

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTH
MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT ITS
SESSION HALL ON JULY 14, 1965



PRESENT:

Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon, Floor Leader, Presiding
Hon. Narciso C. Alfaro, City Councilor
Hon. Pelagio C. Kierulf, City Councilor
Hon. Francisco D. Abas, City Councilor
Hon. Anastacio D. Besabella, City Councilor
Hon. Marciano S. Du, City Councilor
Hon. Benjamin T. Pongos, City Councilor

ABSENT:

Hon. Heliodoro T. Fiel, Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer
(Acting City Mayor)
Hon. Francisco D. Aviles, City Councilor

RESOLUTION NO. 163

"WHEREAS, owing to their indomitable nature, dogs are the worst offenders of mankind and are the principal carriers of rabies;

"WHEREAS, presence of stray dogs in communities enhances spread of rabies;

"WHEREAS, medical experience has shown that the human prophylaxis against rabies by the use of locally prepared vaccine has been satisfactory;

"WHEREAS, the application of locally produced vaccine for human use is not devoid of severe complications;

"WHEREAS, this august Body feels that the more direct approach towards the control of rabies in the City of Ormoc should be immediately implemented;

"NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, on motion of Councilor Pongos, seconded by Councilors Kierulf and Du;

"RESOLVED, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 57

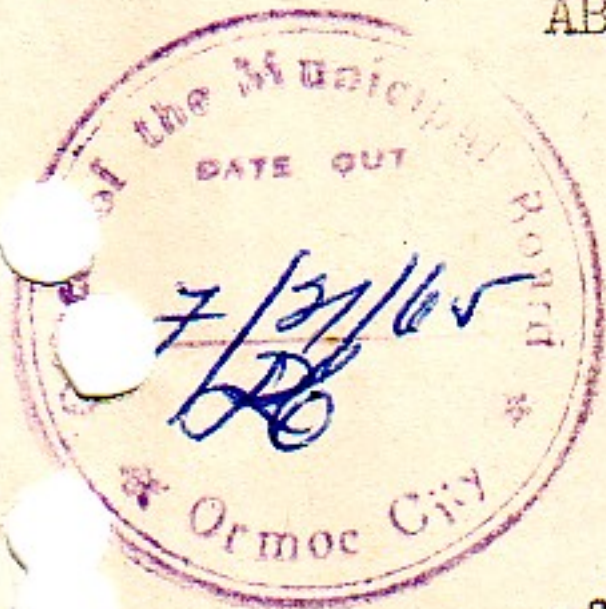
AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING AND ERADICATING RABIES IN DOGS,
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED, by authority of the Municipal Board of Ormoc City, Philippines, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 179, as amended by Republic Act 429, otherwise known as the Charter of Ormoc City, That:

SECTION 1. Every owner of dogs shall have his dogs of one year of age or over each properly vaccinated with anti-rabies vaccine as prescribed in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 2. Vaccine for immunization of dogs is that which is prepared in incubating chicken eggs and is composed of living but weak rabies virus administered in a single dose of two milliliters and injected intramuscularly, or such other vaccines of equal or greater potency.

SECTION 3. Every person whose dogs are properly vaccinated shall, for each dog, be issued a license certificate and a metal tag. An annual license fee of One Peso (P1.00) per dog shall be imposed and upon payment thereof a license certificate shall be issued by the City Health Officer which shall state the name of the owner, possessor or custodian



of the dog, the age and description of the dog, the date of vaccination, the expiry date of immunity, the kind of vaccine used, the person who administered the vaccination, the tag number issued, and such other details as the City Health Officer may deem necessary. The metal tag shall likewise be issued by the City Health Officer who shall impress it with a serial number and the year. This tag shall be worn by the dog at all times suspended in a conspicuous manner from a collar.

SECTION 4. Every person whose dogs are licensed and issued tags shall not later than the thirty-first day of January of each year pay to the City Treasurer a yearly license fee of One Peso (P1.00) for each dog which sum shall accrue to a special fund for the purpose of defraying expenses for the purchase of vaccine and dog tags: PROVIDED, That in case the dog owner is an indigent he may be exempted from paying the fee for not more than two dogs: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That the indigent person must get a certificate from the City Treasurer free of charge.

SECTION 5. The City Health Officer or any of his duly authorized representatives shall perform the vaccination of dogs.

SECTION 6. In the implementation of this Ordinance the City Health Officer may establish vaccination stations in the city proper and the different barrios, preferably in the health and reading centers, for such periods as he may deem convenient and necessary. He may also promulgate rules and regulations for the effective discharge of his duties.

SECTION 7. All dogs found wandering in streets, plazas, markets, school premises, and other public places, unaccompanied by their owners shall be considered stray dogs.

SECTION 8. All stray dogs must be impounded and those caught must be kept in a safe place intended for the purpose. After one week has elapsed those stray dogs caught without license shall be sold at the best obtainable price or humanely killed by the city police or by the health authorities and their bodies in case they are killed shall be disposed of by the health authorities by burning or burying in a sanitary manner: PROVIDED, That if such dogs are claimed by the owner before they are sold or killed, the same shall be returned to him after they are properly vaccinated, licensed, issued dog tags, and the license and impounding fees paid to the City Treasurer.

SECTION 9. Stray dogs with tags impounded by the city police or by the health authorities if not claimed within the one-week period shall likewise be sold or humanely killed as provided in the next preceding section: PROVIDED, That if said dogs are fully claimed within the impounding period, the person so claiming shall pay to the City Treasurer the impounding fee.

SECTION 10. The impounding fee for each dog shall be at the rate of Fifty Centavos (P0.50) per day or a fraction thereof for the period during which the dog has been impounded.

SECTION 11. The dog owners whose dogs have bitten a person must immediately report to the City Health Officer any dog bite and bring the animal to the latter's office for examination.

SECTION 12. The death or disappearance of a vaccinated dog must be reported at once to the City Health Officer. In case of death the dog tag shall be surrendered.

SECTION 13. The sum of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) is hereby appropriated from funds not otherwise appropriated in the city treasury of Ormoc for the purchase of metal dog tags.

SECTION 14. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined in the sum of not exceeding Twenty-Five Pesos (P25.00) or imprisoned for not more than ten (10) days or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

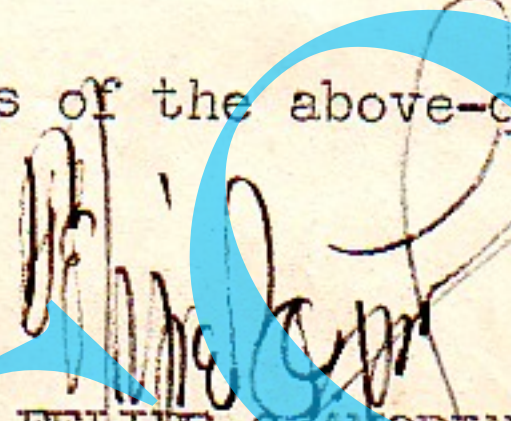
SECTION 15. This Ordinance shall take effect three (3) months after its approval.

ENACTED, July 14, 1965.

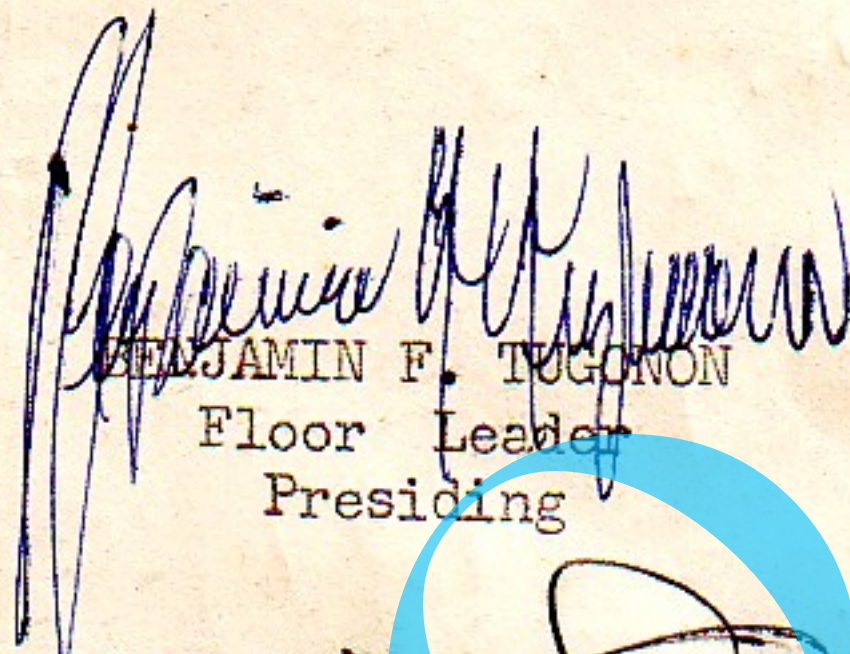
"RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution each to the City Health Officer, the City Treasurer, the City Judge, the City Fiscal, the City Auditor and the Chief of Police, and all concerned, Ormoc City;

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution-ordinance.


FELIPE O. AMORIN
Secretary

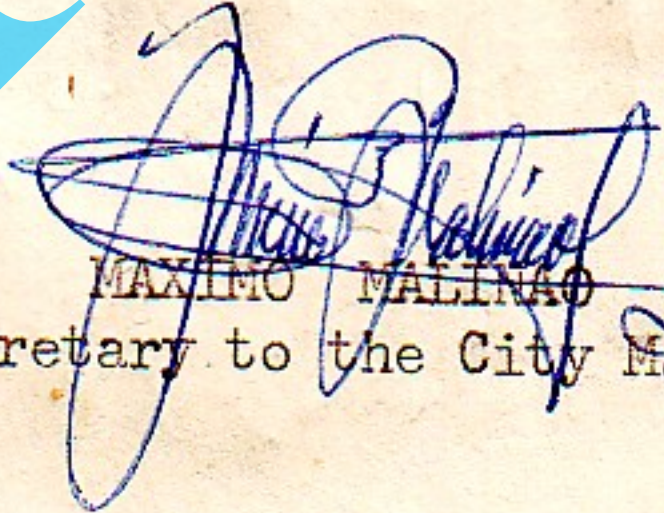
ATTESTED:


BENJAMIN F. TUGONON
Floor Leader
Presiding

APPROVED:


HELIODORO T. FIEL
Vice-Mayor & Actg. City Mayor

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:


MAXIMO MALINAO
Secretary to the City Mayor