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PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
Municipality of Siayan



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SIAYAN,
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.

PRESENT:

Hon. Atty. Josecor S. Gepolongca, Presiding Officer,	Municipal Vice Mayor
Hon. Daisy A. Limbang, Majority Floor Leader,	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Wilfredo A. Siasico, Asst. Majority Floor Leader,	-do-
Hon. Raul P. Dominise, Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore,	-do-
Hon. Roel J. Pabiran,	-do-
Hon. Rey L. Anugon,	-do-
Hon. Wencito B. Intoy,	-do-
Hon. Billynel C. Catig,	-do-
Hon. Estrella S. Zapatos, Minority Floor Leader,	-do-
Hon. Maria Gina Z. Atay, LNB President,	-do-
Hon. Dave F. Labadlabad, SK Fed. President,	-do-
Hon. Johnny C. Anugon, Sr., IPMR,	-do-

ABSENT:

None

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, Rabies is a human infection that occurs after a transdermal bite or scratch by an infected animal, like dogs and cats. It is transmitted when an infectious material, usually saliva, comes into direct contact with a victim's lesions:

WHEREAS, is considered a neglected disease of poor and vulnerable populations and remains to be a public problem which is fatal though preventable through vaccination

WHEREAS, Section 7 of R.A. 9482 states that LGUs shall enact ordinances that will support National Rabies Prevention and Control Program (NRPCP) of the Department of Health (DOH) and allocate funds for implementation;

WHEREAS, aimed at reducing the public risk, deaths caused by rabies and discouraging the traditional practices of treating animal bites, the municipality adopts the NPCP and hence the passage of this ordinance;

WHEREAS, the Animal Bite Treatment Center shall operate under the Municipal Health Office (MHO) and the establishment of the center aims to achieve the goal of a rabies-free municipality;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Honorable Sangguniang Bayan in Session assembled, that:

**"MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24-14
Series of 2024**

SECTION I. TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIAYAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.**

SECTION II. DEFINITION OF TERMS - As used in this ordinance, the following shall mean:

- a. Animal bite - is defined as having one's skin pierced or abraded by animal teeth or claws or by animal saliva on tissue coming in contact, with abraded skin, eyes or mucus membrane.
- b. Animal Bite Treatment Center (ABTC) - facility certified by the DOH as capable of managing victims of animal bites.
- c. Category III Rabies Exposure - transdermal bite or scratches/abrasions with spontaneous bleeding; exposure to a rabies patient through bites, contamination of mucous membranes or open skin lesions with body fluids splattering, and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation; handling of infected carcass or ingestion of raw infected meat.

- d. Vaccination - the administration of proper anti-rabies vaccine and human rabies immunoglobulin to humans bitten by animals.
- e. Trained health personnel - any person who has undergone training in rabies vaccination.

SECTION III. FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER. The Center shall have the following functions:

- a. Treat all animal bite-related patients by trained health personnel.
- b. Maintain sufficient anti-rabies vaccine shots to treat patients bitten by rabid animals.
- c. Strengthen public awareness through information education and communication campaign against rabies.
- d. Report all cases of animal bites and coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office to intensify the promotion of dog vaccination as well as the control of stray animals.
- e. Perform functions and duties as provided by law and this ordinance.
- f. For the succeeding doses of vaccinations, animal bite victims are required to bring their vaccination cards on the dates of follow up as scheduled by the ABTC. Failure to do so, the ABTC may hold the provision of vaccination subject to the presentation of the said card and schedule.
- g. The continuation of vaccination for defaulters shall be based on the Revised Guidelines on the Management of Rabies Exposure" of the DOH (DOH AO No. 2018-0013) and shall be dependent on the case of the animal bite patient.
- h. The ABTC shall comply with the guidelines stated in the Environmental Sanitation Code of the Philippines regarding the proper disposal of infectious wastes.

SECTION IV. COMPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER.

- a. The Animal Bite Treatment Center shall operate under the Municipal Health Office and be directly supervised and managed by the incumbent Municipal Health Officer (MHO), who shall lead, recommend and assist in the implementation of policies and guidelines on all matters pertaining to the said ordinance.
- b. The diagnosis and management of patients shall be the roles of the MHO and the Rural Health Physician (RHP) in Siayan. The treatment plan shall then be carried out by assigned Public Health Nurses and
- c. The PHN shall be in charge of the logistics management which include, but not limited to, proper inventory and storage of vaccines; Keep track of the quality and quantity of the vaccines and equipment procured for the ABTC. The PHNs will also be responsible for the health information management regarding animal bite cases and rabies.
- d. For the financial management who will ensure the correct and appropriate collection, auditing, and safe-keeping of the funds generated from the ABTC, it shall be under the municipal sanitary inspector.

SECTION V. FUNDING/APPROPRIATION – The sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP150,000.00) shall be appropriated out of the Municipal General Funds to cover expenditures to implement the provisions of this ordinance and may be augmented if necessary, for the management, improvement, training of personnel, information education campaign, rabies-free municipality initiative, and other operational expenses of the center. This annual budgetary allocation may be increased as maybe necessary upon evaluation and recommendation.

SECTION VI. FEES.

Subject to the availability of vaccines, anti-rabies vaccination is free. An amount of Five Hundred Fifty Pesos (PHP550.00) shall be collected for the entire anti-rabies post-exposure vaccine course administered, to be paid at the Municipal Treasury Office, and which shall cover for ATS and TT/D prophylaxis, dressing, service and injection fees, medicines and other logistics needed. For non-Siayan residents an amount of Five Hundred Fifty Pesos (PHP550.00) shall be paid for each dose of anti-rabies vaccine. All fees generated shall accrue to Trust Fund which shall be used solely for this program.

Philhealth members under Category II and III rabies exposure and indigent patients shall be free of charge provided that Philhealth MDR with active contributions and a Certificate of indigency is presented.

SECTION VII. SCHEDULE OF ABTC. All animal bite cases shall be catered every Tuesday and Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon.

SECTION VIII. CURRENT YEAR FUND ALLOCATION. The sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (PHP150,000.00) or so as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds existing in the Municipal Treasurer's Office to cover the expenditures for the current year operations of the ABTC.

SECTION IX. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances or executive issuances contrary to or modified accordingly.

SECTION X. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Zamboanga del Norte and publication in official gazette.

ENACTED this 28th day of October, 2024.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

MARCELO S. EGUANAN

Local Legislative Staff Officer IV
(OIC - Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan)

CERTIFIED CORRECT
AS TO ITS PASSAGE:

ATTY. JOSECOR S. GEPOLONGCA
Municipal Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:

ALBERTO J. BONGCAWEL
Municipal Mayor

Date: 10-31-24