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City of Bago
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 14
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AN ORDINANCE PREVENTING AND CONTROLLING AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) IN THE CITY OF BAGO.

Explanatory Note:

WHEREAS, news are spreading that the world is now facing its first pandemic threat of the century with the spread of the avian influenza;

WHEREAS, the World Health authorities agree that the said pandemic is just a matter of time;

WHEREAS, considering that cockfighting, game fowl breeding and balut industry are sectors in our society that play special roles in the expected avian flu pandemic, its occurrence in our city is not remote.

On motion of Sanggunian Member Rosario F. Gaudite, duly seconded by Sanggunian Members Evangeline C. Magallanes, Alberto Y. Hidalgo, Carlos E. Mondia, Ramon J. Yulo, Jr., Nicholas M. Yulo, Romeo C. Obando, the Sanggunian Panlungsod,

Be it enacted by the Sanggunian Panlungsod, that,

Section 1: Title – This Ordinance shall be known as “The Avian Influenza Prevention and Control Ordinance.”

Section 2: This Ordinance is enacted for the purpose of preventing and controlling possible entry/outbreak of Avian Influenza in the country, in general, and the city, in particular;

Section 3: Objectives and Purpose.

1. To prevent the entry of Avian Influenza, thus ensuring public safety;
2. To protect the local livestock industry and other related industries; and
3. To promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents.

Section 4: Scope and Coverage – This Ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Bago.

Section 5: Definitions - For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall apply:

1. Avian Influenza – an infectious disease in chickens, ducks, and other birds caused by different subtypes of the Influenza A Virus.
2. Fowl/Poultry – include marketable broilers, culls, day old chicks, pullets, game fowls, native chickens, ducks, hatching eggs, hobby birds, or birds of any kind.
3. Exotic Birds – any bird specie or sub-specie which does not naturally occur in the Philippines.
4. Poultry holding facilities – include commercial farms, backyard units, hatcheries, processing plants, slaughterhouses, aviaries, feed mills, cockpits, and public markets.

Section 6: Creation of the Local Avian Influenza Taskforce – The AI Prevention and Control Taskforce shall be formed and shall be the main authority to oversee the implementation of the provisions of this Ordinance and other related activities as maybe provided by rules, regulations and guidelines promulgated by higher authority or mandated by the national laws. It shall be composed, but not limited to the following:

- Chairman: City Mayor
- Vice-Chairman: City Vice Mayor
- Members: City Veterinarian
- City Health Officer
- Chief of Police
- ABC President
- SP Member – Chairman, Committee on Health
- Two (2) NGO Representatives
- Information Officer
- Public Market Supervisor
- President, Market Vendors Associations
- President, Poultry and Game Fowl Breeders Association of Bago City
- Disaster Coordinating Council of Bago City
- DILG Officer
- Representative from the DENR

Section 7: Census – The Local Government Unit of the City of Bago shall conduct a census of all livestock and poultry holding facilities in the city. The data shall include the type of poultry holding facility, poultry species, poultry population density, facility owner/operator, location, poultry disease profile, bio-security practices, vaccination programs, and veterinarian in-charge.

Section 8: Prohibition of Offer for Sale and/or Sale – It shall be prohibited for any person to offer for commerce, engage in trade or have in possession any exotic specie of poultry wildlife. It shall be accordingly penalized as stipulated in Chapter IV (Illegal Acts) of RA 9147. This activity shall be enforced in coordination with the authorities of the DILG-LGU Bureaus or the local PNP Station.

Section 9: Prohibition of Possession – It shall be unlawful for any person to possess/own or keep unregistered exotic birds for whatever purpose or intent.

Section 10: Other Prohibitions – The Local Government Unit of the City of Bago shall assist in the implementation of the following additional prohibitions to safeguard against Avian Influenza:

- a. Prohibition on offer for sale and sale of live chickens in the market while there is a threat of bird flu;
- b. Prohibition on placing chickens, ducks and pigs together in the same area, cage or pen; and
- c. Prohibition on chickens to roam freely outside the premises of the owner's property.

Section 11: Coastal Monitoring of Smuggling of Fowl – Smuggling of fowl shall be reported to the Philippine Coast Guard or the local Philippine National Police (PNP).

Section 12: Negative Reporting – The City Veterinarian shall regularly submit a Negative Monitoring Report to the Provincial Veterinarian or DA-RFU quarterly.

Section 13: Assist in Surveillance – The Local Government Unit of the City of Bago shall assist through its organized Local Avian Influenza Task Force the national/regional surveillance group in the conduct of sero-surveillance in the city. They shall help in the identification of poultry holding facilities and encourage participation of the facility owners/operators in surveillance and reporting. Surveillance reports shall be recorded and submitted to the National AI Task Force Center at the BAI. Sero-surveillance must be conducted twice a year in the backyard/commercial farms and other susceptible fowls.

The Local Government Unit of the City of Bago shall likewise assist BAI in enforcing requirements covering the local transport of animals, including poultry and poultry by products, as covered by BAI Memorandum dated July 13, 2004. This activity shall be enforced in coordination with the local PNP Station.

Section 14. Information Dissemination – The Local Veterinary shall conduct regular information campaigns. These campaigns shall include recommended bio-security and other AI preventive measures. They shall be trained by the National/Regional Task Force.

Section 15. Suspected AI Cases.

1. Reporting. The farm veterinarian or farm owner shall immediately report to the BAI, RFU-DA or city/municipal/provincial veterinarian any occurrence of mortality of 3% (based on house population) in just a day in commercial farms or any unexplained mortality of poultry in two or more households within a barangay or "purok" in a span of two days in the case of backyard farms. Investigation/blood collection shall be conducted by the city/municipal/provincial veterinarian and the RADDL technician within twenty four (24) hours.

2. Movement Control. The local PNP, upon notice from the Local Chief, shall enforce movement control. Farm personnel are not allowed to leave the suspected premises unless with approval from the head of AI Task Force. Likewise, poultry, poultry products, and by-products, farm equipment and feeds shall not be allowed to leave the suspected premises and instead shall be quarantined in twenty-four (24) hours.

3. Vaccination. The local health officers shall assist in immunizing veterinarians, laboratory staff, medical health workers, and poultry farm personnel. The local veterinarian shall assist in the conduct of poultry vaccination in areas identified by the AI Task Force.

Section 16. Mobilization of Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTS). To maximize efforts at the grassroots level, the organized BHERTs, pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2003-95 dated May 7, 2003 shall be mobilized to provide assistance to LGUs in the implementation of the Local Avian Influenza Prevention Program.

Section 17. Penalty – Any violation of this Ordinance by any person, firm, poultry traders, farm owners shall be liable a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year, or both at the discretion of the Court. If it is a corporation found liable, the officers will be held liable. If an alien, he will be subjected to deportation proceedings after payment of fines/imprisonment.

Section 18. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect after thirty (30) days from the date of its approval and after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

Enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bago in its 1321st Regular Session today, July 26, 2006.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

SP Members Carlos E. Mondia, Jorge A. Araneta, Rosario F. Gaudite, Serafin Z. Jara, Romeo C. Obando, Alberto Y. Hidalgo, Nicholas M. Yulo, Evangeline C. Magallanes, Ramon J. Yulo, Jr., Andrew Martin Y. Torres.

Negative: None

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



RAMON D. TORRES
City Vice-Mayor-Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



NILO J. CARBONILLA
Acting Secretary

Approved this 4th day of Aug. 2006.

APPROVED:



JANET E. TORRES
City Mayor