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Excerpt from the journal of the 57th Regular Session of the 12th Council of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Bacolod held on Wednesday, August 05, 2026, at the Session Hall of Bacolod City Government Center.

PRESENT:

Vice Mayor Claudio Jesus Raymundo A. Puentevella	Presiding Officer
Councilor Al Victor A. Espino	Floor Leader
Councilor Caesar Z. Distrito	
Councilor Israel P. Salanga	
Councilor Em L. Ang	
Councilor Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson	
Councilor Jason Isidro S. Villarosa	
Councilor Celia Matea R. Flor	
Councilor Dindo C. Ramos	
Councilor Roberto M. Rojas	
Councilor Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr.	
Councilor Psyche Marie E. Sy	
Councilor Homer Q. Bais	
Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen	
Councilor Danna Marie C. Barzo	

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RESOLUTION NO. 903
Series of 2026

RESOLUTION URGING THE BACOLOD CITY VETERINARY OFFICE, THE ASF TASK FORCE, AND ALL SIXTY-ONE BARANGAYS TO INTENSIFY BIOSECURITY MEASURES, BORDER CONTROLS, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "BANTAY ASF SA BARANGAY" PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF THE RECENTLY CONFIRMED AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) CASES IN THE CITY.

Upon motion of Councilor Em L. Ang, jointly seconded by Councilors Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr. and Roberto M. Rojas, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Bacolod

RESOLVED, to pass the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that Local Government Units shall exercise powers essential to the promotion of the general welfare, including the enhancement of economic prosperity and the protection of agriculture;

WHEREAS, the local swine industry is a vital component of Bacolod City's agricultural economy, providing livelihood to backyard hog raisers and ensuring food security for its residents;

WHEREAS, Bacolod City was officially declared ASF-free in June 2025 after recovering from a severe outbreak in 2023 that affected more than 800 local hog raisers and nearly wiped out the backyard swine population in the City;

WHEREAS, as of July 2026, new positive cases of African Swine Fever have resurged in the City, with blood samples collected by the City Veterinary Office confirming infections among hogs in Barangays Alijis, Taculing, Granada, and Bata following testing at the Department of Agriculture Western Visayas Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory;

WHEREAS, in response to these confirmed cases, the City Veterinary Office under Dr. Maria Agueda de la Torre has initiated immediate containment measures, including the disinfection of identified ground-zero backyard swine areas to help eliminate potential sources of contamination and protect the unaffected swine population;

WHEREAS, the City Mayor has issued an Executive Order reactivating the "Bantay ASF sa Barangay" program, which mandates local Barangay Officials to assist in active disease surveillance, monitoring, and the enforcement of quarantine measures for newly purchased swine;

WHEREAS, the local ASF Task Force has strengthened border control operations and quarantine checkpoints to strictly prohibit the entry of live pigs, pork, and pork products from areas with confirmed ASF infections;

WHEREAS, a unified and aggressive approach involving the City Veterinary Office, local Barangay Councils, and the hog raising community is crucial to prevent the further spread of this highly contagious viral disease, safeguard the livelihoods of local farmers, and ensure the continued stability of the City's livestock sector;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Bacolod City Veterinary Office, the ASF Task Force, and all Sixty-One Barangays to intensify biosecurity measures, border controls, and the implementation of the "Bantay ASF sa Barangay" program in light of the recently confirmed African Swine Fever cases in the City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the City Mayor, the Bacolod City Veterinary Office, the local ASF Task Force, and the Liga ng mga Barangay Bacolod City Chapter for their immediate action and strict implementation.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF:

Affirmative:

Councilors : Caesar Z. Distrito, Em L. Ang, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Jason Isidro S. Villarosa, Celia Matea R. Flor, Dindo C. Ramos, Roberto M. Rojas, Wilson C. Gamboa, Jr., Homer Q. Bais, Psyche Marie E. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen, Danna Marie C. Barzo

Negative : None.

Comments : Passed.
Councilor Israel P. Salanga was not around when this resolution was passed

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CLAUDIO JESUS RAYMUNDO A. PUENTEVELLA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

ATTY. VICENTE C. PETIERRE III
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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