEAT** refers to carcasses, parts thereof, of food animals or poultry that are already dead, but are still slaughtered and offered for sale to the public;
- (16) **DRUG RESIDUE** the remaining substances such as drugs in the tissues and organs of the animals after being used as prophylactic or therapeutic treatment;
- (17) **DIRECT SUPERVISION** refers to range supervision where physical presence of the veterinarian within the Barangay is necessary;

- (18) **DOG** refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order carnivore (male or female), scientifically known as *canis familiaris*;
- (19) **DEALER** shall generally refer to one who buys livestock for the purpose of reselling it for profit;
- (20) **ENDANGERED ANIMAL** refers to animal that is facing extremely high risk of extinction in the wild;
- (21) **EXOTIC ANIMAL** means animals, which do not naturally occur in the country.
- (22) **EXOTIC BIRDS** any birds species or subspecies which do not naturally time/found in the Philippines;
- (23) **EUTHANASIA** refers to the process of painless death to Dogs and other animals;
- (24) **FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE (FMD)** refers to an infectious disease in cows, pigs or other cloven footed animals known as aphthovirus caused by a virus;
- (25) **FOWL/POULTRY** includes marketable broilers, culls, day old chicks, pullets, game fowls, native chickens, ducks, hatching eggs, hobby birds or birds of any kind;
- (26) **FARMER** shall refer to one who directly sells fattened livestock to buyers and dealers or buys it at the market for fattening, stock replacement, breeding or work purposes;
- (27) **HANDLER** shall refer to a person engaged in livestock trading as an employee/intermediary/agent of either the farmer or the dealer;
- (28) **HOT MEAT** shall refer to meat (botya) from food animals and poultry, clandestinely slaughtered in places not authorized by law or have not undergone examination or inspection by meat inspectors duly authorized by the National Meat Inspection Commission or Local Government Unit, and sold to the public. This shall include the prohibited dog and cat meat;
- (29) **IMPOUND** refers to seize and hold in custody of the law
- (30) **LABEL/LABELING** a display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon the immediate container (not including package liners) of any article;
- (31) **MALTREAT** is to treat the animal with cruelty;
- (32) **MEAT BORNE DISEASE** disease that can develop after consumption of contaminated meat;
- (33) **MEAT CONTROL OFFICER** a Veterinarian from the National Meat Inspection Commission who is properly trained and duly appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the law;

- (34) **MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS** shall refer to meat and its by-products, whether fresh/raw and/or processed, derived from slaughtered livestock i.e. swine, cattle, carabao, and/or poultry/fowl i.e. Chicken, duck, quail;
- (35) **MEAT INSPECTOR** a person appointed by the Department of Agriculture or the Local Government Unit to perform meat inspection and related functions as prescribed by laws;
- (36) **LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET** shall refer to a place or establishment serving as a public market for farmers and dealers, equipped with weighing scale, pens, corrals, tie rails, loading ramps, enclosures and other attendant facilities with which livestock are received, weighed and identified for sale;
- (37) **LIVESTOCK** shall refer to live cattle, carabao, hog, horse, goat, sheep and poultry usually sold for fattening, stock replacement, work purposes, breeding and slaughter;
- (38) **MISBRANDED** this term shall apply to any carcass, part thereof, meat or meat products, where one or more of the following circumstances as defined under Republic Act No. 7394 (Consumer Act of the Philippines) is present;
- a. If its labeling is false or misleading in any particular;
 - b. If it is offered for sale under the name of another meat or meat product;
 - c. If it is an imitation of another meat or meat product, unless its label bears, in type of uniform size and prominence, the word "imitation" and immediately thereafter, the name of the meat or meat product imitated;
 - d. If its container is so made, formed, or filled as to be misleading;
 - e. If in a package or other container unless it bears a label showing (1) the name and place of the manufacturer, (2) an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents in terms of weight measure, or numerical count; **Provided**, that under clause (2) of this sub paragraph (e), reasonable variations maybe permitted, and exemptions on small packages as established by regulations and as prescribed by the Secretary;
 - f. If any word, statement, or other information required by or under authority of this chapter to appear on the label or other labeling is not prominently placed thereon with such conspicuousness (as compared with other words, statement, designs, or devices, in the labeling) and in such terms as to render it likely to be read and understood by the ordinary individuals under customary conditions of purchase and use;
 - g. If it purports to be or is represented as a meat or meat product for which a definition and standard of identity or composition has been prescribed by regulations under this title unless (1) it conforms with such definition and standard, and (2) its label bears the name of the meat or meat products specified in the definition and standard and, insofar as may be required by such regulations, the common names of optional ingredients (other than spices, flavoring, and coloring) present in such meat products;
 - h. If it purports to be or is represented as a meat or meat product for which a standard or standards of fill container have been prescribed by regulations the Secretary under this title and it falls below the standard of fill of the container applicable thereto, unless its label bears, in such manner and forms as such regulations specify, a statement that it falls below such standard;

- i. If it is not subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g), unless its label bears (a) the common or usual name of the meat product, if any there be, and (b) in case it is fabricated from two or more ingredients, the common or usual name of each such ingredients, except that spices, flavorings, and coloring without naming each; **Provided**, That to the extent that compliance with requirements of clause (b) of this unfair competitions, exemptions shall be established by regulations promulgated by the Secretary;
 - j. If it purports to be or is represented for special dietary use, unless its label bears such information concerning its vitamins, minerals and other dietary properties as determined by the Secretary, and by regulations prescribed as necessary in order to fully inform purchases as to its value for such uses;
 - k. If it bears or contains artificial coloring, artificial flavoring, or chemical preservative, unless it bears labeling stating that fact; **Provided**, that to the extent that compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph (j) is impracticable and exemptions shall be established by the regulations promulgated by the secretary; or
 - l. If it fails to bear, directly on its container such other information may require in such regulations to assure that it will not have false or misleading labeling and that the public will be informed of the manner of handling required to maintain the article in wholesome manner;
- (39) **MISREPRESENTATIONS** an act of giving false and untrue information on the sale of meat, poultry and its products;
- (40) **MIU** refers to the Meat Inspection Unit;
- (41) **NEGATIVE MONITORING REPORT** a pre-forma report sheet indicating the absence of an AI itself;
- (42) **OWNER** refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge, care or control of a dog including his/her representative;
- (43) **POUND** refers to a public enclosure for stray animals;
- (44) **PUBLIC PLACE** refers to any place open to public like parks, markets, malls, streets, etc.;
- (45) **POST EXPOSURE TREATMENT (PET)** refers to an anti-Rabies treatment administered after an exposure to Rabies, which includes local wound care, Rabies vaccine, with or without anti-Rabies immunizing agent;
- (46) **POST ABATTOIR INSPECTION** inspection done in the market and other places;
- (47) **PRE EXPOSURE PROPYLAXIX (PEP)** refers to Rabies vaccination administered before an exposure to Rabies to those who are at risk of getting Rabies;
- (48) **POULTRY HOLDING FACILITIES** facilities or infrastructure where fowl/poultry are reared which includes commercial farms, backyard units, hatchery, processing plants, slaughterhouses, aviaries, feed nulls, cockpits and public markets;

- (49) **POST MORTEM INSPECTION** examination of slaughtered animals;
- (50) **POULTRY PRODUCE** shall refer to raw or processed eggs from poultry/fowl;
- (51) **PROCESSED MEAT** shall refer to meat that has undergone treatment with preservatives or has been processed into another food product such as but not limited to i.e. tocino, longganiza, chicken nuggets, etc.;
- (52) **RABIES** refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite by an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological manifestations;
- (53) **RABIES TRANSMISSION** refers to the transmission or passage of the Rabies virus through a bite by an infected animal, or through contamination with virus-laden saliva on breaks in the skin and of mucous membrane such as the eyes, the lips, the mouth, or the genital organs;
- (54) **RABIES VACCINATION/IMMUNOPROPHYLAXIS OF HUMAN** refer to the inoculation of humans, with modern day rabies vaccines or Rabies immunoglobulin, by a trained doctor or nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner;
- (55) **RABIES VACCINATION OF DOG** refers to the inoculation of a Dog with a Rabies vaccine by a licensed government or private veterinarian or trained individual under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The services of the said trained individual shall be limited only to Rabies Vaccination Injection in Dogs and only during government mass vaccination campaigns;
- (56) **STRAY DOGS** refers to any Dog leaving its Owner's place/premise and no longer under the effective control of the Owner;
- (57) **SHIPPER or "VIAJERO"** shall refer to a dealer who usually procures livestock for shipment and resale to distant places;
- (58) **TORTURE** shall refer to the infliction of severe pain especially to punish or coerce the animal;
- (59) **VICIOUS and DANGEROUS** any animal when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being or with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of humans or domestic animals, except when it attacks or inflicts bites upon a trespasser of a fully enclosed building;
- (60) **VETERINARY or HUMAN BARBITURATES** refers to drugs that depress the function of the central nervous system;
- (61) **WILDLIFE ANIMALS** shall refer to fauna living or has established an ecological presence in their natural environment; and

(62) ZONOTIC DISEASES are diseases of animals transferable to humans:

- i) Anthrax
- ii) Avian influenza/Bird Flu
- iii) Rabies
- iv) Etc.

CHAPTER 2. IMPLEMENTING AUTHORITY

Section 4. Lead Agency - The City Veterinary Office (CVO), is hereby designated as the lead agency in the implementation of the provisions of this Code, assisted by the Meat Inspection Unit and City Pound Unit (CPU).

Section 5. CVO Functions - The CVO, which shall be under the administrative control and supervision of the City Mayor and shall assume the following functions:

- (1) Oversee all matters pertaining to the slaughter of animals, including the preparation and sale of meat for human consumption;
- (2) Supervise the operation of slaughterhouses and mini poultry dressing plant within the city;
- (3) Regulate and conduct the inspection of meat, poultry, milk and dairy products for public consumption;
- (4) Certify the fitness of meat and poultry food for human consumption of meat, meat products and poultry products intended for distribution sale within the city;
- (5) Establish a workable disease investigation, surveillance, reporting and appraisal of animal disease intelligence network;
- (6) Initiate programs for the prevention and control of animal communicable and transmissible diseases transferable to humans (zoonosis);
- (7) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;
- (8) Prevent, confiscate and eliminate stray, apparently ownerless, unregistered and uncared animals in any public place within the City;
- (9) Conduct field patrols, emergency response activities, impoundment of animals, issuance of citations, and enforcement of animal quarantine directives;
- (10) Initiate programs/projects on the livestock production to sustain the local requirements, produce quality products for export with the end goal of increasing income of farming families in the city.
- (11) Operate and manage a shelter for impounded animals and in relation to this, provide:

- i. Nourishment and medical care for animals in its care;
 - ii. Basic health screening for all animals;
 - iii. A disease control program for the facility;
 - iv. Vaccination of animals;
 - v. Euthanasia of animals by humane methods, that is, by administering lethal injection;
 - vi. Dissemination of information on animal control laws; and,
 - vii. Maintenance of records of all animals impounded or otherwise taken into custody.
- (12) Implement a continuing program for the eradication of rabies among susceptible animals within the City;
- (13) Undertake the delivery of technical and other logistics in the implementation of these activities;
- (14) To enforce the provisions of this Chapter and any other Ordinances that pertain to the care and control of animals including livestock and poultry produce for consumer consumption; and
- (15) To enforce the provisions of National Laws, particularly of Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as the "**The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines**", **RA 9482** otherwise known as the **Anti-Rabies Act of 2007**, **RA 8485 "Animal Welfare Act of 1988"**, AO 32 Series 2000, "**Rules and Regulations of Dog Show**", Senate Bill No. 2541 and other relevant laws pertaining to meat inspection, animal regulations and animal welfare.

Section 6. Composition of the CVO - The following positions shall constitute the CVO:

- (a) General Administration
 - (1) City Veterinarian
 - (2) Administrative Assistant III
- (b) Animal Health Section
 - (1) Agriculturist II
 - (2) Two (2) Veterinarian I
- (c) Livestock Production and Marketing
 - (1) Agricultural Technician II
 - (2) Two (2) Livestock Inspector I
 - (3) Administrative Aide III

CHAPTER 3. ANIMAL HEALTH

Section 7. Animal disease prevention and control program rabies eradication project.

- Formation of city rabies control committee to compose of the following:

Chairman	-	City Mayor
Co-Chairperson	-	City Veterinarian
		City Health Officer
Member	-	SP Members, Chairperson
		Committee on Agriculture
		Committee on Health
	-	Representative from DepEd
	-	Representative from District Hospital
	-	Representative of NGOs
	-	Representative of Pos
	-	Liga ng Barangay President
	-	SK Federation President
	-	Representative from BHW

City Rabies Eradication Program – it is hereby mandated that there shall be a City Rabies Eradication Program. The program shall be a multi-agency effort in controlling and eradicating rabies in the city. The component activities shall include:

- (1) Mass vaccination of Dog;
- (2) Establishment of a central database system for registered and vaccinated dog;
- (3) Impounding field control, disposition of unregistered, stray and unvaccinated dogs;
- (4) Conduct of Information and Educational Campaign (IEC) on the prevention and control of rabies;
- (5) Provision of PET to high risk personnel and PET to animal bite victims;
- (6) Provision of the PEP of schoolchildren aged 5-14 in area as where there is high incidence of rabies; and
- (7) Encourage the practice of responsible pet ownership.

Section 8. Responsibilities of pet owners – all pet owner's shall be required to:

- (1) Have their Dog regularly vaccinated against Rabies and maintain a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their Dog, for accurate record purposes;
- (2) Submit their Dogs for mandatory registration;
- (3) Maintain control over their Dog and not allow it to roam the streets or any Public Place without a leash;
- (4) Be responsible Owner by providing their Dog with proper grooming, adequate food and clean shelter;
- (5) Within twenty-four (24) hours, report immediately any Dog biting incident to the Concerned Officials for investigation or for any appropriate action and place such Dog under observation by a government or private veterinarian; and

- (6) Assist the Dog bite victim immediately and shoulder the medical expenses incurred and other incidental expenses relative to the victim's injuries.

Section 9. Responsibilities of the City Government thru the City Veterinary Office - City Veterinary Office shall:

- (1) Ensure that all Dogs are properly immunized, registered and issued a corresponding Dog tag for every immunized and registered Dog;
- (2) Strictly enforce Dog impounding activities and field control to eliminate Stray Dogs;
- (3) Ensure that Dogs are leashed or confined within the premises of the Owner's house or Owner's fenced surroundings;
- (4) Ensure the enforcement of Section 6 of Republic Act. No. 8485 or "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998";
- (5) Prohibit the trade of Dog for meat;
- (6) Prohibit the use of Electrocutation as euthanasia procedure;
- (7) Require pet shops to post information regarding Rabies and responsible pet ownership; and
- (8) Should read - For the purpose of ensuring the feasibility of implementing the provision of this code, the LGU shall collect fines imposed under penalties as stipulated.

Any and all fines collected pursuant to the section shall be used for the enhancement of the City Rabies Eradication Program within the city as well as the achievement of the objectives envision in this code.

Section 10. Participation of NGOs, POs, and Academe - the lead agency which is the OCVET shall seek the assistance and participation of NGOs, POs and ACADEME in any of the fl. activities:

- (1) Community mobilization;
- (2) Health education/information dissemination on Rabies and responsible pet ownership;
- (3) Mass anti-Rabies campaign;
- (4) Promotion of the anti-Rabies campaign during pet or any animal shows;
- (5) Surveillance/reporting of Rabies cases in animals and humans; and
- (6) Any other activities geared towards the prevention and complete eradication of Rabies.

Section 11. Impounding, Field Control and Disposition of Unregistered, Stray and Unvaccinated Dogs – Unregistered, Stray or unvaccinated Dogs shall be put in Dog Pounds and disposed of, Taking into consideration the following guidelines:

- (1) Unregistered, Stray or unvaccinated Dogs shall be impounded and kept in the LGU's designated Dog Pound;
- (2) Impounded Dogs not claimed after three days from the Dog Pound shall be placed for adoption to qualified persons, with the assistance of an animal welfare NGO, when feasible, or otherwise disposed of in any manner authorized subject to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998"; and
- (3) A fee shall be paid by owners of Impounded Dogs to the LGU concerned, pursuant to Section 7 thereof.

Section 12. Dog Population Control – In furtherance of the policy of this Act to eradicate Rabies, there is the need to control the Dog population and minimize the number of unwanted Stray Dogs. As such, it is hereby mandated:

- (1) That the DA, DOH, DILG, DepEd, LGUs, with the assistance of NGOs and POs shall undertake an educational and promotional campaign on responsible Pet Ownership, including the option of spaying and neutering their Dogs;
- (2) That the LGUs shall provide an incentive system whereby Owners of Dogs which have been spayed or neutered will be given a subsidized or discounted pet registration fee; and
- (3) That Dogs which have been impounded three times shall only be released after having been spayed or neutered, at the expense of the Pet's Owner.

Section 13. Penalties

Any violation of the provision by any person, traders farms owners shall be liable to persecution and upon conviction shall be subject to a fee of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of not less than two (2) months but not more than one (1) year, or both, upon discretion of court.

If it's a firm/corporation found liable, the Officers will be held accountable. If alien, deportation proceeding will be initiated after payment of fees or imprisonment.

- (1) Pet owners who fail or refuse to have their Dog registered and immunized against Rabies shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00);
- (2) Pet Owners who refuse to have their Dog vaccinated against Rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination of both the Dog and the individuals Bitten by their Dog;

- (3) Pet Owners who refuse to have their Dog put under observation after said Dog has Bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00);
- (4) Pet Owners who refuse to have their Dog put under observation and do not shoulder the medical expenses of the person Bitten by their Dog shall be meted a fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00);
- (5) Pet Owner who refuses to put the leash on their Dog when they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00) for each incident;
- (6) An impounded Dog shall be released to its Owner upon payment of a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00) but not more than One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00);
- (7) Any person found guilty of trading Dog for meat shall be fined not less than One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) per Dog and subjected to imprisonment for one to four years;
- (8) Any person found guilty of using electrocution as a method of euthanasia shall be fined not less than One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) per act and subject to imprisonment for one to four years; and
- (9) If the violation is committed by an alien, he or she shall be immediately deported after service of sentence without any further proceedings.

CREATION OF CITY AVIAN INFLUENZA TASK FORCE

This task force shall be the main authority to oversee the implementation of the provision of the program and other related activities as promulgated in the code and in consonance to rules and regulation and guidelines promulgated by higher authority and or mandated by national laws. This task force should be composed by the ff:

CHAIRMAN	-	City Mayor
VICE CHAIRMAN	-	City Vice Mayor
MEMBERS	-	City Veterinarian
	-	City Health Officer
	-	City Agriculturist
	-	Chief of Police
	-	Liga Ng Barangay President
	-	Representative of NGO
	-	Representative of PO
	-	City Information Officer
	-	Representative of Poultry Raisers Association
	-	POSO

Section 14. Census/Survey of existing poultry population.

The City Government through the Office of the City Veterinarian shall conduct a citywide census/survey of all poultry holding facilities existing in the City, which should include the type of poultry holding facility, poultry specie, population density, facility owner/operator location, poultry diseases profile, bio-security practices, vaccination programs and Veterinarian in charge (if any).

Section 15. General Rules on the Possession Offered for Sale and/or sale of exotic specie of bird.

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess/own or keep unregistered exotic birds for whatever intent or purposes specifically to offer for sale and/or sale, offer for commerce, engaged in trade or have in possession in any exotic specie of poultry wild life.

Section 16. Other Prohibitions

The City Government with the Office of City Veterinarian shall assist vigorously in the implementation of the following prohibition to safeguard against Avian Influenza:

- (1) It is strictly prohibited in offer for sale and sale of live chicken in the market while there is a threat of bird flu;
- (2) Thru constant monitoring and surveillance, strictly implement the separation of poultry and hogs; and
- (3) Include poultry in chicken on the ban on stray animals.

Section 17. Coastal Monitoring of Smuggling of fowl.

The City Government tapping the assistance of its constituents residing in coastal Barangay shall strictly monitor smuggling activities in their area of responsibility to deter the entrance of smuggled fowls to the City proper.

The activities shall be enforced in coordination with the authorization of the DILG, Local PNP, Coast Guard and other concern agencies.

Section 18. Zero Surveillance

The City Veterinarian Office shall assist the team of the regional surveillance group in the conduct of zero-surveillance in the locality by identifying prospect sites and individuals which shall serve as cooperators wherein zero-surveillance must be conducted twice a year in the backyard/commercial terms and other susceptible fowls.

The City of Alaminos with its established Veterinary Quarantine checkpoint shall assist the Bureau of Animal Industry enforcing requirements covering the local transport of animals including poultry and poultry-by-products.

Section 19. Information Dissemination

The Office of the City Veterinarian shall conduct regular information campaigns which shall include recommended bio-security measure and other AI preventive measures.

Section 20. Rules Governing Suspected Avian Influenza Cases

- (1) **REPORTING** - Farm Veterinarian/Owner shall immediately report to the City Veterinarian any occurrence of mortality of 3% of the total in-house fowls (based on house population) in just a day in a commercial farms or any unexplained mortality of poultry in two (2) or more households with in a Barangay or "PUROK" in a span of two (2) days in the case of backyards farms which in turn upon proper investigation/blood collection shall notify the Provincial Veterinarian and the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) Personnels within 24 hours;
- (2) **MOVEMENT CONTROL** - The Local PNP, upon notice from the Local Chief Executive as advised by the City Veterinary shall enforce movement control of fowls/poultry. Farm personnels shall not be allowed to leave the suspected pressures unless with the tacit approval from the head of AI Taskforce. Likewise, poultry products and by-products, farm equipment and feeds shall not be allowed to leave the area and instead shall be quarantined within 48 hours; and
- (3) **HUMAN AND POULTRY VACCINATION** - the Local Health office shall assist in immunizing veterinarian's vaccinations laboratory staff, medical health workers and farm personnels. The City Veterinary Office shall conduct poultry vaccinations in areas identified by the Task Force.

CHAPTER 4. REGULATIONS ON ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED FOR FOOD CONSUMPTION

Article 3. Regulated and Prohibited Acts

Section 21. Clearances - All business establishments engaged in the selling of meat/meat products from livestock and/or poultry including its produce, as defined herein, shall be required to secure a clearance from the CVO, as a requisite to the granting/renewal of the business license.

Section 22. Veterinary Inspection and Examination - All livestock and fowls slaughtered for food and their meat products, including poultry produce, and all establishments engage in selling of meat and meat products shall be subjected to veterinary inspection and examination before distribution and sale within the city.

- (1) Only meat/meat products that have been subjected to ante and post mortem inspection and certified and marked "INSPECTED" and "PASSED" for food by the CVO - Meat Inspection Unit shall be suitable for transport within the city.

Section 23. Marking and Labeling - Meat/Meat products shall be visibly marked and labeled as to Beef, Carabeef, Swine, Poultry, etc. (Ordinance No. 2003-31)

- (1) Any deliberate misrepresentation in the labeling of meat/meat products shall constitute a fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) for the first offense; and
- (2) Any subsequent offense shall cause the revocation of the offender's permit to transport, sell and/or distribute meat/meat products within the city.

Section 24. Injection of Foreign Matter and Coloring - Injection of water and application of coloring agents to livestock and poultry products is prohibited.

- (1) First Offense - A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00) and confiscation of instruments and materials used in the operation; and
- (2) Second Offense - A fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00) including the confiscation of the instrument and materials used in their operation and the revocation of the business license or thirty (30) days imprisonment or all of the above at the discretion of the Court.

Section 25. Use of Deceiving Colored Lamps/Lights - The use of deceiving colored lamp/lights on wet markets within the City of Alaminos is strictly prohibited.

- (1) Any person apprehended for violating the above provision shall be penalized by a fine of One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00).

Section 26. Confiscation and/or Condemnation - meat, poultry and its products shall be confiscated/condemned on any of the following conditions:

A. CONFISCATION

- (1) Absence of Meat and Meat Product Inspection Certificates;
- (2) Tampered Meat and Meat Product Inspection Certificates;
- (3) Comes from unaccredited slaughterhouses and processing plants; and
- (4) Misrepresented, mislabeled, adulterated.

B. CONDEMNATION

- (1) Unclear, unsafe, injurious, dangerous and not wholesome;
- (2) In the advance stage of decomposition;
- (3) Expired meat and meat product inspection certificates;
- (4) Sale after its expiration dates;
- (5) Presence of abnormal color or odor;
- (6) Contaminated and has toxins and hazardous substances; and
- (7) Presence of lesions as a result of disease such as pale, soft oxidative carcasses due to cirrhosis of the liver, pus and hemorrhages.

Section 27. Distribution of Double-Dead, Diseased, Adulterated and Hot Meat - It shall be unlawful to sell, distribute, transport and/or store Double-Dead, Diseased, Adulterated and Hot Meat, as defined herein, within Alaminos City.

- (1) In violation hereof, a fine of Five Thousand (Php 5,000) shall be imposed on the seller, including the confiscation of the condemned meat and revocation of the business permit and license to sell plus the closure of the business establishment and/or imprisonment of six (6) months or both, subject to the discretion of the judicial court; and
- (2) In case of a meat dealer or distributor, the penalty imposed shall be confiscation of the condemned meat and total ban and prohibition of his/her distribution business in Alaminos. And all condemned products shall be donated at our Dog Pound or/and those are still fit for human consumption can be donated to other charitable institutions that are situated within the territorial jurisdiction of the City.

Section 28. Killing and Sale of Dogs For Food - The killing and selling of dogs for food, or for any other purposes not hereinafter authorized, or the storing, selling in boarding houses, and other eating places, or in any other places within Alaminos is prohibited.

Section 29. Accredited Transport Vehicles - Only transport vehicles accredited by the City Veterinary Office shall be used to deliver meat/meat products within the city.

- (1) As a requisite to accreditation, Standard Service Vehicle shall have the following specifications:
 - i. It shall be properly equipped with an apparatus/gadget to hang slabs of meat or carcasses or with appropriate storing vessels within which meat and poultry or any of its by-products are kept in sanitary condition while in transport; and
 - ii. The vehicle **MUST BE A CLOSED VAN**
- (2) For failure to secure proper accreditation, the concerned distributor/transporter shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (P5, 000.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, or both at the discretion of the court, including the impoundment of the vehicle used in the transport.

Section 30. Single Port Entry - The City Veterinary Office shall designate a single port of entry within the city for all accredited transport vehicles of live, slaughtered animals, meat and meat products, processed meat, and fowl, poultry and produce.

- (1) Requirements for transporting Live Animals to and from the City of Alaminos:
 - i. Shipping Permit and Health Certificate indicating the points where the animals came from and where the same will be delivered and a certificate of ownership or transfer of ownership in the case of large animals (e.g. carabao and cattle).
- (2) For meat/Meat products and poultry produce unloaded in any other place within the city other than the designated areas, the distributor/transporter shall be liable to a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days, or both at the discretion of the court, including the revocation of the accreditation to transport meat/meat products within the city.

Article 4. Prescribed Inspection Fees and Other Related Charges

Section 31. Accreditation Fees - Accreditation Fees of Slaughterhouses, Poultry, Dressing Plants, Meat Processing Plants, Meat Cold Storage, Meat and Meat Delivery Vans: for the issuance of Certificate of Accreditation to public and/or private slaughterhouses, poultry, dressing plants, meat processing plants, meat cold storage, and meat conveyance after having been evaluated and classified for purposes of standardization the following fees shall be collected.

"AAA"	Slaughterhouse/Poultry Dressing Plant/ Meat Processing Plant	P 5,000.00/year
"AA"	Slaughterhouse/Poultry Dressing Plant/ Meat Processing Plant	P 5,000.00/year
"A"	Slaughterhouse/Poultry Dressing Plant/ Meat Processing Plant	P 5,000.00/year
	Meat Cold Storage	P 4,000.00/year
	Meat Delivery Van	P 3,000.00/year

Section 32. THE ALAMINOS CITY LIVESTOCK AUCTION MARKET

1. **ESTABLISHMENT** - There shall be established a Livestock Auction Market, hereafter referred to in this ordinance as the Market, within the compound of the new Livestock Auction Market Slaughterhouse Compound, Sabaro, Alaminos City, which shall be opened, managed and maintained by the City Government in cooperation with supporting government line agencies.

2. **PURPOSE** - The Market shall be the backbone of the City's livestock industry, centralizing them to rationalize livestock supply, promote fair trading by raising the farmers margin of profit through marketing opportunities, and raise the quality of livestock being offered for sale in support of the livestock development program of the national government.

3. **FUNCTIONS** - The Market shall perform the following functions:

- i. To provide farmers and dealers an accessible, centralized location where they can efficiently and conveniently transact business;
- ii. To serve as the core of an organized Livestock marketing system reaching to the Barangay level which will ensure higher profitability for farmers and enhanced quality for dealers;
- iii. To house farmers' livestock under satisfactory conditions that meet standard government requirements;
- iv. To establish a uniform grading system that will serve as the basis of fair and orderly trading between Farmers and dealers;
- v. To rationalize Livestock supply in the City and the province through an efficient distribution system from production points to the markets;
- vi. To issue required clearance on Livestock intended for slaughter at the Alaminos City Slaughterhouse;

- vii. To regularly disseminate updated reports on prevailing Livestock prices and market trends and data relevant to the livestock industry in particular and the public in general; and,
- viii. To conduct basic orientation, management training and skills development programs for farmers, dealers, handlers and other parties involved in the local livestock industry.

4. **MANAGEMENT** - The Market shall be operated, managed and maintained by technical personnel of the City Veterinary Office. A Market Manager appointed by the City Mayor shall assume responsibility for over-all market operations and exercises supervision over a competent staff which shall also be appointed for the purpose, subject however to the Civil Service Law. Management shall hereinafter be accountable to the City Mayor or his duly authorized personnel in the exercise of his managerial functions and prerogatives in the Market.

5. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT** - The Management shall:

- i. Be responsible for fostering, preserving and ensuring a competitive Market;
- ii. Operate the market in a just and responsible manner without fear or favor toward any party or individual; and,
- iii. Maintain the yard, corrals, pens, weighing scale, and other structures, facilities and equipment clean, orderly and in good condition.

6. **MARKET MANAGER** - The Market Manager shall hear and settle complaints and act in an expeditious manner on reported violations that may weaken the Market; and

7. **MANAGEMENT STAFF** - The Management Staff shall maintain an accurate and orderly record of transactions to ensure efficient operations and shall at all times uphold the highest standard of public service by exercising care, promptness and courtesy towards its clientele.

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING MARKET OPERATIONS

MARKET DAYS - Wednesday and Saturday every week shall be established as official market days during which business transaction between farmers and dealers shall be vigorously promoted and enjoined. This however does not limit transactions with respect to small animals like hogs, sheep and goat on any other day of the week between two parties who desire to avail of market facilities and services.

1. **HAULING** - Livestock to be offered for sale during market days shall be brought to the market either through personally secured conveyances or by availing of transport facilities offered by the market which shall be covered by a corresponding service charge as prescribed under Art. V, Section 20 of this ordinance;

2. **INSPECTION** - Every livestock entering the market premises shall be subjected to an inspection by a Veterinary Officer/Livestock Inspector (VO/LI), detailed by the City Veterinary Office for possible disease infections. Only livestock declared to be fit by the VO/LI should be admitted within the premises for auction;

3. **BRANDING AND REGISTRATION** - Unbranded and unregistered livestock shall first be herded to an area designated for branding, after which a certificate of ownership shall be issued to the owner upon payment of corresponding fee and service charge;

4. **SELLING** - Trading of livestock between farmers and dealers shall be conducted in a selling area within the market designated for the purpose. The system of trading live animals must be live weight system that pays the seller/farmers the price per kilo live weight base on current market price or standardized live weight price. Once an agreement is reached, a transfer certificate of ownership shall be issued to the dealer upon payment of the corresponding fee as prescribed under Article V, Sec. 20 of this ordinance to formalize the sale.

5. **SERVICE CHARGES** - Service charges shall be imposed upon any farmer or dealer who avails of market service and brings livestock for auction in the market, which shall be properly assessed and collected prior to the loading out of livestock based on the rates prescribed under Art. V, Sec. 21 of this ordinance.

6. **RELEASE FOR LIVESTOCK** - Livestock admitted within the market premises shall only be released either to the farmer in case they are not sold or to the dealer in case the sale is consummated after the presentation of all necessary documents to the duly authorized personnel who shall supervise the release of livestock for loading; and

7. **MONITORING TEAMS** - Two monitoring teams of market personnel shall be stationed in Livestock Auction Market and Slaughterhouse Compound, Sabaro, Alaminos City, respectively, to monitor, control and regulate the flow of livestock in and out of the City in coordination with the local Philippine National Police (PNP)/POSO command. They shall be authorized to impound and/or confiscate livestock found to be lacking papers or documents for shipment required by this ordinance or by the other existing applicable laws of the land. The Management shall assume responsibility and accountability over their operation.

REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND FEES

1. **REGISTRATION** - All farmers and other individuals except dealers and handlers who shall have their animals brought for trading shall register with the market manager for proper identification, for which they shall be issued an official identification card before admission within the market premises;

2. **LICENSING** - All dealers and handlers shall be required to secure a license from the City Veterinarian of the City Veterinary Office, before they will be allowed to engage in trading activities within the market premises. Any person desiring of such License shall apply with the Chief of Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO); and

Section 33. Registration and Veterinary Technical Services: There are hereby imposed fees or charges from any person engaged in the business of livestock project including charges imposed in routine technical services as follows:

1. Registration of Livestock Raisers

a. Swine		
5-10 sow level	P	100.00
11-50 sow level		200.00
50 and above		500.00
b. Poultry		
1,000-10,000	P	1,000.00
11,000-100,000		3,000.00

2. Veterinary Technical Services

a. Artificial Insemination		
Cattle	P	100.00
Carabao		100.00
Swine		50.00
b. Vaccination		
Rabies	P	150.00/head
Hog Cholera		20.00/head
c. Necropsy/Autopsy	P	100.00

Section 34. Administrative Sanctions - The livestock/cattle mentioned in the preceding section shall not be allowed to be transported if the owner or anyone in charge /possession thereof fails/refuses to pay the corresponding veterinary certificate fee to the City Treasurer or his duly authorized representative of the City of Alaminos.

CHAPTER 5. REGULATIONS ON PET ANIMALS, EXOTIC ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE

Article 5. Animal Registration

Section 35. Mandatory Registration of Dogs and Cats. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or have control of a dog without having obtained a registration for such animal, the primary purpose of which is the control and prevention of animal disease particularly rabies.

- (1) The owner shall cause the yearly registration of his dog and cat and renewal of registration at Barangay Hall shall start on August. CVO office opens from Mon - Fri 8am-5pm to accept daily registration of dogs and cats;
- (2) Age of Dog and Cat - at least three (3) months old;
 - (A) The requirements for dog and cat registration shall be as follows:
 - (i) For first time registrants
For the owner:
 - Duly accomplished Application Form;

- Certificate of Residency from the Barangay;
- 2 pcs. 2x2 photos; and
- Registration Fee of Seventy Five Pesos (P 75.00).

For the pet dog and cat:

- Certificate/Proof of Anti-Rabies Vaccination for the last six (6) months;
- In the absence of a proof of anti-rabies vaccination, the physical presence of the animal shall be required for proper administration of the required vaccine; and
- Full-Body, Side-View photograph (in 3R) of the animal

(ii) Requirements upon annual renewal of registration:

- Updated Information Sheet;
- Renewal Fee of Seventy Five Pesos (P75.00);
- Proofs of vaccination for the previous year. For failure to present such proofs, a fine of One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) shall be charged in addition to the renewal fee; and
- In the absence of a proof of anti-rabies vaccination, the physical presence of the animal shall be required for proper administration of the required vaccine.

(3) Five (5) days after the submission of the application for registration/renewal, a Certificate of Registration shall be issued by the CVO, stating the following:

- i. Name, Address and Contact Nos. of the owner or the person to whom the registered animal was issued;
- ii. Name, Breed, Sex and Color or the Animal;
- iii. Registration No. (upon initial registration only); and
- iv. Issuance of a Dog Tag bearing the registration number of the dog (Upon initial registration only). Initial of Barangay and color coding of area/cluster.

(4) Dog and Cat tags shall be securely displayed upon the animal at all times, except when the animal is confined to the owner's premises or displayed in any show or exhibit. The removal of animal tags is strictly prohibited;

- (i) Dog and Cat Tags are non-transferable from animal to animal or from owner to owner;
- (ii) If any tag shall be lost or stolen, damaged or unreadable, the owner to which the same was issued shall be entitled to receive a duplicate/replacement upon the presentation of the original Certificate of Registration showing ownership of the said tag and a subscribed affidavit in case of loss, plus a replacement fee of One Hundred Pesos (P100.00);
- (iii) Dog and Cats tags shall be surrendered upon death of the animal;
- (iv) Notify the City Veterinary Office of the loss, escape or transfer of any licensed/registered dog/cat within a period of two (2) weeks or in case of loss immediately thereafter;

(5) New residents shall have 30 days to register their pet dogs and cats from notice by the CVO through the concerned Barangay; and

(6) For failure to register/renew registration, owners shall be fined as follows:

First Offense	:	One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)
Second Offense	:	One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)
Third Offense	:	Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) or 15 days Imprisonment or both at the discretion of the Court

Exceptions to the provisions of this Section are dogs existing in the following conditions, in which case, subject to applicable regulations as stipulated in this Code are as follows:

- (i) Dogs and cats owned or in the custody of or under the control of persons who are non-residents of the City or temporarily sojourning in the City for a period not exceeding 30 days, subject to the presentation of a certificate of vaccination from a duly licensed Veterinarian;
- (ii) Dogs and cats brought to the City exclusively for the purpose of entering the same in an animal show, exhibition and/or competition;
- (iii) Dogs and cats owned by pet shops and other enterprises maintaining and/or breeding animals, which have been granted business licenses by the City.

Section 36. Business Permits – Pet shops, zoos, aviaries, veterinary clinics, hospitals and other enterprises maintaining and/or breeding animals for commerce, shall appropriately secure the necessary business licenses from the City;

- (1) As a requisite to the granting/renewal of the business license, such enterprise shall be required to register with the CVO and periodically submit a list of the animals in their custody including the presentation of Certificates of Vaccination from a duly licensed Veterinarian;
- (2) For failure to register with the CVO and submit a list of animals in their custody, owners of such enterprises shall be penalized with a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00); and
- (3) Non-presentation of the valid vaccination certificate shall cause the impounding of subject animals and fined in accordance with the provisions in this Code governing redemption and non-vaccination penalties.

Section 37. Animal Show, Exhibition Parade and/or Competition- Any show, exhibition parade and/or competition featuring animals shall be required to secure the necessary permits/licenses from the CVO, prior to performance and/or promotion within the city.

- (1) Organizers and/or promoters of such shows shall secure the permit from the CVO seven (7) days prior to the scheduled event. A Registration Fee of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) shall be charged.
- (i) Owners of participating animals shall be required to submit to the CVO, a copy of their animal's certificate/s of vaccination from a duly licensed Veterinarian on the day of the actual show.
 - (ii) A representative from the CVO and a licensed veterinarian shall be present during the show date to ensure that no animal shall be allowed into the show ring or to participate without the valid certification.
 - (iii) For failure to comply with the provisions of this Section, the following penalties shall apply:
 - For the promoter : A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both at the discretion of the Court.
 - For the owner : Impoundment of the subject animal until such time that a valid certificate is presented. Redemption charges shall be imposed.
- For failure to present a valid vaccination certificate, owner of subject animal shall be additionally charged for penalties governing non-vaccination.

Article 6. Animal Welfare, Care and Protection

Section 38. Torture, Maltreatment, Cruelty and Other forms of Neglect – It shall be unlawful for any person to torture or maltreat any animal and neglect to provide adequate care, sustenance or shelter or kill or cause or procure to be tortured, or deprived of adequate care, sustenance or shelter, or maltreat or use the same in research or experiments and fights not authorized by the law.

- (1) The killing of any animal other than cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, and rabbits is likewise hereby declared unlawful except in the following instances:
- (i) When it is done as a part of religious rituals of an established religion or sect or ritual required by tribal or ethnic custom of indigenous cultural communities;
 - (ii) When the pet animal is afflicted with an incurable communicable disease as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian;
 - (iii) When the killing is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the animal as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian;
 - (iv) When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being;

- (v) When done for the purpose of animal population control (castration, neutering and spaying);
 - (vi) When the animal is killed after it has been used in authorized research or experiments;
 - (vii) Any other grounds analogous to the foregoing as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- (2) No person shall cause or allow an animal to be overdriven, overloaded, overworked, tortured, tormented, cruelly beaten, mutilated or unlawfully killed inflicted unnecessary cruelty (drive it or work it when unfit for labor or abandon it);
- (3) In all the above mentioned cases, including those of cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits, carabaos, horses, deer and crocodiles the killing of the animals shall be done through humane procedures at all times. For this purpose, humane procedures shall mean the use of the most scientific methods of killing of animals, that is, lethal injection.
- (4) Violation of the provisions of this section shall carry a penalty of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) for first time offenders and Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) for first time offenders and imprisonment or both at the discretion of the Court.

Section 39. Transport of Animals - It shall be unlawful to transport a dog in a motor vehicle upon any street within the City unless the dog is fully secured within the motor vehicle, or is protected by a belt, tether, cage, container or other devices that will prevent the dog from falling, jumping or being thrown off the vehicle.

- (1) No dog or other animal shall be left completely enclosed in a parked vehicle or other enclosed space without adequate ventilation, or in such a way as to subject the animal to extreme temperatures, which may adversely affect its health, welfare and life. No city veterinary officer shall be liable for damages to property caused by the use of reasonable force to remove an animal from such vehicle or other enclosed space under such circumstances.
- (2) A written warning via Citation Ticket shall be issued to the owner of subject animal and/or to the owner of the subject vehicle. A second offense shall constitute cruelty to animals and shall be imposed with the prescribed penalties herein.

Section 40. Use of Air Guns, Pistols and other trapping equipments.

The use of air guns, pistols and other trapping equipments for hunting birds and other winged animals is prohibited within the City of Alaminos.

- (1) Imposable penalty for violation of this section carries a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for first time offenders and Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) for recidivists, including the confiscation of the air gun, pistol and oxygen tanks.

Section 41. Possession of Wildlife and Exotic Animals - No person or entity shall be allowed possession of wildlife or exotic animals, unless a clearance from the Secretary of the DENR or authorized representative is first obtained:

- (1) In the absence of such clearance, the owner shall be held liable to pay a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) including impoundment of the wildlife and exotic animal by the CVO. The same penalty shall likewise be imposed to those owners who negligently abandon the care and custody of the wildlife and exotic animals;
- (2) A wildlife and/or exotic animal taken into custody by the CVO shall not be deemed impounded. Such animal need not be retained for any minimum period of time, but shall be surrendered immediately to the Wildlife Rescue Center of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), unless said animal is dangerous or suffering excessively from contagious and highly communicable disease either to humans or animals, in which case it may be forthwith humanely destroyed; and
- (3) Any person or entity who wishes to possess a wildlife and/or exotic animal shall first secure a clearance from the CVO. Failure to secure a clearance from the CVO shall be penalized with a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00). The wildlife and/or exotic animals shall impound by the CVO and shall be immediately turned over to the Wildlife Rescue Center of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for safekeeping and proper custody. The same penalty shall likewise be imposed to those owners or operators of entities who shall negligently abandon the care and custody of the wildlife and/or exotic animal.

Article 7. Animal Sanitation, Disease and Nuisance Control

Section 42. Anti-rabies Vaccination and Penalty - All dog owners are required to submit their dogs for anti-rabies vaccination every year after the first vaccination at 3 mos. old age.

A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) shall be imposed upon the owner plus impoundment of the subject animal.

Section 43. Stray or Roaming Animals/Animals-at-Large - Straying or roaming of animals in public places, streets or plaza is prohibited; animal that is roaming beyond/off the premises of the owner or the legal guardian without their presence or control is in violation of this chapter and may be impounded, except for the following reasons:

- (1) While such animal (esp. dog) is actively engaged in an organized obedience/training;
- (2) While such dog is being used for hunting purposes; and
- (3) A dog/dogs of Canine Unit in the performance of its duties.

Section 44. Penalty – Penalties for violation of this Code are the following:

Cow and Carabaos, Pig - One Thousand Pesos
(P1,000.00)

Dogs, Cats and Other Domestic Animals - Five Hundred Pesos
(P500.00)

Plus an additional One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) for second time offenders/recidivists.

Section 45. Fee for Dog and Cats Pick-up – A fee in the amount of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) shall be imposed on dog/cat owners for the pick-up of their stray or roaming pets.

Section 46. Raising Animals in Resettlement/Residential/ and High-Density Areas – Any person shall be prohibited from raising animals in the area declared by the City Government of Alaminos as "Resettlement Area".

It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to breed fighting cocks and other animals, such as horse, carabao, cow, cat, monkey, chicken, duck, goat, pig, dog, turkey and goose, in areas declared strictly as high-density residential or highly urbanizing areas. It is also unlawful to tie an animal with the intention to feed or graze it in the sidewalk of a main road/street or highway in such a way that it may cause traffic or cause harm/danger to pedestrians/motorists especially in urbanizing areas of the city.

Any person found raising animals in Resettlement and High-Density Residential areas shall be penalized with a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) plus confiscation of the subject animals.

Section 47. Urinating and Defecation of Animals – It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having control or custody of any dog to permit the animal to urinate or defecate in public upon the private property of another within the City.

- (1) Any person taking an animal in public or upon the private property of another should carry at all times a bag or suitable receptacle and instruments for the removal and disposal of animal feces except in the case of disabled person in the company of a dog;
- (2) Dog Owners taking their pets out for a walk or on strolls or exercise shall ensure that their dogs are properly restrained with a leash of two meters long and properly muzzled; and
- (3) Penalty:
 - First Offense : A Fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)
 - Second Offense : A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)
 - Third Offense : A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) or one 3 days imprisonment upon the court's discretion.

Section 48. Dumping of Carcass/Animal Cadaver - The dumping of carcass of dead animals such as dogs, pigs, cats, rats, among others in drainage, canals, rivers, and other waterways is strictly prohibited including all public places such as roadways, sidewalks, publicly-owned vacant lots, etc.

- (1) Owners of dead animals are required to properly bury/dispose of their pet's carcass, either within their premises or avail of the facilities of the animal cemetery.
- (2) Proper disposal of the animal carcass may also be coordinated with the Waste Management Unit of General Services Office after paying the prescribed fee.

Section 49. Incidental/Intentional /Poisoning, intoxicating and Provocation - Any person proven by witness to have caused the injury or death through incidentally or intentionally introduced substance/chemical is hereby held liable to pay in full amount the market value of the said subject animals and additional P1,000.00 penalty. Furthermore, the owner of any provoked animal which subsequently resulted to harming/jeopardizing the life or limb of supposed victim is not liable to damage and medical expenses unless the said animal is astray or off the premises/property of the owner.

- (1) A portion along the Material Recovery Facility will be declared as a public cemetery for dead animals; and
- (2) A penalty of One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00) shall be imposed upon first time offenders. The same amount shall apply plus an additional One Hundred Pesos (P100.00) for every instance of violation thereafter.

Section 50. Injury or Damage caused by Animals - The City Government of Alaminos hereby imposes a penalty on owners of animals, which cause injury or damage to other persons or property.

- (1) In case of damage to property, the indemnity shall be paid by the owner/possessor of animals based on the extent of the actual damage caused on the said property;
- (2) In cases of injury sustained by certain individuals, the following shall govern:
 - i. In cases where the ownership of the animals has been duly established, the injured victim shall immediately be entitled to receive financial compensation from owner/possessor of animals for their medication;
 - ii. When the injury sustained by the victim require medical attendance or confinement for a certain number of days, the owner of the animal shall also be required to pay for the loss of income of the victim during the period when he/she is not working;
 - iii. The injured victim must submit a medical certificate from any licensed physician in support of their claim and/or pay slip or certification from the employer in case of payment of income loss.

- (3) If the owners of the animal willfully refuse, without justifiable cause, to pay the expenses necessary for the medication of the victim or pay for the damaged caused to personal property, the victim, assisted by a CVO official, shall institute appropriate charges in court to enforce his/her claim.
- (4) Filing and/or payment of claims, pursuant to this measure, is without prejudice or shall not constitute a bar in filing similar claims under existing laws
- (5) In the event any animal consecutively causes or is reported and recorded to have caused severe injury to a person or another animal several times within a year, or is regarded as "vicious and dangerous" as defined in this Chapter, the CVO may recommend that such animal be declared as a menace to public health and safety and shall so inform the City Health Office, who in turn shall file the appropriate charges in court before the City State Prosecutor.
- (6) If the Court finds the animal to be a menace to public health and safety, the CVO upon the order of the Court, shall impound, hold and humanely destroy the animal unless the owner show the court good cause why the animal should not be destroyed.
- (7) Pet owners who refuse to have his dog put under observation after said dog has bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00); and
- (8) Pet owners who refuse to have their dog put under observation and do not shoulder the medical expenses of the person bitten by their dog shall be meted a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00)

Section 51. Duties of Licensed Veterinarians - it is the duty of a licensed veterinarians exercising their profession within the City of Alaminos to report immediately the record of the animal, and their owner, diagnosed with a zoonotic disease, within 24 hours to CVO or any disease that might caused or might be detrimental to our livestock industry that can effect our Economy.

First Offense	:	A fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00)
Second Offense	:	A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)
Third Offense	:	A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)

Article 8. Animal Impoundment, Quarantine and Disposition

Section 52. Impoundment - Any animal engaging in an activity or existing in a condition as prohibited by the provisions in this Article shall be taken up and impounded by the CVO.

- (1) Any person may take up and deliver or cause to be taken up or delivered to the CVO any stray animal found on any public place or upon that person's private property within the City. Said person shall immediately thereafter give notice thereof to the CVO, which shall thereupon hold and dispose of said animal in the same manner as though said animal had been found astray and impounded.

Section 53. Periods of Impoundment - All animals shall be kept by the CVO for a period of not less than 5 days, unless redeemed within such period. Calculation of the 5-day impoundment period shall commence from the date of apprehension and shall include Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

Section 54. Notice of Impoundment - The CVO shall give notice to the owner of the animal of the impoundment, if such information is available on record. Otherwise, the CVO shall cause the advertisement of the impoundment in a conspicuous area within the perimeter where the animal was last found. Expenses or costs for the advertisement shall be charged to the owner.

POUND NOTICE

Impounded at the Alaminos City Veterinary Office, Slaughterhouse Compound, Alaminos City is the following described animal/s:

Which unless redeemed before the date herein indicated shall be disposed accordingly by the CVO

(Time) on (date)

Section 55. Redemption - The owner of any animal impounded or taken into custody, may at anytime before the disposition thereof, redeem the same by paying all accrued fees and corresponding charges, and in the absence of compulsory registration papers, relevant expenses thereof.

Section 56. Disposition - Any animal held in custody which is not reclaimed by its owner within the 5 days after notice shall be deemed to be abandoned and may be disposed of by the CVO through adoption or euthanasia provided however that if said animal is dangerous to retain or is suffering excessively from contagious and highly communicable disease either to humans or animals, in which case, it may be forthwith humanely destroyed.

- (1) It is hereby prescribed that Adoption Days for impounded animals shall be Mondays to Fridays except during holidays, starting from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the CVO in the presence of a representative of the Office of the City Treasurer.
- (2) The Local Treasurer is hereby empowered to fix the fees to cover the cost of labor and transportation as well as for subsistence of the animal during the confinement but not less than ₱ 150.00 a day including food, water, and maintenance of the dog while in the city pound plus pounded fee of P100.00; and
- (3) For a justifiable reason, an animal may be voluntarily surrendered by owner, which shall be deemed abandoned and need not be impounded and kept by the CVO for any minimum period of time. It may be disposed of by the CVO for a prescribed fee.

Section 57. Quarantine - Any animal falling into one or more of the following categories shall be isolated or quarantined at the place and under the conditions prescribed by the City Health Office and pertinent national laws and regulations.

- (1) Known rabid animals;
- (2) Suspected rabid animals;
- (3) Animals which have bitten or otherwise exposed a human being to rabies or suspected rabies
- (4) Animals which have been bitten by a known or suspected rabid animal or have been in intimate contact with the same.

CHAPTER 6. RULES IN THE APPLICATION OF PENALTIES AND FINES

Section 58. Opposing, Resisting, Interfering with a City Veterinary Officer and Meat Inspector - It shall be unlawful for any person to oppose, resist or otherwise interfere with the Veterinary Officer, Animal Control Officer, Meat Inspector Officer or any of his authorized deputies in the performance of his duties. Any person opposing, resisting or otherwise interfering with an animal Officer of any of his authorized deputies shall be penalized with a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (P4,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, at the discretion of the court.

Section 59. Citation Ticket - Violations covered by a corresponding Citation Ticket shall be governed by the following rules:

- (1) Citation tickets shall be settled within seventy two (72) hours upon receipt;
- (2) For failure or refusal to make the necessary corrective measures within the prescribed period in case of warning citations, the violator shall be liable for the maximum imposable penalty for the infraction;
- (3) In case of failure or refusal to pay the corresponding fine cited in the ticket within the specified period, the City Mayor shall direct the City Legal Officer to initiate within twenty-four (24) hours prosecution proceedings against the violator with the City Prosecutors Office; and
- (4) Any person who is convicted by the court for refusing to pay the fine shall be imposed a fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (P 5,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 60. Penalty for Other Offenses - The conviction of any person for any offense under this Code shall not bar his prosecution for any other offense, which may have been committed by such person, concurrently with the commission of the offense for which he was convicted or in doing the act or series of acts, which constituted the offense for which he was convicted.

CHAPTER 7. FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 61. Separability Clause - If, for any reason, any provision, section or part of this Code is declared not valid by a Court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revoked by the authorities concerned, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining provisions, sections or parts which shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 62. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Code are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. Should there be existing general or special ordinances, which were inadvertently excluded in the codification process during the formulation of this Code,

they shall continue to be in full force and effect, provided that they are not in conflict with, or contrary to the provisions of this Code.

Section 63. Implementing Guidelines - The CVO, in coordination with other concerned city government agencies, is hereby tasked to promulgate the implementing guidelines by virtue necessary for the information implementation and enforcement (IIE) of the provisions of this Code within thirty (30) days upon approval thereof.

Section 64. Effectively Clause - This Code shall take effect after its publication once in a newspaper of general circulation and posted for three (3) consecutive weeks in all conspicuous places within the city.

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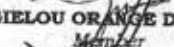

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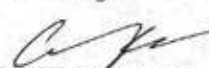
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

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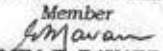

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