



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

**Executive Order No. 3
Series of 2021**

**AN ORDER DIRECTING THE SUSPENSION OF THE OPERATION OF THE
SLAUGHTER HOUSE, THE TEMPORARY BANNING OF THE SALE OF PORK
PRODUCTS AND PROHIBITING THE TRANSPORTATION/ TRANSFER OF LIVE
SWINE TO AND FROM THE MUNICIPALITY.**

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, on January 31, 2021, the Municipal Agriculturist reported an incident which transpired within the Municipality of a **suspected** case of African Swine Fever which incident involved symptoms associated with the disease. Immediately thereafter, a confirmatory test was immediately requested with the Department of Agriculture. At present, the Municipality is awaiting its result.

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, 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.

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 Slaughterhouse Supervisor & Sanitation, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Suspension of the Operation of Slaughterhouse- In order to give way to the disinfection of the slaughterhouse, its operation is hereby ordered suspended for three (3) days from February 3, 2021 (Wednesday) to February 6, 2021 (Saturday). In said period, the Municipal Agriculture Office, Market and Slaughterhouse Supervisor & Sanitation shall cause the disinfection and sanitization of the entire premises of the slaughterhouse. After the lapse of the three-day disinfection period, it shall remain prohibited to slaughter hogs until February 10, 2021.

Section 2. Temporary Ban on the Sale of Pork Products- Temporary ban on the sale of pork products in the entire Municipality is hereby imposed, except processed pork products approved by the Food and Drugs Administration.

Section 3. Prohibition on the Transportation/ Transfer of Live Swine- As a precautionary measure in order to minimize the risk of a possible outbreak of the disease, the temporary banning of transporting live swine to and from the Municipality is hereby ordered from February 3, 2021 until February 10, 2021.

Section 4. Prohibition on the Slaughter of Animals Outside the Slaughterhouse- To ensure that all pork products is fit for human consumption, the slaughter of swine outside the slaughterhouse is hereby declared prohibited.

Section 5. Penalty- Violation of any provisions of this Order shall result in the revocation of business permit and/or the immediate confiscation of the contraband, without prejudice to a criminal prosecution for violation of existing national law.

Section 6. Implementation- The Philippine National Police, Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office, Municipal Agriculture Office, Market and Slaughterhouse Supervisor, Sanitation & Business Permit and Licensing Office are directed to strictly enforce the provisions of this Order.

Section 7. This Executive Order shall take effect on February 3, 2021 and shall remain in force and effect until February 10, 2021. 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 2nd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.


FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA
Municipal Mayor