

# Republic of the Philippines SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD City Government of Naga

# ORDINANCE NO. 2023-015

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING PROPER MANAGEMENT, CONTAINMENT AND CONTROL OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF), IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE REVENUE CODE OF NAGA CITY BY AUTHORIZING COLLECTION OF CERTAIN FEES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-

Sponsor: Hon. Melvin Ramon G. Buenafe

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code states that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

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

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a high impact transboundary animal disease (TAD), continues to affect the swine production sector of the Philippines with no vaccine and no known cure to date; resulting in an industry estimate of 36% reduction of national swine inventory impacting both on livelihood and agricultural economy;

Administrative Order No. 7 (s. 2021) or the Implementing Guidelines for the "Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program" to empower local government officials including those in the barangays on their roles in the disease control programs of the government at the grassroot level for timely detection, management and control and prevention of spread of any diseases, particularly the ASF;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Naga City, through the City Veterinary Office and other concerned departments and stakeholders collaborates with the Department of Agriculture and with its concerned agencies, and adopts the Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program as it strives to manage, contain, control and prevent the spread of ASF, and facilitate the recovery of the swine industry in the City;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. For brevity, this ordinance shall be known as the "ASF ORDINANCE OF NAGA CITY."

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. This Ordinance shall provide policies and regulations geared toward prevention, management, and control of ASF by strengthening Biosecurity measures at the farm level and border control; intensifying awareness campaigns and capacity building of stakeholders; authorizing the use of resources for the effective implementation of this ordinance, as well as in mitigating the adverse impact on the affected stakeholders by,

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among others, indemnifying them in the event of depopulation or stamping out of affected or exposed pigs. A task force will likewise be created that shall be primarily responsible in the enforcement of this ASF Ordinance and other related laws applicable.

SECTION 3. COVERAGE. The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced in all the barangays within Naga City.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this ordinance the following terms shall mean.

- 4.1 African Swine Fever (ASF) is one of the most severe viral diseases of domestic and wild pigs/swine/hogs which is caused by a double stranded DNA which is robust and stable over a wide range of temperature and PH. Incubation period is 5-10 days and the symptoms of the disease include high fever, inappetence, external hemorrhagic lesions (red to violet blotches on the skin). This disease can spread through direct or indirect contact and causes 100% mortality.
- 4.2 **Swine** or commonly referred to as hogs or pigs are any various stout-bodied short legged and hooved omnivorous with a thick bristly skin and a long flexible snout.
- 4.3 Red Zone also known as infected zones. It comprises of cities and municipalities with confirmed cases of ASF or the "high risk areas.
- 4.4 Disease Surveillance the systematic ongoing collection, collation and analysis of information related to animal health and the timely dissemination of information so that action can be taken.
- 4.5 Disease Monitoring is the performance and analysis of routine measurements aimed at detecting changes in the environment or health status of the population.
- 4.6 ASF Free Certification a document issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry to commercial farms certifying zero case of ASF among its live swine.
- 4.7 Genetic Material for the purpose of this ordinance, this includes any material of a pig that carries genetic information that passes from one generation to another such as but not limited to breeder boar semen of pigs.
- 4.8 **Swill Feeding -** Feeding pigs w/ left over foods from Restaurants, Hotels and or any food establishments.
- 4.9 Biosecurity refers to measures aimed at preventing the introduction and/or spread of harmful organisms to animals in order to minimize the risk of transmission of infectious disease. It is the prevention of diseasecausing agents entering or leaving any place where they can pose a risk to farm animals, other animals, humans, or the safety and quality of a food product.

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- 4.10 Footbath is a useful and inexpensive method of cleaning footwear before entering and exiting production areas of a property.
- 4.11 Wheelbath contains disinfectant to prevent the spread of potential infection being transferred by vehicle tyres.

#### SECTION 5. PROHIBITED ACTS

- 5.1 No person shall move pigs from sources affected by ASF without accompanying necessary permit/document.
- 5.2 No person shall be allowed to transport all pigs, pork products and by-products uncooked, cooked, processed and raw without accompanying necessary permit/document.
- 5.3 No person or any entity is allowed to transport swill, pig manure and the like.
- 5.4 No person shall tamper or falsify documents such as but not limited to:
  - 1. Veterinary Health Certificate
  - 2. Shipping Permit
  - 3. Laboratory test results for ASF
  - 4. License to Operate/Certificate of Meat Inspection
- 5.5 No person/entity shall remove diseased animals from quarantine areas.
- 5.6 No person or entity shall unduly interfere with authorities during enforcement.
- 5.7 No person shall refuse farm inspection and conduct of disease surveillance.
- 5.8 Holding pens for pigs intended for slaughter is strictly prohibited.

## SECTION 6. SLAUGHTERING REGULATIONS

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- 6.1. IF THE SOURCE IS WITHIN NAGA CITY. The buyer and seller shall secure Barangay Certification stating their names and addresses as well as the source of the pig. This certification shall be presented to the ante mortem meat inspector of the City Veterinary Office. If warranted free from ASF, a veterinary health certificate is issued upon payment of fees, to wit:
  - a. 1 to 5 heads of pig One hundred pesos (Php 100.00)
  - b. 6 to 10 heads of pig Two hundred pesos (Php 200.00)
  - c. 11 heads and above Three hundred pesos (Php 300.00)
- 6.2. The City Veterinary Office (CVO) shall be authorized to collect the aforementioned fees through a CVO bonded personnel to be designated. Such authority to collect shall be included in the Naga City Revenue Code.





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- 6.3. IF THE SOURCE IS OUTSIDE NAGA CITY. The buyer and seller shall secure a Barangay certification from the source stating their names and addresses and sources of the pigs for slaughter. They shall also secure a Livestock Inspection certificate from the Municipal Agriculture Office where the source of pig was located. These two documents are required to get Shipping Permit at the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS), DA- RAFU V, San Agustin, Pili, Camarines Sur. Said permit will be presented to the ante mortem meat inspector at City Veterinary Office prior to admittance at the Naga City District Abattoir (NCDA) .
- 6.4. Entry at the NCDA will be denied if no proper documents are presented during the Ante Mortem Inspection.

SECTION 7. OBLIGATIONS OF HOG TRADERS. As a biosecurity measure and to control the proliferation of ASF, hog traders are required to conduct regular disinfection of the vehicles used to transport live and slaughtered hog. They shall also report information of suspected cases of ASF in Naga City & nearby municipalities. They must adhere to the policy of All-in All-out practice in delivery, which requires that there shall be no staggard delivery of pigs for slaughter at the NCDA, as stipulated also in the shipping permit.

SECTION 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHECKPOINTS. Checkpoints shall be established at all entry/exit points of Naga City, to be manned by Biosecurity Officers, CVO STAFF, Policemen, Barangay Tanod and Public Safety Office personnel, as appropriate.

Personnel at the checkpoint shall ask and check for the following documents:

8.5 Live Pigs for Slaughter

The livestock dealer should present a dated and valid shipping permit. Documentary requirements in acquiring a local shipping permit from BAI, NVQS, DARFU 5:

a. Animal Welfare Registration Certificate Commercial Farms);

- b. Veterinary Health Certificate/ Livestock Inspection Certificate;
- c. Livestock Transport Carrier Registration;
- d. Livestock Handlers License;
- e. Certificate of Free Status for ASF;

8.2. Pork Product

Fresh, Frozen pork products:

- a. Meat Inspection Certificate for locally sourced meat;
- b. Certificate of Meat Inspection (COMI) for imported meat;
- c. Shipping Permit.
- 8.3. Uncooked Processed Pork Product such as but not limited to Longganisa, chorizo, Tocino, Siomai:
  - a. License to operate (LTO);
  - b. Shipping Permit.
- 8.4 Cooked and Canned Processed Meat Products





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(Processed Meat subjected to temperature at least 70'c for 30 minutes such as but not limited to hotdogs, ham, chicharon, lechon and other canned pork products):

a. License to operate (LTO)-issued by a duly authorized government office/agency.

b. Shipping Permit

# SECTION 9. CREATION OF THE NAGA CITY AFRICAN SWINE FEVER TASK FORCE (ASF-TF).

Functions specified- training and capacity building.

9.1 The ASF Task Force is hereby created to enforce this ASF Ordinance with the following composition:

Chairperson:	City Mayor
Vice Chairperson:	Head, City Veterinary Office (CVO)
Members:	Chairman, SP Committee on Agriculture
	Head, City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO)
	Head, Public Safety Office (PSO)
	Market Supervisor
	Head, City Environmental and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)
	Head, City Planning and Development Office (CPDO)
	Head, Solid Waste and Management Office (SWMO)
	Head, City Engineer's Office (CEO)
	CD, Naga City Police Office (PNP)
	LIGA President

#### 9.1.1 Functions:

- Conduct and assist in disease surveillance and monitoring.
- Perform Stamping out procedures during depopulation.
- 3. Ensure proper disposal of condemned pigs.
- 4. Prepare indemnification payment to the affected farmers.
- Prevention, control and eradication of the disease and avoid its resurgence
- Training and Capacity Building for all concerned enforcers of this Ordinance.

There must be a capability building and training to the members of the Task Force as the identification of the disease, documentary requirements at the checkpoints, biosecurity, containment of the disease, proper disposal of confiscated and condemned pigs, to be conducted by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI); National Veterinary Quarantine Services (NVQS); National Meat Inspection Service; Regulatory Services of the Department of Agriculture; and the City Veterinary Office.

9.3 Specific Tasks of Enforcers

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# 9.3.1 City Veterinary Office (CVO) - Lead Office/ Team Leader

- In charge of stamping out activities and oversee proper disposal of confiscated and condemned pigs.
- Perform other tasks as directed and necessary. Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.

#### 9.3.2 Market Supervisor

- Surveillance and Monitoring of pork and pork by products at the market.
- Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.

### 9.3.3 Naga City Police Office (6 Precincts)

- Security during hog depopulation.
- Man the ASF checkpoints
- Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.

#### 9.3.4 Public Safety Office (PSO)

- Security during hog depopulation.
- Crowd control
- Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.

#### 9.3.5 Liga President/ Barangay captains

- Provide appropriate Barangay Resolutions for the management and control during ASF outbreaks.
- Help the other members of the Task Force.

### 9.3.6 Barangay Biosecurity Officers

- Assist the CVO in the disinfection of checkpoints, vacated pigpens, burial sites
- Conduct and assist in disease surveillance and monitoring.
- Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.

### 9.3.7 CDRRMO

- Provide appropriate Logistic support
- Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.

#### 9.3.8 SWMO/ CEO

- Hauling and proper disposal of confiscated and condemned pigs.
- Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.

#### 9.3.9 ENRO

- Identify and recommend appropriate disposal area and address environmental issues.
- Perform other tasks as directed by the Chairperson, ASF Task Force.





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SECTION 10. DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER AND DECLARATION OF ASF FREE NAGA CITY. Upon confirmation of the Department of Agriculture - Regional Field Unit V, and with recommendation from the ASF Task Force, the City Mayor shall issue an executive order on the existence of ASF within the City or nearby locations, that warrants quick response due to imminent danger that can be caused by the disease in the local swine industry. The City Mayor shall likewise issue an order declaring the City as "ASF Free" once the Department of Agriculture confirmed that the disease ceased or was totally eradicated.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION OF FUND AND ASSISTANCE TO AFFECTED HOG RAISERS. In the event of ASF outbreak in Naga City, whereby depopulation or stamping out of affected swine is conducted, an ASF Quick Response Fund shall be allocated out of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office fund to indemnify affected hog raisers.

Indemnification assistance shall be provided to the affected hog raiser whose hogs were culled or depopulated, to wit:

- a. One thousand pesos (P 1,000.00) per suckling piglet;
- b. Two thousand pesos (₱ 2,000.00) per weaned to grower and fattener pigs;
- c. Three thousand pesos (P 3,000.00) for pregnant sows.

Payment shall be made within two weeks after culling or depopulation protocol.

# SECTION 12. MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF SUSPECTED ASF CONTAMINATED SWINE AND CONFISCATED SWINE AND PORK PRODUCTS AND BYPRODUCTS.

- 12.1 All swine suspected or confirmed to have been contaminated by ASF shall be confiscated in favor of the Local Government and shall be disposed of in a manner as may be allowed under the existing laws, administrative rules, and the regulations.
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- 12.2 All swine and/or pork products and by-products confiscated or reasonably taken into custody, even when found negative or clear of ASF virus, shall likewise be appropriately disposed.

### SECTION 13. PENALTY PROVISION.

13.1 Violation of Section 5 hereof shall subject the offenders to the following penalties, to wit.

First Offense	Three thousand pesos (\$\mathbb{P}\$ 3,000.00) fine and confiscation; 3 days holding of vehicle
Second Offense	Four thousand pesos (\$\mathbb{P}\$ 4,000.00) fine and confiscation; 10 days impounding of vehicle
Subsequent	Five thousand pesos (P 5,000.00) fine and confiscation; 1 month impounding of vehicle



13.2 Collection of Fees: Administrative fines shall be paid to the City Veterinary Office or City Treasurer Office prior to release of impounded vehicle. Non-payment of



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prescribed penalties may be used as basis for future disallowance at NCDA aside from other admin remedies.

SECTION 14. SUPPLETORY APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS. All law, legal orders, rules, and regulations shall be suppletory in so far as it is applicable.

SECTION 15. REPEALING CAUSE. All ordinances found to be inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, this ordinance or any provision or part thereof are declared to be unconstitutional or contrary to the existing laws and other part of the provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and in effect.

SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after a copy is posted in a bulletin board at the entrance and in at least two (2) conspicuous places of the city hall or within the twenty-seven (27) barangays of Naga City and the ordinance has been published once in the local news of general circulation in the City.

ENACTED: March 7, 2023.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

CECILIA B. VELVZ-DE ASIS
City Vice Mayor
& Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

SON MAYOR 7/9/2