



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE
Laoag City

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ILOCOS NORTE

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 29TH REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, HELD AT THE
SANGGUNIANG SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL,
AT 2:30 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON,
FEBRUARY 18, 2008.

Present:

Hon. Windell D. Chua, Vice-Governor,
and Presiding Officer
Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Member,
Hon. Albert D. Chua, Member,
Hon. Ma. Elena M. Nalupta, Member,
Hon. Mariano V. Marcos II, Member,
Hon. Renato Ma.R. Peralta, Member,
Hon. Shirley Ong Sin, Member.
Hon. Yvonne B. Ranada, Member,
Hon. Kristian R. Ablan, Member,
Hon. Robert P. Castro, Member,
Hon. Vicentito M. Lazo, PCL-IN, Member,
Hon. Jessie E. Galano, ABC-IN, Member,
Hon. Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas, PPSK-IN, Member.

Absent:

Hon. Portia Pamela R. Salenda, Member.

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 016-2008

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE
NO. 82-97, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING
RABIES CONTROL IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE."**

WHEREAS, the 3RD Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Ilocos Norte passed Provincial Ordinance No. 82-97, entitled "An ordinance Governing Rabies Control in the Province of Ilocos Norte" on 12 March 1997;

WHEREAS, the 13th Congress of the Philippines just passed Republic Act No. 9482, otherwise known as the "Anti-Rabies Act of 2007," last 19 February 2007;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to update the Provincial Rabies Control Ordinance in consonance to RA 9482, not to mention the province's obligation to protect foreign and local tourists;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Ordained, that:

SECTION 1 . Section 1 of Provincial Ordinance No. 82-97 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1 – Definition of Terms

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall prevail:

Dog – the term “dog” shall apply to a specific domestic animal (Canis familiaris), male or female.

Vaccination Against Rabies – means the inoculation of a dog with a rabies vaccine licensed for the species by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Department of Agriculture (DA). Such vaccination must be performed by a licensed Veterinarian and assisted by a trained livestock technician from the BAI and Provincial Veterinary Office.

Owner – the term “owner” shall mean any person keeping, harboring or having charge or control of, or permitting any dog to habitually be or remain on, or be lodged or fed within such person’s house, yard or premises.

Rabies Control Authority – duly authorized persons responsible for enforcement of this Ordinance (policemen, BAI personnel, trained vaccinator, members of the barangay council, etc.)

Has Been Bitten – means has been seized with the teeth so that the skin of the person has been wounded or pierced, including scratches.

Enclosed Premises – means the owner’s house, or fenced yard, where other people have no reason to enter except to conduct business or visit with the members of the household.

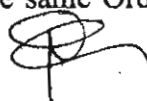
Restrained – means teethered, leashed or caged.

RABIES-RISK AREAS – AREAS WHERE THERE IS HISTORICAL DATA OF CANINE RABIES AS CONFIRMED BY LABORATORY RESULTS. THESE AREAS MAY ALSO BE CALLED RABIES-POSITIVE BARANGAYS.

TANDOK – A POPULAR INDIGENOUS HEALING TECHNIQUE USED IN THE TREATMENT OF DOG AND SNAKE BITES WITH VARIED METHODS, THE MOST COMMON OF WHICH IS WHEN THE HEALER INCISES THE SKIN AND PUTS A “SUCTION MATERIAL” TO REMOVE THE SUPPOSEDLY RABIES OR VENOM ON THE AFFECTED PART.

TOURIST SPOTS – A PLACE OF INTEREST, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, WHERE TOURISTS VISIT, WHICH INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO HISTORICAL PLACES, MONUMENTS, CHURCHES, MUSEUMS, BEACHES, NATIONAL PARKS AND FORESTS.”

SECTION 2 – Section VII of the same Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:-



"Section VII – Elimination of Unregistered Dogs

Unregistered dogs over the age of four (4) months shall be seized and humanely destroyed under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian or Rabies Control Authority or vaccinated and registered under the provisions of Section VI.

The licensed veterinarian/trained vaccinator or the Rabies Control Authority shall give the guidance on the destruction methods to be used (shooting, poisoning, carbon dioxide, anesthetic overdose), EXCEPT ELECTROCUTION, in different environments (area of habitation, market place, rubbish dumps, open countryside, etc.)

The licensed veterinarian/trained vaccinator, the Rabies Control Authority or a police officer may enter any land for the purpose of seizing or destroying a dog which is liable to be seized under this section."

SECTION 3. Sections VIII and IX of the same Ordinance are hereby renumbered and amended to read as follows:

"Section VIII – RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOG OWNERS



ALL DOG OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- (a) MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER THEIR DOG AND NOT ALLOW IT TO ROAM THE STREETS OR ANY PUBLIC PLACE WITHOUT A LEASH.
- (b) WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS, REPORT IMMEDIATELY ANY DOG BITING incident to the Municipal Health Authority, and the health care worker or police officer receiving such information shall immediately transmit to the Rabies Control Authority for investigation.
- (c) ASSIST THE DOG BITE VICTIM(S) IMMEDIATELY AND SHOULDERS all the treatment and dog examination related expenses incurred by the bite victim(s) unless the bite was inflicted by a restrained and registered dog, or had occurred within the owner's enclosed premises, in which case, arrangements shall be made between the owner and the bite victim.

"TANDOK", "SUMA" AND OTHER SIMILAR IDIGENOUS HEALING PRACTICES ARE NOT RECOGNIZED REMEDIES IN THE TREATMENT OF BITE VICTIMS TO EXCUSE THE DOG-OWNER FROM LIABILITY UNDER THIS ORDINANCE."

SECTION 4. Section X of the same Ordinance is hereby renumbered and amended to read as follows:

"SECTION IX – Penalties for Violation of Ordinance

Any dog owner who fails to abide by any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) but NOT more than TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00) in the discretion of the court, PROVIDED, IF A VIOLATION OCCURRED WITHIN A ONE (1) KILOMETER RADIUS FROM A TOURIST SPOT OR A RABIES-RISK AREA, THE OFFENDER SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO AN ADDITIONAL FINE OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00)."  

SECTION 5. Section XI of the same Ordinance is hereby renumbered to "SECTION X."

SECTION 6. A NEW SECTION XI OF THE SAME ORDINANCE IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"SECTION XI – Responsibility of Local Government Units

ALL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES SHALL ALLOCATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY ON THE FINANCING OF SUPPLIES AND RABIES VACCINES NEEDED FOR IMMUNIZATION, WHICH SHALL BE AUGMENTED BY THE PROVINCIAL VETERINARY OFFICE AND THE CONCERNED NATIONAL AGENCIES."

SECTION 7 – A new Section 8 is created to read as follows:

"SECTION 8 – TRADING OF DOG MEAT

PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PHILIPPINE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT, THE KILLING AND SELLING OF DOGS FOR FOOD, OR THE STORING, SELLING OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF DOG MEAT IN RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, INNS, BOARDING HOUSES, AND OTHER EATING PLACES, OR IN ANY OTHER PLACE WITHIN ILOCOS NORTE IS PROHIBITED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS PROHIBITION SHALL NOT APPLY WHEN THERE IS A GOOD AND VALID CAUSE FOR THE KILLING, SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED IN SECTION 6 HEREOF."

SECTION 8 . Separability Clause. If any provision or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the Ordinance or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. Any ordinance, executive order, rules or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect on the day following its publication or at the end of the period of posting, whichever occurs later.

Voting in Favor: Members Barba, Marcos, Ong sin, Ranada, Ablan, Castro, Lazo, Galano and Fariñas.

Voting Against: None;

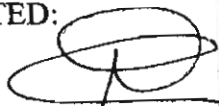
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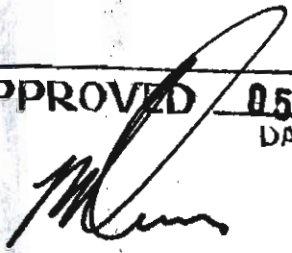
(Hon. Chua, Hon. Nalupta and Hon. Peralta were out of the Session Hall during the voting on the Ordinance)

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Provincial Ordinance No. 016-2008.


MILDRED NIRMLA R. LAMOSTE
Provincial Board Secretary

ATTESTED:


WINDELL D. CHUA
Vice-Governor and
Presiding Officer

APPROVED **05 MAR 2008**
DATE

MICHAEL MARCOS KEON
PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR