



**Executive Order No. 5
Series of 2021**

**AN ORDER DIRECTING THE DEPOPULATION/CULLING OF SWINE AND
ANNOUNCING THE FIRST POSITIVE CASE OF ASF IN 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 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. A confirmatory test was immediately conducted. On February 4, 2021, the Department of Agriculture had confirmed and announced that the confirmatory test yielded a positive 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. Intensified Border Control- In order to control the spread of the disease, the Philippine National Police, Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office and the Municipal Agriculturist are hereby directed to intensify its border control and checkpoint pertaining to the prohibition of the transportation of swine to and from the Municipality consistent with the provisions of Executive Order Nos: 2 and 3 previously issued.

Section 2. Depopulation/Culling of Swine- An immediate depopulation and culling of swine, regardless of the size, shall be conducted in areas within the Five Hundred (500) Meters radius (red zone) from the confirmed positive case of ASF in Purok Banug, Brgy. Baras Palo, Leyte, namely; Brgy. San Fernando, part of Brgy. Baras and Brgy. Guindapunan. The extent and coverage of said depopulation and culling shall be determined by the Municipal Agriculturist. The conduct of depopulation and culling shall be pursued in accordance with the policies, guidelines and advisories of the Department of Agriculture.

Section 3. Establishment of Pink Zone Within One (1) Kilometer- Hog raisers and backyard raisers whose swine/ hog are located within the one kilometer (1km) pink zone from the confirmed positive case of ASF are advised to monitor the condition of their swine/ hog for possible symptoms of ASF. Should symptoms associated with the ASF manifest, Hog raisers and backyard raisers are advised to immediately report the same to the office of the Municipal Agriculturist. Symptoms may include the following: High Fever, Weakness and Difficulty Standing, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Red or blue blotches on the skin (Particularly around ears and snout), Coughing or labored breathing.

Section 4. Adaption of EO Nos: 2 and 3- The Temporary Ban on the Sale of Pork Products, Prohibition on the Transportation/ Transfer of Live Swine, Prohibition on the Slaughter of Animals Outside the Slaughterhouse stated in Executive Order Nos: 2 & 3 are hereby adapted and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. 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 and Executive Order Nos: 2 & 3.

Section 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

Done in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, Province of Leyte, this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.


FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA
Municipal Mayor