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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 459  
February 27, 2008

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND POLICIES IN THE APPREHENSION OF ILLEGALLY SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD, CREATING A TASK FORCE BODY FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 447 of Republic Act 7160 provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall enact ordinances that shall regulate the sale of meat and other foodstuff for human consumption;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4. (c) of Executive Order 137 provides that a task force composed of one or more concerned local government unit may be organized to strengthen the capability of checking illegal slaughtering and meat distribution;

**WHEREAS**, TASK FORCE BODY created by the City Veterinarian is operating on the basis of Local Ordinance No. 1, series of 1974 (Section 16) which states, "The slaughter of any kind of animal for sale to, or consumption of the public shall be only in the slaughterhouse;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to create a policy that would govern the activities of the Task Force, in order to further legitimize and maximize their authority in conducting their activities;

**WHEREAS**, animals are possible source of disease transmissible to man and that public health should be given utmost concern;

**WHEREAS**, Meat Inspection is one of the basic services which shall be undertaken by the Local Government Unit to see to it that meat offered for sale to the public are healthy, wholesome and fit for human consumption.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in session that:

**Section 1 – TITLE:** This Ordinance shall be known as "the Illegal Slaughtering Ordinance of Bacolod City".

**Section 2 – DEFINITION OF TERMS:** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall apply.

a. **Animal** – refers to all cattle, carabaos, sheep, goats, swine, horses, poultry and others intended for public consumption.

b. **Brand** – any mark or stamp approved by the City Veterinarian.

- d. **Slaughterhouse** – refers to the premises or place used in the slaughter of animals for human consumption.
- e. **Slaughter** – refers to the killing, butchering, of animals in relation to meat inspection.
- f. **Hot meat** – refer to the meat from food animals, poultry and all other kinds of meat clandestinely slaughtered and sold to the public.
- g. **Meat** – the edible part of any slaughtered animal.
- h. **Meat Inspector** – an employee of the city government, trained in meat inspection work and authorized to do the work of a regular meat inspector under the supervision of the City Veterinarian.
- i. **Task Force** – shall herein be referred to as, the Task Force Body created by the City Veterinarian to monitor and apprehend those who conduct illegal slaughtering as well as confiscate illegally slaughtered meat and/or carcasses including slaughtering paraphernalia.
- j. **Team Leader** – refers to the persons leading the activity of monitoring and apprehending illegal slaughtered and illegally sold meat.

**Section 3 – COVERAGE AND POWERS:** The Task Force is hereby authorized and empowered to apprehend and confiscate any carcass or parts thereof of any animal illegally slaughter including the slaughtering paraphernalia. Its operation shall cover all slaughterhouses, markets where the so-called “hot meats” are being sold, and all places where all illegal slaughtering is being done as well as storage facilities where “hot meats” are being stored.

**Section 4. COMPOSITION:** The Task Force Body shall be composed of the following personnel headed by the City Veterinarian or his duly authorized representative:

- a. One (1) Team Leader – Meat Inspector (regular)
  - a.1. Shall act as the Task Force’s Head
  - a.2. Shall act as overseer of the members of the Task Force and shall report to the City Veterinarian any violation or misconduct committed.
  - a.3. Shall act as liaison between the City Veterinarian and the members of the Task Force.
  - a.4. Shall report directly to the Veterinarian.
  - a.5. Shall be in charged of all apprehensions and disposal of apprehended and confiscated items.

- a.6. Shall be in charged in the preparation and submission of apprehension reports.
- a.7. Shall at his direction file appropriate legal action to violators.
- b. Six (6) Meat Inspection Aides: Three (3) for the day and three (3) for night operation.
  - b.1. Shall take charge of filed monitoring and surveillance.
  - b.2. Shall check whether meat for sale at the different public markets, meatshops, supermarkets and other market outlets as well as those stored in the different storage facilities are supported with appropriate Meat Inspection Certificates and marked or stamped with the approved meat brand.
  - b.3. Shall assist in the apprehension and disposal of apprehended and confiscated items.
  - b.4. Shall report directly to the Team Leader.
- c. One (1) representative from the City Public Information Office (PIO). Shall take charge of the documentation and preparation of press releases.
- d. One (1) member of Philippine National Police.
  - d.1. Shall assist the Task Force in the apprehension and confiscation of "hot meats".
  - d.2. Shall take charge in processing and securing search warrants whenever necessary.

**Section 5. GUIDELINES AND POLICIES:** To govern the operation, the following guidelines and policies should therefor be adapted:

- 5.1. The members of the task force, during operation, shall wear official I.D.'s for proper identification.
- 5.2. Apprehension reports shall be given to the police headquarters for blotter entries.
- 5.3. Apprehended items shall be indorsed to the City Veterinarian or to his authorized representative for proper disposal.
- 5.4. The City Veterinarian or his duly representative, shall condemn and dispose all confiscated meat and/or carcasses in accordance with National Meat Inspection Rules and Regulations.

- 5.5. At the discretion of the City Veterinarian or his authorized representative, all apprehended and confiscated meat and/or carcasses shall be donated to any charitable institution in the city.
- 5.6. All policies formulated for by the Department for Veterinary Services and indorsed to the City Mayor shall be given preferential attention.
- 5.7. The Task Force, when performing their duties shall issue to the owner or his representative a Condemnation Certificate of the items confiscated.
- 5.8. All office policies formulated for the Department for Veterinary Services to the members of the Task Force from time to time shall be strictly followed.
- 5.9. It shall be unlawful for any member of the Task Force engaged in the performance of his duty to demand and/or accept from any person, firm or corporation, any gift, money or other things of value given with intent to influence his official actions.
- 5.10. Any member of the Task Force who violates any of these policies and other policies which may be formulated from time to time shall be subject to administrative disciplinary actions in accordance with the existing Civil Service Rules and Regulations and the Code of Conduct of Government Officials and Employees.

**Section 6. PENALTIES:** Any person, firm or corporation caught illegally slaughtering and/or in the position of "Hot Meat" shall be punishable by imprisonment of six (6) months to one (1) year, or a fine of not less than FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) or both imprisonment and fine in the discretion of the court. Provided, that the Mayor is hereby empowered to cancel or revoke his/her business permit, licenses and awards. Provided, further, that the City Veterinarian, through the Task Force and other enforcement agents are hereby empowered to confiscate the hot meats and/or carcasses or parts thereof of any illegally slaughtered animals including all slaughtering paraphernalia and impound the vehicle used, pending the termination of the case from proper court.

**Section 7. FUNDING:** To carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, the sum of ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) is hereby authorized to be appropriated from the city funds for the salaries and wages and benefits of the Task Force personnel and the purchase of radio communication equipment for the use of the Task Force.

- 7.a. Thereafter such amount shall be provided in the annual budget of the Task Force.

**Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE:** All ordinance or resolutions which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified.

**Section 9. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE:** This ordinance shall take effect immediately 15 days after publication in the daily newspaper of general circulation.

**CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:**

**Affirmative:**

**Councilors:** Greg G. Gasataya, Homer Q. Bais, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Dindo C. Ramos, Napoleon A. Cordova, Catalino T. Alisbo, Roberto M. Rojas, Alex A. Paglumotan, Reynold I. Iledan, Diosdado A. Valenzuela, Kevin Daniel L. Ramos.

**Negative :** N o n e .

**Absent :** N o n e .

**Official Travel:** Councilors Jocelle Batapa-Sigue and Al Victor A. Espino.


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**Comments:** P a s s e d .

  
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Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

**ATTESTED:**

  
**ATTY. NILO T. ALEJANDRINO**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**APPROVED:** March, 2008.

**EVELIO R. LEONARDIA**  
City Mayor

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