



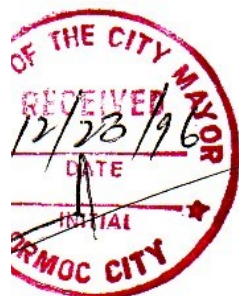
REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC



EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH  
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT THE HONORABLE  
PLACIDO ENECIO HALL, SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
BUILDING ON DECEMBER 19, 1996

PRESENT:

Hon. Benjamin F. Tugonon,	Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Celso P. Adolfo,	Majority Floor Leader, Kagawad
Hon. Claudio P. Larrazabal,	Asst. Majority Floor Leader, Kagawad
Hon. Benjamin B. Lladoc,	Kagawad
Hon. Sotero M. Pepito,	Kagawad
Hon. Alfredo F. Capahi,	Kagawad
Hon. Manuel T. Fiel,	Kagawad
Hon. Jose C. Alfaro, Jr.,	Kagawad
Hon. Deborah Robin B. Conejos,	Kagawad
Hon. Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr.,	Kagawad
Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,	Minority Floor Leader, Kagawad
Hon. Fernando P. Parrilla,	Chapter Pres., Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc, Ex-Officio, Kagawad
Hon. Chiqui B. Labagala,	SK Federation President, Ex-Officio, Kagawad



RESOLUTION NO. 96-249

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed Ordinance finds support in the provisions of Section 16, of the Local Government Code of 1991, the so-called "general welfare clause" which empowers local government units to enact and implement measures for the general well-being of their inhabitants. Furthermore, Section 458, par. (a) subpar. 4, item (viii) of the same Code, specifically empowers Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact ordinances for the impounding of stray animals.

It is a matter of common sight of stray dogs wandering freely in public places in Ormoc City, especially in streets, roads and thoroughfares thereby posing grave danger to the users of these public places, as it is an established fact that dogs are the number one carriers of rabies which are responsible for the many deaths of our people; hence, the need for the passage of this Ordinance.

FOREGOING PREMISES considered, on joint motion of mga Kagawad Celso P. Adolfo and Mariano Y. Corro, Chairmen, Committee on Health and Public Welfare, and Committee on Laws and Ordinances, respectively, jointly seconded by mga Kagawad Benjamin B. Lladoc and Deborah Robin B. Conejos; be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to enact:

ORDINANCE NO. 57

ANTI-RABIES ORDINANCE

BE IT ENACTED by the SEVENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD ng ORMOC in SESSION ASSEMBLED, That:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "Anti-Rabies Ordinance of 1996".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance the following words shall have the following meaning:

- A. DOG - the term "dog" shall apply to a specific domestic animal (canis familiaris) male or female.
- B. VACCINATION AGAINST RABIES - means the inoculation of a dog with a rabies vaccine licensed for the species by the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture. Such vaccination must be performed by a licensed Veterinarian & or by a trained livestock technician from the City Veterinary Office.
- C. 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.
- D. HAS BEEN BITTEN - means has been seized with the teeth so that the skin of the person has been wounded or pierced, including scratches.
- E. 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.
- F. RESTRAINED - means tethered, leashed or caged or within enclosed premises.
- G. CITY POUND - shall refer to an establishment where "stray dog or dog running at large" shall be impounded, confined or restrained.
- H. STRAY DOG OR DOG RUNNING AT LARGE - shall be understood to mean a dog which is loose, unrestrained or not under complete control of its owner or the one in possession thereof.
- I. DOG CATCHER - shall refer to the person authorized to perform the actual catching of stray dogs.

SECTION 3. ANTI-RABIES COMMITTEE. The Anti-Rabies Committee is hereby organized composed of the following:

- 1. Mayor or his duly authorized Rep. - Chairman
- 2. City Veterinarian - Vice-Chairman

Members

- 3. Chairman on Com. on Health, SP
- 4. Chairman on Com. on Agriculture, SP
- 5. City Agriculturist
- 6. City Health Officer
- 7. City PNP Commander

The said Committee is vested with the authority of implementing this ordinance and other Anti-Rabies related measures.

SECTION 4. RABIES VACCINATION. All dogs two (2) months of age and above should be submitted by the owner for vaccination against rabies and thereafter as determined by the Veterinarian.

The required vaccination shall be done within thirty (30) days from effectivity of this Ordinance or from the date of its acquisition of a dog.

SECTION 5. DUTIES OF THE VETERINARIAN. It shall be the duty of the person vaccinating any dog to issue a certificate of rabies vaccination (in duplicate) for each dog vaccinated, one copy of which shall be given to the dog - owner, and the other copy to be retained by him. The certificate shall include the following information:

1. Owner's name, address and telephone no. (if any);
2. Description of dog (color, sex, markings, age, and breed (if any))
3. Date of vaccination and schedule of revaccination
4. Rabies vaccination tag number
5. Vaccine manufacturer
6. Vaccinator's signature
7. Veterinarian's license number/vaccinator's address.

The dog owner shall be provided with a copy of the certificate. The veterinarian/vaccinator shall retain one copy for the duration of the vaccination.

SECTION 6. DOG REGISTRATION OR LICENSING. Dogs two (2) months old and above should be registered upon payment of the registration fee by their owner at the Office of the City Veterinarian within thirty (30) days from effectivity of this ordinance and thereafter within thirty (30) days from the date of its acquisition. Unvaccinated dogs registered after reaching the age of two (2) months and above shall be vaccinated upon registration. The Office of the Veterinarian shall provide the owner with a Certificate of Registration and a durable metal or plastic tag serially numbered, which shall be securely attached to the collar of the dog.

SECTION 7. REPORTING OF BITING INCIDENTS. The owner of the dog which has bitten any person, and/or the victim thereof, shall within twenty-four (24) hours of the occurrence, report the incident to the Barangay Officials of the place where the incident occurred, or the health care worker, or the police officer who shall immediately transmit such information to the City Health Officer or directly to the City Health Office.

SECTION 8. LIABILITY OF OWNERS OF BITING DOGS. The owner of a dog which has bitten any person shall be responsible for the cost of the treatment of the victim, and dog examination; related expenses, unless the bite was inflicted by a restrained dog or has occurred within the owner's enclosed premises or due to the fault or negligence of the victim in which case the dog owner shall be exempted from any liability.

SECTION 9. PUBLIC POUND/CITY POUND. A. "Public Pound or City Pound" is hereby established and maintained under the supervision of the Office of the City Veterinarian.

B. Dog catcher is authorized to seize and impound stray dogs at the city pound.

C. City Pound Notice - The Office of the Veterinarian upon receipt of the dog impounded, shall cause the advertisement of a pound notice at the City Hall and at the Barangay Hall of the barangay where the dog was caught, for ten (10) consecutive days stating the following:

1. Color, breed and other description of the impounded dog;
2. The date, time and place the dog was caught;
3. A Notice that unless redeemed, the dog shall be sold at public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the said city pound on the date specified by the Office of the City Veterinarian between 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. but not earlier than ten (10) days from the date of its impounding.

D. Fees -

1. Registration Fee - ₱25.00

2. Impounding Fee - Dog owners who shall redeem their impounded dog shall be charged an impounding fee of ₱100.00 plus additional daily charge of ₱10.00.

E. Disposal of Impounded Dogs - All healthy dogs, impounded, unless redeemed, shall be sold at public auction and the proceeds thereby shall accrue to the coffers of the City Government of Ormoc, and those not sold, may be donated to research institution or shall be destroyed.

F. Vaccination - All unvaccinated dogs two (2) months old and above shall be vaccinated against Rabies prior to its release from the city pound.

G. Stray Dogs Control -

1. Stray dogs shall be removed from the community streets.
2. The Office of the City Veterinarian shall direct and supervise daily rounds for picking-up of stray dogs.
3. Stray dogs shall be impounded for at least ten (10) days to give owners enough time to reclaim them and to determine if the said dog has bitten an individual.
4. Apprehended vicious stray dogs may be destroyed at the discretion of the Office of the City Veterinarian.
5. Dogs suspected to be suffering from either of the two types of Rabies shall be destroyed immediately.
6. Owners of stray dogs shall be subjected to penal provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 10. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE. Any dog owner who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall suffer a penalty of a fine of not more than ₱1,000.00 or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days or both at the discretion of the court; however, the violator may opt to pay an administrative fine of ₱200.00.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing ordinance inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 12. Within ten (10) days after approval of this Ordinance, copies thereof shall be posted at conspicuous places, at City Hall, Executive & Legislative buildings and other public places for three consecutive weeks and shall be published once in a local newspaper of general circulation.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect immediately on February 3, 1997.

ENACTED, December 19, 1996

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance, one each, to His Honor, the City Mayor; the City Administrator, the City Legal Officer, the CMO Agricultural Services Office (particularly the Municipal Agricultural Officer), the City Veterinarian, the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Tacloban; the Prosecutors' Officer, the MTCourt in Cities, the RTCourts, the City Director- Philippine National Police (PNP), the Precinct Commanders- PNP Ormoc, the ABC President, the Barangay Affairs Officer, the DILG-CGO Officer, Civic/Religious Clubs, and others concerned in Ormoc City;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

OSCAR E. LASAM  
Secretary to the  
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:

BENJAMIN F. TUGONON  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

EUFROCINO M. CODILLA, SR.  
City Mayor

12/23/96

(Date)