

WHEREAS, Section 2 of RA No. 9296 or the "Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines," declares it a policy of the State to prevent the entry of disease-carrying animals into meat establishments and ensure the safety and quality of imported meat and meat products through proper preservation, inspection and documentation, for the purpose of protecting animal health and promoting the livestock industry;

WHEREAS, African Swine Fever (ASF), a disease deadly for pigs, has begun to devastate the local swine industry, including in Bulacan. According to current scientific understanding, the disease poses no direct threat to Humans. However, considering that pork is a staple part of the diet of many Filipinos, the disease endangers the economy and food security by striking industry and food source;

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public as well as the swine industry in the City of Malolos, Bulacan, it is imperative to create this African Swine Fever Task Force;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as Local Government Code of 1991, requires every Local Government Unit (LGU) to exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessary implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

NOW THEREFORE, I, CHRISTIAN D. NATIVIDAD, Mayor of the City of Malolos, Province of Bulacan, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby create African Swine Fever Task Force, to wit:

Section I. COMPOSITION.





Chairperson

: HON. CHRISTIAN D. NATIVIDAD

City Mayor

Co-Chairperson

: DR. JORGE V. CRISOSTOMO

City Veterinarian

Vice Chairperson

: DR. ROMEO S. BARTOLO

City Agriculturist

Members

: HON. DIONISIO C. MENDOZA

Chairman, Committee on Barangay

Affairs

PLTCOL.

FERDINAND

D.

GERMINO

Chief of Police, Philippine National

Police

DR. MINERVA B. SANTOS

OIC-The City Health Officer

ENGR. EUGENE N. CRUZ

Planning Development City &

Coordinator

Mr. CESAR B. CALUAG, Jr.

City Disaster Risk Reduction

Management Officer

MR. VICTORINO ALDABA

City Economic Enterprise Manager

ENGR. RICASOL MILLAN

City Engineer

Mr. REGEMRIE P. BERNARDO

Supervising Information Officer

Mr. AMIEL CRUZ

OIC-Supervising

Environment

Management Specialist

Section II. TECHNICAL SUPPORT TEAM. These are the regular members of the ASFTF that are responsible for the preservation and protection of the swine industry in the City of Malolos, Bulacan:

Rapid Action Team

DR. JORGE V. CRISOSTOMO

City Veterinarian

Mr. CESAR B. CALUAG, Jr.

City Disaster Risk Reduction Management

Officer

PLTCOL, FERDINAND D. GERMINO

Chief of Police, Philippine National Police

DR. ROMEO S. BARTOLO

City Agriculturist

Surveillance Team

DR. JORGE V. CRISOSTOMO

City Veterinarian

Mr. AMIEL CRUZ

OIC-Supervising Environment Management

Specialist

DR. MINERVA B. SANTOS

OIC-The City Health Officer

DR. ROMEO S. BARTOLO

City Agriculturist

Quarantine Team

DR. JORGE V. CRISOSTOMO

City Veterinarian

DR. ROMEO S. BARTOLO

City Agriculturist

PLTCOL. FERDINAND D. GERMINO

Chief of Police, Philippine National Police

Census Team

DR. JORGE V. CRISOSTOMO

City Veterinarian

ENGR. EUGENE N. CRUZ

City Planning & Development Coordinator

Mr. REGEMRIE P. BERNARDO

Supervising Information Officer

DR. ROMEO S. BARTOLO

City Agriculturist

IEC Team

DR. JORGE V. CRISOSTOMO

City Veterinarian

DR. ROMEO S. BARTOLO

City Agriculturist

DR. MINERVA B. SANTOS

OIC-The City Health Officer

Mr. REGEMRIE P. BERNARDO

Supervising Information Officer

Section III. FUNCTIONS. The following are the functions of the respective teams:

- a. Rapid Action Team shall carry out the immediate diagnosis of the suspected case and implementation of the stumping out procedures;
- b. Surveillance Team shall conduct regular surveillance and profiling of swine diseases in the identified priority areas;
- c. Quarantine Team shall contain quarantine areas and supervise the checkpoints that will be established;
- d. Census Team shall conduct periodic identification and consolidation of data on swine population, location, etc.
- e. IEC Team shall ensure adequate awareness of the general public on African Swine Fever, its disease status and implications.

SECTION IV. FUNDING. The African Swine Fever Task Force will be budgeted according to the available funds of the City of Malolos subject

to the Local Budget Circular No. 73 s. 2001 and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION V. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any section or part of this Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force or effect.

SECTION VI. REPEALING CLAUSE. All orders, issuances, memoranda or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION VII. DISSEMINATION. Let a copy of this Order be sent to the Office of the Provincial Governor pursuant to Sec. 455 (b)(1)(xii) of Chapter III Art. I of R.A. 7160 known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", the City Mayor shall furnish copies of executive orders issued by him, to the provincial governor within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuances.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

SO ORDERED.

Signed in the City of Malolos, Bulacan this __ day of _____ 2022.

ATTY. CAMPATIANO. NATIVIDAD