

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Leyte  
Municipality of Palo  
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**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR**



**Executive Order No. 2**  
**Series of 2021**

**AN ORDER ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 22, S.2020 ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 12, S.2019 DIRECTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO STRICTLY IMPLEMENT AND COMPLY WITH THE ZONING AND MOVEMENT PLAN TO CONTROL THE SPREAD OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) AND OTHER CONTAGIOUS, INFECTIOUS AND ZOONOTIC DISEASES.**

**WHEREAS**, the African Swine Fever (ASF) is one of the highly contagious hemorrhagic viral diseases affecting domestic pig. Despite having no known effect to humans, it has a case fatality rate to pigs/swine approaching 100% caused by a resistant virus with no develop vaccine until today.

**WHEREAS**, on January 15, 2021 the DA – Regional Office VIII issued Regional African Swine Fever (ASF) Task Force Advisory No. 1, confirming the occurrence of ASF in the Municipality of Abuyog, Leyte.

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph (a) Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10611, or the “Food Safety Act of 2013, the State objective is to protect the public from food – borne and water – borne illness and unsanitary unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated foods.

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph (c) Section 15 of Republic Act 10611, the LGU shall be responsible for food safety in food businesses such as, but not limited to, activities, in slaughterhouses, dressing plants, fish ports, wet markets, supermarkets, school canteen, restaurants, catering establishments and water refilling stations including street food sale and ambulant vending.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9296, “The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines” declares it’s a policy of the State to prevent the entry of disease – carrying animals into meat establishments to ensure the safety and quality of meat and meat products and the consuming public.

**WHEREAS**, Section 10, Chapter 3 of Republic Act No. 9296, “The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines”, and as provided under RA. 7160, “The Local Government Code” and Executive Order No. 137, 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 as promulgated by the Secretary.

**WHEREAS**, RA. 3639 declares the following Acts as unlawful; (a) knowingly transporting domestic animals suffering from any dangerous communicable diseases from one province or municipality to another when there is a declaration that a

dangerous communicable disease prevails therein, and when there is spreading such disease by transporting such class of animals outside the said locality, (b) violating lawful regulations or orders relating to quarantine of animals.

**WHEREAS**, there is an urgent need to ensure consistent implementation of Administrative Order No. 22, dated February 5, 2020 and DA Administrative Circular No. 12, s.2019 to effectively prevent and control the spread of ASF virus in the Municipality.

Now therefore, I **FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA**, Municipal Mayor of Palo, Leyte, by virtue of the power vested in me by existing laws and with the recommendations of the Municipal Agriculture Office, Market and Slaughter, BPLO, PNP, Sanitation, do hereby order and direct all concerned offices and instrumentalities including Barangay Chairmen to strictly implement and ensure compliance of the following orders:

**Section 1.** The Municipal Agriculture Office, PNP, PATO and Barangay Chairmen are hereby directed to monitor and conduct surveillance on the ASF zoning and movement and to report to the Provincial and Regional Office of the Department of Agriculture of any suspected incident of ASF and other animal disease;

**Section 2.** All Barangay Chairmen are hereby directed to:

**2.1.** Conduct livestock and poultry registration of their respective Barangays to every resident raiser including pets as the base line data and to determine the exact number of livestock and poultry of every Barangay and submit the same to the Municipal Agriculture Office for monitoring, prevention and control measures;

**2.2.** Advise all animal raisers that domestic animals and pets should be given utmost care and should not be left unattended and or not allowed to roam around the streets;

**2.2.** Encourage farmers and fisher folks to register themselves at the Municipal Agriculture Office for the Registry System for Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA).

**2.3.** Encourage farmers to avail the free insurance from PCIC of their large and small ruminants, backyard livestock, poultry and the like that are considered livelihood or source of living;

**Section 3.** All Barangay Chairmen shall issue a Certification that the owner of swine/pig is from their barangay and the swine/pig was raised and originated in their respective barangay;

**Section 4.** All animals subject for slaughter must be slaughtered at the Municipal Slaughter House only;

**Section 5.** Directing the Meat and Sanitary Inspectors for the strict implementation and compliance of RA. 9296, ante and post mortem guidelines (post abattoir);

**Section 6.** The BPLO in case of registration of Animal Facilities and related business shall require the applicant to secure clearance/ certification from the Bureau of Animal

Industry as a requirement prior to the issuance of Municipal Business Permit or clearance for any Animal facility related operation

**Section 7.** To effectively implement the monitoring and surveillance referred to in Section 1 hereof, the Philippine National Police and the Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office are directed to intercept within the jurisdiction of this Municipality any transportation of swine/pig, whether live or slaughtered, and thereafter require the presentation of the necessary permit. The Philippine National Police and the Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office are hereby directed to report immediately to the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist illegal transportation of swine/pig, or whenever the same exhibits signs and symptoms of ASF.

**Section 8.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force and effect unless rendered revoked by the Office of the Mayor. Previous Executive Orders or provisions thereof, which are inconsistent with this Executive Order are deemed amended.

Done in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, Province of Leyte, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.

  
**FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA**  
Municipal Mayor