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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 20 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte.

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

- Ordinance No. 20 entitled: **“Rabies Control Ordinance.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Sections 447(a)(4)(viii) and (5)(xii)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160). However, it is noted that the penalties on Section 21 of the proposed Ordinance are in direct contravention to Section 447(a)(1)(iii)² of the same Code. Hence, further review of the Ordinance is recommended.

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;

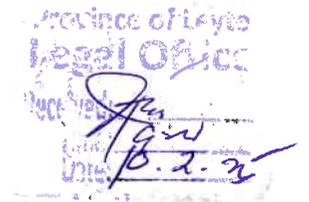
(xii) Approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases;

² (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pesos (P2,500.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both in the discretion of the court, for the violation of a municipal ordinance;

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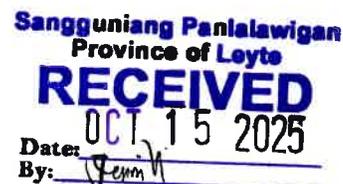
The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No.20, s. 2025** of the **Municipality of Villaba, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance providing compulsory registration and vaccination of all pet dogs and cats three (3) months old and above, control and proper disposal of stray dogs and cats within the Municipality of Villaba, establishing of dog and cat pound, promote responsible pet ownership (RPO), creation of Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council, providing further its penalties and appropriating funds thereof.**


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October 15, 2025

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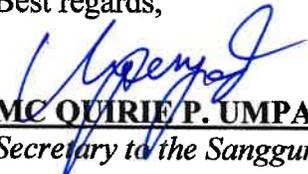
Hon. Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members;

In relation to our letter of transmittal for review of **Municipal Ordinance No. 20, S-2025** – entitled “**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPULSORY REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION OF ALL PET DOGS AND CATS THREE (3) MONTHS OLD ABOVE, CONTROL AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF STRAY DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, ESTABLISHING OF DOG AND CAT POUND, PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP (RPO), CREATION OF MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL, PROVIDING FURTHER, ITS PENALTIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**”, and **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 22, S. 2025** “**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE VILLABA MUNICIPAL PORT, IMPOSING REGULATORY FEES ON THE VESSELS, PASSENGERS, AND VEHICLES AT BRGY. SILAD PORT**”, the undersigned undertake to submit the proof of publication within twenty (20) days from receipt of this letter.

Hoping for your favorable cooperation.

Thank you.

Best regards,


MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD, J.D.
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October 1, 2025

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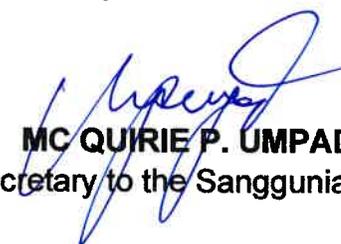
We respectfully transmit herewith sixteen (16) original copies of:

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For your review and approval.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,


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September 25, 2025

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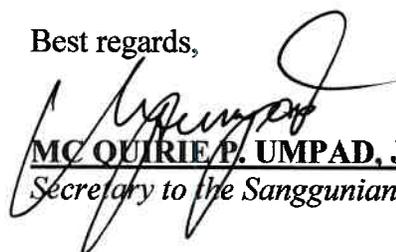
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Authored by:
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Prefatory Statement

Rabies is a human infection that occurs after a transdermal bite or scratch by an infected animal, like dogs and cats. It is transmitted when an infectious material, usually saliva, comes into direct contact with a victim's lesions. Rabies is considered a neglected disease of poor and vulnerable populations and remains to be a public problem which is fatal though preventable through vaccination.

Section 2 of the Republic Act No. 9482, known as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, states that it is the declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people. Towards this end, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible pet ownership established.

Republic Act 9482, also known as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, shall be adopted by the Municipal Government in support to the program of the national government. This is a law enacted to eliminate human and animal rabies in the country.

Section 16 of RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that local government units shall ensure and support the promotion of health and safety of its inhabitants.

Section 447 (a)(1) of the Local Government Code states that the Sangguniang Bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient and effective municipal government.

Aimed at reducing the public's risk and deaths caused by rabies and discourage the traditional practice of treating animal bites, thus, the passage of this ordinance.

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Now, Therefore, on motion by the Hon. Jamel O. Gonzales, duly seconded en masse, Be it

Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba in session assembled that:

Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “**Rabies Control Ordinance**”.

Section 2. DEFINITION. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be construed to mean:

1. Dog - an animal belonging to the species “*Canis Familiarias*” of the carnivore or flesh-eating animals.
2. Cat – a small, carnival mammal belonging to the species “*Felis Catus*”.
3. Pet- should any of the two; dog or cat.
4. Owner/possessor - any person keeping, harboring or having control or in charge of the animal. The occupant of any premises where a dog can be found shall be deemed to be the owner/possessor of such animal unless the contrary is proven.
5. Vaccination - the administration of an approved anti-rabies vaccine to an animal, particularly dogs.
6. Stray Dogs - refers to any dog leaving its Owner’s place or premise and no longer under the effective control of the owner.
7. Stray Cat- is a domesticated cat (*Felis Catus*) that has been lost or abandoned and is now living on its own in the streets or public areas, without a permanent home or owner.
8. Pound - refers to a public enclosure for stray animals.
9. Impound - refers to seized and hold in the custody of the law.
10. Vicious- refers to a dangerously aggressive rabid dog.

Section 3. ORGANIZATION/ REVITALIZATION OF MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL (MRPCC) AND BARANGAY RABIES CONTROL COUNCIL (BRCC).

Immediately after the effectivity of this Ordinance, the municipality shall undertake to organize the council patterned as much as possible to its own set-up, headed by the Municipal Mayor and the Barangay Chairman, respectively.

Section 4. MUNICIPAL ANTI-RABIES TASK FORCE.

The Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council shall organize a Municipal Anti-Rabies Task Force that will serve as the executive arm and which shall directly implement the provision of the ordinance in the matter of impounding and disposal of stray or wanted dogs.

Section 5. DUTY OF THE BARANGAY CHAIRMAN AND OWNER/POSSESSOR OF DOGS AND CATS.

5.1 It shall be mandatory for the Barangay Chairman to conduct annual registration of all dogs and cats regardless of age, vaccination of dogs and cats three (3) months old and

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above under his jurisdiction, and submit the same to the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC).

5.2 It shall be the duty of every owner, custodian or caretaker to present the dog or cat in his possession or custody for vaccination when required by the authority and to facilitate the vaccination of the animal.

Section 6. REGISTRATION

6.1 The registration of dog/cat shall be mandatory without fee to be conducted by the Barangay.

6.2 The barangay as the registrar shall issue pet booklet for record and monitoring purposes.

6.3 The barangay shall be responsible for the production and issuance of the pet card/booklet using the below given format/template;



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PET VACCINATION RECORD



PET NAME: _____ AGE: _____ BREED: _____
OWNER'S NAME: _____ CONTACT NO. _____
BARANGAY: _____ REGISTRATION NO. _____ O.R.# _____

DATE	VACCINE	PRODUCT NAME	ADMINISTERED BY	NEXT APPOINTMENT
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Section 7. COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

7.1 All dogs and cats three (3) months of age and above shall be submitted by the owner/possessor to a licensed veterinarian or authorized official from the Municipal Agriculture Office for free anti-rabies vaccination, if the supplies warrant every year thereafter or as indicated on the label/literature of the vaccine. Vaccination fee may be imposed, if there be no government funds available or appropriated.

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7.2 The pet card/booklet issued by the Barangay Local Government Unit shall be presented upon the availment of free vaccination at the Municipal Agriculture Office.

7.3 Puppies and kittens below three (3) months old shall be confined in the house with a perimeter fence to avoid rabies infection.

7.4 During a free mass dog and cat vaccination campaign in high risks areas, in cooperation with the Provincial and/or Municipal Veterinary Office/and other agencies, mandatory submission of every pet for vaccination by its owner/possessor shall be implemented.

7.5 The vaccination shall commence every month of March of the year.

Section 8. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION AND PROVISION OF DISTINGUISHING COLLAR TAG.

8.1 Upon vaccination, a certificate of vaccination shall be issued by a licensed veterinarian or authorized official from the Municipal Agriculture Office to the owner/possessor who shall, at all times, be prepared to present the same to the proper authorities upon demand.

The certification shall have the following information:

- Owner/possessor name, address, and telephone number (if any)
- Pet's name
- Description of dog and cat (color, sex markings, age, name of species and breed)
- Vaccinator's signature
- Veterinarian's license number and address

8.2 A distinguishing vaccination collar tag shall be provided by the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council and shall be attached to the dog and cat at all times.

Section 9. COST OF VACCINE.

The Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC), Bantay Rabies sa Barangay (BRB) are hereby authorized to determine and collect a reasonable cost of the vaccine administered if the situation warrants it, which shall be borne by the owner/possessor of the dog and cat.

Section 10. ANIMAL CONTROL

10.1 Mandatory leashing or confinement of dog

- a. The owner shall provide a cage.
- b. A dog recently given birth shall be tethered or put in a cage for 15 days.
- c. A dog shall not be allowed to go outside the perimeter fence unrestrained or unleashed.

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d. A dog owner's house without a perimeter fence shall leash or restrain the dog at all times.

10.2 No animal shall be left astray

Plaza, market, transport terminal, school, offices, dump site, hospital, seaport, beach, resorts, sports center/ stadium shall be a NO STRAY ANIMAL ZONE. Only leashed or restrained dogs with dog tag or registration certificate accompanied by the owner or designate shall be allowed in these areas.

Section 11. NOTICE OF DEATH, LOSS OR TRANSFER.

It shall be the obligation of every owner/possessor to notify the Office of the Barangay Chairman or Municipal Mayor concerned of such death or transfer within period of three days, or, in case of loss, immediately thereafter.

Section 12. REPORTING AND MANAGEMENT OF BITING INCIDENTS

12.1 Any person who has bitten by a dog and cat shall, within twenty-four hours (24) after the incident, report the same to the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC) through the Bantay Rabies Task Forces and entered in the blotter report of the local police station.

12.2 Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (P.E.P.) and Post-exposure Treatment (P.E.T.)- must be handled by a Department of Health (DOH)- Accredited Animal Bite Treatment Center (ABTC). The ABTC shall be manned by a trained physician and nurse.

12.3 The ABTC must ensure the availability and adequate supply of WHO pre-qualified human Anti-Rabies vaccine at all times and shall coordinate with the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council and to the Inter- Local Health Zone for this purpose.

Section. 13. QUARANTINE CLEARANCE.

13.1 A clearance and/or certificate of anti-rabies vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian or authorized official from the Municipal Agriculture Office from the point of origin shall be a pre-requisite for any dog and cat entry in the Municipality of Villaba.

13.2 All shipping and transportation companies in the Municipality of Villaba or making entry into the Municipality are required to impose the provision in the preceding paragraph.

13.3 Violation of Section 13.1 and 13.2 of this Ordinance shall subject the transportation and shipping company of a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00) or imprisonment of one (1) month, or both and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Section 14. ESTABLISHMENT OF DOG /CAT POUND

14.1 Public pound shall be established either in Barangay or Municipal level and monitored under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian/authorized official from the Municipal Agricultural Office, the Mayor and/or Barangay Captain shall designate the site.

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14.2 Animal Catcher should be designated at the ratio of three (3) persons per pound. Vehicles shall be provided for every 8 hours services.

14.3 Pound Notice- Upon receipt of animal into the pound, the municipal pound officer shall advertise in the municipal/barangay hall a pound notice for 3 days.

The pound notice shall have the following information:

- a.) color and breed and other description of impounded dog
- b.) the date and time when the respective impound animal were caught
- c.) place and location

14.4 Impounding Fees - Shall be charged for each animal impounded.

- For each dog and cat - Php500.00

-For each pet not redeemed within 24 hours- an additional 50 pesos/day shall be imposed.

14.5 Impounded dogs/cats not claimed after three (3) days shall be placed for adoption to qualified and responsible persons. If not claimed within ten (10) days, impounded dogs /cats may be disposed in a manner authorized by law; RA 8485, otherwise known as AWA 1998.

14.6 Disposal of Impounded Dog/Cat- All animal impounded and those which were not adopted shall be humanely killed and disposed of properly by donating the healthy dogs and cats to research institution.

- a.) Stray dogs and cats should be removed from the community streets.
- b.) The Municipal Pound Officers shall supervise the daily round for picking up strays.
- c.) Strays shall be impounded for three (3) days to give owner enough time to redeem their animals.
- d.) Apprehended vicious animal maybe disposed at the discretion of the Municipal Pound Officers.
- e.) In case of death of the pet within 14 days from the time of bite, this shall be referred to RHU for examination and proper disposal.

Section 15. DISPOSAL OF STRAY/UNWANTED DOGS/CATS.

Upon the effectivity of this Ordinance, stray/unwanted dogs/cats shall be euthanized through lethal injection using barbiturates.

Section 16. COMMERCIAL RAISER

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Commercial dog raiser shall register all the dogs/cats in its custody. Raisers shall observe the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 (RA 8485). Commercial dog/cat raisers shall be under the supervision by the veterinarian or authorized official from the Municipal Agriculture Office. Mayor's permit or business permit for its commercial operation shall be secured.

Section 17. RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY OF OWNERS/ POSSESSORS.

Should a dog/cat, vaccinated or unvaccinated against rabies, cause injury to a person, whether through bite or non-bite, the owner/possessor of the animal shall be held responsible for the damages that they may cause, even with the animal's death or loss thereafter. The damages shall include, but not limited to, hospital bills, the cost of the human anti-rabies vaccine and funeral costs, in case of death of the victim, as certified by a government physician.

Section 18. PROPER DISPOSAL OF EUTHANIZED DOGS.

The carcass shall be buried six (6) feet below the ground.

Section 19. INFORMATION DRIVE ON RABIES.

The Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC) shall formulate and implement an information system to effectively inform the public of the provisions of this ordinance. An advocacy on Responsible Pet Ownership (RPO) must be strengthened at all levels.

Section 20. APPROPRIATIONS.

20.1 To carry out the provisions of this ordinance, the municipality shall provide funding based on 70% of total pet population for the operation of the Rabies Prevention and Control Council for the current fiscal year and a corresponding amount shall be earmarked for the initial acquisition of human and dog/cat anti-rabies vaccines, dog/cat tags, vaccination certificates and other necessary items.

20.2 The municipality shall also appropriate One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php100,000.00) as its counterpart in the implementation of the programs, projects, and activities relative to Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program (i.e. purchase of supplies, human and dog vaccines among others).

Section 21. PENALTY CLAUSE.

The penal provisions under Section 11 of Republic Act No. 9482, known as Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 is hereby duly adopted as integrative penalty clause of this Ordinance, as cited herein below:

- Pet Owners who fail or refuse to have their dog/cat registered and immunized against Rabies shall be punished by a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00).
- Pet Owners who refuse to have their dog/cat vaccinated against rabies shall be

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liable to pay for the vaccination of both the dog/cat and the individuals bitten by their dog/cat

- Pet Owners who refuse to have their dog/cat put under observation after said dog/cat has bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00)
- Pet Owners who refuse to have their Dog/Cat put under observation and do not shoulder the medical expenses of the person Bitten by their Dog/Cat shall be meted a fine of Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php25,000.00)
- Pet Owners who refuse to put leash on their Dogs/Cats when they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) for each incident.
- An impounded Dog/Cat shall be released to its Owner upon payment of a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) but not more than One Thousand Pesos (Php1,000.00)
- Any person found guilty of trading Dog/Cat for meat shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per Dog/Cat and subjected to imprisonment for one (1) to four (4) years.
- Any person found guilty of using electrocution as a method of euthanasia shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per act and subject to imprisonment for one (1) to four (4) years.
- If the violation is committed by an alien, he or she shall be immediately deported after service of sentence without any further proceedings.
- An imprisonment of not less than two (2) months but not more than six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Section 22. CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL (MRPCC).

For this purpose, the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC) and be known as the Municipal Bantay Rabies Task Forces (MBRT) composed of the following:

- Chairman : Municipal Mayor
- Vice Chairman : Municipal Health Officer
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- Municipal Social Welfare and Development
- Human Resource Management
- Liga Ng Barangay
- Engineering

SECTION 22.1 FUNCTIONS

The Municipal Bantay Rabies Task Force have the following functions:

1. Plan and implement Municipal-wide rabies prevention and control programs.
2. Coordinate with barangay in organizing their own Bantay Rabies Task Forces.
3. Monitor and ensure regular dog and cat registration and vaccination.
4. Lead the conduct of information and education campaigns on responsible pet ownership and rabies prevention.
5. Facilitate the establishment and maintenance of a Municipal dog/cat pound or animal holding facility.
6. Organize and train volunteers (Barangay Bantay Rabies Task Force) to monitor and report stray or unvaccinated animals.
7. Coordinate with veterinary service providers/authorized representative for vaccination, spraying/neutering and treatment service.
8. Monitor, evaluate, and report progress regularly to the Municipal Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan.
9. Lead response to animal bite cases, in coordination with the Municipal Health Office.

22.2 SCHEDULE OF MEETING

The Municipal Bantay Rabies Task Force shall meet monthly as needed and may call special meetings when necessary.

SECTION 23. IMPLEMENTATION.

It shall be the primary responsibility of the Municipal Bantay Rabies Task Force or Barangay Bantay Rabies Task Force to enforce this Ordinance.

SECTION 24. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If, for any reason any section provision of this Ordinance is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof not so affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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Section 25. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances and resolutions which are found to be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 26. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval by the Municipal Mayor, after posting at conspicuous places within the territorial jurisdiction of this municipality, and after compliance with publication requirements.

This Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session on August 14, 2025.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING.


ERALYN D. ARAGON
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

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Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer


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APPROVED:

ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

29 SEP 2025



MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPULSORY REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION OF ALL PET DOGS AND CATS THREE (3) MONTHS OLD ABOVE, CONTROL AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF STRAY DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, ESTABLISHING OF DOG AND CAT POUND, PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP (RPO), CREATION OF MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL, PROVIDING FURTHER, ITS PENALTIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

ON AUGUST 12, 2025 AT THE ALBERTO VELOSO MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM

The public hearing commenced at exactly 10:00 in the morning, with a prayer led by Hon. Elmer C. Silva followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem.

The hearing was attended by Edgar T. Veloso M.D., Municipal Vice Mayor; Renato N. Casas, Municipal Agriculturist; Adolph Rae A. Barro Jr. MENRO; Hon. Richard R. Veloso, Chairman Committee on Health and Sanitation; Hon. Dennis L. Sy; Mr. Teddy Vapor, HRMO; Irene T. Cena Representative from the Municipal Health Office; Celsa R. Dela Cerna & Odessa S. Almoroto Representatives from the Municipal Local Government Operations; Rhodora Avon C. Ylaya, Local Legislative Staff Officer; Betty A. Ramirez, SB Staff; Barangay Captains and Barangay Officials from the 35 barangays in this Municipality; The Vice Chairman and a member of the concerned committee of the Sangguniang Bayan were also present, in the persons of the Hon. Elmer C. Silva and the Hon. Roque M. Compra, respectively, along with other concerned individuals.

Hon. Jamel O. Gonzales delivered the welcome message and acknowledged all attendees. Municipal Vice Mayor Edgar T. Veloso, M.D. then gave an introductory message emphasizing the importance of the proposed ordinance and the dangers of rabies, especially from dogs and cats. He warned that a person bitten or scratched by a rabid animal has a 99% chance of death, and urged everyone to act before more lives are lost. He called for cooperation in implementing the ordinance across all barangays, especially as Leyte is facing a rabies pandemic.

Following his message, Hon. Jamel Gonzales presented the full content of the ordinance, after which an open forum was held.

Hon. Jamel Gonzales inquired about the status of the impounding facility. Mr. Teddy Vapor responded that temporary holding areas are currently in use, but there is no proper facility yet. A large impounding facility is planned for next year. He confirmed that animal catchers are trained and operate regularly, responding to barangay requests as needed.

Lowela Singson Tamos supported the program but raised concerns about residents with many pets, suggesting the implementation of birth control for animals.

Nimfa L. Inopiquez emphasized the need to provide solutions and proper facilities before enforcing penalties. She recommended allocating barangay funds for temporary impounding facilities and having the municipality monitor implementation.

Hon. Elmer Silva clarified that the ordinance already exists and is being strengthened with barangay support. He stressed the need to register pets to identify owners in case of incidents. Social media posts of accidents caused by stray dogs have alarmed the municipal mayor, making this ordinance even more urgent.

Daniel T. Aquiles from Brgy. Canquiason supported the penalties, noting they align with Republic Act 9482. He opposed giving barangays discretion over registration fees, advocating for a uniform rate and a needs-based assessment of pet owners' ability to pay.

Jay Menor from Brgy. Suba suggested a lower registration fee (P10-20) for poor communities. He also proposed that proper facilities be in place before implementation and advocated for an Animal Bite Treatment Center.

Hon. Elmer Silva emphasized that responsibility must not be passed back and forth. He encouraged barangays to allocate a portion of their budget for temporary pounds, with LGU counterpart funding available upon request.

Hon. Richard Veloso said the ordinance for an Animal Bite Treatment Center has been approved, and the Municipal Health Officer is currently applying for a DOH License to Operate.

Brgy. Captain Kenneth Sumile suggested dog and cat registration without fees, but with penalties for non-registration. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Renato Casas proposed including monkeys and bats in the ordinance. He emphasized the need for barangays to submit accurate pet population data for vaccine allocation. He also recommended free castration for male dogs to control the population.

Ernesto Catamora suggested castrating both male and female dogs, but Mr. Casas noted that female castration is more complex and expensive, so male castration is more practical.

Maria Chita Relon of Brgy. Bangkal suggested issuing an LGU directive making registration mandatory, as previous barangay efforts failed. She also recommended that DA personnel conduct house-to-house vaccinations, which is more feasible for pet owners with multiple animals.

Teddy Vapor highlighted the challenge of convincing pet owners to register. He recommended discussing the ordinance in barangay assemblies and suggested setting an example by filing a case against non-compliant residents.

Vice Mayor Edgar T. Veloso M.D. confirmed that the Department of Agriculture conducted house-to-house vaccinations but requested assistance from barangays and pet owners in restraining animals.

Brgy. Captain Emie Alarde proposed forming a task force to visit barangays and conduct castration services to control the pet population.

The Hon. Sy. manifested that there is no need for the barangay to adopt the municipal ordinances because these can be immediately implemented.

He appealed to barangay officials for full cooperation in implementation, as the municipality cannot manage stray animal issues across 35 barangays alone.

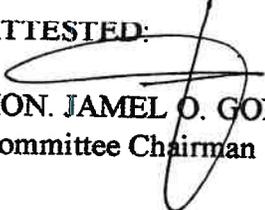
Without further deliberations, the public hearing ended at 11:39 O'clock in the morning.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


ERALYN D. ARAGON

Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:


HON. JAMEL O. GONZALES
Committee Chairman



COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1, S. 2025

AUGUST 12, 2025

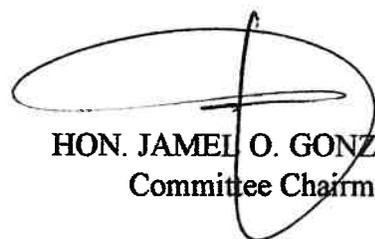
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FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

There a need for the pet owner to register their dogs & cats to the Barangay level without corresponding fees. However, there will be still a penalty for those pet owners who failed to register their pets.

To control the growing population of dogs and cats, the Municipal Agriculture Office headed by Renato Casas recommended to conduct castration for male animals.

Name tagging of all registered pets may aide in determining the responsibilities of the pet owners especially during vehicular accidents and other related incidents.

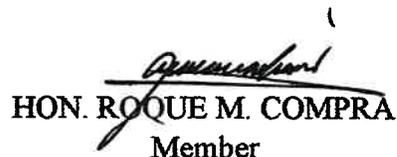


HON. JAMEL O. GONZALES
Committee Chairman

CONCURRING:



HON. ELMER C. SILVA
Vice Chairman



HON. ROQUE M. COMPRA
Member

APPENDICES:

e.g. Minutes of Public Hearing and Committee Meetings and Attendance Sheet, Photo/Videos



ATTENDANCE SHEET

An Ordinance Providing Compulsory Registration and Vaccination of all Pet Dogs and Cats Three (3) months old above, Control and Proper Disposal of Stray Dogs and Cats within the Municipality of Villaba, establishing of Dog and Cat pound, Promote Responsible Pet Ownership (RPO), Creation of Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council, providing further, its penalties and appropriating funds thereof.

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2025

TIME: 9:30 AM

VENUE: ALBERTO VELOSO MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM

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NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Agriculture, August 12, 2025 at 9:30 in the morning at the Alberto Veloso Memorial Gymnasium, this Municipality in aide of legislation by Sangguniang Bayan Member Jamel O. Gonzales, on the matter:

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The Punong Barangays, Sangguniang Barangay Chairperson Committee on Health as well as the Committee on Agriculture, the Municipal Agriculturist, Representative from PNP-Villaba, Municipal Health Officer, Municipal Engineer, SB Committee Chairman on Health, Peoples Organization, the Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO), and the HRMO/MPDO Designate are invited to attend.

Villaba, Leyte, August 4, 2025.

In public service,

ERALYN D. ARAGON
Acting Secretary to the Sanggunian

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(SGD)ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

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Jima Zandra Vergara
JIMA ZANDRA J. VERGARA
Affiant

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