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ORDINANCE NO. 17-080

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW VETERINARY CODE FOR MUNTINLUPA CITY, REPEALING AND SUPERSEDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-118 KNOWN AS THE "MUNTINLUPA CITY VETERINARY CODE OF 2009"

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WHEREAS, Sec. 15 under declaration of principles of 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "the state shall protect and provide the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them".

WHEREAS, the provision of Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991) more particularly section 458 (a) (1) (viii), provides that "the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the power to create offices and determine the power and duties of officials, their positions and salaries, wages, allowances, and other emoluments and benefits of the officials and employees paid wholly or mainly from city funds and provide for expenditures necessary for the proper conduct of programs, projects, services and activities of the city government."

WHEREAS, Section 17 (a) of RA 7160 of the same code states that "Local Government Units shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them. They also discharge the functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of basic services."

WHEREAS, the Rules and Regulations implementing the Local Government Code of 1991 and R.A. 7926 (City Charter of Muntinlupa) provides for the appointment of the City Veterinarian.

WHEREAS, the creation and institutionalization of the Office of the City Veterinarian is necessary in order to provide efficient and effective delivery of services to the constituents of the City of Muntinlupa.

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WHEREAS, consistent with the mandate of R.A. 7394, otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines, particularly Articles 18 and 23 thereof, there is a need to protect our local consumers against banned consumer product and adulterated food, in addition to the threat of animal diseases and zoonotic diseases”;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a new city ordinance and implement National laws, rules and regulations in order to improve the Veterinary Services in our city.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 9, Rule 9.5 of the Rules and Regulations implementing R.A. 9296, otherwise known as the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines, the City Veterinarian shall head the City Meat Inspection Service (CMIS) and shall exercise direct supervision over meat inspection personnel;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 9, Rule 9.9 (9.9.1) of the Rules and Regulations implementing R.A. 9296, there is a need for the City Meat Inspection Service (CMIS) to establish and implement local rules and regulations within its jurisdiction in relation to safety and quality standards of meat and meat products; measures to ensure pure, wholesome and safe supply of meat and meat products in the city; licensing, registration, certification and identification of meat handlers and meat brokers operating within the city; and labeling, advertising and promotion of meat and meat products;

WHEREAS, under Sec. 10 of the Rules and Regulations implementing R.A. 9296 and pursuant to the provisions of R.A. 7160, the local government unit shall “regulate the construction, management and operation of slaughterhouses, meat inspection, meat transport and post-abattoir control, monitor and evaluate and collect fees and charges in accordance with national policies, procedures, guidelines, rules and regulations and quality and safety standards”;

WHEREAS, under rule 10.1, Sec. 10 of the Rules and Regulations implementing R.A. 9296, the responsibility for delivery of basic meat inspection service and operation of meat establishments shall remain with the city as stated in Art. 25 Rule V of the IRR of RA 7160;

WHEREAS, under the same law, in the implementation of its mandate, the local government unit shall collect reasonable fees and charges including but not limited to ante and post mortem inspection fees;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a more complete and comprehensive legislation in order to achieve the objective of regulating the sale of safe meat in the city, proper maintenance of slaughterhouses, animal trade, regulation on pet ownership within the city, create an intelligence network regarding zoonotic diseases and other issues on the implementation of animal welfare.

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WHEREAS, there is a need to strengthen local food safety regulatory system in our city to protect the consumer's health and facilitate market access of local food products as mandated on R.A. 10611 otherwise known as Food Safety Act of 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the 8TH Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa, in session duly assembled that:

CHAPTER 1
Preliminary Provisions

ARTICLE I
Title and Scope

SECTION 1. TITLE – This Code shall be known as “**Muntinlupa City Veterinary Services Code Of 2016**”

SECTION 2. SCOPE – This Code shall govern all matters pertinent to Veterinary Services, the care, control and custody of animals and regulations for the distribution of livestock, poultry and other animal produce for consumer consumption within the territorial jurisdiction of Muntinlupa City.

ARTICLE II
Definition of Terms

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – When used in this Code, the following shall be defined as follows:

1. **Abattoir or slaughterhouse** – premises that are approved and registered by the controlling authority in which food animals are slaughtered and dressed for human consumption.
2. **Accredit**– the power of the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) to give authority to (a) any meat establishment engaged in the slaughtering operation, preparation, processing, manufacturing, storing, or canning of meat and meat products for commerce, (b) any importer, exporter, broker, trader, or meat handler; (c) any meat vehicle or conveyance; (d) any person, firm, corporation as providers, or independent inspection or audit agencies.
3. **Adulterated** – Carcass, or any part thereof, whether meat or meat product and/or food or food- product under one or more of the following categories.

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- a. if it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render it injurious to public health; but in the case the substance is not an added substance, such meat and meat product shall not be considered adulterated under this clause if the quantity of such substance does not ordinarily render it injurious to the health of the public;
- b. if it bears or contains any added poisonous or deleterious substance other than one which is (i) a pesticide chemical in or on a raw agricultural commodity (ii) a food additive, (iii) a color additive, for which tolerances has been established and it conforms to such tolerances;
- c. if it consists in whole or in part of a filthy, putrid or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for human consumption;
- d. if it has been prepared, packed or held under unsanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth or whereby, it may have been rendered injurious to the health of the public;
- e. if it is in whole or in part, the product of a diseased animal or of an animal which has died other than by slaughter;
- f. if its container is composed, whole or in part, of any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the contents injurious to public health;
- g. if it has been intentionally submitted to radiation, unless the use of the radiation was in conformity with an existing regulation or exemption;
- h. if any valuable constituent has been in whole or in part omitted or abstracted there from; or if any substance has been situated, wholly or in part; or if damage or inferiority has been concealed in any manner; or if any substance has been added thereto or mixed or packed therewith so as to increase its bulk or weight, or reduce its quality or strength, or make it appear better or of greater value than it is;

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- i. if it has not been prepared in accordance with current acceptable manufacturing practice as promulgated by the Secretary by way of regulations; or
 - j. if it has passed its expiry date and/or has used expired ingredients.
4. **Animal effects** – refers to any hay, forage or similar materials used as blankets and the like of FMD/Bird Flu or any zoonotic disease susceptible animals.
 5. **Approved meat establishment** – means the same as Accredited or licensed meat establishment.
 6. **Animal Welfare** - pertains to the physical and psychological well-being of animals. It includes, but not limited to, the avoidance of abuse, maltreatment, cruelty and exploitation of animals by humans by maintaining appropriate standards of accommodation, feeding and general care, the prevention and treatment of disease and the assurance of freedom from fear, distress, harassment, and unnecessary discomfort and pain, and allowing animals to express normal behavior.
 7. **Authorization** – refers to the permission embodied in a document granted by a regulatory agency to a natural or juridical person who has submitted an application for a food business operation from primary production, post-harvest handling, distribution, processing, manufacture, importation, exportation, sale, and offer for sale, distribution, transfer and preparation for human consumption. The authorization can take the form of a permit, license, certificate of registration and certificate of compliance or exemption or any similar document.
 8. **Brand** – shall mean the mark, stamped on the surface of meat and meat products or attached as a label showing distinct characteristics or information for the main purpose of identification and traceability.
 9. **Butcher** – someone who slaughters animals for market and/or for food purposes.
 10. **Butcher's License** – refers to the licensing and registration of the butchers working within the city jurisdiction

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11. **By-Products** – refers to hides, horns, skin, bones, hooves, feathers and other parts or products of poultry, pigs, cattle, carabao, goat, sheep and other cloven footed animals that are unsuitable for human consumption.
12. **Carcass** – the body of any slaughtered animal after bleeding and dressing.
13. **Chairperson** – refers to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.
14. **Citation Ticket** – a document to notify an offender of a particular violation of existing city ordinances and corresponding penalties thereof.
15. **Codex Alimentarius** – is the collection of international food standards adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and presented in a uniform manner. It includes standards for all the principal food, whether processed, semi-processed or raw.
16. **Commercial Business** – for purpose of this ordinance shall mean an endeavor engaged in commerce in a regular and fixed activity for profit whose transactions are conducted not on an isolated instance and not merely as an ancillary activity.
17. **Competent Authority** – means the same as controlling authority charged by the government with the control of meat inspection and meat hygiene, including setting and enforcing regulatory meat hygiene requirements pursuant to Codex Alimentarius.
18. **Condemnation** – means the examination and judgment of meat or meat products according to approved protocols by a competent person, or otherwise determined by the controlling/ competent authority, as being unsafe or unsuitable for human consumption and requiring appropriate disposal.
19. **Confiscation** – means the taking into custody of livestock and/or poultry carcasses, edible or inedible parts or parts from said carcasses or meat products by the controlling authority for its proper disposal for having been the subject of violation of the rules and regulations.

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- 20. **Contaminant** - refers to any substance not intentionally added to food which is present in such food as a result of the production (including operations carried out in crop industry, animal husbandry and veterinary medicine) post-harvest handling, manufacturing, processing, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging, transport or holding of such food as a result of environmental contamination.
- 21. **Contamination** – means direct or indirect transmission of any biological or chemical agent, foreign matter or substances not intentionally added to food that may compromise food safety or suitability.
- 22. **Controlling authority** – the official authority charged by the government with the control of meat hygiene and meat inspection.
- 23. **Defecate** – to discharge feces or waste.
- 24. **Destroy for feed purposes** – means the complete alteration of confiscated, seized and/or condemned meat and meat-products making it unfit for human consumption but can be used as animal feed.
- 25. **Deputation** – the authority of the NMIS to allow inspectors and meat control officers employed by the local government units to perform the duties of an inspector or meat control officer of the NMIS.
- 26. **Direct Supervision** – means the authority and responsibility for the delivery of actual meat inspection service where the supervisor is in the premises and is quickly available and includes the accountability for the issuance of relevant inspection certificates.
- 27. **Disease or Defect** – a pathological change or abnormality.
- 28. **Double Dead Meat** – refers to carcass parts thereof of food animals or poultry that are still slaughtered and offered for sale to the public.
- 29. **Edible Meat** – refers to meat that has not been treated in any way other than by modified atmosphere packaging or vacuum packaging to ensure its preservation. This includes frozen meat, chilled meat, minced meat and mechanically recovered meat.

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30. **Euthanasia** – refers to the process of painless death to dogs and other animals adhering in accordance to the RA 8485 the “Animal Welfare Act”.
31. **Expiry date** – means the date stated on the label of food and food products or meat and meat products after which they are not expected to retain their claimed safety, quality and wholesomeness and after which, it is no longer permissible to sell them.
32. **Farm to table** – includes all steps involved in the production, storage, handling, distribution and preparation of a food product.
33. **Feed** – any substance whether processed, semi-processed or raw, intended for animal consumption.
34. **Fit for Human Consumption** – meat that has passed and appropriately branded by the inspector as safe and wholesome and in which no changes due to disease.
35. **Flooding** –also known as “sumpak” or “tingal” is a form of animal cruelty in which an animal like cattle or carabao is being drenched with abundant amount of water through the mouth until its eyes bulge out and blood oozes out of its nose and mouth. This practice is commonly used to increase the marketable weight of the animal when slaughtered and it is punishable by law.
36. **Food** – refers to any substance or product whether processed, partially processed or unprocessed that is intended for human consumption. It includes drinks, chewing gum, water and other substances which are intentionally incorporated into the food during its manufacture, preparation and treatment.
37. **Foodborne illnesses** - refer to diseases, usually either infectious or toxic in nature, caused by agents that enter the body through the ingestion of food.
38. **Food business**- refers to any undertaking, whether public or private, that carries out any of the activities related to, or any of the stages of the food supply chain.

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39. **Food business operator** - refers to a person engaged in the food business including one's agents and is responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this Act are met by the food business under one's control.
40. **Food hygiene (hereinafter referred to as hygiene)** - refers to the measures and conditions necessary to control hazards that could lead to foodborne illnesses and to ensure fitness for human consumption of a food of plant or animal origin taking into account its intended use.
41. **Food law** - refers to the laws, regulations and administrative provisions governing food in general, donated food and food safety at any stage of production, processing, distribution and preparation for human consumption.
42. **Food safety** - refers to the assurance that food will not cause harm to the consumer when it is prepared or eaten according to its intended use.
43. **Food Safety Regulatory Agencies (FSRAs)** - refer to the following national government agencies:
 - a. Under the Department of Agriculture (DA) – the Bureau of Animal Industry, the National Meat Inspection Service, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, the Bureau of Plant Industry, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, the Philippine Coconut Authority, the Sugar Regulatory Administration and the National Food Authority.
 - b. Under the Department of Health (DOH) – the Food and Drug Administration, the Center for Food Regulation and Research and the Bureau of Quarantine.
44. **Food Safety Officer**- refers to a professionally qualified and properly trained officer appointed by a food safety regulatory agency or by local government units (LGUs) in accordance with the appropriate civil service rules and regulations.
45. **Food supplychain** - refers to all stages in the production of food from primary production, post-harvest handling, distribution, processing and preparation for human consumption. Preparation is the cooking or other treatments to which food is subjected prior to its consumption.

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- 46. **Food** – means any substance whether processed, semi-processed or raw, intended for human consumption.
- 47. **Food safety standards** - refer to the formal documents containing the requirements that foods or food processors have to comply with to safeguard human health. They are implemented by authorities and enforced by law; and are usually developed and published under the auspices of a national standards body.
- 48. **Foot and Mouth Disease** – refers to a highly infectious viral disease caused by Picornavirus that primarily affects pigs, cattle, carabaos, sheep, goats, and other cloven footed animals, the symptoms of which include among others, appearance of vesicles, blisters, lameness due to vesicles affecting the hooves, loss of appetite due to blisters or vesicles on the tongue, mouth and snout.
- 49. **FMD Outbreak** – refers to one or more reported clinical cases of FMD infection among animals that occurred in a specific date and location (backyard or commercial farm, slaughterhouse or auction market). FMD cases that were detected within two (2) weeks after the initial
- 50. **FMD-Susceptible Animals** – refer to cloven footed animals including but not limited to pig, cattle, carabao, sheep and goat.
- 51. **Fresh Meat** – meat that has not been yet treated in any way other than by modified atmosphere packaging or vacuum packaging to ensure its preservation except that if it has been subjected only to refrigeration, it continues to be considered as fresh.
- 52. **Fully Processed Animal Products** – refers to those that were subjected to any of the treatment enumerated in no. 32 above.
- 53. **Good Hygienic Practices (GHP)** – refers to all practices, conditions and measures implemented throughout the marketing chain from slaughtering through the marketing chain, from slaughtering to retail necessary to ensure the safety and wholesomeness of meat and meat-products being produced and marketed.

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54. **Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)** – means the conformance with codes of practice, industry standards, regulations and laws concerning production, processing, handling, labeling and sale of foods decreed by industry, local, national and international bodies with the intention of protecting the public from illness, product adulteration and fraud.
55. **Hazard** - refers to a biological, chemical or physical agent in food with a potential to cause adverse effect on health.
56. **Hot Meat** – refers to carcass or parts of carcass of food animal which were slaughtered in an unregistered/unaccredited meat establishment and has not undergone the required inspection. It also includes undocumented, illegally shipped, and unregistered carcass, parts of carcass and meat products coming from other countries and those that are classified as hot meat by the NMIS.
57. **Humane** - involving minimal pain; done without inflicting any pain more than is necessary.
58. **Illegal/Unauthorized Shipments** – refers to modes of transporting animal, meat and meat products prohibited under this Code and those not covered by any written authority or permit from the appropriate government agencies which include but are not limited to the Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), City Veterinary office (CVO), Veterinary Quarantine Service (VQS), etc.
59. **Imitation** – means the product that is made to appear as to be mistakable for what is real or original.
60. **Impound** – to seize and hold in custody of the law.
61. **Inspected and Passed** – a condition wherein the carcasses or parts of carcasses so marked have been inspected and found to be safe, wholesome and fit for human consumption.
62. **Label** - refers to the display of written, printed or graphic matter upon the immediate container, tag, literature or other suitable material affixed thereto for the purpose of giving information as to identify components, ingredients, attributes, directions for use, specifications and such other information as may be required by law or regulations.

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- 73. **Meat Handler** –shall mean person directly involved in the preparation, transport and sale of meat and meat products.
- 74. **Meat Handler’s License** – refers to the licensing of meat and aquatic resources vendors, meat dealers and meat and stall, shops and talipapa owners and operators which shall be exercised within the city jurisdiction.
- 75. **Meat hygiene** – all conditions and measures necessary to ensure the safety and suitability of meat and meat products at all stages of the food chain.
- 76. **Meat Inspection** – refers to:
 - a. an act by an official inspector to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations including but not limited to humane handling of slaughter animals ante and post mortem inspection, quality assurance program, hygiene and sanitation program, good manufacturing program, sanitation standard operating procedures, hazard analysis critical control point program, residue control program on any meat and meat product, meat establishment facilities, transport vehicles and conveyance.;
 - b. the examination of food, food production facilities or establishments, and the management and production systems of food businesses, including the examination of documents, finished product testing and registration, and of the origin and destination of production inputs and outputs to verify compliance with legal requirements by an agency mandated to perform food safety regulatory and/or enforcement functions.
- 77. **Meat Inspection Certificate (M.I.C.)** – an official certificate issued by the meat inspector or meat control officer who conducted the ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection to certify that the carcass is fit for human consumption.
- 78. **Meat Inspector** – a professionally qualified and properly trained officer, duly appointed by the NMIS or the local government unit for meat inspection and control of hygiene under the supervision of a veterinary inspector.

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- b. authorized Officers to Conduct Meat Inspection – Only meat control officers, deputized meat control officers, meat inspectors and deputized meat inspectors duly appointed and designated by the NMIS or local government units are authorized to conduct meat inspection work. All persons employed in meat inspection work shall undergo training conducted by the NMIS.
 - i. All meat control officers (veterinarians) and meat inspectors who are actually performing meat inspection and hygiene work, shall be recognized as public health workers for they are responsible for the promotion and protection of public health through the implementation of an efficient and real time meat inspection service and shall be entitled to all the benefits and emoluments under the Magna Carta for Public Health Workers and other applicable laws.
 - ii. All meat control officers and meat inspectors duly appointed or designated by the NMIS or LGUs shall be authorized to perform meat inspection work shall perform all the duties and responsibilities to safeguard public, as well as, animal health. They shall first undergo and complete the basic meat inspection training course conducted by NMIS prior to their deployment in the meat establishment or field operations.
 - iii. The NMIS shall have the authority to deputize qualified meat control officers and meat inspectors under the employ of the LGU to perform meat inspection and assist the NMIS in the implementation of the provisions of this amended Act.
 - iv. The meat control officers and meat inspectors who are duly appointed or designated and deputized by NMIS to perform meat inspection work must have qualified and complied with the requirements for deputation.
 - v. All meat inspection officers shall also undergo advance and specialized inspection trainings such as GHSP, GHP, GMP, GOP, SSOP, HACCP and meat safety auditing/conformance assessment, when necessary, to enhance their capabilities and confidence in implementing the meat inspection/control system.
 - vi. The NMIS shall maintain a registry of meat control officers (veterinarians)/meat inspectors who have satisfied the training requirements as mandated by RA-10536.

79. **Meat Product** – any product capable of use as human food which is made wholly or in part from any meat or other portion of the carcass of any food animals excepting products which contain meat or other portions of such carcasses only in a relatively small proportion or historically have not been considered by consumers as products of the meat industry, and which are exempted from definition as meat product by the Secretary under conditions as he may prescribed to assure that the meat or other portions of such carcasses contained in products are not represented as meat products.

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- g. It purports to be or is represented as a meat or meat product for which a definition and standard of identity or composition has been prescribed by regulations of the Secretary under this title unless (1) it conforms with such definition and standard, and (2) its label bears the name of the meat and or meat product specified by the definition and standard and, insofar as may be required by such regulations, the common names of optional ingredients (other than spices, flavoring, and coloring) present in such meat product;
- h. If it purports to be or is represented as a meat product for which a standard or standards of fill of container have been prescribed by regulations of the Secretary under this title and it falls below the standard of fill of container applicable thereto, unless its label bears, in such manner and form as such regulations specify, a statement that it falls below standard;
- i. If it is not subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g), unless its label bears (a) the common or usual name of the meat product, if there be, and (b) in case it is fabricated from two or more ingredients, the common or usual name of each such ingredient; except that spices, flavorings, and coloring may, when authorized by the Secretary, be designated spices, flavorings and colorings without naming each: Provided, that to extent that compliance with the requirements of clause (b) of this subparagraph (i) is impracticable, or results in deception of unfair competition, exemptions shall be established by regulations promulgated by the Secretary;
- j. If it purports to be or represented for special dietary use, unless its label bears such information concerning its vitamin, mineral, and other dietary properties as determined by the Secretary, and by the regulations prescribed as necessary in order to fully inform purchasers as to its value for such uses;
- k. If it bears or contains any artificial flavoring, artificial coloring, or chemical preservative, unless it bears labeling stating the fact: Provided, that to the extent that compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph (k) is impracticable, exemptions shall be established by the regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Department of Agriculture ; or

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i. If it fails to bear, directly on its container, as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe, the inspection mark or legend and, unrestricted by any of the foregoing, such other information as the Secretary may require in such regulations to assure that it will not have false or misleading labeling and that the public will be informed of the manner of handling required to maintain the article in a wholesome condition.

82. **Misbranding** - refers to deliberate labeling or advertising of food that is misleading, where the labeling and/or advertising claims certain food properties that cannot be supported by a reliable source, a certifying body or by scientific evidence.

83. **Muntinlupa City Animal Disease Prevention and Control Task Force (M.C.A.D.P.C.T.F.)** – a competent regulating body that has the proper knowledge and intelligence network that can rapidly regulate, supervise and act on the prevention and control of public related diseases.

84. **National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)** – the sole national controlling/competent authority attached to the Department of Agriculture charged by the government with the control of meat hygiene and meat inspection.

85. **No Touch Apprehension** – anybody who violates any part of this ordinance may be issued a citation ticket and penalized during or after the offense has been committed.

86. **OCV/O.C.V.** – Office of the City Veterinarian and its personnel

87. **Organoleptic** – means any sensory properties of a product, involving taste, color, odor, and feel. Organoleptic testing involves inspection through visual, feeling and smelling of products.

88. **Owner** – any person keeping, harboring, having charged of or control of pets, live stocks, slaughterhouse, etc.

89. **Pet** – any domesticated animal kept/owned and/or fed within a person's house, yard or premise.

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- 90. **Post abattoir control** – shall mean control measures conducted on meat and meat products during transport up to the time of retail, sale for the enforcement of regulations governing meat and meat product inspection.
- 91. **Post-harvest stages** - refer to the stages in the food supply chain involving the minimal transformation of plant and food animal after primary production such as removal of field heat for fruits, slaughter of animals, sorting, grading and cutting of fresh plant and animal foods, icing and freezing, and the milling and storage of grain.
- 92. **Prepared** – slaughtered, canned, salted, rendered, boned, cut up, or otherwise manufactured or processed.
- 93. **Preservation** – the process in which a product is prepared or stored to extend its wholesomeness and fitness for human consumption.
- 94. **Primary production** - refers to the production, rearing or growing of primary products including harvesting, milking and farm animal production up to slaughter; and the rearing and growing of fish and other seafood in aquaculture ponds. It also includes fishing, and the hunting and catching of wild products.
- 95. **Processed** – includes all methods of manufacture and preservation but does not include prepackaged fresh, chilled or frozen meat.
- 96. **Processing** - refers to any action that substantially alters the initial raw materials or product or ingredients including, but not limited to heating, smoking, curing, maturing, drying, marinating, extraction, extrusion and a combination of those processes intended to produce food.
- 97. **Rabies** – refers to a highly fatal disease caused by *lyssa* virus transmitted mainly through a bite by an infected animal, or through contamination with the virus-laden saliva on breaks of skin and mucous membrane such as the eyes, the lips the mouth or the genital organs.
- 98. **Recall** – means where measures are applied to return unsafe or unsuitable products that has already been supplied or made available to consumers.

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- 99. **Registered** – shall mean officially listed with the NMIS.
- 100. **Rendering** – means the process of converting condemned carcasses or parts of carcasses, meat or meat products into inedible by products by heating.
- 101. **Residue** – any foreign substance including metabolites, therapeutic or prophylactic agents which are objectionable or hazardous to human health remaining in the meat or meat products as a result of treatment or accidental exposure.
- 102. **Risk Analysis** – a process consisting of three (3) components that includes risk assessment, risk management and risk communication, all of which are essential to the decision making process that determines acceptable levels of risk, and the implementation of those decisions.
- 103. **Routine inspection** – the regular inspection conducted by an inspector during the day-to-day operation of the meat establishment.
- 104. **Safe and wholesome** – refers to meat and meat products and/or food and food-products that has been passed as fit for human consumption using the criteria that it :
 - a. will not cause food borne infection or intoxication when properly handled and prepared with respect to the intended use,
 - b. does not contain residue in excess of set limits,
 - c. is free of obvious contamination,
 - d. is free of defects that are generally recognized as objectionable to consumers,
 - e. has been produced under adequate hygiene control, and;
 - f. has not been treated with illegal substances as specified in this Act in other related national legislation.
- 105. **Satellite Market/Talipapa** – a type of public market with less than 150 stalls that cater to limited number of costumers.

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- 106. **Secretary** – refers to the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Chairman of the National Meat Inspection Service.
- 107. **Semi-Processed Meat Products** – refers to those that have not been subjected to any of the three (3) treatments enumerated from Fully Processed Meat.
- 108. **Shared responsibility** – mutual or joint allocation of available capabilities, facilities, resources and other forms of support, formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement or Understanding between or among the concerned parties, to pursue a common goal.
- 109. **Sidewalk** – a part of the street which the authorities have set apart for the use of pedestrians
- 110. **Special inspection** – an inspection conducted for a particular purpose such as but not limited to accreditation, GMP/SSOP audit, HACCP, audit, waste management, animal welfare audit, and any other kind of inspection as may be required by regulation.
- 111. **Stray animal** – any kind of domestic animal found in any public places including vacant lots, and/or found outside the respective residence of its owner without control and supervision of the owner.
- 112. **Street** – any thoroughfare of public space which has been dedicated or deeded to the public for public use. It includes not only the roadway, which is used for carriages and vehicular traffic generally but also the portion used for pedestrian travel.
- 113. **Suspect** – the condition wherein final judgment on the animal, meat, or meat products cannot be ascertained and would therefore require further inspection and/or examination.
- 114. **Technical Supervision** – means the authority and responsibility vested on the next higher level of government to ensure that meat inspection service is properly delivered by those tasked to perform it.
- 115. **Torture** – refer to the infliction of severe pain especially to punish or coerce the animal.

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- 116. **Traceability** – the ability to track meat and meat-products back to their source or to identify the source of product so as to minimize liability and prevent the occurrence of food safety problems.
- 117. **Unannounced inspection** – the conduct of on-the-spot or surprise inspection/examination by the controlling authority of all meat establishments is in operation or not.
- 118. **Unfit for human consumption** – in relation to meat and meat products, means inspected and found not meeting the criteria of safety and wholesomeness.
- 119. **Urinate** – to discharge urine.
- 120. **Viajeros** – term use to denote to people who are transporting live animals from one point of the food chain to another.
- 121. **Vicious and Dangerous** – any animal even when unprovoked inflicts bites or attacks a human being or with a known propensity, tendency or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury or otherwise endanger the safety of humans or domestic animals, except when it attacks or inflicts bites upon a trespasser of a fully enclosed building.
- 122. **Veterinary Inspector or Meat Control Officer** – an inspector who is professionally qualified as a veterinarian duly appointed by the NMIS or the local government unit responsible for the supervision and control of meat hygiene including meat inspection.
- 123. **Wildlife Animals** – shall refer to fauna living or has established an ecological presence in their natural environment.
- 124. **Zoonotic diseases** – diseases of animals transferable to humans and vice versa.
- 125. **Zorro skin marking** – the act of engraving or marking through the skin using pointed objects like knives, cutters for identification of food animals. This type of animal cruelty is punishable by law.

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SECTION 4. Objective - The objective of this Code is to provide a complete and comprehensive guideline on the care, control and custody of animals in the City of Muntinlupa, particularly in the regulation of the management and operation of slaughterhouses, meat inspection, meat transport and post-abattoir control in the city and consequently, to collect fees and charges in accordance with national policies, procedures, guidelines, rules and regulations, quality and safety standards.

SECTION 5. Functions of the Office of the City Veterinarian -

The OCV, which shall be under the administration and supervision of the City Mayor, shall perform the following functions:

Pursuant to the mandate of Administrative Order No. 28, Series of 2005 of the Department of Agriculture, implementing Republic Act No. 9296 The "Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", Republic Act 84-85, Republic Act 10631, Republic Act 9482 City Ordinance 07-127, City Ordinance 03-122, City Ordinance 93-34 (Amended City Ordinance no. 020-68 and 05-025) and City Ordinance no. 02-053. The Office of the City Veterinarian and its personnel is the sole body mandated to implement the said laws within the City of Muntinlupa along with the support of the City Government of Muntinlupa and is hereby directed to:

1. Conduct quarantine operations, seminars, inspection, monitoring, and surveillance of meat and meat establishments, access to pertinent records and confiscation, hold order or condemnation of meat and meat items, locally sourced and imported. These include meat and meat products from food animals locally slaughtered in unaccredited and/or accredited facilities, sourced from banned countries, smuggled, undocumented, whether fit or unfit for human consumption, that may pose imminent danger to public health and may carry animal diseases detrimental to the populace and our animal population itself, to any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of storing, trading, selling, transporting, processing and preparing meat items referred above.
2. Conduct monitoring and inspection of food establishment relatively using meat and meat-product as raw materials to food, to ensure that food and food-product satisfies the requirements of food laws and that the control are in place to prevent, eliminate, or reduce risk(s) to consumers.
3. Conduct Animal Immunizations, Animal Impounding Operations, and Nuisance Animal Confiscations on Public and Privately Owned place, Promotion and Implementation of Animal Welfare and Protection in accordance to existing National Laws and Local Regulations.

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Implementing Authority

SECTION 6. The Lead Agency - The lead agency in the implementation of the provisions of this Code is the **Office Of The City Veterinarian (O.C.V.)**. The City Pound Section under the Office of the City Agriculturist created under Ordinance No. 02-053 is hereby placed under the supervision and control of the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 7. O.C.V. Duties - The Office of the City Veterinarian, which shall be under the administration and supervision of the City Mayor, shall perform the following duties:

- a) Oversee all matters pertaining to the slaughter of animals, including the preparation and sale of meat for human consumption;
- b) Supervise the operation of slaughterhouses within the city;
- c) Regulate and conduct the inspection of meat, poultry, milk, dairy products and aquatic products for consumption;
- d) Certify if meat, meat products and aquatic products intended to be sold and distributed within the city is wholesome and fit for human consumption;
- e) Establish an efficient and effective investigation, surveillance, reporting and appraisal of animal disease intelligence network;
- f) Initiate the prevention and control of highly communicable animal diseases, and more importantly, for the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases.
- g) Regulate the right to own a pet and enforce responsible pet ownership within the city.
- h) Impound stray animals for the purpose of prevention and eventual elimination of all stray, unregistered and apparently neglected animals in all public places within the city.
- i) Conduct field patrols, emergency response activities, impounding of animals, issuance of citations, and enforcement of animal quarantine directives.
- j) Operate and manage an animal pound for impounded animals and in relation to this provide:
 - i. The basic needs of the impounded animal (food, water and shelter).
 - ii. Basic health screening for all animals;
 - iii. A disease control program for the facility;
 - iv. Vaccination of unregistered animals;

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- v. Euthanasia of animals by humane methods, that is, by administering lethal injection, or any euthanasia procedures in accordance to R.A. 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act;
 - vi. Dissemination of information regarding rules, regulations and/or laws regarding proper and responsible animal control;
 - vii. Record keeping of all animals impounded or otherwise taken into custody.
- k) Implement a continuing program for the eradication of Rabies disease in the City;
 - l) Undertake the delivery of technical and other logistics in the implementation of these activities;
 - m) To enforce the provisions of this Chapter and any Ordinances that pertain to the care and control of animals including livestock, poultry and aquatic produce for public consumption; and
 - n) To enforce the provisions of National Laws, particularly of Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as the "Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines" and its implementing rules and regulation under R.A. 10536, R.A.10611 known as the "Food Safety Act of 2013", R.A. 8485 "Animal Welfare Act" as amended by R.A. 10631, A.O. 32 Series 2000, "Rules and Regulations in Dog Show", Senate Bill No. 2541 and other relevant laws pertaining to meat inspection and regulation and Animal Welfare.
 - o) Regulate the operation and conduct inspection of food establishment to ensure the implementation of food safety and consumer protection laws.

CHAPTER 3

Regulations on Animal Slaughtered for Food Consumption

ARTICLE III

Meat Inspection Implementations and Regulations

SECTION 8. Transport and Trading of Livestock, Meat, Meat Products, By Products and Animal Effects.

- a) The transport, shipment and bringing in of livestock and other disease-susceptible animals, their meat, meat products, by-products, animal products and animal effects from areas with high incidence of a very pathogenic and/or highly virulent disease, as determined by the City Veterinarian with notice to the public and within the city shall be prohibited unless such livestock and other disease-susceptible animals, their meat, meat products, by-products, animal products and animal effects from duly accredited farms, meat processing farms and the like must be accompanied by a Veterinary Health Certificate (V.H.C.), BAI Authority to Ship, Meat Inspection Certificate (M.I.C.) issued by the NMIS, Livestock/Meat Handler's License and a Shipping Permit duly issued by the City Veterinarian, BAI Veterinary Quarantine Officers or any licensed veterinarian duly deputized by the BAI through the recommendation of the City Veterinarian to the Mayor.



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- b) It shall be unlawful to transport, ship, or bring into the city livestock and other disease-susceptible animals, their meat, meat products, animal by-products, animal products and animal effects found to be infected with a very pathogenic and/or highly virulent disease with or without the required permits, clearances and other documents.
- c) All permits and licenses and certificates such as but not limited to Veterinary Health Certificate (V.H.C.), Meat Inspection Certificate and Shipping Permit are required for the transport of livestock and other disease-susceptible animals, their meat and meat products, by-products, animal products and animal effects from one local government unit to another within or outside the province. Permits, licenses certificates and other necessary documents shall be presented to the authorities whenever required.
- d) All vehicles and carriers used in the transportation of livestock and other disease-susceptible animals must be cleaned and disinfected before and after transporting livestock animals. In case where the animal cargo is tested positive for a very pathogenic and/or highly virulent disease, the vehicle shall be impounded in the impounding area and properly disinfected under the supervision of the BAI, Veterinary Quarantine Service and the City Veterinarian. The expense for the disinfection service shall be borne by the owner of the cargo. The infected animals shall be properly disposed of in accordance with the provision of the code.
- e) All livestock and meat traders must secure all the necessary permits, licenses, certificates and clearances for the transport of live animals, meat and meat products and by-products.
- f) While in transit to accredited slaughterhouses for more than twelve (12) hours or whenever necessary, shippers must provide sufficient food and water to these animals through installation of proper equipment and paraphernalia in their respective vehicles to provide as such. Overcrowding, improper markings and/or branding and mixing with other animals are prohibited in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act. In such cases, the dealer of the animals will be penalized.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.



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SECTION 9. General Requirements For Movement Of Livestock, Their Meat, Meat Products, By-Products, Animal Products And Animal Effects:

- a. In cases of disease outbreak/epidemic; transport, movement or shipment into, outside or within the city of any possible sources of FMD virus and/or other animal disease deemed very detrimental to livestock, animal health and, more importantly, to public health shall require a written authority or permit from the BAI Director or his duly authorized representative:
 - i. Animals including but limited to livestock, unprocessed semen and embryo/ova coming from areas with high incidence of an epidemic disease.
 - ii. Fresh, frozen or chilled meat sourced locally, uncooked meat products and by-products, unprocessed and semi-processed milk sourced locally and semi processed meat products and by-products; Vaccines against the disease causing the epidemic;
 - iii. Animal effects including but not limited to animal feces, any hay, straw, forage or similar materials used as feeds and bedding materials of susceptible animals.

- b. In case of meat and meat products, a certificate of inspection from the NMIS shall be required before a written authority/permit can be issued by the director of the BAI or his duly authorized representative.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 10. Licensing Of Livestock Traders, Transport Operators, Boar-For-Hire Operators And Artificial Insemination Centers

All Livestock traders, Transport operators, Boar-for-hire operators and Artificial Insemination Centers are required to register and secure all the necessary licenses from the Office of the City Veterinarian. Traders of livestock, meat, meat products and by-products must first obtain and secure all required permits, licenses and clearances from the appropriate national and local government agencies and must apply for the Veterinary Clearance.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.



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SECTION 11. Disposition Of Illegal Or Unauthorized Shipments

- a. The transport, movement or shipment of livestock and other disease-susceptible animals, their meat, meat products, by-products, animal products, animal effect, vaccines and other items without the required permits, certifications and which are the contrary to the provisions of this Code are declared illegal/unauthorized shipments shall be disposed of in accordance with the following guidelines.
- i. All livestock, meat, meat products, by-products, animal products, animal effects found to be and/or tested positive for a very pathogenic and/or highly virulent disease shall be immediately condemned and disposed of by burying in a deep pit built for the purpose of preventing the spread of communicable disease within the city. Animals not exhibiting such symptoms associated with the disease but were found to have no shipment papers shall not be unloaded from the transport carrier and shall be returned to the place of origin or source. If the owner or consignee refuses to do so, the animals shall be confiscated or detained at the expense of the owner until the said animals are returned to their place of origin.
 - ii. Meat and meat products and unauthorized shipment of meat and meat products shall be seized and disposed of immediately at the point of entry as provided by NMIS rules and regulations.
 - iii. Vaccines, unauthorized shipment of various animal disease vaccines shall be seized and turned over the BAI for proper disposal.
 - iv. Animal Products, effects and other goods not enumerated above shall be seized, condemned, burned and buried in the pit built for the purpose at the sole expense of the owner.
- b. Any and all costs and expenses incurred in the storage and disposal of illegal/unauthorized items mentioned above shall be borne exclusive by the shipper/trader/person or corporations liable for such violations.
- c. The seizure, confiscation, disposal of animals, meat, meat products, by-products, animal products, animal effects and other items shall be properly documented, covered by appropriate custody or acknowledgement receipt and witnessed by at least two (2) representatives of the local authorities prior to condemnation, disposal or release.



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- d. All items, materials, things, goods and effects used in the illegal or unauthorized transport or shipment of livestock and other FMD- susceptible animals, their meat, meat products, by-products, animal products and animal effects and other items which are found to be infected with FMD shall be impounded, disinfected and/or disposed of in accordance with this Code, other applicable ordinances, pertinent laws and, rules and regulations at the sole expense of the owner/operator.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 12. Slaughterhouse and Stockyard Operation:

- a) It shall be illegal to operate any slaughterhouse, stockyard, holding pen, livestock auction market and similar establishments without the required licenses, permits or clearance duly approved by the Office of the Mayor, City Veterinarian Office and other concerned government agencies. All illegal slaughterhouse, stockyard, holding pen, livestock auction market and similar establishments, particularly those backyard operations, shall be ordered closed immediately upon issuance of an order by the City Mayor and/or other concerned agencies.
- b) All slaughterhouses shall ensure adequate protection for the welfare of livestock while awaiting slaughter in order to avoid mishandling or affliction of unnecessary pain or stresses during the slaughtering process in accordance with the R.A. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act".
- c) All animals brought to the slaughterhouse must be accompanied by its corresponding permits and all necessary documents required by the controlling authorities (NMIS for "AAA" and "AA" slaughterhouses and LGU for Class "A" and locally registered meat establishment). Owners are required to provide the controlling authorities with the necessary information about their animals for the purpose of traceability.
- d) Only food animals, as defined under the amended Republic Act Nos. 9296 and 8485, shall be received, unloaded, inspected and allowed for slaughter in LGU registered or NMIS accredited meat establishment.



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- e) All animals must be subjected to ante-mortem inspections before entering the holding pens and stockyards. All such animals must be slaughtered within twenty four (24) hours from time of arrival. No slaughtered animals shall be kept in the slaughterhouse, holding pens and stockyards beyond twenty four (24) hour period provided herein. The NMIS/OCV Meat Control Officer, the Meat Inspector (MI) or Livestock Inspector (LI) must be present to undertake the ante-mortem inspection upon arrival of the animals prior to slaughter.
- f) The NMIS/OCV Meat Control Officer and Meat Inspector shall conduct post mortem inspection of all the animals slaughtered. They shall ensure that only wholesome, apparently disease-free meat and meat products shall bear the meat brand and Meat Inspection Certificate.
- g) All animals, meat and meat products infected with any zoonotic diseases and/or other diseases, which make it deemed unfit for consumption, must be condemned and then buried immediately in a pit built for that purpose by the NMIS/OCV Meat Control Officer and Meat Inspector, or submitted for rendering at the sole expense of the owner.
- h) All slaughterhouse and poultry dressing plant operators shall comply with the provision of all relevant implementing rules and regulations issued pursuant to R.A. 8485, as amended, to ensure the adequate protection and welfare of food animals awaiting slaughter. Inhumane treatment of food animals, such as mishandling or the infliction of unnecessary pain or distress and the like, prior to and during slaughter shall be a ground for the revocation of accreditation (in accordance with Chapter 12 of Prohibited Acts of RA 10536, revised implementing rules and regulations of RA No. 9296 known as "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines") when no corrective actions are instituted by the management of these establishments within a specified period of time.
- i) All food animals slaughtered for human consumption shall undergo and comply with humane, hygienic and sanitary slaughtering and ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections in LGU-registered or NMIS-accredited meat establishments.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 13. Imposition Of Ante And Post Mortem Fees - As provided under Executive Order 137, the following ante-mortem and post-mortem fees shall be imposed and collected in connection with the ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections referred to in Section 9 (f) of this Code, to be conducted by the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.), through its meat inspectors duly appointed and designated by the City Mayor:



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<u>Species</u> <u>Fee/Head</u>	<u>Post-Mortem Fee/Head</u>	<u>Ante-Mortem</u>
Cattle	Php15.00	Php15.00
Carabao/Buffalo	Php15.00	Php15.00
Horse	Php15.00	Php15.00
Swine >20kilograms	Php15.00	Php15.00
<20kilograms	Php10.00	Php10.00
Goat/Sheep/Deer	Php10.00	Php10.00
Poultry	Php 1.00	Php 1.00

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SECTION 14. To improve slaughter facilities and strengthen local meat inspection services, seventy five (75%) of ante- and post-mortem fees collected shall be retained by the City Government, as provided under the Local Government Code and Executive Order No. 137.

SECTION 15. Requirements of an Ante-Mortem Inspection – an ante-mortem inspection shall be made of food animals by authorized inspectors before it shall be allowed for slaughter in which the meat and meat products are to be sold.

- i. Only food animals, as defined under the amended Republic Act Nos. 9296 and 8485 shall be received, unloaded, inspected and allowed for slaughter.
- ii. Ante-mortem inspection shall be carried out in a systematic manner in accordance with routine inspection procedures prescribed by NMIS and shall ensure that animals found to be affected by a disease or defect that would render their meat unfit for human consumption are so identified and removed from the food chain.
- iii. Ante-mortem inspection shall ensure that animals whose meat may be fit for human consumption but that require special handling during slaughter and dressing, and animals that will require special attention during post-mortem inspection, are segregated in an isolation pen, subjected to thorough inspection and shall be the last animal to be slaughtered.

Ante-mortem examination shall be made in holding pens in the premises of the establishment and the food animals shall be inspected by an inspector on arrival as soon as practicable after delivery. Such examination shall be carried out with a full knowledge of all relevant information gained on the animals.

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- v. Where there are stockyards, ante-mortem inspection shall be done twice, that is right after arrival of the animals in the meat establishment and then repeated just before slaughter if the animals remained in the holding pen for more than 24 hours after their arrival.
- vi. **Outright Condemnation** – Any animal manifesting during ante-mortem inspection any disease or condition that warrant outright condemnation shall be marked “CONDEMNED”, isolated immediately and disposed of under the supervision of an inspector.
 - a) When the ante-mortem inspection of food animal reveals signs of disease indicative of a systematic involvement, communicability to humans or toxicity from chemical or biological agents that render or may render the meat unsound, the animal so affect shall be condemned out rightly as unfit for human consumption or where appropriate, set aside and remain under the control of the inspector until a further decision regarding disposition is taken.
 - b) Food animals exhibiting normal behavior but known to be carrying residues shall be either be condemned or withheld from slaughter until residues excreted or metabolized to levels such that they do not exceed established safety levels.
 - c) Food animals admitted to the meat establishment shall be condemned if at ante-mortem inspection, a disease or condition is diagnosed, which at final judgment would give a reason for total condemnation, which represents an acceptable health hazards for meat handlers, or which involves an unacceptable risk of contaminating the slaughterhouse premises and the carcasses.
 - d) Food animals found dead or in dying condition shall likewise be condemned on ante-mortem inspection. The remains of animals that have died and those that have been condemned at ante-mortem inspection and killed shall be removed immediately to the rendering station or other place of destruction, there shall be adequate precautions to prevent misuse and to avoid danger to public health and animal health.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

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SECTION 16. Humane Slaughter, Hygienic and Inspection Requirements - The management or operator of the meat establishments shall follow the instructions of the NMIS/OCV as related to humane slaughter of animals, hygienic and inspection requirements, and shall provide such information and assistance, as may be reasonably requested by the NMIS and OCV.

- a. All animals intended for slaughter must be properly rested for at least six (6) hours and provided with adequate supply of water before slaughtering. If such violation occurs, the dealer of the animals will be penalized.
- b. Inhumane treatment of food animals, such as mishandling or the infliction of unnecessary pain or distress like using sticks, metal pipes, clubs or pointed objects and indiscriminate behaviors such as kicking or punching for moving livestock, or improper markings like "Zorro" skin markings by means of using sharp, pointed objects, or "Flooding", shall be penalized.
- c. The establishment operator of the slaughtering facility shall take full responsibility for the humane slaughter of food animals while inspectors shall continue to make such inspections as would be necessary to prevent inhumane slaughtering of food animals.
- d. The handling of food animals shall be done expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort. The food animals shall be adequately rested and not overcrowded and protected from exposure to the elements and adverse climatic conditions.
- e. All animals brought to the slaughterhouse must be slaughtered within twenty-four (24) hours from the time of arrival. Animals exceeding the twenty-four (24) hour limit will be ordered for immediate slaughter. The "All-In-All-Out" policy (A.O. 32) shall be strictly implemented. The animal dealer will be penalized if such violation occurs.
- f. All animals must be humanely slaughtered, free from unnecessary pain and suffering using correct slaughtering procedures in accordance with the Code of Conduct in the Slaughter of Animals for Food.
- g. The food animals presented for slaughter, except those animals slaughtered following rituals and religious practices, shall be effectively stunned following approved stunning method prior to sticking or bleeding to ensure that the animals are rendered unconscious with a minimal of excitement or disturbance and without suffering.



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SECTION 19. Re-Inspection – The inspectors shall re-inspect carcasses and parts thereof when necessary to determine whether the meat has become adulterated after the first inspection. If found to be adulterated on subsequent examination and inspection, the establishment shall destroy for food purposes all carcasses and parts thereof in the presence of the inspector.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 20. Access to Meat Establishments - The meat control officers, deputized meat control officers, meat inspectors, deputized meat inspectors and document checkers of the Office Of the City Veterinarian shall have access to all meat establishments and shall conduct examination and inspection of all meat and meat products, fish, and aquatic resources prepared for commerce in any slaughtering, meat canning, salting, packing, rendering, or similar establishment, and for that purpose, shall have access at all times, day or night, whether the establishment is in operation or not, and at every part of said establishment.

- a. Meat inspection officer shall have access at all time to the meat establishment whether it is in operation or not.
- b. Unannounced inspection may be undertaken at any time by the NMIS and/or OCV.
- c. When necessary, the meat inspection officers may seek the presence and assistance of law enforcers with regards to legal processes such as the PNP, NBI and other government agencies.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 21. Labeling of Meat and Meat Products - Any meat or meat products prepared for commerce which has been inspected and marked "Inspected and Passed" shall be placed in any can, pot, tin, canvas, other receptacle or covering in any establishment. The person, firm or corporation preparing said product shall cause a label to be attached to the said can, pot, tin, canvas, or other receptacle or covering, under the supervision of an inspector, which shall state that the contents thereof have been " Inspected and Passed". Also, such label(s) must be made in accordance to the standards of the "Food Safety Act of 2013" (R.A. 10611).

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

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SECTION 22. Sealed Meat and Meat Products – No examination and inspection of meat and meat products deposited or enclosed in cans, tins, pots, canvas, or other receptacle or covering in any establishment where inspection is maintained shall be deemed to be complete until such meat or meat products have been sealed or enclosed in said cans, tins, pots, canvas, or other receptacle or covering under the supervision of an inspector.

SECTION 23. False or Misleading Marks and Labels – It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to label, package, treat, process, sell or advertise any food in a matter that is false, misleading, or deceptive or is likely to create an erroneous impression regarding its character, value, quantity, composition, merit or safety.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 24. Product Quality And Safety -

The OCV shall adopt internationally recognized standards, recommendations, set of procedures or guidelines to further ensure the quality and safety of meat and meat products.

- a. The OCV shall adopt relevant set of procedures, guidelines, recognized standards and recommendations by NMIS such as but not limited to Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Good Operating Practices (GOP), Sanitation Standard Operating Practices (SSOP) and Hazard Analysis of Critical Control Point (HACCP) to improve existing meat inspection/control system.
- b. All classes of meat establishment shall comply with OCV regulations following the scheduled program of implementation set by the NMIS.
- c. Power to Enforce Hygienic Requirements – The NMIS and/or OCV shall have the responsibility to ensure, and to enforce, that meat establishments are operated in accordance with hygienic requirements.
 1. The NMIS and/or OCV shall have the responsibility and the legal power to enforce hygienic requirements necessary to produce meat that is safe and wholesome in all meat establishments.
 2. The meat establishment operator shall have the responsibility to maintain the meat establishment in good operating condition at all times, and to comply with meat hygiene and inspection regulations set by the NMIS.



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3. All guidelines recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, such as but not limited to The Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat, GMP and HACCP, shall be adopted in all meat establishments to prevent meat from substantial contamination or risks from physical, chemical and biological hazards during slaughtering, dressing, fabrication, processing and distribution.

d. The OCV shall have the legal power to enforce meat safety and hygiene regulations and to direct the meat establishment owner, operator and/or trader to recall and withdraw adulterated meat and/or meat products at any point or stage of marketing after dispatch of said products.

e. The OCV shall ensure the destruction and proper disposal of the recalled meat and meat products by the meat establishment owner, operator and/or trader.

f. Expenses to be incurred in the withdrawal, destruction and disposal of the recalled products shall be shouldered by the establishment owner, operator and or trader.

g. In no case shall recalled "hot meat", expired, confiscated, seized, and/or condemned meat and meat products be auctioned, donated to any person or entity for whatever purpose or allowed re-entry into the food chain.

SECTION 25. Implementation of Food Safety Regulations as an Integral Part of Meat Inspection.

In order to protect the public from food-borne and water-borne illnesses and unsanitary, unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated foods, there is a need to widen and strengthen meat/food inspection to include food and food products in which meat and meat products are raw materials. The OCV shall have the following responsibilities:

a. Responsible for food safety in food businesses such as , but not limited to, activities, in slaughterhouse, dressing plants, fish ports, wet markets, supermarkets, school canteens, restaurants and catering establishments.

b. The OCV together with the City Health Office shall be responsible for street food sale, including ambulant vendors.

c. The OCV may be called upon by the DOH and the DA to assist in the implementation of the food safety functions under their jurisdiction.



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- d. The OCV shall monitor the presence of biological, chemical and physical contaminants in meat to determine the nature and sources of food safety hazards in the food supply chain in cooperation with DA.
- e. The DA shall capacitate the OCV and provide necessary technical assistance in the implementation of their food safety functions under their jurisdiction.
- f. The OCV, together with the City Health Office shall be responsible for the enforcement of the "Code on sanitation of the Philippines", food safety standards and food safety regulations where food is produced, processed, prepared and/or sold in their territorial jurisdiction. This shall include but not limited to, the following:
 - 1) Sanitation particularly in public markets, slaughterhouse, micro and small food processing establishments and public eating places.
 - 2) Codes of Practice for production, post-harvest handling, processing and hygiene.
 - 3) Safe use of food additives, processing aide and sanitation chemicals; and
 - 4) Proper labeling of prepackaged foods.
 - 5) The OCV together with DILG shall participate in training programs, standards development and other food safety activities to be undertaken by the DA, the DOH and other concerned national agencies.

For prohibition, fines, penalties and sanctions, please refer to section 42 and 43.

SECTION 26. Policy on Fees - The OCV shall be allowed to collect fees for the inspection of food products, production, and processing facilities, issuance of certification/clearance, license and other fees as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 27. Meat/Livestock Transport and issuance of Locally Registered Meat/Livestock Transport Certificate (LR-MTV)

Only accredited meat/livestock transport vehicles by the Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) shall be allowed to transport livestock, meat and meat products within the city. Meat transport vehicles who are delivering their meat and meat products outside the city will be required to register their vehicles with the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS).

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- a. Meat/livestock Transport vehicles locally registered by the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) shall be allowed to transport/deliver livestock, meat and meat products within the city. Meat/livestock transport vehicles who are delivering their meat or meat products outside of the city will be required to register their vehicles with the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS).

Locally Registered Meat/Livestock Transport Certificate (For all Meat/Livestock Delivery Vehicles)

Requirements for New Applicant:

- a) Duly Accomplished and notarized Application for Meat/livestock Transport Certificate
- b) Updated Vehicle LTO Registration Official Receipt
- c) Vehicle LTO Certificate Registration
- d) Picture of the Vehicle showing the licensed plates:
 - Front View
 - Side View
 - Back View with door closed
 - Inside View
- e) Local Registration fee is Two Hundred Pesos (Php 200.00).

Meat/Livestock Transport Vehicle Registration Fee – Each registered transport vehicle shall be issued a windshield sticker and certificate of registration. The windshield sticker should be securely displayed on the vehicle's windshield at the lower portion of the driver's side. The windshield sticker shall contain the vehicle's plate number along with its registration no. The absence of a windshield sticker on the transport vehicle is prima facie evidence of non-registration.

- b. The 'Locally Registered Meat/Livestock Transport Certificate' will be renewed annually.

Requirements for Renewal:

- a) Previous Meat/Livestock Transport Vehicle Certificate
- b) Registration fee is Two Hundred Pesos (Php 200), payable to the Office of the City Veterinarian.
- c. Failure to secure proper registration or certification, the concerned distributor/transporter shall be fined with a penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) per year of non-compliance, payable to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

- d. The MTV shall be given a registration number which is non-transferable

e. As applied to the transport of meat and meat products in general from slaughterhouses or abattoirs, the following minimum standards and sanitary requirements shall be observed:

- i. The floors and walls of meat vans and in which meat and food products are transported shall be constructed of impervious materials and kept in a clean and sanitary condition.



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- ii. Meat vans and trucks used in transporting or transferring meat and meat-products to meat establishments shall be closed or so covered that the contents are kept clean and free of outside contaminants. The meat and edible offal shall not be loaded in a vehicle or any means of transport which has not been cleaned and disinfected.
- iii. Meat carcasses, meat products or edible offal shall NOT be loaded in any means of transport used for live animals or any other cargo which may adversely affect the meat or edible offal.
- iv. Unnecessary materials (such as tires, wheelers, personal belongings, cleaning implements, and the like) that may be a source of contamination shall not be allowed inside the MTV.
- v. Interior and exterior of the vehicles including rails, hook, racks, pallets, crates, etc. shall be cleaned, sanitized/disinfected before and after use.
- vi. Plastic curtain (50% overlap) must be provided and shall be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- vii. Delivery Personnel/Meat Handlers and drivers must be:
 - a. physically and hygienically fit for the job. An annual Medical Health Certificate (MHC) from a government physician must be shown to OCV personnel.
 - b. equipped with clean working apparel such as but not limited to plastic apron, clean shirt, rubber boots. Eating and smoking inside the MTV is strictly prohibited.
 - c. must have attended the seminar on proper meat handling practices.
- viii. Except when frozen, adequately wrapped carcasses, quarters or sides shall be hung on overhead rails during transport or placed in suitable racks or similar devices.
- ix. The meat van or other means of transport shall comply with the following:
 - 1. All meat vans delivering, distributing or selling imported meat, processed meat, frozen meat cuts or carcasses and any meat or meat products should follow the appropriate design and equipment so as to maintain the required temperature of 4°C to 7°C or colder during the whole transport and to prevent the contents from contamination. All parts likely to come in contact with the meat or edible products shall be made of impervious, corrosion-resistant materials with smooth surfaces and joints and easy to clean and disinfect.



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SECTION 28. Prohibition of illegal slaughtering and illegal Meat Establishments.

Accreditation means the approval of Abattoir, Poultry Dressing Plant, Meat Processing Plant and other establishments to operate for the production, preservation of clean, safe, wholesome meat and poultry, their product and by-products by the NMIS/OCV.

Those seeking to operate slaughterhouses in Muntinlupa City must secure prior accreditation from the Sangguniang Panlungsod, presenting the following documents and paying an accreditation fee in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) to be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian and must present the following requirements:

- a. Zoning clearance
- b. LLDA clearance
- c. All necessary permits and clearances issued by the NMIS
- d. Vet Clearance

All kinds of live animals that are about to be slaughtered and sold to Public Markets, supermarkets and any meat establishments must only be slaughtered within NMIS/OCV accredited slaughterhouses.

All meat, meat carcass or meat products that were not slaughtered in any NMIS accredited /locally registered slaughterhouse are termed as "Hot Meat" and/or "Double Dead" and the place or facility where the animal was slaughtered will be termed as an "Illegal Slaughterhouse".

Illegal slaughtering and illegal slaughterhouses are prohibited within the City and any person who is convicted for violating this section shall be penalized.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 29. Scope of Meat Inspection by the Office of the City Veterinarian

The Local Meat Inspection Board, through the Office of the City Veterinarian, shall conduct meat inspection in all meat establishments like slaughterhouses, markets and the like, within the City (Section 10 [a] [b] [1], Ordinance No. 05-033) where food animals are slaughtered, prepared, processed, handled, packed, stored or sold. All livestock and fowls slaughtered for food, meat and their meat products, as well as aquatic products shall be subjected to veterinary inspection and examination before distribution and sale.

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Only meat control officers, deputized meat control officers, meat inspectors, and deputized or designated meat inspectors of the Office of the City Veterinarian, duly appointed and designated by the City Government or the NMIS, are authorized to conduct meat and aquatic products inspection and shall be recognized as public health workers entitled to all its emoluments and benefits.

In the post-abattoir inspections to be conducted by the assigned personnel of the Office of the City Veterinarian, the following rules and regulations shall be implemented to check illegal slaughtering and meat distribution, to complement the requirements found under Sections 4 and 5 of Ordinance 05-033:

I. Meat vendors and Meat Dealers/viajeros acquiring meat or meat products from local slaughterhouses to be sold within the City shall be required to secure Meat Inspection Certificates (M.I.C.) from NMIS-accredited slaughterhouse at all times. Failure to present M.I.C. will render their meat to be termed as illegal--"Hot Meat" or "Double Dead Meat".

a) Meat vendors, meat stalls, meat dealers and other meat establishments or any person found to be marketing/selling and/or distributing imported meat and/or meat products are required to secure a Certificate of Meat Inspection (C.O.M.I.) of Imported Meat and Meat Products for domestic transport issued from accredited NMIS cold storages at all times. Failure to present a valid C.O.M.I. will render their meat as illegal-- "Hot Meat" or unfit for human consumption.

b) In compliance to DA Administrative Order No. 6 Series of 2012, the following temperature in handling of chilled, frozen and thawed meat should be complied; Meat establishments selling imported meat and meat products should maintain the required temperature in order to prevent thawing of the meat and meat products within their meat stall. If violations occur, the owner or the vendor/any person of the said establishment will be penalized.

Chilled Meat = 1°C to 10°C
Frozen Meat = -18°C to 0°C
Thawed Meat = higher than 0°C but no higher than 5°C

c) It shall be unlawful for any person to forge, counterfeit, tamper, print, alter or cast any mark on the Shipping Permit, Veterinary Health Clearance (V.H.C.), Livestock Handler's License (L.H.L.), Meat Inspection Certificate (M.I.C.), Meat and Meat Products Inspection Certificate (M.M.P.I.C.), Certificate of Meat Inspection (C.O.M.I.) of imported meat and meat products, or on any official certificates involved on transport of livestock and on meat marketing/trading without the supervision of meat inspector/meat control officer appointed by the City Veterinarian Office or NMIS. In accordance with the Consumer Act of the Philippines (Prohibited Acts and Penalties), meat coming from other provinces outside Muntinlupa City shall secure Transfer Permits from the Veterinarian of the said province.

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- d) It shall be unlawful for any person to inject meat and aquatic resources, chicken, fowls and other foodstuff with water or any adulterating solution and/or sell chicken, fowl, meat and meat products and other foodstuff so injected in any market, "talipapa", or other meat establishments. If such cases occur, the owner or vendor found to be selling the meat and aquatic resources, chicken, fowl and other foodstuff will be penalized.
- e) The Office of the City Veterinarian shall seize, recall, confiscate, condemn or dispose of (by burying or by subjecting to rendering plant) any local or imported meat and meat products, poultry and poultry products, fish, aquatic resources, found to be banned, filthy, contaminated, adulterated or misbranded during inspection and laboratory analysis as necessary. If such cases occur, the owner, vendor or any person found to be affiliated to this trade will be penalized and shall shoulder any expenses incurred.
- f) It shall be unlawful for any person to use food colorings and other chemicals which would render meat and meat products, poultry and poultry products, fresh fish or any aquatic resources being sold in any market, talipapa or any business establishment adulterated. If such cases occur, the owner or the vendor found to be selling the meat products, poultry and poultry products, fresh fish or any aquatic resources will be penalized and shall shoulder any expenses incurred.
- g) Meat and aquatic vendors shall keep their stalls clean. Meat and aquatic products being sold should not be placed, kept or stored in direct contact on any surface of their stall area (tiles, wood, cement). Meat and meat products to be sold for human consumption should be hanged on stainless steel hooks or placed in trays. If violation occurs, the owner or the vendor shall be penalized.
- h) Only meat processors with accreditation from the NMIS and/or considered as Locally Registered Meat Establishment (LRME) by the Office of the City Veterinarian are authorized to conduct meat processing. It shall be illegal to conduct meat processing in markets or "talipapa" or any other areas not accredited by the NMIS or registered at the Office of the City Veterinarian. If such cases occur, the owner and/or the person found to be processing the meat will be penalized.
- i) The walls, ceiling and the stall/s itself must be painted with light color only. Meat, fish and/or aquatic resources vendors shall be prohibited from using illuminator/colored lights in the vending area. If such cases occur, the owner and/or the person found to be selling with illuminator or colored lights will be penalized.

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- j) Aquatic resources, aquatic products, meat and meat products, carcass and parts thereof of all such animals found to be adulterated shall be condemned and destroyed, in accordance to the proper disposal of goods.
- k) All existing Lechonan must provide a see-through glass casing, free of any light illuminator for their lechon display, and must be kept clean and observes Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) at all times.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 30. Distribution For Sale Of Meat And Meat Products In Muntinlupa City And Acquisition Of Veterinary Clearance

In order to enforce proper sanitation requirements and to ensure the safety of the meat and meat products, and to further facilitate effective monitoring and meat inspection, the following rules and regulations shall be implemented.

1. All livestock slaughtered for food and their meat products, including poultry and aquatic resources; and all establishments engaged in selling of meat and meat products shall be subjected to veterinary inspection and examination before distribution and sale within the city.
2. In order to effectively and efficiently control and monitor the distribution and selling of safe meat and aquatic products, all dealers, retailers and wholesalers are prohibited to sell their meat products outside registered public markets, supermarkets and mega supermarkets in Muntinlupa City.
3. Those with existing private stores outside public markets, supermarkets and mega supermarkets shall immediately cease to operate and stop operation at the end of their mayor's permit within three days or seventy two (72) hours from issuance of notice from the Office of the City Veterinarian. All business transaction must cease until all necessary clearances in accordance with the city comprehensive zoning ordinance and upon issuance approval of their clearances are secured.
4. Those with existing private stores (outlets) outside said public markets, supermarkets and mega supermarkets should cease to operate in order to fully implement this provision, or otherwise, must comply with these following conditions.
 - i. All meat dealers/retailers/meat establishment owners, who were issued a mayor's permit by the BPLO shall distribute and confine the sale of their meat and meat products exclusively to public markets, supermarkets and mega supermarkets only.



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ii. Any person involved in meat trade and/or planning to conduct any of the following business should secure Veterinary Clearance from the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) before applying for their business license at the B.P.L.O.

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| a. Rolling stores/Ambulant Vendors; | 200.00 |
| b. Meat/Poultry/Fish stall/shops; | 200.00 |
| c. "Lechonan"; | 200.00 |
| d. Slaughterhouses; | 500.00 |
| e. Supermarket meat/Poultry/fish concessionaires; | 500.00 |
| f. Restaurant, canteens and eateries; | 200.00 |
| g. Catering services; | 200.00 |
| h. Hotels and any other institutional buyers; | 500.00 |
| i. Meat/Poultry/Aquatic Product storage; | 200.00 |
| j. Other establishments where meat/meat products/poultry/poultry products/ fish/ fish products are slaughtered, prepared, handled, processed, packed, stored and distributed, or in any form found within the city jurisdiction should be required to secure Veterinary Clearance from the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) before applying for their business license at the B.P.L.O.; | 500.00 |

iii. The requirements to acquire the Veterinary Clearance are as follows:

1. Duly accomplished Registration Form.
2. Picture of the Establishment/Meat Transport Vehicle
3. Number of employed personnel itemized as follows: and must comply with Section 34.
 - Meat Processor
 - Meat Cutting Operator
 - Meat Dealer
 - Vendor
 - Butcher
 - Dresser
 - Cutter

iv. Any owner of the business establishment found violating the foregoing shall be penalized as follows:

- a) First Offense – Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) fine per year of delinquency and confiscation of meat and meat products and closure of the meat establishment until the renewal of the the Veterinary Clearance.
- b) Second Offense – Eight Thousand Pesos (Php8,000.00) fine per year of delinquency and confiscation of the meat and meat products, closure of the meat establishment for not less than six (6) months.
- c) Third Offense – Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) fine per year of delinquency and confiscation of the meat and meat products, permanent closure of the meat establishment and one (1) year imprisonment of the owner of the meat establishment.



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All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 31. Regulation of Imported Meat in the City of Muntinlupa

a. All imported meat and meat products brought into the City must first pass the Safety and Quality Inspection of the NMIS. All imported meat and meat products must have all the necessary permits issued by the NMIS.

b. All meat vendors selling imported meat and meat products shall maintain the required chilling temperature of 4°C to 7°C or colder in meat vans and 1°C to 10°C in chillers on all meat establishments in order for them to operate in supermarkets, public markets, and other meat establishments. The required temperature shall be strictly implemented in order to ensure and preserve quality of the meat.

c. In compliance to DA Administrative Order No. 6 Series of 2012, the following temperature in handling of chilled, frozen and thawed meat should be complied;

Chilled Meat = 1°C to 10°C

Frozen Meat = -18°C to 0°C

Thawed Meat = higher than 0°C but not higher than 5°C

d. Meat vendors selling, retailing, marketing or processing imported meat and meat products shall bring their Certificate of Meat Inspection (C.O.M.I.) of Imported Meat and meat products for domestic transport issued by NMIS accredited cold storages at all times.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 32. Confiscation of Meat and Meat Products, Aquatic Resources, and Aquatic Products

Any carcasses, parts of carcasses found to have been prepared, handled, packed, stored, transported or offered for sale as human food NOT in accordance with any provisions shall be confiscated and disposed of at the expense of the person, firm or corporation found to be in violation thereof:

a. The Office of the City Veterinarian shall confiscate meat and meat products that are found to be:

i. "HOT MEAT" – the carcass or parts of carcass or food animals which were slaughtered from unregistered/unaccredited meat establishments and have not undergone the required inspection. It also includes undocumented, illegally shipped, and unregistered carcass, parts of carcass and meat products coming from other countries and those that are classified as hot meat by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS)."



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1. With proper documents but unfit for human consumption;
 2. Without proper documents but fit for human consumption;
 3. Without proper documents and unfit for human consumption;
 4. Double-dead meat
- ii. Filthy, putrid, rotten, decomposed substance of foreign matter or otherwise unfit for human consumption.
 - iii. Filthy, contaminated, adulterated or misbranded and when it poses risks to human and animal health.
 - iv. Carrying any disease-causing organism, toxic or deleterious substance which may render it injurious.
 - v. In contact with any poisonous, deleterious and unsanitary substance which render the contents deleterious to health.
 - vi. Meat and meat products declared banned by the controlling authority (DA, BAI, NMIS).
 - viii. Carcass or parts not coming from food animal as defined in this amendment or other relevant laws, such as but no limited to dog, cat and other pet/companion animals, shall be considered as "HOT MEAT" and shall be confiscated and disposed of properly.

b. Aquatic resources with chemicals (including but not limited to food coloring), caught by dynamite fishing or in any means, acquired by illegal fishing will be confiscated by the City Veterinarian Office, the owner of the said aquatic resource will be penalized in accordance to the Consumer Act of the Philippines.

c. Proper documentation shall be made in case of confiscated meat and meat products. A post-abattoir receipt shall be issued to the owner attesting to the cause of confiscation.

d. The disposal of the confiscated and condemned items referred to in the preceding rules of this section shall follow prescribed guidelines issued by the NMIS and all phases shall be transparent.

e. The owner shall have the right to witness the condemnation and disposal of the confiscated meat or meat product.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

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SECTION 33. Licensing of Meat/Food Handlers and Butchers Exercising their Profession within Muntinlupa City

- a. All meat/food handlers, dressers, cutters, vendors, processors and butchers working at and/or employed within the City of Muntinlupa must register with and secure an individual Meat/Food Handler's License, Butcher's License and Operator's License from the Office of the City Veterinarian to ensure their fitness and qualification for the job. The fee for these licenses is as follows and to be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.
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| i. | Meat Dealer/Processor | - | Php500.00/year; |
| ii. | Meat Cutting Operator | - | Php500.00/year; |
| iii. | Meat Handler | - | Php200.00/year; |
| iv. | Dresser/Cutter | - | Php200.00/year; |
| v. | Butcher | - | Php200.00/year; |
| vi. | Vendor | - | Php200.00/year. |
- b. In addition, all meat handlers, processors, butchers, meat cutters, meat and aquatic resource vendors, dealers, Manager of Meat/Food Section and meat/food stall owners/operators, must first secure the following requirements in order to acquire Meat Handler's License and Butcher's License. All requirements are to be submitted to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

For New applicant:

- Duly accomplished Application Form
- Health Certificate
- Police/NBI Clearance
- Drug Test for Butcher (acquired from OSMUN)
- Meat Handlers Seminar
- License fee

- c. The Meat Handler's License and Butcher's License shall be valid and effective only within the City of Muntinlupa and shall be renewed every year thereafter.

For Renewal:

- Duly accomplished Application Form
- Health Certificate
- Drug Test for Butcher (acquired from Ospitalng Muntinlupa)
- License fee

Any person who violates the foregoing shall, upon conviction, shall be penalized with a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per year of delinquency and/or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year upon the discretion of the court.

For lost or replacement of license or certificate, the same amount of fee shall apply.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.



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ARTICLE IV
Meat Inspection Regulations On
Prohibited Acts, Fines and Penalties

SECTION 33. Prohibited Acts – No person, firm or corporation shall:

- a. Slaughter any food animal or prepare meat or meat product in any meat establishment except in compliance with the requirements of this Act;
- b. Slaughter or handle in connection with the slaughter, any food animal in a manner **NOT** considered **humane**;
- c. Sell, transport or receive for sale or transportation in commerce carcasses or parts thereof, meat and meat product required to be inspected under this Act unless they have been inspected and passed;
- d. Do any act while they are being transported in commerce or held for sale, which is intended to cause or has the effect of causing such articles to be adulterated or misbranded.
- e. Repeatedly violating the provisions of this ordinance such that they become a "NUISANCE". If verified a nuisance by the Meat Inspector and Sanitation Officer, a penalty of Five Thousand pesos (Php5,000.00) will be imposed to the owner. Confiscation of meat and meat products and revocation of Veterinary Clearance and business permit will be recommended.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 35. Printing of Official Marks – No brand manufacturer, printer, or other person, firm or corporation shall cast, print, lithograph, or otherwise make any device containing any official mark or simulation thereof, or any label bearing any such mark or simulation, or any form of official certificate except as authorized by the Secretary of Department of Agriculture.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 36. Forging Official Marks – No person, firm or corporation shall:

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- a) forge any official device, mark or certificate;
- b) use any official device, mark, or certificate, or simulation thereof, or alter, detach, deface, or destroy any official device, mark, or certificate;
- c) fail to use, or to detach, deface, or destroy any official device mark, or certificate;
- d) knowingly possess any official device or any counterfeit, simulated, forged, or improperly altered official mark;
- e) knowingly make any false statement in any certificate; or
- f) knowingly represent that any article has been inspected and passed when, in fact, it has not been so inspected and passed.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 37. Absence of Ante-Mortem Inspection – The inspectors shall seize, confiscate, condemn or dispose of carcasses or parts thereof of food animals that is sold, transported, distributed, offered or received for distribution in commerce that have not passed through ante-mortem inspection. Carcasses and parts thereof are considered “hot meat” and if found to be fit for human use during examination shall be disposed of.

- a) The carcasses or parts thereof of food animals slaughtered in a non-registered or non-accredited meat establishment, have not gone ante-mortem inspection and sold, transported, distributed, offered or received for distribution in commerce are considered “hot meat” and shall be confiscated and rendered for animal feed or disposed of properly by burying 6 feet below ground.
- b) Carcass or parts of carcass(s) not of food animal origin, such as but not limited to dog, cat and other pet/companions animals, shall be considered as “hot meat” and shall be confiscated and disposed of properly.
- c) The owner, distributor, consignee and accompanying handlers/staff during the slaughtering, transport, distribution, receipt by consignee or selling of “hot meat” shall be prosecuted and the vehicle impounded and turned over to the PNP for custody.



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- d) The NMIS/OCV meat control officers/meat inspectors, appointed or deputized, shall have the authority to confiscate "hot meat", In accordance with established procedures, found to have been prepared, handled, packed, stored, transported, distributed, sold, offered or received for distribution in commerce without undergoing the required ante-mortem inspection.
- e) All expenses incurred in the proper disposal/destruction of confiscated meat and meat products shall be borne by the owner or person found in possession of "hot meat" or involved in its sale and distribution.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 38. Interference in the Conduct of Inspection.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to resist, harass, intimidate, assault, impede, oppose or interfere with the CVO, City Meat Inspection Board, the Muntinlupa City Animal Disease Prevention and Control Task Force (M.A.D.P.C.T.F.), meat control officers, deputized meat control officers, document checkers, meat inspectors, deputized meat inspectors and document checkers of the Office of the City Veterinarian in the performance of his/her duties.

- a) Any meat/food inspection officer who is harassed, intimidated, threaten, or assaulted by any person during the performance of his official duties shall be given full assistance by law enforcement agencies and by the DA, NMIS or LGU legal office.
- b) Any meat/food inspection officer who, in the performance of his/her official duties, is charged in court shall be provided with appropriate legal assistance by the DA-NMIS in case of NMIS and LGU deputized inspectors or by the LGU Legal Officer in the city in case of non-deputized LGU meat inspector.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 39. Unlawful Trading.

It shall be unlawful for any person employed by the NMIS or person employed by the local government unit for the purpose of meat inspection work, to engage directly or indirectly in the business of buying, selling and trading or otherwise negotiating purchases or sales of meat and meat products for his own account or as employee of another person, firm or corporation.



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Any person employed for the purpose of meat inspection work, found directly or indirectly violating this section shall be charged under applicable laws, rules and regulation.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized. Please refer to section 40 for fines and penalties. All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 40. Fines, Penalties and Sanctions. Any person, who commits violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance, or shall commit any of the prohibited acts mentioned under Sections 34 to 39 and 63 of this city ordinance or shall sell, transport, offer or receive for sale or transportation in commerce hot meat as herein defined, upon conviction, shall be punished by:

- i. imprisonment of not less than six (6) years and one (1) day but not more than twelve (12) years or;
- ii. a fine of not less than One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) but not more than One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) or;
- iii. both fine and imprisonment upon the discretion of the court. The offender shall be obliged to pay to the concerned consumer whatever damage may have been suffered by the latter as a consequence of the unlawful act.

If the offender is a juridical person, all officers such as, but not limited to, its president, manager or head of office responsible for their unlawful act shall be criminally liable therefor, in addition to the cancellation of certificates of accreditation and/or registration.

If the offender is a public official, the penalty shall include perpetual disqualification to hold public office. In addition, the NMIS and the O.C.V. shall impose the following administrative fines and penalties:

- i. For Section 34a and 34b– confiscation as provided under Section 31 of this Ordinance and a fine of:
 1. Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) for the first offense;
 2. Seventy-five thousand pesos (P75,000.00) for the second offense;
 3. One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) plus prohibition from conducting business for two (2) years for the third and succeeding offenses;
- ii. For Section 34c and 34d – confiscation as provided under Section 32 of this Ordinance and a fine of:
 1. Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) for the first offense;
 2. Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) for the second offense, and ;
 3. Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) plus prohibition from conducting business for two (2) years for the third and succeeding offenses;



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- iii. For Sections 36, 37, 38, 39, 64, and hot meat – confiscation as provided under Section 30 of this Ordinance and a fine of;
 - 1. Two hundred thousand pesos (P200,000.00) for the first offense,
 - 2. Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) for the second offense, and;
 - 3. Five hundred thousand pesos (P500,000.00) plus prohibition from conducting business for three (3) years for the third and succeeding offenses; and
- iv. For section 39 – suspension of six (6) months for the first offense, and dismissal from government service for the second violation

Any person, firm or corporation found directly or indirectly violating any of the amended provisions, in addition to the administrative sanctions prescribed herein, shall be charged under this law and other applicable laws of the Philippines.

The corresponding administrative fines shall be imposed and collected on any person, firm or corporation found to have violated any provision after due process.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

ARTICLE V
Food Safety Regulations On
Prohibitions, Penalties and Sanctions

SECTION 41. Prohibited Acts – it shall be unlawful for any persons to:

- 1. Produce, handle or manufacture for sale, offer the sale, distribute in commerce, or import into the Philippines any food or food products which is not in conformity with an applicable food quality or safety standard promulgated in accordance with this act.
- 2. Produce, handle or manufacture for sale, offer to sale, distribute in commerce which has been declared as banned food or food product.
- 3. Refuse access to pertinent records or entity of inspection officers of the FSRA.
- 4. Fail to comply with an order relating to notification to recall unsafe products.
- 5. Adulterate, misbrand, mislabel, falsely advertised any food product which misleads the consumers and carry out any other acts contrary to good manufacturing practices.



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8. If the offender is a government personnel, in addition to the penalty prescribed herein, said personnel shall be subjected to the appropriate civil service laws.
9. If the offender is a naturalized citizen, in addition to the penalty prescribed herein, the naturalization certificate and the registration in the civil registry of said citizen shall be cancelled. Immediate deportation after payment of fine and service of sentence shall also be imposed.
10. If the offender is an alien, said alien shall be summarily deported after payment of fine and service of sentence and perpetually barred from entering the country.
11. Any director, officer or agent of a corporation who shall authorize, order or perform any of the acts or practices constituting in whole or in part of Section 40 hereof, and who has knowledge of notice of noncompliance received by the corporation from the concerned department shall be subject to the penalties under this section.
12. In case the violation is committed by, or in the interest of a foreign juridical person duly licensed to engage business in the Philippines shall be immediately revoked.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

Chapter 4
Regulations on Pet Animals, Exotic Animals and Wildlife

ARTICLE VI
Animal Registration

SECTION 43. Dog Registration

All dogs and cats, upon reaching three (3) months-of-age and older, must be vaccinated against rabies and registered at the Office of the City Veterinarian once a year and every year thereafter. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or have control of a dog or cat without an anti-rabies vaccination accompanied by a certification of anti-rabies vaccination. The records of vaccinated dogs shall be submitted to the BAI on a monthly basis as mandated by the I.R.R. of R.A. 9482.

SECTION 44. Dog Tags - Each registered dog shall be issued a Dog Tag, and a Certificate of Registration and Vaccination. The Dog Tag should be securely displayed upon the animal at all times. The Certificate and Dog tag is non-transferable from animal to animal or from owner to owner. The absence of a Dog Tag on the dog is prima facie evidence of non-registration.



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SECTION 45. Registration Fee

A registration fee of fifty pesos (Php50.00) for each dog shall be imposed which shall be valid for one (1) year. The Certificate of Registration and Vaccination shall include the following information:

1. Official Logo, Address and Telephone Number of the Muntinlupa City Office of the City Veterinarian
2. Pet owner's name
3. Address of the pet owner
4. Registered animal's Name, Breed, Age and Sex
5. Date of Re-vaccination/Expiration
6. Vaccine used
7. Name and signature of the City Veterinarian

A. In case of lost, stolen or damaged registration certificate of pet, owners thereof shall be required to submit such animal to the Office of the City Veterinarian for proper re-tagging within ten(10) working days from time the certificate was lost, stolen or damaged; Re-issuance of Certificate of Registration shall be charged one hundred pesos (P100.00).

B. In case of death of the registered pet, owners are required to surrender the registration certificate of the deceased pet to the Office of the City Veterinarian within five(5) days for proper recording;

C. In case of transfer, change of ownership of a registered pet, owners thereof shall within reasonable time but not exceeding Ten (10) days to notify the Office of the City Veterinarian for proper identification.

SECTION 46. Renewal of Registration - There shall be a renewal fee of Fifty Pesos (Php50.00) per animal every year.

SECTION 47. FAILURE TO REGISTER - Pet Owners or any person who fail or refuse to have their Dog registered and immunized against Rabies on a yearly basis shall be penalized by a fine of:

First Offense— a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00)

Second Offense – a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (Php4,000.00) and One (1) day community service.

Third Offense – a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), impoundment and revocation of their right to own a pet animal and imprisonment of the owner for five (5) days.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.



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ARTICLE VI
The City Animal Pound

SECTION 48. City Pound Section, Duties and Function-The City Animal Pound, created under City Ordinance 02-053, shall continue to exercise the duty to capture and impound all stray animals found at large within Muntinlupa City. It shall keep a complete record of every animal impounded showing the date of receipt (impounding), species, breed, description and owner's name (if known), method and date of disposal and the amount collected for each animal in case of redemption and sale. The pound keeper shall also be in charge of the feeding of all the impounded animals in the City Pound and in maintaining the cleanliness of the area.

SECTION 49. Procedure for Collection of Stray Animals-The Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) shall regularly conduct operations to apprehend stray animals/animals roaming the streets, shall be provisionally deposited at the city pound for tagging and identification of owners. The owner of the impounded animal/s shall only have seventy two (72) hours or three (3) working days to redeem his pet at the city pound. During such operations, the impounding staff shall inform the owner (if known) of the animal in captive that his animal has been impounded as well as inform him about the procedure for redemption. In case where the pet owner is not present at the time of capture, the impounding staff shall inform the Office of the Barangay Chairman, or to the Office of the Village President regarding dog(s)/cat(s) impounded in their area. The Animal Pound keeper/authorized O.C.V. personnel will only release the animal if it is registered and vaccinated against Rabies and only upon presentation of official receipt as proof.

If the Owner wishes to claim the impounded animal, they must undergo the following procedures:

- 1) Proceed to the Office of the City Veterinarian and pay when the corresponding fine for stray provided.
- 2) If the animal is not registered and vaccinated, refer to Section 29 of this ordinance regarding additional fines. The Impounding personnel will not release the animal if it is not vaccinated against rabies.
- 3) The impounded animal will be fined an additional One Hundred Pesos (Php100.00) for each day of stay in the pound plus the penalty.
- 4) With all fees settled, proceed to the Animal Impounding Site and present the Official Receipt in order to claim the impounded animal.

SECTION 50. Redemption of Impounded Animal-The client must first sign an affidavit certifying his ownership of the animal he is about to redeem. The owner of the impounded animal held at the jurisdiction of the O.C.V. will be meted with the following fines:



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- a. **First Offense** – a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00)
- b. **Second Offense** – a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) and One (1) week Community Service.
- c. **Third Offense** – a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00), revocation of their right to redeem their pet. And revocation of their right to own a pet animal.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 51. Procedure for Voluntary Surrender - Pet owners within the City of Muntinlupa can voluntarily surrender animals that:

- a. is vicious and a danger to owner's life and limb and;
- b. poses risk(s) to owner's health and/or the community as determined by a licensed Veterinarian.

If ever the pet owner wishes to redeem their surrendered animal, he must first pay a fine of P100.00/day that their animal was impounded in the City Pound. They only have seventy two (72 hours) or three (3) working days to redeem their animal from the day it was surrendered.

Such fee shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 52. Establishment of Barangay/Village Animal Pounds - The Local Barangay/Village has the right to establish its own Animal Pound with the supervision of the Office of the City Veterinarian if they please. The Barangay/Village can impose Ordinances, regulations, rules and regulations and/or resolutions depending on the situations of their own jurisdictions.

While in the custody of the barangay/village animal pound, each animal shall be provided, at all times, adequate supply of water for the animal and sufficiently stacked food. The shelter/pound staff of the barangay/village shall observe the proper restraint procedure prescribed by the City Veterinary Office, whenever restraining an animal is necessary, to avoid undue stress and discomfort on the animal. They shall likewise be responsible for protecting all impounded animals from harm caused by the unlawful acts of residents or extreme weather conditions.

The Impounded Animals will be collected by the Office of the City Veterinarian at the end of the Day in order to prevent the overcrowding of the Barangay/Village Impounding area. The collected animals will be taken to the City Animal Impounding Site.

While the dogs are in custody of the Barangay, their barangay ordinance applies. But when the dogs are in the custody of the City Animal Pound, City Ordinance applies.

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SECTION 53. Pet Ownership Regulation – Household pets should be kept at a maximum of 2 dogs, 2 cats and 6 birds, provided space and vaccination requirements are met.

It shall be allowable to keep more than the maximum allowed number of pets, provided that space and vaccination requirements were complied with by the owner of the animals and after securing a Special Permit under this section. All animals shall be kept with sufficient space requirement appropriate per animal.

A. Space requirement for individually caged dogs: They should have room to move about normally and should follow these minimum guidelines:

1. Large dog (>50 lbs.) at least 4 feet by 6 feet or 24 square feet;
2. Medium dog (36-50 lbs.) at least 4 feet by 5 feet or 20 square feet;
3. Small dog/cat (10-35 lbs.) at least 3 feet by 4 feet or 12 square feet;

B. Exempt Animals – The following are exempted from the above mentioned provisions:

1. Dogs/cats brought to the city exclusively or the purpose of registering them as participants in dog/cat shows or other similar exhibitions;
2. Dogs/cats owned or in the custody of or under the control of persons who are non-residents of the city or temporarily sojourning thereat for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days;
3. Animals other than dogs and cats, except for those animals that require proper and necessary clearance and permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), that are not space consuming e.g. goldfish, lovebirds and the likes whose number can be more than the maximum allowable.

C. Special Permit for keeping large number of pets- No person or household shall engage in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, trading and training without having obtained a special permit from the Office of the City Veterinarian. The fee for such permit or renewal thereof, shall be One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00);

Special permit shall only be issued to owners who comply with the following conditions:

1. All dogs and cats should be registered and vaccinated against rabies;
2. No complaints regarding the keeping of such number of dogs or cats such as roaming in public places, foul odors, defecation, damage to property, injury to persons, neglect, and other associated circumstances;

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3. In no event shall any person keep in their premises more pet animals than can be properly maintained in a healthy condition without constituting a nuisance to the occupants or neighboring properties;
4. Compliant with the provision of RA 8485 Animal Welfare Act;
5. Animals classified under Section 32 (B) of this ordinance shall be deemed subjects of Commercial Business if such number of pets individually exceed ten (10);

Failure to comply in any of the aforementioned conditions shall be a ground for revocation of the license and special permit, confiscation of the excess number of animals and payment of penalty amounting to five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) and/or five (5) days community service .

D. Duties and responsibilities of pet owners – Animal owners should comply with the duties and responsibilities stated in this ordinance. Failure to comply will be penalized according to the act violated.

SECTION 54. Walking of Dogs on Public Places - The pet owner must maintain control over their dog(s)/cat(s) and do not allow them to roam and/or loiter on public places without a leash.

The length of the leash shall not be more than 1.5 meters (5 feet) and the required dog tag shall be attached to the dog collar/harness. Also, all dogs shall be muzzled at public places.

Pet Owners and or any person who refuse to put a leash and collar on their pets as well as refusing to muzzle their dog(s) while they are brought outside the house shall be penalized with a fine of:

- a. **First Offense** – a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00)
- b. **Second Offense** – a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php1,500.00) and One (1) week Community Service.
- c. **Third Offense** – a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00), revocation of their right to redeem their pet and revocation of their right to own a pet animal. All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian

SECTION 55. Urination and Defecation of Dogs on Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places

Pet Owners and/or any person are strictly prohibited from intentionally bringing out their pets to urinate and defecate on streets and sidewalks. Any owner who wishes to walk their pets on streets and sidewalks or any public places should bring their own cleaning receptacles/materials just in case that their pet urinates/defecates on public places.



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In case of unavoidable circumstances where pets urinate and/or defecate on streets, sidewalks and other public places beyond the owner's control and without intention to the part of the latter to bring out his/her pets for such purpose, the penalties provided for in this Section shall not be imposed. However, the Owner shall be responsible for the cleaning and/or removal of feces/urine immediately afterwards.

Any person who violates this Section will be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense – a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00)
- b. Second Offense – a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) and One (1) day community service
- c. Third Offense – a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00), two (2) days of community service, and impounding of the animal/s as per revocation of their right to own a pet/s.

SECTION 56. Procedure for Adoption - If the impounded animal is not redeemed by its corresponding owner within seventy two (72) hours or three (3) working days after it was impounded, the qualified animal/s, who are tame and sound is open for adoption. The person who wants to adopt the animal should not be in any way related to the previous owner of the animal. The person who is willing to adopt will undergo the following procedures:

- a. The person who wants to adopt will choose a dog/cat at the Animal Impounding site.
- b. Fill-up the Adoption Form at the Office of the City Veterinarian.
- c. The Office of the City Veterinary personnel will assess if the person is fit to adopt the animal.
- d. If he/she has passed the assessment, he/she will have to pay the adoption fee of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).
- e. The person who will get the animal will have to present the Adoption Form and Receipt upon releasing of the adopted dog/cat.
- f. The adopted dog/cat must be registered to the new owner and vaccinated with anti-rabies before being released.
- g. In any case that the individual who adopted the animal in any way, either directly or indirectly, became an accessory for misleading the Office of the City Veterinarian in order for the previous owner to redeem the animal, such individual will be penalized a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.
- h. All animals in the animal pound to be adopted shall be neutered before releasing to the new owner.

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SECTION 57. Procedure for Euthanasia of Unclaimed Animals - The killing of any animals in accordance to R.A. 8485 is hereby declared unlawful except in the following instances:

- a. When the animal is afflicted with an incurable, communicable disease as determined by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- b. When the killing is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the animal as determined and ratified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- c. When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being;
- d. When done for the purpose of population control; and
- e. Any other grounds analogous to the foregoing, as determined and certified by a licensed veterinarian.

For this purpose, humane procedures shall pertain to the use of the most scientific methods available, as may be determined and approved by a duly licensed veterinarian.

SECTION 58. Securing the Veterinary Clearance - Veterinary clinic/hospital, pet shops, poultry supply and other enterprises relative to animal services, supplies, grooming, maintaining and/or breeding animals for commerce shall first secure "Veterinary Clearance" from OCV before securing necessary business license/s from the BPLO. All animals should only be sold in licensed establishments (with accreditation from the OCV). It shall be illegal for animals to be sold on streets, sidewalks or in any establishment without due accreditation from the Office of the City Veterinarian.

- (a) As a prerequisite to the granting/renewal of the business license, such enterprise shall be required to register with the O.C.V. and submit a monthly inventory of animals in their custody including presentation of Certificate of Vaccination from a duly licensed veterinarian.
- (b) Animals without the necessary valid vaccination certificate are subject to impoundment and the owner/operator of the establishment shall be fined in accordance with the provisions of this Code on redemption and non-vaccination.
- (c) Any person found to be selling animals on street and sidewalks will be penalized with One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) for each animal. The animals will be confiscated and impounded to the City Animal Pound. All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

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(d) The Requirements for the Veterinary Clearance of the said business establishments are as follows:

1. Duly accomplished Registration Form
2. Picture of the Establishment
3. BAI Registration for Veterinary Clinic/Hospital
4. BMB-DENR Certificate of Wildlife Registration (wildlife)
5. Veterinary Clearance Fee = **Php200.00**

(e) For lost Certificates, replacements will be charged Php200.00.

SECTION 59. Veterinary Health Certificate - If a pet owner wishes to transport or travel his/her pet/animal either abroad or within the country, the said owner is required by law to produce and submit a Veterinary Health Certificate to be issued by the Local Government Unit from its point of origin. The Office of the City Veterinarian shall be issuing a Veterinary Health Certificate for the said purpose.

The pet owner must first secure and submit the following requirements in order to acquire the Veterinary Health Certificate:

- i. **For chicken/game fowl** – a proof of New Castle Disease vaccination given within the last 6 months but not later than 2 weeks prior to travel; signed by a licensed veterinarian and the corresponding lot number of the vaccine used clearly stated.
- ii. **For dogs and cats 3 months-of-age and up** – a proof of anti-Rabies vaccination such as Vaccination Certificate/Vaccination Certificate & Registration given at least 2 weeks prior to travel
- iii. The said animal(s) must first be inspected by a licensed veterinarian of the Office of the City Veterinarian. The animal(s) must be apparently healthy upon inspection by the licensed veterinarian.
- iv. A fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) per permit must be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 60. Animal Show, Exhibition and/or Competition - Any show, exhibit, and/or competition featuring animals shall be required to secure the necessary permits from the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) prior to performance and/or promotion within the city.

- (a) Organizers and/or promoters of such shows shall secure the permit from the O.C.V. for at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled event. A registration fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00) shall be charged.



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- (b) Owners of participating animals shall be required to submit to the OCV a copy of their animals' certificate/s of vaccination against rabies from a duly licensed veterinarian at least 7 days before the scheduled pet/animal show.
- (c) A representative from the O.C.V. shall be present during the show to ensure that no animal is allowed to the show ring or to participate without the valid certificate of vaccination against rabies.
- (d) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be meted with the following penalties.

Promoter – Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both.

Owner – Impounding of the animal/s until such time that a valid certificate is presented. The penalties for failure to present a valid vaccination certification shall be also imposed as well as redemption charges.

ARTICLE VII
Prohibited Acts and other Liabilities

SECTION 61. Incidence of Dog Bites - Incidence of dog bites should be reported to the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.), or to a Health Care Worker or to the Barangay within twenty-four hours (24 hrs.) and the responsible person should strictly abide the following rules:

- a. The dog shall not be killed or euthanized during the observation period of fourteen (14) days from the biting incident. If the animal is killed or euthanized within the observation period of fourteen (14) days, the individual(s) who killed or euthanized the animal will be penalized in violation of Section 64 of this code.
- b. Should the dog die during the observation period of fourteen (14) days, the pet owner shall immediately submit the dog for rabies laboratory examination to the RITM and have the bite victim vaccinated/immunized immediately.
- c. Unvaccinated Dogs bitten by another dog suspected to be rabid or of unknown status should be confined and maintained under veterinary supervision for six (6) months.

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d. If the animal has been vaccinated previously (and its vaccination certificate is available) and can be identified with certainty (e.g. tattoo) it should be revaccinated immediately and confined for at least ninety (90) days. Post-exposure vaccination of uncertain effectiveness should be discouraged.

SECTION 62. Liabilities of the Owner

- a. It shall be the duty of the pet owner or keeper to keep their dog/s within their confined owned premises and not allow it to roam on the streets or public places nor should the animal be tied, leashed or tethered outside of their confined owned premise without their due supervision.
- b. The pet owner shall be held liable for any incidence of dog bite wherein the victim was given permission from the pet owner/property owner to enter his/her owned confined premise where the incident occurred—where victim was bitten.
- c. Pet owners who do not have a Certificate of Registration and Vaccination as proof that their dog was vaccinated against Rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination and medication of both the dog and the individual/animal bitten by their dog.
- d. Pet Owners who refuse to have their Dog put under observation after the said dog has bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php 10,000.00) or community service (assist the pound keeper in his daily task) for 30 days as well as confiscation of his/her pet(s) and revocation of their right to own a pet.
- e. Pet Owners who do not shoulder the medical expenses of the person/animal bitten by their dog shall be meted a fine of Twenty Five Thousand Pesos (Php 25,000.00) or community service (assist the pound keeper in his/her daily task) for 90 days as well as confiscation of his/her pet(s) and revocation of their right to own a pet.

SECTION 63. Prohibition of Dog Meat Trade - The trade of dogs shall include but not limited to Slaughtering of dogs, buying and/or selling of dogs, dog meats and carcasses, dog farming, collecting, and/or slaughtering of dogs for human consumption.

Any person who is found guilty of killing and trading dogs for meat and/or found to be eating dog meat as "Pulutan" or for any other purposes shall be fined in accordance with section 40 of this ordinance.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

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Chapter 5.
Animal Welfare, Care and Protection

SECTION 64. Torture, Maltreat, and Other Forms of Neglect-It shall be unlawful for any person to torture or maltreat any animal, neglect to provide adequate care, sustenance or shelter or cause or procure to be tortured or deprived of adequate care, sustenance or shelter, or maltreat or cause the same for research or experiment and fights unauthorized by law.

(a) The killing or slaughter of any animal other than cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits and horses (*NOTE: "deer" and "crocodiles" were delisted) is likewise hereby declared unlawful except in the following instances:

- i. When it is done as a part of religious rituals of an established religion or sector rituals required by tribal or ethnic custom or indigenous cultural communities.
- ii. When the pet animal is afflicted with incurable communicable diseases as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- iii. When the killing or slaughter is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the animal as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.
- iv. When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being.
- v. When done for the purpose of animal population control.
- vi. When the animal is killed after it has been used in authorized research or experiment.
- vii. Any other grounds analogous to the foregoing as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.

(b) In all the above cases, including those of cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, and rabbits, carabaos, and horses, the killing or slaughter of the animals shall be done in a humane procedure at all times. For this purpose, humane procedure shall mean the use of the most scientific methods of slaughter recommended by R.A. 8485 otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person who has custody to an animal to abandon the animal. If any person being the owner or having charge or control of any animal shall without reasonable cause or excuse abandon it, whether permanently or not, without providing for the care of that animal, such act shall constitute maltreatment.

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If the animal is left in circumstances likely to cause the animal any unnecessary suffering, or if this abandonment results in the death of the animal, the person liable shall suffer the maximum penalty. Abandonment means the relinquishment of all right, title, claim, or possession of the animal with the intention of not reclaiming its ownership or possession (as stated in RA 8485 and amended by RA 10631).

(d) It shall be unlawful to transport any animal in a motor vehicle in any street within Muntinlupa City unless the animal is fully secured within the motor vehicle or is protected by a belt, tether, cage container or other device to prevent the animal from falling, jumping or getting thrown off the vehicle.

(e) No animal shall be left completely enclosed in a parked vehicle without adequate ventilation or in such a way as to subject the animal to extreme temperatures which may adversely affect its health and welfare.

(f) It shall be the duty of every person to protect the natural habitat of the wildlife. The destruction of said habitat shall be considered as a form of cruelty to animals and its preservation is a way of protecting the animals (as stated in RA 8485 and amended by RA 10631).

SECTION 65. Fines and Penalties in violation to Animal Welfare. Any person, who commits violation or shall commit any of the foregoing acts mentioned under Sections 64 of this city ordinance shall be punished by imprisonment and/or fine, as indicated in the following graduated scale (adopted in accordance with RA 8485 and amended by RA 10631):

- 1) Imprisonment of one (1) year and six (6) months and one (1) day to two (2) years and/or fine not exceeding One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) if the animal subjected to cruelty, maltreatment, or neglect dies;
- 2) Imprisonment of one (1) year and one (1) day to one (1) year and six (6) months and/or a fine not exceeding Fifty thousand pesos (P50,000.00) if the animal subjected to cruelty, maltreatment or neglect survives but is severely injured with loss of its natural faculty to survive on its own and needing human intervention to sustain its life;
- 3) Imprisonment of six (6) months to one (1) year and/or fine not exceeding Thirty thousand pesos (P30,000.00) for subjecting any animal to cruelty, maltreatment or neglect but without causing its death or incapacitating it to survive on its own.

If the violation is committed by a juridical person, the officer responsible thereof shall serve the imprisonment. If the violation is committed by an alien, he or she shall be deported immediately after the service of sentence without any further proceeding.

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However, regardless of the resulting condition to the animals, the penalty of two (2) years and one (1) day to three (3) years and/or a fine not exceeding Two hundred fifty thousand pesos (P250,000.00) shall be imposed if the offense is committed by any of the following:

- (1) a syndicate;
- (2) an offender who makes business out of cruelty to an animal;
- (3) a public officer or employee; or
- (4) where at least three (3) animals are involved.

In any of the foregoing situations, the offender shall suffer subsidiary imprisonment in case of insolvency and the inability to pay the fine. All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 66. Use of Air Guns and Pistols - The use of guns and pistols for hunting birds and winged animals is prohibited within the City of Muntinlupa.

It shall be the duty of every person to protect the natural habitat of the wildlife. The destruction of said habitat shall be considered as a form of cruelty to animals and its preservation is a way of protecting the animals (as stated in RA 8485 and amended by RA 10631).

Violators shall be penalized. Please refer to section 65 for fines and penalty.

SECTION 67. Possession of Wildlife and Exotic Animals

No person or entity shall be allowed possession of wildlife or exotic animals, unless a clearance/permit from the BMB-DENR are first obtained.

- (a) In the absence of such clearance/permit, the owner shall be held liable to pay a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for each animal, including impounding of the wildlife and exotic animal by the O.C.V. The same penalty shall be imposed to those owners who negligently abandon the care and custody of wildlife and exotic animal.

All fees are to be paid at the City Veterinarian Office.

- (b) A wildlife or exotic animal, with no apparent owner, taken into custody by the O.C.V. shall not be deemed impounded. Such animal need not be retained for any minimum period of time but shall be surrendered immediately to the Wildlife Rescue Center of the DENR unless said animal is dangerous or suffering excessively from contagious and highly communicable disease either to humans or animals in which case, it may be forthwith humanely destroyed.

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SECTION 68. Dumping of Dead Animals - Dumping of dead animals such as dogs, pigs, cats, rats, etc. in drainage, canals, rivers and other waterways are strictly prohibited, including all public places such as roadways, sidewalks, public-owned vacant lots and the like.

- (a) Owners of dead animals are required to properly bury/dispose the animal's carcass, either within their premises or avail of the facilities of a crematorium.
- (b) Proper disposal of the animal carcass may be coordinated with the City Veterinary Office after paying prescribed fees of Php2,500.00 per animal.
- (c) A penalty of Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) per animal and 2 hours community service shall be imposed on first time offenders, Four Thousand Pesos for (Php4,000.00) per animal and 2 hours community service for second offenders and Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per animal and 2 hours community service for succeeding violations.

All fees are to be paid at the City Veterinarian Office.

SECTION 69. Nuisance - No person shall allow the continuous barking, yelping, whining, howling or any other disturbing noise emitted by their pet/s, such that the situation becomes nuisance to the public as well as emission of any foul odor deemed as nuisance by its neighboring residents.

If verified a nuisance by the Veterinarian/Sanitation officer:

- 1. The OCV will write to the complained subject to warn them.
- 2. The second time they will be complained, they will be fined Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and a final warning will be sent to them.
- 3. On the third time they will be complained, confiscation of the animal/s being complained will be done by the OCV and a penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) will be imposed to the owner.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 70. Injury or Damage Caused by Animal - A penalty on owners/keeper of animals which cause injury or damage to persons or property is hereby imposed.

- (a) In case of damage to property, indemnity shall be paid by the owner/possessor of animals based on the extent of the actual damage to property.

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- (b) In case of injury sustained by individuals, the following shall govern:
 - i. In cases where the ownership of the animals has been duly established, the injured victim shall immediately be entitled to receive financial compensation from the owner / possessor of the animal for medication.
 - ii. When the injury sustained by the victim requires medical attendance or confinement for a certain number of days, the owner of the animal shall also be required to pay for the loss of income of the victim during the period when he/she is not working.
 - iii. The injured victim must submit a medical certificate from a licensed physician in support of his claim and/or pay slip or certification from the employer in case of payment of loss of income.
- (c) If the owner of the animal willfully refuses without justifiable cause to pay the expenses necessary for the medication of the victim or pay for the damages caused to personal property, the victim, assisted by a City Veterinarian Office personal, shall institute appropriate charges in court to enforce his/her claim.
- (d) Filing and/or payment of claims, pursuant to this measure, is without prejudice to filing of similar claims under existing laws.
- (e) In the event that an animal consecutively causes or is reported or recorded to have caused severe injury to a person or another animal for several times within a year or is regarded as "vicious or dangerous", a duly licensed Veterinarian may asses and declare if the animal is a menace to public health and safety.
- (f) If a formal complaint is filed to OCV due to nuisance(s) caused by an animal, the provision the Section 70 shall be applied, and penalties imposed shall be applied.
- (g) The City Veterinarian may order for the impoundment of the animal and if proven dangerous, it shall be humanely destroyed.

Chapter 6.

Task Force for Prevention of Existing and Emerging Zoonotic Diseases

SECTION 71. Creation Of The Muntinlupa City Animal Disease Prevention And Control (MCADPC) Task Force. The City Government of Muntinlupa, in recognition of the threat posed by rapidly spreading diseases to the populace is one with the National Government in formulating plans and programs especially designed to increase public awareness, to possibly counter the spread of other zoonotic diseases.

There is a need for our local government to create a competent regulating body that has the proper knowledge and intelligence network that can rapidly regulate, supervise and act on the prevention and control of public related diseases.

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In order for our city to prevent such epidemic diseases that may endanger our local citizens, the City Government of Muntinlupa will create a Local Task force who can oversee all matters pertaining to the prevention and control of rapidly spreading diseases of animals that are threat to public health. They will monitor the compliance to the Anti-Rabies Act, Animal Welfare Act, Food Safety Act and the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines among others.

In order to organize the activities of the created Local Task Force, there is a need of a functional Secretariat that will further monitor and maintain the record keeping of all the activities of the Local Task Force.

The Task Force members and the Task Force Secretariat are entitled to receive a monthly allowance of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00).

SECTION 72. Muntinlupa City Animal Disease Prevention And Control (MCADPC) Task Force Officers And Members.

The following shall compose the Muntinlupa Disease Prevention and Control Task Force (M.D.P.C.T.F.)

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- Chairman - City Mayor
- Vice-Chairman (C.H.O.) - City Health Officer
- Action Officer (C.V.O.) - City Veterinarian
- Chairman on Livestock, Market, Hawkers and Committee Slaughterhouse - City Councilor,
Chairman

MEMBERS:

- City Legal Office (C.L.O.) - City Legal Officer
- Mayor's Office - Legal Adviser
- Philippine National Police (P.N.P.) - Chief of Police
- Association of Barangay Captains President (A.B.C.) - A.B.C. President
- Environmental Sanitation Center (E.S.C.) - Department Head
- Public Order and Safety Office (P.O.S.O.) - Department Head

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| Public Information Office (P.I.O.) | - | Department Head |
| Business Permit and Licensing Office (BPLO) | - | Department Head |
| Department of Education (Dep.Ed.) | - | Department Head |

SECRETARIAT:

The MCADPC Task Force Secretariat will be composed of four (4) Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) personnel.

SECTION 73. Duties And Function Of The Secretariat - The Secretariat of the Muntinlupa City Animal Disease Prevention and Control Task Force (M.C.A.D.P.C.T.F.) will have the following duties and functions:

1. Shall keep the complete list of all the names, contact numbers and addresses of the members.
2. Shall take note of the meeting attendance and maintain records of all the meetings and activities of the Task Force
3. Shall send notices of all meetings to officers and members.
4. Shall keep and maintain the records and important documents of the Task Force.
5. Serve as custodian of the organization seal of the organization.
6. Shall receive and follow-up letters and memo notices.
7. Shall monitor and the reports and suggestions of the members.

SECTION 74. Duties And Function. The Task Force shall have the following duties and functions to wit:

1. To conduct Information, Education Dissemination campaign to increase public awareness as to the following:
 - a. Origin of the Disease;
 - b. How it spreads;
 - c. Who can be affected;
 - d. what are the effects;



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- e. What are the symptoms;
 - f. How to prevent the spread of the Disease
 - g. Are there any cure/vaccines for the same; among others.
2. To monitor the influx of migratory avian species/ birds or any other live stocks/ aquatic resource into the city:
 - a. Identify areas within the city where migratory birds/ livestock/ aquatic resource converge, origin, sale and stay for the time being;
 - b. Identify inventory of pet stores, game and business establishments within the city, in the distribution and sale of imported/ local avian species/ livestock/ aquatic resource possibly infected with acquirable diseases.
 3. To obtain testing and research samples, in coordination with the appropriate National Government Agencies and International Organizations, from migratory birds/ live stocks/ aquatic resource and subject the same for proper examination for the purpose of determining whether or not a given or particular avian species or bird is infected with the virus.
 4. To recommend measures for the identification and containment of affected birds/ live stocks/ aquatic resource and the treatment and cure of infected individuals
 5. And other duties that maybe necessary for the proper implementation of the plans and programs of the task force.

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SECTION 75. Specific Functions Of Task Force Members:

Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) – In charge of animal movement and animal population survey output.

- Formulation and strict implementation of city ordinances, in order to protect the public against the spread of diseases, transmissible from animals to human or vice-versa.
- Identification of and spot mapping of critical areas and establishments wherein a significant disease may arise.
- Strict implementation of animal documentation either be a pet or companion animal, live stocks, meat, poultry or animal by-products, in order to ensure the safety of the public against zoonotic/infectious diseases.

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Public Order & Safety Office (P.O.S.O.)– Assist and perform necessary actions along with the Philippine National Police (P.N.P.) on human and animal movement and quarantine operations under the supervision of the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) and City Health Office (C.H.O.).

– Assist and provide security to the City Veterinary Office (C.V.O.) and City Health Office (C.H.O.) personnel on confiscation, condemnation and other related operations.

– Ensure orderliness of the public during confiscations, Condemnations and quarantine operations and observe humane implementation of existing national laws and city ordinances.

Association of Barangay Captains (A.B.C.) – In charge of the schedule and designation of, Barangay Health Workers (B.H.W.), Barangay Tanod and other local barangay officials during monitoring and surveillance of their locality.

– In charge of the public safety and order of their barangay and implement existing national and ordinances and assist and cooperate accordingly to the guidelines of the Task Force during quarantine operations.

– Immediately report to the Task Force suspected birds/livestock/wild animals and other privately/ corporate establishments that may pose a threat to the public within their jurisdiction.

– Help assist in Information and Education Campaign (I.E.C.) in their jurisdiction.

Environmental Sanitation Office (E.S.C.) – In charge of proper disposal of confiscated items or products, according to the guidelines of the City Veterinary Office (C.V.O.) and City Health Office (C.H.O.)

Public Information Office (P.I.O.) – In charge of Information dissemination and public relation activities and proper documentary of operational actions of the Muntinlupa City Animal Disease Prevention and Control Task Force (M.D.P.C.T.F.)

Business Permit Licensing Officer (B.P.L.O.) – Assist in the survey and provide information and other data needed by the City Veterinary Office and City Health Office on business establishments containing live animals sold as pets and or livestock or game arena/establishments, and any establishments that may contain hazardous chemicals or bio hazards that may pose a threat to the health and livelihood of the public.

Department of Education (D.E.C.S.) – In-charge of the I.E.C.'s (Information Education Campaign) on public and private school regarding important disease.

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- Include programs for disease prevention and control in school activities in all elementary, secondary student councils and campus organizations
- Participate actively in rabies prevention and control programs, and training activities initiated by government agencies/NGO in the community, and as part of their extension/co-curricular activities.
- Require schools to have special activities to increase awareness on Rabies Prevention Programs especially during Rabies Awareness Month in March and World Rabies Day on September 28 of every year.
- Participate actively during dog mass vaccination and registration campaign primarily through information dissemination.
- Continuously develop, update and adopt learning packaging to support the existing rabies education concepts/contents in the textbooks and other instructional material.
- Mobilize school health personnel to supplement and complement classroom instruction on rabies prevention/control messages and Responsible Pet Ownership to the students and parents.
- Integrate the concepts of rabies prevention, control and Responsible Pet Ownership in the Alternative Learning System.
- Integrate the concepts the importance of Meat Inspection Services in the Alternative learning System.

SECTION 76. Census - The Task Force shall conduct a census of all private or government owned establishment that may pose either chemical or biological hazards including animal-holding facilities in their premises. The data shall include the type of sanctuaries, pet shop, livestock (holding, breeding), meat or poultry shops, lechonan, slaughterhouses and any other related establishments, including their respective owner or operator, location, Good Management Practices (G.M.P.), disease control profiles, vaccination programs and practices and Veterinarian in charge.



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SECTION 77. Negative Reporting and Monitoring. The Barangay Health Workers (B.H.W.'s), Local office of the Department of Agriculture (D.A.) will submit their negative monitoring reports of the Concerned Disease on a monthly basis to the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) and City Health Office (C.H.O.).

SECTION 78. Assist in Surveillance. The Task Force shall assist the national government, or any office / bureaus that belong to the Department of Health (D.O.H.) or Department of Agriculture (D.A.), or any related national surveillance group in the conduct of sero-surveillance, national immunization programs or any other national programs pertaining to the health and safety of our local citizens. The Task Force shall assist the national government in enforcing requirements covering the rules and regulations regarding monitoring, surveillance, biosecurity and quarantine operations.

SECTION 79. Prohibition of Offer for Sale and/or Sale. It shall be prohibited for any person to offer for commerce, engage in trade or have in possession any exotic species of wildlife, banned or regulated aquatic resource; banned or regulated meat, poultry or any animal products / by-products of local or imported origin. Any person, corporation or establishment found in possession of the said above products shall be penalized in accordance to National laws and Local City Ordinances in coordination with the D.I.L.G.-L.G.U. Bureaus or the local P.N.P. Station or any other Local regulating offices.

SECTION 80. Other Prohibitions. The Task Force shall implement the following additional prohibitions to safeguard against infectious diseases of animal origin:

- a) Prohibition on offer for sale and sale of live animals in the Public markets or Super Markets.
- b) Prohibition on offer for sale of poultry, meat and any other animal products / by-products without proper inspection and certification of a certified meat inspector, veterinarian, or any other regulating personnel.
- c) Prohibition of mixing chickens, ducks, pigs, and any other animals together at the same pens.
- d) Prohibition of animals to roam freely on public places in and will be penalized in accordance to existing national and city ordinances.

Chapter 7.
Rules in the Application of Penalties and Fines



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SECTION 81. Opposing, Resisting, Intervening With Authorities - It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to oppose, harass, intimidate, assault, impede, resist or otherwise interfere with the OCV personnel when conducting their respective duty and responsibility, City Meat Inspection Board, Muntinlupa City Animal Disease Prevention and Control Task Force (M.C.A.D.P.C.T.F.) or any of their authorized deputies in the performance of their duties. Any person opposing, resisting, harassing, intimidating, assaulting, impeding or otherwise interfering the Animal Control Officers, Animal Vaccination and Registration Officers, Deputized Meat Inspector, Designated Meat Inspectors, Field Meat Inspectors, document checkers, Members of the Muntinlupa City Disease Prevention and Control Task Force (M.A.D.P.C.T.F.) or any allied personnel in coordination with the OCV shall be penalized with a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) or imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year and community service of seven (7) working days.

SECTION 82. Alternative Penalties - For first time violations with penalty of not more than One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00), the following sanctions may be prescribed in case of insolvency or inability to pay:

- (a) Violator must render four (4) hours of community service as may be directed by the OCV; or
- (b) Spiritual counseling if the violator is physically unfit to render community service; or
- (c) Blood donation in case that the violator is unfit to donate blood, he/she shall find a substitute in his/her behalf.

SECTION 83. Meting Out Of Penalties - Whenever applicable, the following rules shall apply in meting out penalties:

- (a) If the offender is below fifteen (15) years of age, the natural parents or legal guardian shall be required to pay the fine or suffer the penalty or render the alternative penalty in case of inability to pay.
- (b) If the offender's age is between fifteen (15) to eighteen (18) years old, the natural parents or guardians shall likewise be required to pay the fine. However, in case of inability to pay the fine, the offender himself/herself shall personally serve the alternative penalty.
- (c) If the offender is more than eighteen (18) years of age, the fine or alternative penalty in case of insolvency shall personally be imposed on the offender.
- (d) If the offender is a juridical person, its manager, partner, proprietor/owner or other responsible officer shall serve the alternative penalty in case of inability to pay.

SECTION 84. Citation Ticket - The City Veterinary Office will issue a Citation Ticket to all kinds of fines, fees or any forms of penalties implemented as mentioned in Section 49 to 56 by this act. The Violations covered by a corresponding Citation Ticket shall be governed by the following rules:



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- (a) The City Veterinary Office will apply a no touch apprehension to any person who violates this act.
- (b) Citation Tickets shall be settled within seventy two (72) hours upon receipt.
- (c) For failure or refusal to make the necessary corrective measures within the prescribed period in case of warning citations, the violator shall be liable for the maximum imposable penalty for the infraction.
- (d) In case of failure or refusal to pay the corresponding fine cited in the ticket within the specified period, the City Mayor shall direct the City Legal Officer to initiate within twenty four (24) hours, proceedings against the violator.
- (e) Any person who is convicted by the court for refusing to pay the fine shall be penalized with an additional fine of not more than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per year of noncompliance and imprisonment of not more than one (1) year or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 85. Penalties For Other Offenses - The conviction of any person for any offense under this Code shall not bar prosecution for any other offense which may have been committed by such person, concurrently with the commission of the offense for which he/she was convicted or in doing the act or series of acts which constituted the offense for which he/she was convicted.

Chapter 8.
Magna Carta of Public Health Workers

SECTION 86. Coverage - The City Veterinarian Office Personnel are allied professionals performing public health services to ensure disease prevention and food safety for the public; hence, making a healthy society.

All City Veterinarian Office Personnel are Public Health Workers and are hereby entitled to receive Hazard Pay, Subsistence, Night Shift Differential and Laundry Allowance as stated under the Magna Carta For Public Health Workers or any other benefits as stated on Republic Act 7305.

SECTION 87. Hazard Pay - All Public Health Workers (all City Veterinarian Personnel as per statement of the coverage) exposed to risk are covered by the Hazard Pay as stated to the Administrative Order 125, series of 2003.

Payment of Hazard Pay shall be in accordance to the percentage indicated opposite each Salary Grade. However, computation will be based on the actual present salary received by the PHW (Public Health Worker).

SALARY GRADE	PERCENTAGE OF HAZARD
1 - 19	25% (of basic pay)
20 and up	5% (of basic pay)



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SECTION 88. Subsistence Allowance - All public Health Workers covered under RA 7305 are eligible to receive full Subsistence allowance, as long as they render actual duty.

Public Health Workers shall be entitled to full Subsistence Allowance of three (3) meals which may be computed in accordance with prevailing circumstances as determined by the Secretary of Health in consultation with the Management-Health Workers Consultative Council, as established under Section 33 of the RA 7305.

Those Public Health Workers who are out of station shall be entitled to per diems in place of Subsistence Allowance. Subsistence Allowance may also be commuted.

Public Health Workers shall be granted subsistence allowance based on the number of meals/days included in the duration when they rendered actual work including their regular duties, overtime work or on-call duty as defined in its revised IRR.

SECTION 89. Laundry Allowance - All Public Health Workers covered under RA 7305 are eligible to receive Laundry Allowance if they are required to wear uniforms regularly.

The Laundry Allowance shall be One hundred and Fifty Pesos (Php150.00) per month. This shall be paid on a monthly basis regardless of the actual work rendered by the Public Health Worker.

**Chapter 9.
Final Provisions**

SECTION 90. Allocation Of Funds - All fees, permits, fines and penalties, collected in any way pursuant to this act will be allocated or transferred to the Budget of the Office of the City Veterinarian for the current year of sustainability, enhancement and achievement of the objectives envision in this act.

SECTION 91. Separability Clause - For any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconditional or unconstitutional or inconsistent with any national laws, other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be full force and effect.

If the violation is committed by an alien, he or she shall be immediately deported after service of sentence without any further proceeding.

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SECTION 92. Repealing Clause - All Ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent with any provision of this Code are hereby repealed or modified accordingly. Should there be existing general or special Ordinances which were inadvertently excluded in the codification process during the formulation of this Code, they shall continue to be in full force and effect provided that they are not in conflict with or contrary to the provisions of this Code.

SECTION 93. Implementing Guidelines - The OCV, in coordination with other concerned City Government agencies, is hereby tasked to promulgate the implementing guidelines for the effective enforcement of the provisions of this Code.

SECTION 94. Effectivity Clause - This Code shall take effect upon publication once in a newspaper of general circulation and posted for three (3) consecutive weeks in conspicuous places within the City.

ENACTED, by the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod this 27th day of March 2017, on its 32nd Regular Session.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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