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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 2025-08 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 2025-08 entitled: **“An Ordinance Regulating the Ownership of Pet Dogs and Cats and the Control of Rabies in the Municipality of Hilongos.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance with its power under Section 447(a)(4)(viii)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
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¹(viii) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

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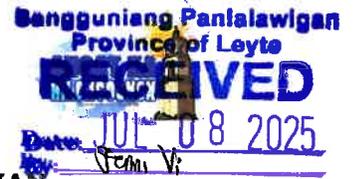
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The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-08** of the **Municipality of Hilongos, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance regulating the ownership of pet dogs and cats and the control of rabies in the Municipality of Hilongos.**”


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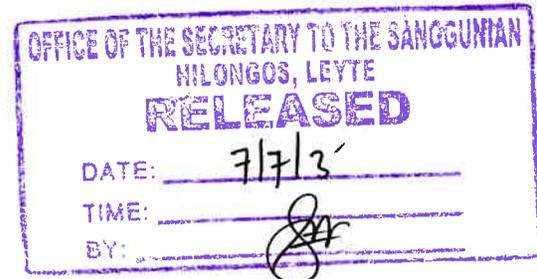
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Sir:

Greetings!

Respectfully forwarding fifteen (15) copies of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-08: "An Ordinance Regulating the Ownership of Pet Dogs and Cats and the Control of Rabies in the Municipality of Hilongos"**, with attached to wit:

- a) Minutes of the Public Hearing
- b) Certificate of Posting

Hoping for its approval, I am.

Very respectfully yours,


CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OWNERSHIP OF PET DOGS AND CATS AND THE CONTROL OF RABIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF HILONGOS

Authored by: **HON. RICHARD BENEDICT V. OGARIO**
Chairperson, Committee on Barangay Affairs

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, xxx promote healthy and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology xxx preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 447 on the Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation paragraph 4 (viii) of the same code expressly empowers the Sangguniang Bayan to provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

WHEREAS, the United States of America's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) declared that "pet waste provides a nitrogen source for algae blooms, which deplete the water of oxygen and can make people and animals sick. Pet waste left on the street is washed down into water ways like rivers, bays and beaches. This can make people sick from salmonella, E. coli and other infections;

WHEREAS, in the Municipality of Hilongos, there are lots of cases that accidents occurred on the roads because of dogs and cats as well as there are reported number of serious injuries that results from animal bites;

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Hilongos is committed to protect the health and well-being of its constituents, while at the same time ensuring that responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals be practiced by the people;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9482, also known as Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 establishes the legal framework for the prevention and eradication of rabies in the Philippines. It mandates that pet owners have their dogs vaccinated against rabies on regular basis. It also requires Local Government Units to maintain dog impounding facilities and to carry out regular impounding operations for stray and unvaccinated dogs;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8485, also known as Animal Welfare Act, as amended by RA 10631 promotes the humane treatment of all animals. It obliges local government units to develop and implement policies that prevent animal abuse and neglect, and to manage stray animal populations using humane methods. The law also prescribes penalties for violations of animal welfare standards;

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NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Richard Benedict V. Ogario as duly seconded by Hon. Cecille Antoinette C. Sabrido, Hon. Bernadeth M. Nerves and Hon. Cris Antonio B. Ong;

BE IT ENACTED by the 16th Sangguniang Bayan of Hilongos, Leyte, in a regular session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This ordinance shall be known as "An Ordinance Regulating the Ownership of Pet Dogs and Cats and the Control of Rabies in the Municipality of Hilongos.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It is hereby declared policy of the Local Government of Hilongos to protect and promote the right to health of the people thereby there must be a system for the control, prevention on the spread and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies especially on dogs and cats.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS - For purposes of this ordinance, the terms are hereby defined as follows:

- a) Bitten - refers to an act by which a dog/cat seizes, cuts or grips with its teeth so that the skin of a person has been wounded, pierced or scratched;
- b) Cat - in the context of pet ownership, it refers to a feline animal kept as a companion, typically providing affection, entertainment and companionship while requiring less attentive compared to other pets like dogs, often seen as relatively independent creatures who enjoy exploring and playing on their own terms, but can still form strong bonds with their owners.
- c) Dog - refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order carnivora (male or female) scientifically known as canis familiaris;
- d) Dog Catcher - an official or employee who rounds up and impounds stray dogs in a community.
- e) Impound - refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law;
- f) Municipal Animal Welfare Officer - is designated by the local government unit who will take charge of all animal welfare concerns within its area of jurisdiction.
- g) Owner - refers to any person keeping, harbouring or having charge, care or control of a pet including his/her representative
- h) Pet - any animal which is domesticated or considered tame, restrained, confined, or under the control of its owner or the one in possession thereof;
- i) Pound - refers to a public facility or enclosure intended for stray or confiscated animals to maintain temporary custody managed by the local government unit.
- j) Public Place - refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, market, streets, etc.
- k) Rabies - refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and acrophobia and other neurological manifestations;
- l) Rabies Transmission - refers to the transmission or passage of the rabies virus through contamination with virus-laden saliva on breaks in

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- the skin and of mucous membranes such as the eyes, lips, mouth or the genital organs.
- m) Rabies Vaccination of Humans - refers to the inoculation of humans with modern day rabies vaccines or rabies immunoglobulin by a trained doctor or nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioners.
 - n) Rabies Vaccination of Dog - refers to the inoculation of a dog with a rabies vaccine by a licensed government or private veterinarian or trained individual under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;
 - o) Stray Animal - refers to dogs and cats which has left its owner's place or premises and no longer under the effective control of the owner.
 - p) Euthanasia - or commonly known as "mercy killing" refers to the process of inducing humane and painless death to animals.

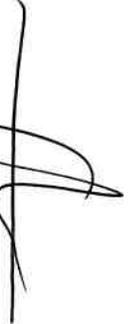
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SECTION 4. REGISTRATION, IMMUNIZATION AND LICENSING OF DOGS AND CATS

All dogs and cats over three (3) months old raised within the Municipality of Hilongos shall be registered at the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist thru the Municipal Animal Welfare and shall keep registry book of all licensed dogs and cats describing the breed, color and sex and shall also enter on the register book the names and addresses of the owners/keepers and number of license tag.

4.1. OFFICIAL CARD - An Official Card shall be issued to every dog or cat registered. However, no dog or cat shall be registered and issued an official card unless it has already been vaccinated against rabies by the Municipal Animal Welfare Officer or government or private veterinary practitioner. If the vaccination is made by the latter, an official certification to this effect shall be required for the issuance of the official card.

4.2. FEES - For the registration of licensing of dogs and cats, the owner shall pay the following at the Office of the Municipal Treasurer:

Registration fee - P 100.00

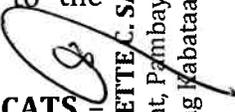
4.3. TIME OF PAYMENT - The fees indicated in 4.2 shall be paid to the Office of the Municipal Treasurer upon registration or renewal of the License Certificate of its anniversary date.

4.4. RENEWAL OF OFFICIAL CARD - Official Card issued to registered dogs or cats shall be renewed on or before its anniversary and shall be issued only after said dogs and cats have been vaccinated against rabies.

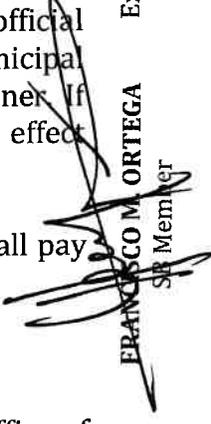
SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DOG OWNER - All dog owners shall be required to:

- a) Have their dog/cat regular vaccinated against rabies and maintain a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their dog or cat for accurate record purposes;
- b) Submit their dogs/cats for mandatory registration;
- c) Responsible in taking care of their dogs and cats and properly disposing of its waste, to include their proper grooming, adequate food and have clean shelter;
- d) Maintain control over their dog and cat and not allow to roam the streets or any public places without a leash;

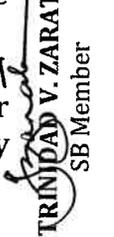
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- e) The owner of the dog and cat which has bitten any person and the person has been bitten shall within 24 hours of the occurrence, report to the Municipal Health Officer, Barangay Official and police officer for investigation and place such dog or cat under observation;
- f) Assist dog/cat bite victim immediately and shoulder the medical expenses incurred and other incidental expenses relative to the victim's injuries, unless the bite was inflicted by a restrained and registered dog or cat or had occurred within the owner's enclosed premises, in which case arrangements shall be made between the owner and the bitten victim except if the victim is a trespasser or a fugitive from law.

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SECTION 6. Owners whose dogs or cats are found to be urinating or defecating on another person's property or on streets, sidewalks and other public places shall properly collect and dispose the excreta left behind. Failure of the dog/cat owner to collect and dispose the waste shall be penalized in accordance with Section 17 hereof.

SECTION 7. Dogs/cats are required to be kept in homes or enclosed premises by the owner. It is hereby declared unlawful for any dog/cat owner to his dog/cat wandering or roaming around the municipality without the presence or control of the owner or his representative thereby causing destruction to plants and property of another, or posing danger to health and safety of the people.

As to stray dogs or cats, it shall be seized and deposited at the designated impounding area. Impounded dogs/cats maybe redeemed only upon payment of the corresponding impounding fee of Three Hundred (P 300.00) Pesos.

SECTION 8. DESIGNATION OF A MUNICIPAL DOG/CAT IMPOUND SHELTER - Stray dogs and cats shall be impounded in a designated pounding area of the Local Government Unit of Hilongos and properly disposed of taking into consideration in the following guidelines:

- (a) Unregistered, stray or unvaccinated dogs/cats shall be impounded and kept in the LGU's designated dog/cat pound;
- (b) Impounded dogs not claimed after three (3) days from the impounding area shall be placed for adoption to qualified persons with the assistance of the Animal Welfare NGO, when feasible, otherwise it shall be disposed of in a manner authorized by A.O. 13 Series of 2010 as amended by A.O. 9 Series of 2011 (Revised Rules and Regulations on the Euthanasia of Animals).

8.1. ENCLOSURE HOUSING FOR DOGS AND CATS - There shall be a separate enclosure housing for cats and dogs known as primary enclosure, wherein dogs and cats are confined where they can eat, sleep and a temporary stay.

Moreover, the Primary Enclosure as to its structure must be in consonance with the Administrative Circular 03, Series of 2015 of the Department of Agriculture which also includes its care and maintenance. As to impounded dogs or cats who died, it shall be removed and disposed of within 24 hours after death.

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SECTION 9. ADOPTION/ DISPOSAL IF IMPOUNDED STRAY DOGS/CATS – Dogs or cats being confined within three (3) days in the impounding area can be adopted by any person provided he will pay for the registration and impounding fee of the animal and provided further, he can provide proper and appropriate care and management to the animal. However, in case of the dog/cat's sickness/death, they are to be killed in a humane procedure. This is in consonance with Section 9 of Republic Act 9482, otherwise known as the Anti-rabies Act of 2007.

However, upon the expiry of the holding period, if no one claims of the captured dogs or no one adopts them, then the dog/pet catchers may euthanize the said animal.

SECTION 10. INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION CAMPAIGN – The LGU Hilongos thru the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist shall undertake educational and promotional campaigns on responsible pet ownership.

SECTION 11. DESIGNATION OF A MUNICIPAL ANIMAL WELFARE DESK AND MUNICIPAL ANIMAL WELFARE OFFICER – The Local Government of Hilongos will establish a Municipal Animal Welfare Desk and the Municipal Animal Welfare Officer who is preferably a Licensed Veterinarian who will be under the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist and will be responsible for rescuing and seizing animals that are maltreated and arrest those who violate animal welfare laws. Further, in coordination with the barangay conduct annual inventory and establish database of all animal facilities in the locality and identify establishments with and without business permit.

The designated Municipal Animal Welfare Officer shall coordinate with the Deputized Animal Welfare Officer of the Department of Agriculture, Regional Office No. VIII, from the Philippine National Police/ National Bureau of Investigation and if applicable to NGOs/ Pos to undertake the following functions"

- a) Facilitate the approval of Ordinance/ Executive Order for the implementation of animal welfare programs;
- b) Enforce all laws and regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals and promotion of animal welfare;
- c) Advise the Local Chief Executive on all matters pertaining to the Improvements of animal welfare and;
- d) Provide assistance to the Department of Agriculture, Regional Office, Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation and deputized animal welfare enforcement officers from the NGOs/Pos in animal welfare enforcement, to include animal facility inspection.

Moreover, the designated Municipal Animal Welfare Officer shall in coordination with the established Local PNP Animal Welfare Desk, are tasked to undertake the following:

Receive complaints on animal abuse, cruelty and/or any violations of the Animal Welfare Act;

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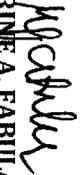
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- a) Respond and rescue animal cruelty cases;
- b) Report such animal welfare violations to the nearest Local PNP Animal Welfare Desk;
- c) Coordinate with the DA Regional Office/ Deputized Regional Animal Welfare officer and to the nearest Local PNP Animal Welfare Desk on animal response and rescue; and
- d) Where necessary, take custody of rescued animals and surrender to the nearest LGU animal pound shelter.

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SECTION 12. ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE (BARWC) – The Barangay Animal Welfare Committee (BAWRC) which, in coordination with the PNP Designated Animal Welfare Officer, shall enforce all laws and regulations on the prevention of cruelty to animals and promotion of their welfare in the barangay. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson – Punong Barangay

- a) Barangay Kagawad to be designated as Barangay Animal Welfare Officer
- b) Two (2) Barangay Tanods

The BAWRC shall coordinate with the designated Municipal Animal Welfare Officer on matters relating to animal enforcement and rescue and all other activities pertaining to animal welfare,

SECTION 13. DESIGNATION OF DOG CATCHERS – The Local Government of Hilongos will designate and form a task force as dog catchers who are authorize to catch strays and/or loose dogs/cats running around in public using humane methods. Owned dogs out in public that are under the control and supervision of their owner to roam the streets without a leash and without his owner, owned dog is just outside owner's gate but with no leash accidentally run out are immediately considered strays and are to be captured for the public safety. Moreover, dog catchers do not need to ask permission from the owner to catch and impound the dogs.

SECTION 14. ACTS CONSTITUTING ILLEGAL/ IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF A DEAD DOG/CAT:

Throwing it along the roadside, in the river, setting it on fire or burning it, dumping it in the trash or garbage area, burying it without clearance from the In-charge in the Local Government.

- 1. Criteria for the Dog/Cat catchers – The Dog/Cat catchers must:

- a) Matured individual that shall demonstrate empathy and act humanely towards dogs and cats in general;
- b) One who has completed training on humane handling of animals conducted by experts on the field;
- c) Courteous to the public
- d) Preferably in uniform with visible personal identification

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2. Equipment needed – The equipment needed are the following:

- a) Pole Nets – a device that is used to capture moving dogs or cats, wherein the net shall be deep enough to be twisted to fully restrain the dog.
- b) Loop Pole – a device that allows restraining a dog while maintaining a safe distance.
- c) Cage Trap – a device that is used for elusive dogs and cats.

SECTION 15. ESTABLISHMENT OF A CEMETERY – There shall be a Dog/Cat cemetery to be established which provides a venue for disposing of dogs/cats that can also be victims of accidents or need to be humanely terminated and buried where dogs/cats are inflicted with an incurable communicable disease as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian.

SECTION 16. RECORD OF IMPOUNDMENT – The Office of the Municipal Agriculturist shall keep a record of impoundment and disposition of dogs under the control of the Municipal Pound Shelter and shall record the relevant dates, names and addresses of persons to whom any dogs are released.

SECTION 17. PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THE IMPOUNDMENT OF DOGS/CATS – The Municipal Animal Welfare Officer will advise the barangays in writing on the conducted stray dogs/cats control operation in their vicinity which such information will be posted on the barangay bulletin board.

SECTION 18. DEPUTATION – The Barangay Chairperson thru the BAWRC of every barangay is hereby deputized to apprehend violators of Section 6 and 7 hereof. The barangay may take into custody stray animals in their respective barangays and forward the same to the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist for proper inventory and disposition in accordance to this ordinance.

SECTION 19. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - An Implementing Rules and Regulations will be implemented by the Executive Department thru the Office of the Municipal Mayor after the Municipal Ordinance is declared valid by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

SECTION 20. PENALTIES – The penalties are the following:

- a) Dog owners who refuse to put leashes on their dogs when they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of P2,500.00
- b) Dog owners who refuse to have their dog put under observation, after the said dog has bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of P2,500.00
- c) Dog owners who refuse their dog vaccinated against rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination of both the dog and the individual bitten by their dog
- d) Dog owners who fail or refuse to have their dog registered and immunized against rabies shall be punished with a fine of P2,500.00
- e) Dog owners who fail to collect and dispose the excreta of pet animals:
 - a. First Offense-P500.00
 - b. Second Offense-P700.00
 - c. Third Offense-P 1,000.00

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SECTION 21. FUNDING – An amount shall be appropriated under Special Purpose Appropriation in the Annual Budget for the purpose of this ordinance.

SECTION 22. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any section or part of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other section or provisions not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 24. EFFECTIVITY – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and upon compliance of the posting and publication requirements as prescribed under the Local Government Code.

ENACTED this 17th day of March, 2025 during the 10th Regular Session of the 16 Sangguniang Bayan.


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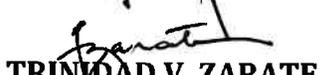
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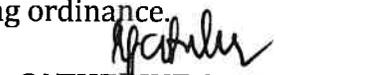

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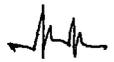

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Ex-Officio Member/President,
Pambayang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


CATHERINE A. FABULAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

ALINE B. REOMA
Sangguniang Bayan Member/
Deputy Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

MANUEL R. VILLAHERMOSA
Municipal Mayor
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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OWNERSHIP OF DOGS AND CATS PRESCRIBING RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THEIR PROPER CARE IN ORDER TO CONTROL AND ELIMINATE RABIES AND ANIMAL WASTES IN PUBLIC PLACES, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 AT 1:30 IN THE AFTERNOON, SB SESSION HALL OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, HILONGOS, LEYTE.

In attendance:

(see attached sheet for attendance)

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The hearing was convened at 2:26 in the afternoon with a prayer led by the Secretariat. Thereafter, Hon. Ogario then expressed gratitude to all attendees for their presence and proceeded to present the proposed ordinance.

Hon. Ogario, the author of the ordinance, shared that this ordinance was created in response to incidents involving dogs, such as dog bites and accidents caused by stray or unattended dogs, which pose both a safety risk and an inconvenience to the public.

In Section 4, Hon. Ogario clarified that every dog will be assigned a dog tag bearing a serial number to serve as an identification tag for health reference and vaccination records. This will make it easier to trace the owner of dogs or cats involved in accidents or causing inconveniences.

Mr. Vasquez clarified that the serial number assigned to the dogs will be valid for the dog's lifetime. Hon. Ogario further explained that the dog will be registered only once, and the registration process will be conducted at the barangay or possibly through a house-to-house registration.

Ms. Neri commented that dogs that are 3 months old should already be registered and vaccinated, as rabies vaccination is typically administered between 3 to 4 months of age.

In Section 5, Hon. Ogario emphasized the responsibilities of dog owners, including ensuring their dogs are regularly vaccinated against rabies, mandatory registration, proper disposal of dog waste, assisting dog bite victims, and covering the medical expenses of the victim.

In Section 8, Hon. Ogario emphasized that each household or institution is permitted to own up to five registered and vaccinated dogs. However, owning more than five dogs or cats is allowed, provided that the owner pays a fine of 500 pesos for each excess dog or cat. He explained that this provision was included to discourage owners from having too many pets, as they may struggle to properly care for them, potentially leading to disturbances to the neighbors.

In response, the following suggestions were made:

- 200 every 3 months, as 500 monthly would be too costly, especially for owners who already have more than 5 pets
- 500 per quarter instead of monthly
- No fines, but strict enforcement of the ordinance should be implemented

Hon. Reoma explained that the fine was set on a monthly basis so that if a pet were to pass away during the month, the owner would not have to pay the fine. This measure was implemented to regulate pet ownership and encourage responsible care for pets. She clarified that the 500 pesos fine for owning more than 5 pets applies per household.

Ms. Alcuino highlighted that one of the main causes of accidents in Hilongos related to dogs. In response, she expressed her full support for the ordinance and emphasized her hope for its effective implementation to reduce such incidents in the future.

Mr. Vasquez from the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist mentioned that their office carries out dog castration every September. This initiative helps reduce the number of stray dogs, especially for owners who can no longer care for their dogs.

In **Section 9**, Hon. Ogario explained that a designated Municipal Dog Impound Shelter will be established in Bagumbayan. He emphasized that impounded dogs that are not claimed within three days or are not adopted may be euthanized by the catchers.

Hon. Ogario also shared that he had spoken with Atty. Peñarada, the proponent of the ordinance in Baybay City, who confirmed that euthanasia is allowed under the Animal Welfare Act. Dogs or cats that are not claimed or adopted within the designated period will be euthanized. This measure was put in place because the LGU cannot provide for the animals' meals, and to prevent the impound shelter from becoming overcrowded.

In **Section 13**, Hon. Ogario shared that the LGU will hire a Veterinarian as the Municipal Welfare Officer, who will be responsible for rescuing and seizing maltreated animals, as well as arresting those who violate animal welfare laws.

In **Section 14**, Hon. Ogario emphasized that dogs owned by individuals, whether under their control and supervision while out in public or roaming the streets without a leash and without their owner, as well as owned dogs outside the owner's gate but without a leash who accidentally run out, are considered strays. These dogs are to be captured by dog catchers for public safety. He also emphasized that dog catchers do not need to ask for permission from the owner to catch and impound the dogs.

With no further matters to discuss, the hearing was adjourned at 3:45 in the afternoon, concluding with a productive discussion on the proposed ordinance.

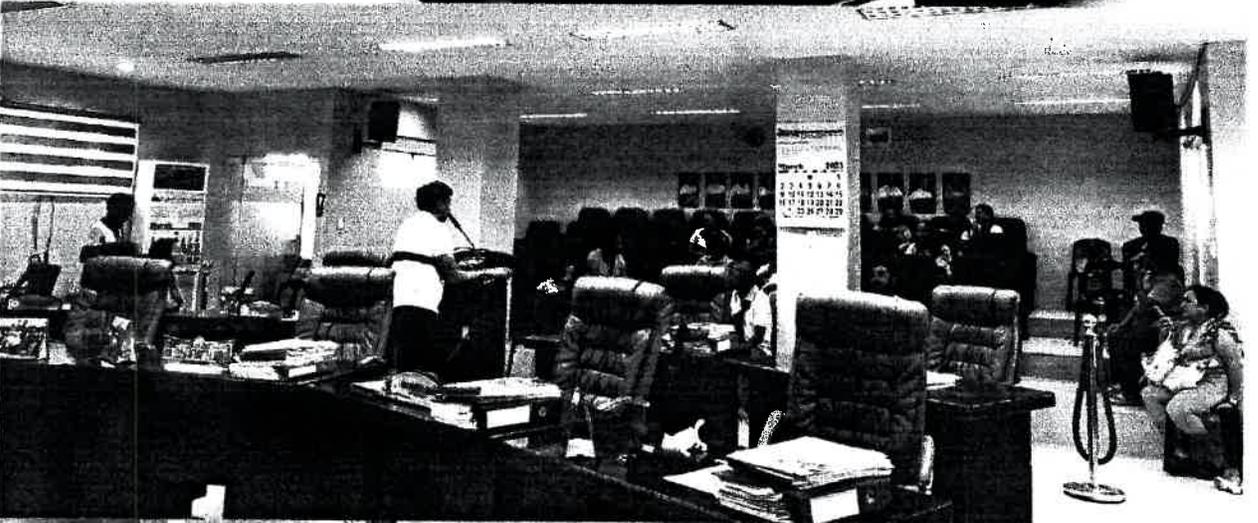
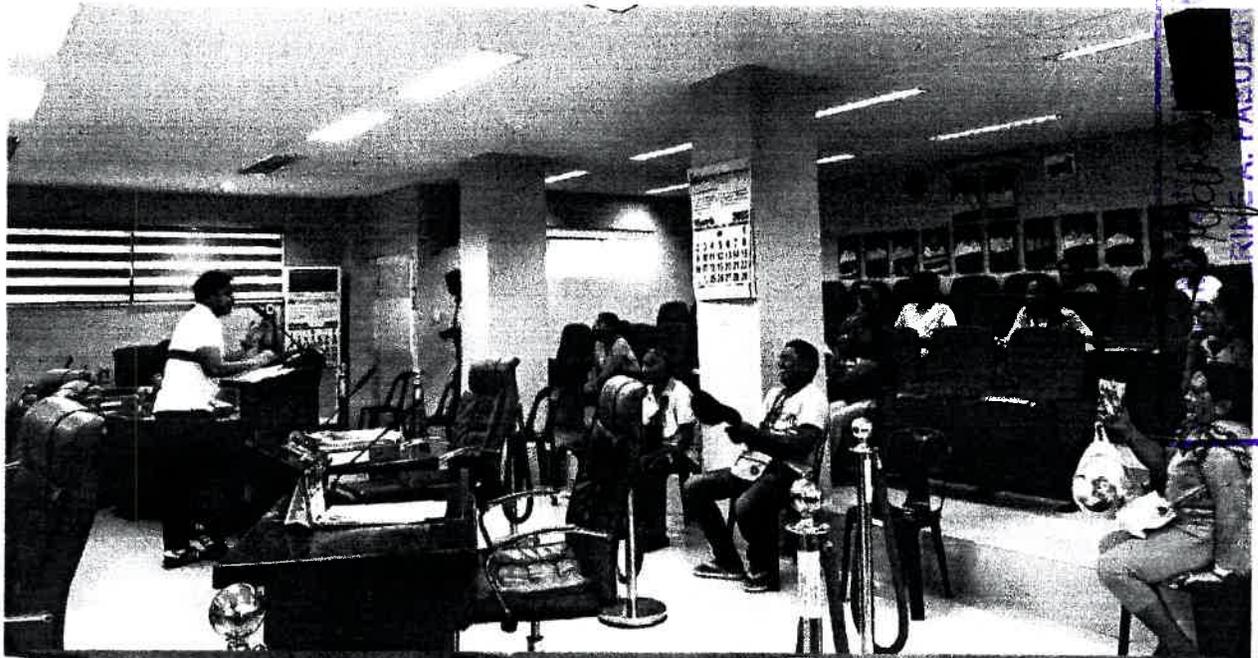
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Secretariat

Concurred by:


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ATTENDANCE SHEET

Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 1:30 in the afternoon, 80 session Hall of the legislative Building, Brgy. Western Substation, Hilongos, Leyte.

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Jocelyn B. Payao	BHW		✓	Brgy Western	JPayao
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Angelica Joy Libres			✓	Brgy Lamak	A. Libres
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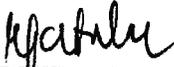
CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that a copy of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-08: "An Ordinance Regulating the Ownership of Pet Dogs and Cats and the Control of Rabies in the Municipality of Hilongos"** was posted in three (3) conspicuous places within the Municipality of Hilongos pursuant to paragraph (a) of Article 114 of RA 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

FURTHER, this certify that the undersigned has duly complied the said provision from March 31, 2025 up to April 10, 2025.

ISSUED this 11th day of April, 2025 in Hilongos, Leyte, Philippines.


CATHERINE A. FABULAR, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian