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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 219-2022
Series of 2022

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) TASK FORCE, IMPLEMENTING THE BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY ("BABay ASF") PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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, incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (5) (xii) of the Local Government Code of 1991 authorizes the Sangguniang Panlungsod 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 to an estimated 36% reduction in the national swine inventory impacting both the agriculture sector and the national economy;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture (DA) Administrative Circular No. 12 (S. of 2019) or the "National Zoning and Movement Plan for the Prevention and Control City Ordinance No. 219-2022 ("**BABAY ASF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BACOR**")



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of ASF" provides for movement protocols in an effort to manage, contain, and control the ASF virus through the classification of the country into various quarantine zones;

WHEREAS, DA Administrative Order No. 6 (Series of 2021) provides the guidelines on the recovery, rehabilitation, and repopulation program for "ASF-Affected" and "Non ASF Affected Areas" which will facilitate the recovery of the swine industry in the country;

WHEREAS, the DA likewise issued DA Administrative Order No. 7 Series of 2021 (or the Implementing Guidelines for the "Bantay ASF sa Barangay Program") to empower local government officials including those in the barangays of their roles in the disease control programs of the government at the grass root level for the timely detection, management, control and prevention of the spread of any animal disease particularly ASF;

WHEREAS, the successful control of the spread of animal diseases lies with strong collaboration among the Department of Agriculture, its relevant agencies, Local Government Units (LGUs), and various stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in regular session assembled that:

Section 1. TITLE. - This Ordinance shall be known as the "**BABAY ASF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BACOR**".

Section 2. OBJECTIVES –

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

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e. To assist in the recovery, rehabilitation
repopulation of previously affected areas; and

f. To generate and mobilize resources for an
effective implementation of the program.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The meaning of the
following terms as used in this Ordinance are:

3.1. **Animal Disease Diagnostic Reference
Laboratory (ADDRL)** is the national reference Laboratory
under the Bureau of Animal Industry that provides services
to support animal health and production, regulation,
research, and surveillance in the whole country.

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

3.3 **Barangay Biosecurity Officer (BBOs)** – are
Community/Village Based Animal Technicians (CBAT),
Barangay Animal Health Workers (BAHW), para-veterinary
workers, Barangay Livestock Aide (BALA), volunteers
veterinarians who are not resident or consulting
veterinarian at any farm or any person assigned by the
City of Bacoor at the Barangay shall also be known as
Barangay Biosecurity Officers or BBO who will be
appointed, designated and registered as the frontliners of
the **Bantay ASF SA BARANGAY PROGRAM** and shall have
specific responsibilities indicated in this Ordinance.

3.4 **Biosecurity Level I** refer to the level of the farm
biosecurity in compliance to minimum standards set by the
Philippine College of Swine Practitioners (PCSP).

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

3.6 **Commercial Farm** is a farm category for any farm
with a swine population that exceeds the definition of

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small-hold farms. Commercial farms are classified into:

3.6.1 Semi-commercial Farms which refers to at least one of the following:

- a. Between 10-50 sow level
- b. Between 41-500 fatteners

3.6.2 Commercial Farms which refers to at least one of the following:

- a. 51 sow level and above
- b. 501 fasteners and above

3.7 **Community** refers to a barangay or a cluster of barangays.

3.8 **Consulting Veterinarians** are veterinarians employed in 300 sow-level farms and below as defined by the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998.

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

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

3.11 **Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office (DARFO)** is the regional branch of DA that facilitates and supervises the formulation and execution of policies, plans and program of the Department in the respective regions.

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

3.13 **Paiwi or Paalaga** pertains to the system of rearing animals in some areas in the Philippines whereby the care and management of a few animals are

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delegated to individuals in a community.

3.14 **Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL)** is a government laboratory under the DA Regional Field Office that provides services in support of animal health and production, regulation, research, and surveillance in the region.

3.15 **Resident Veterinarians** refer to veterinarians employed in more than 300 sow -level farms as defined in the IRR of Republic Act of 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act of 1998.

3.16 **Small-hold Farm** is also commonly known as a "backyard farm" which refers to any of the following:

a. Less than 21 heads of adult and zero head of young animals (1-20 heads young and zero young and below);

b. Less than 41 heads of young (1-10 heads young and below);

c. Less than 10 heads of adult and 22 heads of young (1-9 heads adult and 1-21 heads young and below)

3.17 **Test and Destroy** refers to the testing of swine population and - when found positive for ASF - are subject to rapid, deliberate, and humane killing and proper disposal.

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

Section 4. CREATION OF BACOR CITY ASF TASK FORCE. The City of Bacoor ASF Task Force is hereby formed and shall be the main authority to oversee the implementation of this Ordinance and other related

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activities as may be provided by rules, regulations, and guidelines promulgated by national government authorities or as mandated by law. It shall be comprised of the following individuals:

City of Bacoor ASF Task Force

Chairperson: City Mayor
Co-Chairperson: City Administrator
Members: City Veterinarian
SP/ Chair, Committee on Health and Sanitation
SP/ Chair, Committee on Agriculture and Food
City Health Officer
Chief of Police, Bacoor PNP
BTMD Head
OIC-CENRO
CLGOO
City of Bacoor DRRMO
Public Market
Meat Inspector (2)
Barangay Affairs
Bacoor Chamber of Commerce (Trade Rep)
OIC-City Agriculture Office
City Livelihood Office

The Task Force may include other agencies or stakeholders not mentioned in this Ordinance that has an important role in its implementation and who shall be named as the expanded members of the Task Force through an executive order to be issued by the City Mayor whenever necessary.

A Technical Working Group (TWG) headed by the City Veterinarian may be created by the City Mayor through an executive order which will serve as the advisory body of the Task Force for efficient implementation of the Bantay ASF sa Barangay "BABay ASF" Program.

Section 5. FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY GIVEN TO ASF TASK FORCE. The function and role of the ASF Task Force include but are not limited to the following:

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5.1 Main functions of ASF Task Force

- Main implementer of the Bantay ASF sa Barangay "BABay ASF" Program;
- Formulate and draft local issuances, ordinances and contingency plans for the ASF prevention and control measures in the City of Bacoor for approval of the Sanggunian or by the City Mayor;
- Initiate and coordinate all ASF-related activities including quick response, disease investigation, surveillance, animal movement control, information and education and logistics to relevant government agencies;
- Disseminate information, guidelines and memoranda to all stakeholders;
- Regularly submit reports to the Local Chief Executive on the status of its activities; and
- Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the full and proper implementation of ASF prevention and control protocols within the City of Bacoor;

5.2 Authority given to ASF Task Force

- Regulatory Authority** – The City of Bacoor ASF Task Force shall have the authority to regulate the movement of all live pigs, pork, pork products, by-products and other products with pork ingredients in line with national government issuances and guidelines within the City of Bacoor;
- Visitorial Power** – Upon presenting appropriate credentials or authority to the owner, manager, operator, agent or any person within the premises of any farm or establishment within the City of Bacoor, the City ASF Task Force shall have

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the power to enter and inspect swine farms and other related establishments anytime, conduct disease investigation, surveillance, monitoring and collection of laboratory specimens and samples, impose preventive and control measures therein, in coordination with, and as may be necessary, subject to biosafety and biosecurity entry requirements of concerned farms and establishments.

c. **Seizure and Confiscation** – The City of Bacoor ASF Task Force shall have the authority to seize and confiscate animals, animal parts, products and by-products, feeds, feed ingredients, feed supplements, and feed additives, veterinary biologics, drugs, products and devices, and such other materials or substances that are undocumented, or of unknown source and conditions, and are showing signs of ASF, or reasonably suspected to be infected with or carriers of ASF, contaminated with ASF or posing an imminent danger, threat and injury to the overall animal health situation in their respective jurisdictions.

d. **Animal Condemnation and Eradication Measures** – The City of Bacoor ASF Task Force shall have authority to institute condemnation and eradication measures on animals that are diseased or reasonably suspected to be infected with ASF and are deemed a great risk to the swine population.

Section 6. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF BIOSECURITY OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BACOR. To maximize the efforts in animal disease monitoring and response to animal disease outbreaks including other veterinary related activities at the grassroots level, Biosecurity Officers shall be appointed in the City of Bacoor. RA 9418 or the "Volunteer Act of 2007" provides for the establishment of volunteer programs by the LGUs who shall, likewise, provide

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recognition and incentive package to the volunteers. Thus, the city government shall allot funds for the creation and institutionalization of the said organizations and provisions of incentive package for the volunteers.

6.1 Registration and Deputization of Biosecurity

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

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

CVO/MAO/MVO – The CVO/MVO/MAO shall endorse the list of registered BBO to be issued a Biosecurity Officer Code by the PVO.

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

6.2 Duties and Responsibilities of Biosecurity Officers

6.2.1 Barangay Sample Collection in their



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assigned areas of farm in coordination/supervision of the City Veterinarian or the City Agriculturist in the event that the city does not have a veterinarian employed in their LGU.

6.2.2 Biosecurity Evaluation and assignment of Biosecurity level in all the farms assigned to the Biosecurity Officers.

6.2.3 On-time Reporting and submission of weekly ASF Monitoring regularly to their respective LGU and the summary of which will be submitted to the Provincial Veterinary Office by the City Veterinary Office or City Agriculture Office.

Section 7. RECOVERY, REHABILITATION AND REPOPULATION. To ensure success in the recovery, rehabilitation and repopulation efforts, the subsequent provisions must be complied with in accordance with the DA AO No. 6 s. 2021 and DA AO No. 7 s. 2021. This Ordinance hereby establishes that the exit from quarantine and reclassification of an ASF outbreak zone are the initial steps for recovery, rehabilitation and eventual repopulation.

Section 8. DECLARATION OF ASF FREE STATUS. There are two levels of Declaration of ASF Free Status of an area previously infected with ASF. The requirements for such declarations are enshrined in the DA AO No. 6 s. 2021.

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

The second level is the National Declaration of ASF Free Status for the whole Province to be declared by the Bureau of Animal Industry. All barangays of the City of Bacoor must be locally declared ASF Free areas prior to application to be declared ASF Free on a national level.

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Section 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Within fifteen (15) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Office of the City Veterinarian, after due consultation with the concerned sectors, shall formulate and issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation in the City of Bacoor. The provisions of the administrative orders issued by the Department of Agriculture, DA AO No. 6 s. 2021 and DA AO No. 7 s. 2021, shall be part of the implementing rules and regulations for this Ordinance and shall be implemented in the City of Bacoor.

Section 10. PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES. The following acts are hereby prohibited and shall be penalized as follows:

10.1 Failure to Report Notifiable Disease – All animal producers, owners, operators, farm managers, farm veterinarians, farm consultants and barangay officials who fail to report notifiable diseases to the City Veterinary Office and its counterparts immediately within 24 hours by the quickest means possible shall be penalized under to Act 2711, (the Revised Administrative Code of 1917 on Animal Quarantine), Act 3573 (the Act providing for the Prevention and Suppression of Dangerous Communicable Diseases) or RA 9268 whichever is applicable.

10.2 Disobedience, Evasion, Obstructing and Hindering the City of Bacoor ASF Task Force and their representatives in the performance of their duties – The farm or establishment owner, transport operator, animal facility operator or any person acting on his behalf who disobeys, evades, obstructs or hinders the City of Bacoor ASF Task Force and its counterparts, or any of its enforcement officers or deputized officers to perform its duty shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per violation or imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both in the discretion of the proper court of law along with the revocation of all permits issued to it.

10.3 Failure to Comply with Veterinary Regulations and Rules – Failure or refusal of any person, owner or caretaker, or handler, operators, officers of corporation, association, organization or

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establishments to comply with veterinary regulations and standards as provided herein or by the rules hereinafter set by the City of Bacoor ASF Task Force shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per violation or with imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both in the discretion of the proper court.

10.4 Failure to Register at the Master List of Farmers, Animal Establishment and Livestock Haulers – The farm or establishment owner, transport operator, animal facility operator or any person acting on his behalf who failed to register their facility or transport carriers to the city government shall not be allowed to conduct or transact business in the City of Bacoor. In the event that their continued operation without the proper registration caused damage to the animal industry, civil damages may be pursued in accordance with Article 2176 of the Civil Code of the Philippines.

10.5 Submission/presentation of tampered, recycled or fake documents for shipment of animals – The remedies and penalties stated in DA AO No. 5 s. 2019 and DA Memorandum Circular No. 23 s. 2020 shall apply to the person submitting or presenting tampered, recycled or fake documents without prejudice to filing criminal and civil cases.

10.6 Other violations in this Ordinance and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (DA AO No. 6 s. 2021 and DA AO No. 7 s. 2021) – All permits issued to any person, owners, or establishment due to non-conformance shall be revoked without prejudice to filing of criminal and civil charges. The City of Bacoor ASF Task Force shall enforce its authority stated herein.

Section 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason or reasons, any section or part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other section or parts hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 12. REPEALING AND AMENDING CLAUSE. All orders, rules and regulations or parts thereto which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

ENACTED this 5th day of September 2022 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite in regular session assembled.

I hereby certify the truth and correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

Certified by:

HON. MICHAEL E. SOLIS
Acting City Vice Mayor/
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Attested by:

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