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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF PASIG VETERINARY CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 43 of Republic Act 7829, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Pasig states that there shall be a City Veterinarian that shall take charge of the Office of Veterinary Services;

WHEREAS, Book III, Title Three, Chapter 2, Section 454 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 ("Code"), as amended, states that there shall be in each city, among others, a city veterinarian;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) of the same Code provides that the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided for under Section 22 of the same Code;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (1) of RA 7160, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, as the legislative body of the city, (vii) subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code and pertinent laws, determine the powers and duties of officials and employees of the city; (viii) determine the positions and the salaries, wages, allowances and other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or mainly from city funds and provide for expenditures necessary for the proper conduct of programs, projects, services, and activities of the city government;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (3) of the Code provides that it shall enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the city;

WHEREAS, it is essential to create *the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services* and to adopt a *City of Pasig Veterinary Code* to have a comprehensive approach in achieving the objectives in the regulation of the sale and distribution of safe meat and meat products for food safety and security of the consuming public, proper maintenance of slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants, animal trade, control, prevention of the spread and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies, creation of an intelligence network regarding zoonotic diseases, regulation on pet ownership and all aspects of animal welfare within its territorial jurisdiction, and at the same time, generating revenues for the City.



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF PASIG IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

ARTICLE I
TITLE, SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1. TITLE. – This *Ordinance* shall be known as “CITY OF PASIG VETERINARY CODE.”

SECTION 2. SCOPE. – This *Ordinance* hereby creates the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services and adopts the City of Pasig Veterinary Code which shall cover all matters pertinent to the implementing rules and regulations of the production and processing of animals fit for human consumption, the sale and distribution of livestock and poultry, the promotion of animal welfare, the care, control and custody of pet/companion animals, and the prevention and control of animal diseases within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. – This *Ordinance* provides for the adoption of the City of Pasig Veterinary Code that will guide, oversee, manage, and outline the comprehensive policies to govern:

- a. The regulation, management and operation of meat establishments and the meat trade in general, for the purpose of ensuring meat and meat products meet all the quality and safety standards set by applicable laws within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig;
- b. The promotion of responsible pet ownership within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig; and
- c. The imposition and collection of fees and charges for revenue generation purposes consistent with existing laws, and rules and regulations.

ARTICLE II
CREATION OF CITY OF PASIG DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES

SECTION 4. CREATION. – The City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services is hereby created and hereinafter be referred to as the *Department*. The Department is hereby designated as the lead agency to implement the provisions of this Code. It is hereby mandated to perform the following duties and functions:

- 4.1. Observe and implement the provisions of the Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 9296), Food Safety Act of 2013 (Republic Act No. 10611), Consumer Act of the Philippines (Republic Act No. 7394).



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Animal Welfare Act of 1998 (Republic Act No. 8485), Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 (Republic Act No. 9482) and other issuances on rabies prevention and control program, and all administrative and memorandum orders and circulars from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and from the City Mayor of Pasig;

- 4.2. Certify the fitness of meat and meat products for human consumption intended for sale and distribution within the territorial jurisdiction in the City Government of Pasig;
- 4.3. Establish a workable disease investigation and reporting system including appraisal of animal disease intelligence network of the City;
- 4.4. Prevention and control of animal communicable and transmissible diseases to humans (zoonoses);
- 4.5. Implement a continuing program for the prevention and eradication of rabies among susceptible animals within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig;
- 4.6. Undertake the delivery of technical and logistical support in the implementation of anti-rabies programs and projects;
- 4.7. Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;
- 4.8. Implement programs aimed at improving animal welfare and preventing abuse, maltreatment, and cruelty directed against animals within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig including, but not limited to, immunization drives, the spay and castration of pet/companion animals, coordinating with and mobilizing law enforcement officers in the apprehension of animal welfare offenders, and promoting greater awareness of animal welfare issues and the humane treatment of animals through education and dissemination of information to the public;
- 4.9. Operate and manage an animal facility to be known as the City of Pasig Animal Pound, in accordance with the Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular 03, Series of 2015, otherwise known as Policies and Guidelines in the Establishment and Maintenance of Animal Pounds;
- 4.10. Implement a comprehensive, continuing, and humane program aimed at reducing the stray and feral animal population within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig through impounding, education, the promotion of responsible pet ownership, and the mandatory registration of companion animals;



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- 4.11. Conduct field patrols and animal welfare inspections, manage and respond to emergencies involving animals, impound stray and feral animals, issue citation tickets pursuant to this Code, enforce animal quarantine directives;
- 4.12. Regulate, monitor, and evaluate pet shops, breeders, animal facilities, and abate nuisances involving animals in accordance with existing laws, code, rules and regulations; and
- 4.13. Implement the provisions of this Code and other codes, rules and regulations of City of Pasig in relation to the welfare of animals, including livestock and poultry intended for human consumption.

ARTICLE III
DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 5. DEFINITION OF TERMS. – For the purpose of this *Ordinance*, the following words, terms and phrases shall be construed to mean as follows:

- 5.1. **Abattoir or Slaughterhouse.** – Premises that are approved and registered by the controlling authority in which food animals are slaughtered and dressed for human consumption.
- 5.2. **Abandonment of Animal.** – The relinquishment of all rights, title, claim or possession of the animal with the intention of not reclaiming or resuming its ownership or possession, or if the animals are left in circumstances likely to death of the animal.
- 5.3. **Abuse, cruelty and neglect.** – include every act, omission, or neglect whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable physical pain or suffering is caused or permitted. This includes cruelty by assault, by overwork, by deprivation of adequate food, water, and shelter, and proper care during transport, illness, pregnancy and parturition; and participation in sporting events at a level beyond the animal's capacity to perform.
- 5.4. **Accreditation.** – The power of the National Meat Inspection Service ("NMIS") to give authority to:
- Meat establishment engaged in the slaughtering operation, preparation, processing, manufacturing, storing, or canning of meat and meat products for commerce;
 - Importer, exporter, broker, trader or livestock and meat handler;



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Food animals and meat vehicle or conveyance; and

d. Person, firm, corporation as provider of government services such as independent or third-party service providers, or independent inspection or audit agencies.

5.5. Adulterated. – Carcasses, or any part thereof, whether meat or meat product under one or more of the following categories:

a. If it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render it injurious to health of the public; but in case the substance is not an added substance, such meat and meat product shall not be considered adulterated under this clause if the quantity of such substance does not ordinarily render it injurious to health of the public;

b. If it bears or contains any added poisonous or deleterious substance other than one which is (i) a pesticide chemical in or on a raw agricultural commodity (ii) a food additive, (iii) a color additive, for which tolerances have been established and it conforms to such tolerances;

c. If it consists, in whole or in part, of a filthy, putrid or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for human consumption;

d. If it has been prepared, packed or held under unsanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth or whereby, it may have been rendered injurious to the health of the public;

e. If it is, in whole or in part, the product of a diseases animal or of an animal which has died other than by slaughter;

f. If its container is composed, in whole or in part, of any poisonous or deleterious substance which may render the contents injurious to public health;

g. It has been intentionally subjected to radiation, unless the use of the radiation was in conformity with an existing regulation or exemption;

h. If any valuable constituent has been, in whole or in part, omitted or abstracted therefrom; or if any substance has been substituted, wholly or in part; or of damage or inferiority has been concealed in any manner; or if any substance has been added thereto or mixed or packed there with so as to increase its bulk or weight, or reduce its quality or strength, or make it appears better or of greater value than it is;



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- i. If it has not been prepared in accordance with current acceptable manufacturing practice as promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture by way of regulations; and
- j. If it has passed its expiry date / consume by / best before date.
- 5.6. **Animal.** – All sentient creatures other than humans which shall include but not limited to terrestrial, aerial, aquatic and marine animals.
- 5.7. **Animal Facility.** – Refers to structures or premises used for the purpose of caring, breeding, rearing, holding, gaming, training, trading, treating, and exhibition such as, but not limited to, farms, zoos, aviaries, apiaries, kennels, race tracks, cockpits, grooming facilities, pet shops, pounds, animal rescue centers, airport and seaport quarantine stations, animal holding facilities, stables, livestock markets, slaughterhouses, veterinary clinics, and veterinary hospitals and any facility that may directly deal with animals.
- 5.8. **Animal Welfare.** – Pertains to the physical and psychological well-being of animals. It includes, but not limited to, the avoidance of abuse, maltreatment, cruelty and exploitation of animals by humans by maintaining appropriate standards of accommodation, feeding and general care, the prevention and treatment of diseases and assurance of freedom from fear, distress, harassment, and unnecessary discomfort and pain, and allowing animals to express normal behaviour.
- 5.9. **Breeder.** – Refers to individuals who own specialized variety of domesticated animals within the species with the main purpose of propagating the said species.
- 5.10. **Botcha.** – A double dead meat.
- 5.11. **Butcher or Slaughter man.** – Skilled person employed to transform food animals into meat.
- 5.12. **Butcher's License.** – Refers to the licensing and registration of butchers working within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig.
- 5.13. **By-product.** – An incidental or secondary product made in the manufacture or synthesis of something else; refers to hide, horns, skin, bones, hooves, feathers and other parts of poultry, pig, cattle, carabao, goat, sheep and other cloven-hoofed animals.



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- 5.14. **Canning.** – The preservation of meat in hermetically sealed containers.
- 5.15. **Capable of Use as Human Food.** – Shall apply to any carcass, or part or product of a carcass, of any animal unless it is denatured or otherwise identified as required by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture to deter its use as human food, or it is naturally inedible by humans.
- 5.16. **Carcass.** – The body of any slaughtered animal after bleeding and/or dressing.
- 5.17. **Citation Ticket.** – A document to notify the offender of a particular violation of City Ordinances and corresponding penalties thereof.
- 5.18. **City Meat Inspection Service (“CMIS”).** – Refers to the meat inspection system that ensures the safety and quality of meat and meat products for human food including but not limited to humane handling of slaughter animals, ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection, Quality Assurance Program, Hygiene and Sanitation Program, Good Manufacturing Practices, Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Program and Residue Control Program. It covers regulatory activities such as registration, licensing, accreditation, and enforcement of regulations and supported by laboratory examination, and which is under the supervision of the City Veterinarian.
- 5.19. **City Pound.** – A facility designated by the Local Government of the City of Pasig to be used for the temporary housing and care of animals impounded pursuant to this Code.
- 5.20. **Cleaning.** – The physical removal of soil, dirt, grease or other objectionable matter.
- 5.21. **Cold Storage.** – Refers to the type of meat establishment that is accredited by NMIS, which is being used for the storage of local and imported frozen meat and meat products.
- 5.22. **Commerce.** – Meat trade between a province within the Philippines and any place outside thereof.
- 5.23. **Companion Animal or Pet.** – A dog or cat or any other domesticated or domestic-bred animal whose physical, emotional, behavioural and social needs can be readily met as companion in the home, or in closed daily relationship with humans.



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- 5.24. **Controlling Authority.** – The National Meat Inspection Service (“NMIS”) mandated by law to regulate meat hygiene and meat inspection at the national level; City Meat Inspection Service at the local government level.
- 5.25. **Contaminant.** – Means any physical, biological or chemical substances not intended to be added to food that may compromise safety or suitability to the consuming public.
- 5.26. **Contamination.** – An occurrence where food or food environment is contaminated.
- 5.27. **Cross-contamination.** – Contamination of meat and meat products with any hazards originating from the environment, meat handlers, animal, or carcasses and others.
- 5.28. **Cruelty to Animals.** – Acts or omissions towards animals inflicted either physically or psychologically including acts of neglect, causing the same to suffer from unnecessary pain, suffering and distress.
- 5.29. **Deputation.** – The authority of the NMIS to allow meat inspectors and meat control officers employed by the local government units to perform the duties of an inspector or meat control officer of the NMIS.
- 5.30. **Disease or Defect.** – A pathological change or other abnormality.
- 5.31. **Domestic Animal.** – An animal of a species of vertebrates that has been domesticated by humans so as to live and breed in a tame condition and depend on humankind for survival.
- 5.32. **Fit for Human Consumption.** – Meat that has passed and appropriately branded by an inspector as safe and wholesome and in which no changes due to disease, decomposition or contamination have subsequently been found.
- 5.33. **Floor Dressing.** – Unacceptable practice of progressively preparing the carcass on the floor. The use of unslatted dressing table is also considered as “floor dressing”.
- 5.34. **Fresh Meat.** – Meat that has not yet been treated in any way other than by modified atmosphere packaging or vacuum packaging to ensure its preservation except that if it has been subjected only to refrigeration, it continues to be considered as fresh.



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- 5.35. **Food Animal.** – all domestic animals slaughtered for human consumption such as but not limited to cattle, carabao, buffalo, horse, sheep, goat, hog, deer, rabbit, ostrich and poultry, and other similar animals qualified for slaughter for human consumption with or without restriction under existing laws.
- 5.36. **Food Hygiene.** – All conditions and measures necessary to ensure the safety and suitability of food at all stages of the food chain.
- 5.37. **Food Safety.** – Assurance that food will not cause harm to the consumer when it is prepared and/or eaten according to its intended use.
- 5.38. **Frozen Meat and Meat Products.** – Refers to meat and meat products subjected to freezing temperature below eighteen degrees Celsius (-18°C).
- 5.39. **Good Hygienic Slaughtering Practices (“GHSP”).** – All practices regarding the conditions and measures at all slaughtering stages necessary to ensure the safety and wholesomeness of meat and meat products.
- 5.40. **Good Manufacturing Practices (“GMP”).** – The conformance with codes of practices, industry standards, regulations and laws concerning production, processing, handling, labelling and sale of foods decreed by industry, local, national and international bodies with the intention of protecting the public from illness, product adulteration and fraud.
- 5.41. **Hot Meat.** – Refers to the carcass or parts of carcass of food animals which were slaughtered from unregistered/unaccredited meat establishments and have not undergone the required inspection. It also includes undocumented, illegally shipped, and unregistered carcass, parts of carcass and meat products coming from other countries and those that are classified as hot meat by the NMIS.
- 5.42. **Inspected and Condemned.** – A condition wherein the carcasses or parts of carcasses so marked have been inspected and found to be unsafe, unwholesome and unfit for human consumption.
- 5.43. **Inspected and Passed.** – A condition wherein the carcasses or parts of carcasses so marked have been inspected and found to be safe, wholesome and fit for human consumption.



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5.44. **Inspection.** – An act by an official inspector to ensure compliance with rules and regulations including but not limited to humane handling of slaughter animals, ante and post mortem inspections, quality assurance program, hygiene and sanitation program, good manufacturing program, sanitation standard operating procedures, hazard analysis critical control point program, residue control program on any meat and meat product, meat establishment facilities, transport vehicles and conveyance.

5.45. **Lairage.** – A holding pen or a place of rest of farm or livestock animals before slaughter.

5.46. **Local Government Unit (“LGU”) Meat Inspection Personnel.** – Refers to a professionally qualified and properly trained officer, duly appointed by the City Government of Pasig for meat inspection and control of hygiene; includes meat control officer (veterinarian) and meat inspector.

5.47. **Label.** – A display of written, printed, or graphic matter upon the immediate container (not including package liners) of any article.

5.48. **Locally Registered Meat Establishment (“LRME”).** – Refers to slaughterhouses, meat processing plants, poultry dressing plants and cold storages that are registered in the city government but are not accredited by the NMIS.

5.49. **Meat.** – Refers to the fresh, chilled or frozen edible carcass including offal derived from food animals:

5.49.1. **Newly Slaughtered Meat.** – Refers to meat obtained from animals slaughtered within the day, and sold to the consumer within a specified time from slaughter established by NMIS, during which it retains its fresh-like character in terms of odor, color and texture and with no signs of spoilage. It is traditionally not refrigerated at any stage of meat handling or at the point of sale.

5.49.2. **Chilled Meat.** – Derived from newly slaughtered animals the temperature of which is brought down to a minimum product temperature higher than 0°C or at a temperature at which it is not frozen. The maximum product temperature for chilled meat shall be at 10°C. Chilled meat is held at this temperature during cutting, processing, handling, transport, storage, distribution and retail sale.



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5.49.3. Frozen Meat. – Derived from newly slaughtered animals brought down to a maximum product center temperature of 0°C during which most of the water in the meat is converted to ice. The meat is stored and held at a room temperature of -18°C or lower to maintain a product center temperature of 0°C (maximum). The product temperature is maintained during cutting, processing, handling, transport, storage, distribution and retail sale.

5.49.4. Thawed Meat. – Obtained from frozen meat where the product temperature is allowed to rise to a level higher than 0°C but no higher than 5°C under temperature-controlled conditions. During thawing, ice crystals in the previously frozen meat are reconverted to water starting from the outer surface to the inner core resulting in the formation of liquid called “drip.” Thawed meat because it was previously frozen, is not the same product as “newly slaughtered meat” or “chilled meat”.

5.50. Meat Broker. – Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat or meat food products of food animals on commission, or otherwise negotiating purchases or sales of such articles other than for his own account or as an employee of another person, firm or corporation.

5.51. Meat Cold Storage Plant/Warehouse. – A meat establishment that is accredited by the Controlling Authority which is being used for the storage of local and/or imported frozen meat.

5.52. Meat Cutting Plant. – A meat establishment, existing as stand-alone or an integral part of a bigger facility accredited by NMIS or registered by LGU to cut, fabricate or comminute and package meat for retail distribution.

5.53. Meat Establishment. – Premises such as slaughterhouse, poultry dressing plant, meat processing plant, cold storage, warehouse and other meat outlets that are approved and registered by the NMIS and/or the LGU in

which food animals or meat products are slaughtered, prepared, processed, handled, packed or stored.

5.54. Meat Handler. – Person directly involved in the preparation, transportation and sale of meat and meat products.



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5.55. Meat Handler's License. – Refers to the licensing of meat and aquatic food vendors, meat dealers, meat shop and stall owners and vendors, flea market owners and operators, cutters and fabricators within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig.

5.56. Meat Hygiene. – All conditions and measures including, but not limited to, good hygienic slaughtering practices or good manufacturing practices necessary to ensure the quality, safety and suitability of meat at all stages of the food chain.

5.57. Meat Inspection Certificate. – An official certificate issued by a meat inspector or meat control officer who conducted the post-mortem examination that the carcass is fit for human consumption.

5.58. Meat Market. – An area/premise where meat, meat products and/or processed meat products are sold, catered, or served, in public or clandestinely, for human consumption, namely, but not limited to:

- Wet Markets
- Flea Markets (Satellite markets/Talipapa)
- *Bagsakan* centers
- Rolling Stores
- Meat shops/stalls
- *Le Chon* Houses and stands
- Ambulant meat stalls/vendors/peddlers
- Supermarkets and grocery stores
- Restaurants, canteens, and eateries
- Catering services
- Hotels and other institutional buyers
- Meat chandlers



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- Meat Online Sellers
- Private domicile, particularly those, suspected depot of "hot meat" subject to LUNG requirements
- Other channels where meat and meat products are slaughtered, prepared, handled, processed, packed, stored, and distributed

5.59. Meat Product. – Any product capable of use as human food which is made wholly or in part from any meat or other portion of the carcass of any food animals, except products which contain meat or other portion of such carcass only relatively small proportion or historically have not been considered by consumers as products of the meat industry and are exempted from definition as meat products by the Secretary of Agriculture under such conditions as the Secretary may prescribe to assure that the meat or other portions of such carcasses contained in such product are not adulterated and that such products are not represented as meat products.

5.60. Minimum Standard of Care. – Care sufficient to preserve the health and well-being of an animal and, except for emergencies or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the guardian, includes, but is not limited to, the following requirements:

- a. Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight;
- b. Open or adequate access to potable water of a drinkable temperature in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animal's needs;
- c. Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease;
- d. With air temperature suitable for the health of the animal; adequate ventilation; kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the animal's health; and
- e. Enrichment for mental stimulation.

5.6.1 Misbranded. – This term shall apply to any carcass, part thereof, meat or meat product where one or more of the following circumstances as defined under the Republic Act No. 7394 (Consumer Act of the Philippines) is present:



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- a. If its labelling is false or misleading in any particular;
- b. If it is offered for sale under the name of another meat or meat product;
- c. If it is an imitation of another meat or meat product, unless its label bears, in type of uniform size and prominence, the word "imitation" and immediately thereafter, the name of the meat or meat product imitated;
- d. If its container is so made, formed, or filled as to be misleading;
- e. If in a package or other container unless it bears a label showing (1) the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor; and (2) an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents in terms of weight, measure, or numerical count: Provided, that under clause (2) of this sub paragraph (e), reasonable variations may be permitted, and exemptions as to small packages shall be established, by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture;
- f. If any word, statement, or other information required by or under authority of this chapter to appear on the label or other labelling is not prominently placed thereon with such conspicuousness (as compared with other words, statements, designs, or devices, in the labelling) and in such terms as to render it likely to be read and understood by the ordinary individual under customary conditions of purchase and use;
- g. If it purports to be or is represented as a meat or meat product for which a definition and standard of identity or composition has been prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture under this title unless (1) it conforms with such definition and standard; and (2) its label bears the name of the meat or meat product specified in the definition and standard and, in so far as may be required by such regulations, the common names of optional ingredients (other than spices, flavoring, and coloring) present in such meat product;
- h. If it purports to be or is represented as a meat or meat product for which a standard or standards of fill of container have been prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture under this title and it falls below the standard of fill of container applicable thereto, unless its label bears, in such manner and formats such regulations specify a statement that it fails below such standard;



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- i. If it is not subject to the provisions of subparagraph (g), unless its label bears (a) the common or usual name of the meat product; if any there be, and (b) in case it is fabricated from two or more ingredients, the common or usual name of each such ingredient; except that spices, flavorings, and coloring may, when authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, be designated spices, flavorings, and colorings without naming each: Provided, That to the extent that compliance with the requirements of clause (b) of this subparagraph (i) is impracticable, or results in deception or unfair competition, exemptions shall be established by regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture;
- j. if it purports to be or is represented for special dietary use, unless its label bears such information concerning its vitamin, mineral, and other dietary properties as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture, and by regulations prescribed as necessary in order to fully inform purchases as to its value for such uses;
- k. if it bears or contains any artificial flavoring, artificial coloring, or chemical preservative, unless it bears labelling stating that fact: Provided, that to the extent that compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph (k) is impracticable, exemptions shall be established by the regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture; or
- l. if it fails to bear, directly on its container, as the Secretary of Agriculture may by regulations prescribe, the inspection mark or legend and, unrestricted by any of the foregoing, such other information as the Secretary of Agriculture may require in such regulations to assure that it will not have false or misleading labelling and that the public will be informed of the manner of handling required to maintain the article in a wholesome condition.

5.62. Muzzle. – A device which covers or secures the mouth of an animal and is designed to prevent it from biting

5.63. Neuter or Castration. – The removal of the testicles in male dogs and cats.

5.64. Owner. – An individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other legal entity having the right of property, custody, or possession over an animal; or who keeps or harbors an animal; or knowingly permits an animal to remain on or about any premises occupied, owned, or controlled by that person.



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5.65. **Pathogen.** – A microorganism that cause disease.

5.66. **Pet Store/Shop.** – A business which sells, at premises, of any nature (including a private dwelling), live animals other than those intended for food or farming purposes, or that keeps such animals in any such premises with a view to their being sold in the course of such a business, whether by the keeper thereof or by any other person.

5.67. **Post-Establishment Control.** – Refers to the process of:

- a. Monitoring and checking of meat and meat products during transport and sale in any meat outlet;
- b. Conducting surveillance of person's vehicle, filing of appropriate administrative and criminal case against natural or juridical persons, involved in or reportedly involved in illegal meat processing and/or storage; and
- c. Provide measures to control proliferation of hot meat and meat products sold for human consumption.

5.68. **Potable Water.** – Water with standards of potability not lower than those contained in the latest edition of the "International/Philippine Standards of Drinking Water" by the World Health Organization.

5.69. **Primary Packaging.** – Refers to the first layer of food grade wrapping materials in direct contact with the product to protect it from contamination.

5.70. **Processed Meat.** – Refers to the meat that underwent treatment with preservatives or has been processed into another food product such as, but not limited to: *tocino, longganiza, chicken nuggets, etc.*

5.71. **Residue.** – Any foreign substance including metabolites, therapeutic or prophylactic agents which are objectionable or hazardous to human health remaining in the meat or meat products as a result of treatment or accidental exposure.

5.72. **Restraint or Control.** – An animal shall be considered under restraint or control if it is confined within the real property limits of its owner, is secured by a leash or lead, or is otherwise under the control of a responsible person, or is confined within a vehicle in a manner that prevents escape.



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5.73. **Risk Analysis.** – A process consisting of three (3) components that includes risk assessment, risk management and risk communication, all of which are essential to the decision-making process that determines acceptable levels of risk, and the implementation of those decisions.

5.74. **Safe and Wholesome.** – Refers to meat and meat products that have been passed as fit for human consumption using the criteria that it:

- a. Will not cause food borne infection or intoxication when properly handled and prepared with respect to the intended use;
- b. Does not contain residue in excess of set limits,
- c. Is free of obvious contamination;
- d. Is free of defects that are generally as objectionable to consumers;
- e. As been produced under adequate hygiene control; and
- f. Has not been treated with illegal substances as specified in Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", as amended by Republic Act No. 10536 and in other related national legislations.

5.75. **Spay.** – Sterilize a female animal by removing the ovaries.

5.76. **Stray or at-Large.** – An animal shall be considered stray or at-large when off the property of the owner and not under restraint or control; or if it is abandoned; or if it has escaped for a substantial amount of time from the care of an owner or custodian, and in a feral state.

5.77. **Strike Operation/Raid.** – An all-out act of confiscating hot meat / spurious meat items and other pieces of evidence accessory to the act of illegal selling said products, such as, but not limited to, knives, cleavers, chopping boards, containers, weighing scale, makeshift stalls, vehicle/s, and the like, and apprehension of the suspect and his accomplices/cohorts for the purpose of detention, investigation, and filing of case/s.

5.78. **Task Force / Enforcement Team.** – A group composed of veterinary inspectors / meat control officers, meat inspectors, and representatives from concerned Local Government Unit (LGU) agencies organized and designated by the head of office to conduct post-meat establishment management activities. This shall be created through an administrative order/ordinance which shall define the role of all members of the team. The members of the team shall be designated by the NMIS/concerned Local Chief Executive (LCE) of Local Meat Inspection Service (LMIS) through a special order.



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5.79. **Thawing.** – Refers to defrosting of a frozen product either through exposure to higher temperature or by means of other technology.

5.80. **Veterinary Inspector or Meat Control Officer.** – An inspector who is professionally qualified as a veterinarian duly appointed by the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) or the local government unit responsible for the supervision and control of meat hygiene including meat inspection

5.81. **Vicious and Dangerous.** – Any animal that has without justification attacks a person or domestic animal, causing physical injury or death; that behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses an unjustified imminent threat of serious injury or death to one or more persons or domestic animals; or that has shown the disposition or tendency to be threatening or aggressive.

5.82. **Zoonotic Diseases.** – Diseases found in animals which are transmissible to humans and vice versa.

ARTICLE IV
COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 6. COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY OF PASIG DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES. – The following shall be the organizational structure of the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services consistent with the personnel schedule and qualification standards promulgated by the Civil Service Commission and other civil service laws, rules and regulations:

The creation of the Department shall be consistent with the provisions relating to the rights and benefits provided by the Index of Occupational Service issued by the national government through the Department of Budget and Management. Therefore, all personnel of the Department shall be considered public health workers as defined by the said Index of Occupational Service.

6.1. CITY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD II

The *City Veterinarian* shall have the following qualifications:

- a. Citizen of the Philippines
- b. Resident of the City of Pasig
- c. Of good moral character



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- d. Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine
- e. At least three (3) years in the practice of profession
- f. Completion of the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC)
- g. One Hundred Twenty (120) hours of supervisory and managerial training
- h. Civil Service Eligible (Professional) or equivalent

FUNCTIONS:

The City Veterinarian shall take charge of the Department and shall:

1. Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of adequate facilities pursuant to Section 17 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;
2. Develop plans and strategies and upon approval thereof by the City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with veterinary related activities which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide for under RA No. 7160;
3. Advise the City Mayor on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants;
4. Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;
5. Regulate and inspect poultry, milk and dairy products for public consumption sold in both public and private markets as well as in grocery stores;
6. Promote and maintain the health of food animals, exotic and zoo animals, laboratory animals, pets and other companion animals;
7. Prevent meat-borne zoonotic diseases by assuring the safety of food products derived from animals and by assisting in the maintenance of a safe environment through proper animal control, animal waste disposal and use of animal monitoring system;



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8. Take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all forms of animal diseases;
9. Enforce all laws and regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals; ensure humane care, treatment and immunization of animals;
10. Prescribe and enforce regulation and control on matters related to animal health like quarantine and veterinary drugs;
11. Perform castration and other surgical operations on pet animals;
12. Be in the frontline of veterinary related activities, such as in the outbreak of highly contagious and deadly diseases and in situations resulting in the depletion of animals for work and human consumption, particularly those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;
13. Coordinate with various city government agencies in the implementation of the rules and regulations concerning meat inspection and other related works;
14. Attend seminars, conventions, meetings, conferences on various subjects for capacity building for the promotion of veterinary services;
15. Submit reports and recommendations to higher authorities for the improvement of the service;
16. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

6.2. The **Assistant City Veterinarian** shall have the following qualifications:

- a. Citizen of the Philippines
- b. Of good moral character
- c. Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine
- d. At least three (3) years in the practice of profession
- e. Completion of the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC)
- f. Thirty-Two (32) hours of supervisory and managerial training
- g. Civil Service Eligible (Professional) or equivalent



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FUNCTIONS:

1. Assist the City Veterinarian in the performance of his/her functions and duties; and
2. Perform other functions and duties as may be assigned to him/her by the City Veterinarian from time to time.

The *Department* is composed of three (3) Divisions. There are five (5) Sections in City Meat Inspection Service Division, two (2) Sections in Animal Health and Welfare Division and two (2) Sections in Animal Pound and Animal Regulatory Division.

1. CITY MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE ("CMIS") DIVISION

It shall regulate the slaughtering, preparation, transport, marketing, inspection, and hygiene of meat and meat products in "AA" when there is transport of products outside the city, "A" and Locally Registered Meat Establishments (LRMEs) if the distribution of products is within the city's territorial jurisdiction in accordance with the national policies. It shall endeavor to be certified compliant with the National Standards for adoption pertinent to national regulations into local ordinance. Once certified compliant by National Meat Inspection Service ("NMIS") to National Standards, it shall cover inter-city in Metro Manila and its Meat Safety Strategic Plan would be periodically reviewed as necessary.

The City Meat Inspection Service Division shall create *plantilla* positions to manage and control the following Sections:

I. Food Hygiene Regulatory Section. It is concerned with the registration of, but not limited to, meat handlers, dealers, vendors, processors, truckers/haulers/distributors, meat establishment owners/operators and such other entities that may be regulated in the future; licensing of butchers, meat cutters or fabricators.

1. Licensing and Registration. The Office of the City Mayor through the Business Permits and Licensing Office shall register and issue business permit/license to operate the following:
 - a. Meat Establishment/Meat Market
 - h. The Department shall register and issue annually a Veterinary Clearance as a requirement prior to issuance of Business Permit to all meat establishments, such as, but not limited to slaughterhouse, poultry dressing plant, meat cutting plant, meat processing plant, cold storage warehouse, and meat markets (as defined in Section 5.58) within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig.



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ii. The City Meat Inspection Service ("CMIS") shall maintain a registry of all meat establishments and meat markets operating in the city, which shall be regularly updated and a copy submitted to the NMIS.

b. Food Animal/Meat Transport Vehicle ("MTV")

i. Only transport vehicles registered annually with the National Meat Inspection Service and with the CMIS shall be allowed to deliver meat and meat products within the city for commerce. Likewise, only livestock and poultry hauler trucks registered annually with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and with the CMIS, shall be allowed to transport food animals to the slaughterhouse for slaughter.

c. Meat Handlers

i. The CMIS shall annually register livestock and meat workers/handlers in the meat establishment, meat dealers, meat vendors, meat shop/stall owners and other meat handlers in their respective jurisdiction. It shall submit an annual updated report of registered livestock and meat workers/handlers in the slaughterhouse, poultry dressing plant, meat dealers, meat vendors, meat shop/stall owners and other meat handlers within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig to NMIS.

ii. The CMIS shall maintain and regularly update the City registry of livestock and meat handlers in the meat establishments, meat dealers, meat vendors, meat processors, meat shop/stall owners, meat distributors/truckers, meat establishment owners/operators, and other meat workers described in this Code. A copy shall then be submitted to the NMIS for record purposes annually.

d. Meat Control Officer, Meat Inspectors ("MI") and Deputized Meat Inspectors

i. The CMIS shall register and maintain a registry of all veterinarians or meat control officers, meat inspectors and deputized meat inspection workers, NMIS trained, who are employed by the city government.

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- ii. A copy of the registry shall be furnished to the NMIS Central Office for record purposes.

2. **Certification.** The CMIS shall certify the competency of the following workers in the meat establishment:

- i. Butchers
ii. Meat Cutters or Fabricators
iii. It shall submit an annual updated report of licensed butchers and other workers in the slaughterhouse.

II. **Meat Establishment/Meat Markets Inspection Section.** It shall conduct actual animal welfare inspection, ante-mortem inspection of live animals and post-mortem inspection of the carcasses. It shall also conduct post meat establishments enforcement and re-inspection in the markets, **Strike Operations** by the Task Force Hot Meat, and such other meat inspection activities outside the primary production area for the purpose of keeping the meat and meat products safe for public consumption.

1. The City Meat Inspection Service ("CMIS") of Pasig shall ensure and enforce that:

- i. Minimum standards are met in the performance of hygiene, meat inspection in the operation of the slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants, and meat markets within the City of Pasig;
ii. Enforce humane handling and slaughtering of food animals;
iii. Issue Meat Inspection Certificate ("MIC") or Meat Products Inspection Certificate ("MPIC") and certify that meat and meat products for distribution within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig are safe and wholesome.

2. It shall implement the NMIS prescribed size, shape, and wording of inspection mark; the kind, the color and composition of the food grade marking ink used for branding carcasses and the format of the meat inspection certificate.

3. It may deputize NMIS trained veterinarians/meat control officers, meat inspectors or Barangay Health Workers under the employ of the City of Pasig to perform meat inspection in registered meat establishments.



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4. The CMIS shall submit to NMIS special reports on meat establishment operation, such as, but not limited to, the slaughter report, condemnation report, incidence of reportable diseases, supply/inventory report and such other data required or requested by the national government.
5. It shall directly supervise meat hygiene and the conduct of meat inspection in the meat establishments and meat markets:
 - i. The CMIS shall have the responsibility to see to it that meat establishments/meat markets implement and comply with the meat hygiene and inspection laws, rules and regulations.
 - ii. It shall monitor and oversee the proper maintenance of the slaughterhouses, poultry dressing plants and meat markets facility, equipment and utensils are in good operating condition at all times.
 - iii. The Chief Meat Control Officer ("CMCO") shall conduct regular visits and inspection of meat establishments and meat markets in the City of Pasig to:
 - a. Fully understand the meat safety problems and conditions thereat;
 - b. Listen and give appropriate coaching/mentoring to veterinarians/meat control officers, meat inspectors and deputized MIs; and
 - c. Inform and update all stakeholders of the laws, rules and regulations which specially concerns them to the end that the delivery of the meat inspection service in the locality shall be improved.
6. It shall conduct post meat establishment re-inspections.
 - i. The CMIS shall be responsible in ensuring that only meat and meat products that passed meat inspection shall be offered for sale within its territorial jurisdiction.
 - ii. Disputes between parties shall be settled amicably. The NMIS and CMIS shall provide their own mediation and arbitration rules for issues or conflicts not resolved amicably.



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- iii. An unannounced special inspection shall be undertaken by the CMIS when it is necessary to confirm, validate and verify information relative to the operation of a meat establishment and meat markets.

7. Task Force Hot Meat. – As the need arises, a *Task Force Hot Meat* shall be organized and members designated by the City Veterinarian through a Special Order with corresponding logistical support.

- It shall also have the power to:
 - i. Confiscate any carcasses or parts, offal and meat products, and/or processed meat products found to have been prepared, handled, packed, stored, transported or offered for sale, catered or served within City of Pasig as human food found not in accordance with any provisions of the Meat Inspection Code;
 - ii. Impose administrative fines on persons in conflict with the law; and/or,
 - iii. Issue, after due process, *cease and desist* order or recommend the closure of Locally Registered Meat Establishments (“LRME”) and/or meat markets to the City Mayor.
- Any veterinarian/meat control officer or meat inspector or member of Task Force, who in the performance of his official duties, is charged in court shall be provided with legal assistance by the City of Pasig Legal Office.

8. Records shall be maintained and kept for a minimum of five (5) years. –Records shall be in safekeeping by the City of Pasig Meat Inspection Service Division under the supervision of the Chief Meat Control Officer (“CMCO”) and should be made available upon request. The records shall indicate the data such as, but not limited to:

1. Slaughter Report;
2. Condemnation Report;
3. Certificate of Water Potability;



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4. Veterinary Health Certificate with description on the point of origin of food animals, farm's business name and full name of the farm owner;
5. Carcass Destination;
6. Details of samples taken and dates of sampling and testing;
7. Details of actions taken following any E. Coli and/or Salmonella isolations, residues of veterinary drug detection; and
8. Details of employees' training.

III. Meat Safety and Quality Assurance Section. It shall implement and regularly monitor the clean-up or hygiene and sanitation program, Good Hygienic Slaughtering Practices ("GHSP"), Good Manufacturing Practices ("GMP"), Good Handling Practices ("GHP"), Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures ("SSOP"), and such other approved CODEX recommended quality assurance programs.

- a. The CMIS shall have the responsibility and legal power to enforce hygienic requirements necessary to produce meat and meat products that is safe and wholesome in all meat establishments and meat markets.
- b. All meat establishments and meat markets in the City of Pasig shall adopt and implement the approved CODEX recommended quality assurance programs like the GMP and SSOP to minimize the substantial risk of contamination during slaughtering, dressing, processing, handling, and those that are sold, catered, or served to ensure the production and distribution of safe and wholesome meat and meat products.
- c. The NMIS shall evaluate the performance of all meat establishments and meat markets under their supervision relative to their implementation of GMP and SSOP.
- d. The CMIS shall formulate "incentive schemes" for the City Locally Registered Meat Establishments (LRMEs) government or private-owned that are performing exceptionally in their compliance to sanitation standards.



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IV. City Slaughterhouse Operation and Management Section. The slaughter of any kind of livestock animals either for sale for commercial purposes or for home consumption by the public shall only be done in the slaughterhouse or poultry dressing plants accredited by the NMIS and/or Locally Registered Meat Establishment ("LRME") within the City of Pasig. All meat offered for sale in any meat market shall have passed inspection and certified as fit for human consumption by a controlling authority. Newly slaughtered carcasses shall be properly stamped with the official mark of inspection and must be accompanied by a Meat Inspection Certificate before leaving the premises of the Slaughterhouse.

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V. Meat Safety Advocacy, Information, Education and Training Section. The CMIS shall lead in the Meat Safety Advocacy, Information, Education and Trainings through capacity-building:

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- a. The Chief Meat Control Officer ("CMCO"), other veterinarians or meat control officers and meat inspector of the City of Pasig who are duly appointed, designated or deputized by the Local Chief Executive to perform meat inspection shall first undergo and complete the NMIS Basic Meat Inspection Training Course.
 - b. The CMIS shall update the City Meat Inspection personnel and external stakeholders of general laws, rules and regulations and other national government policies, new technologies and current developments in the meat industry in order for them to harmonize with the national development agenda, policies and priorities, and enhance their capabilities in the regulation, risk management and implementation of meat inspection and meat hygiene programs.
 - c. The CMIS shall conduct or organize special or advanced training courses on meat inspection, meat hygiene and other related courses to further develop the meat inspection skills of the City veterinarians or meat control officers, meat inspectors and other workers in the meat industry.
 - d. All employees of meat establishments/meat markets involved in the production of meat shall be trained in personal hygiene, good hygienic practices, cleaning and disinfection procedures, product handling and protection. Regular and refresher training and follow-up training courses shall be part of the overall training program. Training programs shall be reviewed and updated as often as necessary. A checklist containing the criteria, monitoring, corrective action and records shall be maintained to assess the training program attended by personnel and shall be developed by the Department in coordination with the NMIS.
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- e. NMIS may be requested to assist in the training of all meat inspection personnel and stakeholders.

6.3. Veterinarian IV. – Chief Meat Control Officer (“CMCO”) and will be the head of the CMIS Division and shall have the following qualifications:

- a. Citizen of the Philippines
- b. Of good moral character
- c. Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine
- d. At least three (3) years in the practice of profession
- e. Completion of the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC)
- f. Civil Service Eligible (Professional) or equivalent

FUNCTIONS:

1. The **CMCO** shall conduct regular visits and inspection of meat establishments within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig to:

- a. Fully understand the meat safety problems and conditions thereat;
- b. Listen and give appropriate coaching/mentoring to veterinarians/meat control officers, meat inspectors and deputized meat inspectors; and
- c. Inform and update all stakeholders of the laws, rules and regulations which specially concern them at the end that the delivery of the meat inspection service in the City of Pasig shall be improved.

2. Shall exercise direct supervision over meat inspection personnel of the City of Pasig and technical supervision over deputized meat inspection personnel of Barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig to ensure that they act within the scope of the prescribe powers and functions;

3. Supervise the performance of ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection of all domestic food animals intended for slaughter to ensure safe and wholesome meat and meat products for sale and distribution to different markets, flea markets (talipapa), hotels, and other food establishments and meat outlets;



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4. Advise the City Veterinarian on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouses, poultry dressing plants and meat markets;
5. Regulate and inspect meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, eggs, honey, game or exotic meats and other animal products for public consumption;
6. Regulate, inspect and register all meat transport vehicles within the City of Pasig;
7. Enforce all laws, rules and regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals, meat hygiene and inspection;
8. Assist in veterinary related activities such as prevention or control of outbreak of highly contagious and deadly animal diseases and in situations resulting in the depletion of animals for work and human consumption, particularly those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;
9. Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be prescribed by law, rules and regulations, ordinances and authorities.

6.4. **Veterinarian III of the City Meat Inspection Service Division shall be a Section Head and shall have the following qualifications:**

- a. Citizen of the Philippines
- b. Of good moral character
- c. Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine
- d. At least three (3) years in the practice of profession
- e. Completion of the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC)
- f. Civil Service Eligible (Professional) or equivalent

FUNCTIONS:

1. Assist the Veterinarian IV of the City Meat Inspection Service Division and the City Veterinarian in the performance of their functions and duties; and

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2. Perform other functions and duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Veterinarian IV and the City Veterinarian from time to time.

6.5. Slaughterhouse Master III is the Head of the City of Pasig Slaughterhouse and will be assisted by Slaughterhouse Master II.

FUNCTIONS:

1. Exercise direct and immediate supervision and control over the City Slaughterhouse and its personnel thereof, including those whose duties are concerned with the maintenance and upkeep of, and management and operation of the City Slaughterhouse, subject to the supervision of the City Veterinarian;
2. Maintain structural facilities, equipment, materials including the Waste Water Treatment Facility;
3. Maintain the Good Hygienic Slaughtering Practices ("GHSP") and ensure personal hygiene, are in proper attire and decorum of all meat handlers inside the slaughterhouse;
4. Strictly implement all policies and procedures inside the slaughterhouse especially "Payment Upon Entry," "All In, All Out," and "No MI, No Slaughter" Policies;
5. Ensure that all services, taxes, fees and other charges are collected with proper documents (Official Receipt, Meat Inspection Certificate and Gate Pass) before leaving the slaughterhouse premises;
6. Maintain the check and balance among the different office personnel (slaughterhouse, market cashiers, Meat Inspectors and Office of Public Security);
7. Ensure the availability of the following:
 - a. Water supply
 - b. Firewood/Fuel
 - c. Lighting
8. Collate annual requirement for hog and large animal dealers and their assistants, butchers, butchers' aide, drivers and animal handlers;



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- a. Biodata/Resume with recent picture of any size
Below should be in photocopy only:
 - b. Business Permit
 - c. Livestock Handler's License
 - d. Meat Handler's License (Mayor's Occupational Permit)
 - e. Laboratory Results and Health Certificate (With Drug Test Result)
 - f. Police Clearance
 - g. Driver's License
9. Ensure at all times that the entire slaughterhouse is hygienically prepared before and after any operation;
 10. Ensure the effectiveness of the Waste Water Treatment Facility; coordinate with LLDA for its environmental compliance;
 11. Coordinate with the NMIS for technical services;
 12. Attend seminars, conventions, conferences, trainings and meetings, on various subjects for capacity building for the promotion of the City of Pasig Slaughterhouse; and
 13. Perform other related functions as may be required from time to time.

6.6. Meat Inspectors III, II, I

FUNCTIONS:

1. Inspect and verify relevant documents (shipping permit, Veterinary Health Certificate or ownership and/or transfer of ownership, etc.) of food animals presented for slaughter;
2. Perform ante-mortem inspection of slaughter animals and post-mortem examination of their carcasses, organs and parts;
3. Enforce the humane slaughtering techniques or practices on food animals in abattoir;
4. Ensure the production of clean meat through the enforcement of approved and proper meat handling (slaughtering, etc.) practices in slaughterhouse, meat transport and meat markets;



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5. Maintain personal cleanliness and hygiene in the use of proper attire among the slaughterhouse workers and the provision and proper use of amenities;
6. Supervise pre-operation and post-operation cleaning and disinfection of slaughter premises, equipment and animal effects every day;
7. Ensure the proper disposal of condemned carcasses, organs and parts by open kettle rendering, if not affected by any dangerous diseases; if not available, the condemned shall be buried deep in the ground with the application of lime;
8. Accomplish properly all prescribed report forms of NMIS and submit them regularly at the end of every month;
9. Report immediately the presence of any reportable animal disease (FMD, Hog Cholera, ASF, etc.)
10. Help in animal quarantine work that may be instituted by the agency concerned during the outbreak of a reportable animal and poultry disease by regulating the entrance and exit of live animals and carcasses to and from the slaughterhouses;
11. Conduct and/or assist in animal disease intelligence works among slaughter animals kept in holding pens and lairages of slaughterhouses; and
12. Perform other related duties as may be required from time to time.

2. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE DIVISION. This Division is to protect and promote the right to health of the people by establishing a system to control, prevent the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies and the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

- I. **Animal Care and Welfare Section.** This Section provides for the technical assistance to pet/companion animal owners for proper nutrition and management; promotion of health and welfare of pet/companion animals in conjunction with public health; and treatment of animal diseases.
- II. **Animal Population and Disease Control, and Quarantine Section.** This Section is responsible for the population control of pets or companion animals by spay and castration to minimize the number of unwanted stray dogs and cats; control of diseases within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig through implementation of an effective and continual vaccination program to prevent, control, and eventually eradicate rabies; enforcement of animal quarantine directives; and other related works during epidemic animal diseases.



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6.7. **Veterinarian IV** – Animal Health and Welfare Division Head shall have the following qualifications:

- a. Citizen of the Philippines
- b. Of good moral character
- c. Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine
- d. At least three (3) years in the practice of profession
- e. Completion of the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC)
- f. Civil Service Eligible (Professional) or equivalent

FUNCTIONS:

1. Direct and supervise the enforcement of laws and ordinances of the City related to the service;
2. Perform surgery such as spay and castration to dogs and cats especially those that are in the City of Pasig Animal Pound;
3. Lead in the anti-rabies vaccination of dogs and cats;
4. Supervise and participate in the observation, diagnosis, treatment, feeding, care and management of confined animals and perform necropsy examination;
5. Formulate plans and programs, policies, operational procedures, and activities for broadened and improved veterinary services, and generate revenues;
6. Direct and provide technical and administrative supervision and control over personnel, and initiate, direct, supervise and participate in conducting studies and surveys on zoonotic diseases;
7. Evaluate and submit reports on the performance and conduct of personnel, and reviews, evaluate and submit report on all activities and accomplishments; and
8. Prepare and submit reports of activities and accomplishments of the Animal Health and Welfare Division.



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6.8. **Animal Keeper III, II.**

FUNCTIONS:

1. Assist the City Veterinarian and the Veterinarian IV of the Animal Health and Welfare Division during vaccination drive in the different Barangays and other Veterinary related works;
2. Prepare schedules of the vaccination and mass registration of pet animals;
3. Assist in the care and disposal of impounded animals;
4. Prepare reports of impounded animals;
5. Perform other functions and duties as may be assigned in the interest of public service.

3. **ANIMAL POUND and ANIMAL REGULATORY DIVISION.** This Division provides for the protection and promotion of the welfare of all animals by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training of all animals including birds either as objects of trade or as household pets.

I. **Animal Pound Section.** This Section is responsible for the impounding, field control and disposition of stray and/or unvaccinated dogs/cats to prevent, confiscate and eliminate stray, apparently ownerless, unregistered and uncared for animals in any place within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig by conducting field patrols, emergency response activities, impoundment of animals, and issuance of citations.

II. **Animal Regulatory Section.** This Section implements the regulations in keeping of pet/companion animals; mandatory registration of pets or companion animals and all animal facilities within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig; abate nuisances and other prohibited acts involving animals in accordance with existing laws, code, rules and regulations.

6.9. **Veterinarian IV. – City of Pasig Pound and Pet Regulatory Division Head and shall have the following qualifications:**

- a. Citizen of the Philippines
- b. Of good moral character



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- c. Licensed doctor of veterinary medicine
- d. At least three (3) years in the practice of profession
- e. Completion of the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course (BMITC)
- f. Civil Service Eligible (Professional) or equivalent

FUNCTIONS:

1. Formulate an effective program of activities to totally eradicate stray animals within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig;
2. Lead in the registration of dogs and cats;
3. Conduct field patrols, emergency response activities, impoundment of stray animals, and issuance of citations;
4. Initiate, provide and participate in conducting studies and surveys on zoonotic diseases;
5. Perform euthanasia to unclaimed and un-adopted impounded animals;
6. Supervise dog/cat catchers during operation;
7. Recommend, supervise and conduct studies, researches and surveys vital to the disease control during operation;
8. Prepare and submit reports of activities and accomplishments of the Animal Pound and Regulatory Division; and
9. Coordinate and maintain working relationships between and among divisions and services of the office and other allied government and private agencies, non-government organizations, and civic organizations to uphold the enforcement of the City of Pasig ordinances and the accomplishments of vital progressive programs of the service.

6.10. Pound Keeper

FUNCTIONS:

1. Take care of the impounded animals;

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2. Prepare food for the impounded animals;
3. Feed and bathe the impounded animals;
4. Maintain hygiene and sanitation of the cages and impounding facility;
5. Act as an overseer of the pound and reports all activities of the pound to the Veterinarian IV Animal Pound and Animal Regulatory Division; and
6. Perform other functions and duties as may be assigned in the interest of public service.

6.11. Administrative Aide III (Stray Animal Catcher)

FUNCTIONS:

1. Perform stray animal catching during operations;
2. Assist in the care and disposal of impounded animals; and
3. Perform other functions and duties as may be assigned in the interest of public service.

6.12. Administrative Assistant II

FUNCTIONS:

1. Attend to personnel inquiries regarding salaries, leaves, benefits, and claims;
2. Assist in the monitoring of personnel and provide technical assistance concerning personnel matters;
3. Assist the City Veterinarian to develop policies, standards, rules and regulations for the effective conduct, monitoring and audit of personnel and personnel management programs;
4. Supervise the upkeep and maintenance of office records;
5. Receive and routes incoming and outgoing communications, deliveries of equipment, supplies and materials in accordance with the purchase order/contract;



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6. Determine the availability of stock and need for such materials;
7. Attend meetings, seminars and trainings pertinent to employees' concerns; and
8. Perform such other duties as deemed necessary requested by the City Veterinarian in the exigency of the service.

6.13. Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II)

FUNCTIONS:

1. Prepare office communications;
2. Prepare and take custody of office forms and records;
3. Prepare Daily Time Records of personnel;
4. Consolidate daily, weekly and monthly reports;
5. Prepare Order of Payment for animal redemption; and
6. Performs such other assignments as may be assigned from time to time.

6.14. Administrative Aide III (Driver I)

FUNCTIONS:

1. Drive the utility vehicle for transporting personnel during monitoring and meat inspection in the different meat establishments and meat markets;
2. Drive the utility vehicle for transporting personnel during apprehension of stray animals; participate in the catching of stray animals;
3. Drive the utility vehicle for transporting personnel during anti-rabies vaccination drive and mass registration of pet animals in the different Barangays;
4. Prepare and submit weekly reports of gasoline consumption; and
5. Responsible in the maintenance and upkeep of the utility vehicle assigned.

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6.15. **Administrative Aide III (Utility Worker)**

FUNCTIONS:

1. Clean office rooms and premises;
2. Run errands for immediate supervisors, and follow-up of official documents;
3. Collect and compile post inspection reports of field personnel; and
4. Perform other functions and duties as may be assigned in the interest of public service.

6.16. **Administrative Aide III (Plumber/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator)**

FUNCTIONS:

1. Perform the installation, maintenance and repair of the physical plant and pump stations and all of their components;
2. Perform all aspects of sampling, monitoring and testing required to maintain compliance with the national and local regulations governing the wastewater treatment process, and storm water and sludge management; and
3. Perform regular and unscheduled maintenance and repairs on all plant equipment and machinery.

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NO.	POSITION/TITLE/DESIGNATION	SG
1	City Government Department Head II ("City Veterinarian")	26
1	City Government Assistant Department Head II (Assistant City Veterinarian)	24
1	Administrative Assistant II	8
1	Administrative Aide III (Utility Worker II)	3



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	City Meat Inspection Service Division	
	<i>Food Hygiene Regulatory Section</i>	
	<i>Meat Establishment/Meat Markets Inspection Section</i>	
	<i>Post Abattoir/Meat Establishment Inspection Section</i>	
	<i>Meat Safety and Quality Assurance Section</i>	
1	Veterinarian IV	22
1	Veterinarian III	19
10	Meat Inspector III	11
10	Meat Inspector II	8
10	Meat Inspector I	6
1	Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II)	4
1	Administrative Aide III (Driver I)	3
	Slaughterhouse Management and Operation Section	
1	Slaughterhouse Master III	18
1	Slaughterhouse Master II	14
7	Administrative Aide IV (Checker/Dispatcher)	4
2	Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II)	4
3	Administrative Aide III (Utility Worker II/Plumber)	3
9	Administrative Aide III (Utility Worker II/Cleaner)	3
1	Administrative Aide III (Driver I)	3
9	Security Guard I	3



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	Animal Health and Welfare Division <i>Animal Care and Welfare Section</i> <i>Animal Population and Disease Control, and Quarantine Section</i>	
1	Veterinarian IV	22
1	Animal Keeper III (Vaccinator)	9
5	Animal Keeper II (Vaccinator)	6
1	Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II)	4
1	Administrative Aide III (Utility Worker II/Cleaner)	3
1	Administrative Aide III (Driver I)	3
	Animal Pound and Animal Regulatory Division <i>Animal Pound Section</i> <i>Animal Regulatory Section</i>	
1	Veterinarian IV	22
3	Pound Keeper	3
6	Administrative Aide III (UW II/Animal Catcher)	3
1	Administrative Aide IV (Clerk II)	4
2	Administrative Aide III (Driver I)	3

ARTICLE V

MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS/MEAT MARKETS REGULATORY PROVISIONS

SECTION 7. VETERINARY CLEARANCE. – Meat establishments, meat markets and other businesses involved in meat trade, animal facilities and other channels shall be required to secure a Veterinary Clearance from the Department before submission of its application to the Business Permits and Licensing Office



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("BPLO") prior to the issuance of Mayor's Business Permit. The Mayor shall be authorized to issue Closure Orders against abattoirs/slaughterhouses, poultry dressing plants and other meat establishments and meat markets without the necessary Mayor's Business Permit to operate or those which otherwise violate the provisions of this Code and other laws, ordinances, rules and regulations pertinent hereto.

SECTION 8. REGISTRATION OF MEAT ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF CITY OF PASIG.— All meat establishments shall be mandated to secure their registration certificates at the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services as a condition precedent prior to the issuance of Mayor's Business Permit to operate.

SECTION 9. MEAT ESTABLISHMENT OPERATION. — The authority to manage and operate the meat establishment shall remain with the City Government of Pasig. All abattoirs/slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants shall strictly observe the provisions of City of Pasig Sanitary Office and City Environment and Natural Resources Office ("CENRO") in its operation. Further, the following rules shall govern the operation of abattoirs/slaughterhouses and poultry dressing plants within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig:

1. All guidelines recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission ("CAC"), such as, but not limited to The Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat, Good Hygienic Slaughtering Practices ("GHSP"), Good Manufacturing Practices ("GMP"), Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point ("HACCP"), Sanitation Standard Operating Procedure ("SSOP") shall be adapted in all meat establishments to prevent meat from substantial contamination or risks from physical, chemical and biological hazards during slaughtering, dressing, fabrication, processing and distribution.
2. No abattoir/slaughterhouse or poultry dressing plant shall operate or be constructed within 200 meters from a market.
3. All food animals slaughtered for human consumption shall undergo and comply with humane, hygienic and sanitary slaughtering and ante-mortem and post-mortem inspections in all locally registered or NMIS accredited meat establishments.
4. All meat establishments operators shall comply with the provision of all relevant rules and regulations issued pursuant to Republic Act No. 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act, as amended, to ensure the adequate protection and welfare of food animals awaiting slaughter.



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5. Inhumane treatment of food animals, such as mishandling or the infliction of unnecessary pain or distress and the like, prior to and during slaughter shall be a cause for suspension of the operations of the meat establishments and shall be a ground for the revocation of accreditation when no corrective actions are instituted by the management of these meat establishments within a specified period of time.

SECTION 10. ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE. – To ensure healthy environment of meat establishments, the following measures shall be adopted:

1. *Perimeter Fencing.* – Installation, maintenance and upkeep of perimeter fence shall be required to prevent entry of unauthorized persons and stray animals in the meat establishment premises;
2. *Waste Management.* – The following should be followed to properly manage the waste from meat establishments:
 - 2.1 Solid waste are collected in suitable containers and disposed of daily pursuant to Republic Act 9003 otherwise known as the “Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000” and Republic Act 9275 otherwise known as the “Clean Water Act”, existing City of Pasig ordinances, laws, rules and regulations;
 - 2.2 Solid waste segregation shall be required;
 - 2.3 Solid and wastewater shall be segregated to prevent from clogging the drainage system;
 - 2.4 Blood extracted from slaughtered animals shall be segregated and properly collected to reduce waste water;
 - 2.5 All drainage shall always be protected or properly trapped;
 - 2.6 Trash cans and containers shall be properly covered, cleaned, washed and sanitized at all times;
3. *Sewage Treatment Plant.* – All meat establishments shall install, maintain and operate a Sewage Treatment Plant (“STP”) pursuant to the City of Pasig Sanitation and City Environmental and Natural Resources (“CENRO”) ordinances, laws, rules and regulations.
4. *Pest Control.* – Effective measures to control insects and rodents shall be conducted and maintained at all times. Breeding places for rodents and other insects shall be eliminated. Pest control chemicals shall be handled and stored properly.



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5. *Good Housekeeping.* – To maintain good housekeeping in all areas of the establishments, equipment and utensils, the following principles shall be applied:
- 5.1. There shall be no unserviceable, idle, equipment for repair, litter and waste within and around the establishment;
 - 5.2. Grass and weeds in the premises shall be cut;
 - 5.3. Canal shall be regularly drained; and
 - 5.4. Equipment and utensils that come in contact with meat should be cleaned and sanitized before and after each operation or as often as necessary to prevent meat contamination.
6. *General Cleaning and Sanitation Procedures.* – Basic cleaning materials (e.g. scraper, brooms, water hose, etc.) shall always be provided and used during cleaning and sanitation:
- 6.1. Cleaning should be done from top to bottom by removing soils/dirt/solids before spraying the walls and floors with water.
 - 6.2. After the initial wash, the walls, floor and equipment are rendered physically clean by brushing with the use of a suitable detergent solution.
 - 6.3. When all equipment has been cleaned, the wall, floor and canal shall be well rinsed with water.
 - 6.4. After rinsing, a solution of disinfectant is applied over the whole area for at least five (5) minutes. Personnel doing disinfection should wear protective clothing (i.e. rubber boots, gloves and plastic coat).
 - 6.5. The whole area is rinsed with water.

SECTION 11. ADEQUATE AND SAFE WATER SUPPLY – Below is a list of the average water consumption per animal required for the entire process of slaughtering/dressing operation:

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| 1. Large animal: | Two Hundred Forty (240) liters |
| 2. Hog: | One Hundred Twenty (120) liters |
| 3. Goat/Sheep: | Sixty (60) liters |
| 4. Poultry: | Fifteen (15) liters |



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ARTICLE VI
MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS

SECTION 12. SCOPE OF MEAT INSPECTION. – The Chief Meat Control Officer (“CMCO”) together with the Meat Inspectors of the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services shall conduct meat inspection in all slaughterhouses, poultry dressing plants, meat processing plants, meat cutting plants, meat markets as defined under Section 5 (5.53 and 5.58) of this Code, within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig where food animals are slaughtered, prepared, processed, handled, packed, stored, sold, catered or served.

All livestock and fowls or poultry slaughtered for food, their meat, meat products and processed meat products shall be subjected to veterinary inspection and examination before distribution and sale.

Only Meat Control Officers, deputized meat inspectors of the Department duly appointed and designated by the City Veterinarian or the NMIS are authorized to conduct meat inspection work, and shall be recognized as public health workers entitled to its emoluments and benefits consistent with existing laws, rules and regulations.

All carcasses or parts of carcasses of food animals which were slaughtered in unregistered/unaccredited meat establishments and have not undergone the required inspection is hereby declared **HOT MEAT** and shall be confiscated and the owner penalized in accordance with this Code. It also includes undocumented, illegally shipped, and unregistered carcass, parts of carcass and meat products coming from other countries and those that are classified as “hot meat” by the NMIS.

SECTION 13. ANIMAL WELFARE. – Adherence to the five (5) basic freedom of animals:

1. Freedom from thirst, hunger, and malnutrition;
2. Freedom from physical discomfort and pain;
3. Freedom from injury and disease;
4. Freedom to conform to essential behavior pattern; and
5. Freedom from fear and distress



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1. Making unnecessary noise;
2. Hitting or hurting the animal in any of its body parts;
3. Lifting and/or twisting of ears and/or tail;
4. Poking the animal's eyes, genitals and anal orifice;
5. Splashing hot water;
6. Marking/incising the skin of the animal by knife, razor, blade or any sharp object;
7. Drenching or forced oral administration of water; and
8. All acts inflicting unnecessary and excessive pain to the animal

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SECTION 14. TRANSPORT OF ALL KINDS OF LIVE ANIMALS. - Livestock hauler/trucks for pick-up of livestock animals from the farms shall be required to secure vehicle accreditation with the Bureau of Animal Industry ("BAI"). Consistent with the Animal Welfare Act (R.A. No. 8485), the following measures shall be observed during the transport of animals for slaughter:

1. Minimize soiling and cross-contamination with fecal material;
 2. Maintain animal identification and other records as to the place of origin;
 3. Avoid undue stress and/or risk from injury during loading, unloading and transport;
 4. Separate animals whenever necessary to avoid injury during transport;
 5. If the transport vehicle or carrier has more than one deck, animals are to be protected from cross-contamination, as appropriate;
 6. Maintain adequate ventilation for the animals;
 7. Transport vehicles and crates used shall be maintained clean and sanitized as practicable as possible after the animals have been unloaded; and
 8. Transport vehicle shall provide for, but not limited to: container with water, water-hose, sprinkler, pail and shovel, whichever is applicable.
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SECTION 15. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND LAIRAGING

1. All food animals accepted for slaughter shall be required to possess the following documents:
 - 1.1 Veterinary Health Certificate
 - 1.2 Shipping Permit (animals transported across provincial boundaries)
 - 1.3 Certificate of Ownership/Transfer (for large animals)
2. The cleanliness of animals has a major effect on the level of microbiological cross-contamination of the carcass and other edible parts during slaughtering and dressing, hence the meat establishment owner or operator shall ensure the conditions of lairage such as, but not limited to the following:
 - 2.1 Facilities shall be operated in a way that soiling and cross-contamination are minimized;
 - 2.2 Animals should be adequately rested, not overcrowded, and protected from effects of the weather;
 - 2.3 Segregation or separation of different classes and types of slaughter animals;
 - 2.4 There should be systems to ensure that feeds have been appropriately withdrawn from the animals before slaughter;
 - 2.5 There should be a system to ensure that only animals that are sufficiently clean are slaughtered;
 - 2.6 Maintenance of identification of animals either individually, or as lots, until the time of slaughter and dressing.

SECTION 16. ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTION. – This shall be carried out prior to the slaughter of animals for food to protect consumers and slaughterhouse personnel from zoonotic and/or meat-borne diseases, to ensure animal health by monitoring animal diseases and promote animal welfare practices.

- a. During the ante-mortem inspection, the following shall be observed:



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1. Ensure that animals for slaughter shall be adequately rested;
2. Abnormalities to look out for are the following:
 - 2.1 Abnormal breathing
 - 2.2 Abnormal behavior
 - 2.3 Abnormal gait
 - 2.4 Abnormal posture
 - 2.5 Abnormal discharges or protrusion from body openings
 - 2.6 Abnormal color
 - 2.7 Abnormal appearance (conformation)
 - 2.8 Abnormal odor
- b. Only healthy and clean animals shall be allowed for slaughter.

ARTICLE VII
HYGIENIC MEAT HANDLING REGULATIONS

SECTION 17. PERSONNEL HYGIENE

- a. All personnel working in meat establishments and/or meat markets shall undergo medical examination prior to the issuance of Health Permit and shall be conducted annually to ensure that workers are free from transmissible diseases.
- b. Persons known to be suffering from, or to be carriers of illnesses likely to be transmitted through meat, shall not be allowed to enter the meat establishment premises.
- c. Meat butchers/handlers affected shall immediately report to the meat establishment of the illness or systems of illness such as, but not limited to, jaundice, boils, cuts, and discharges from eyes or nose.
- d. Meat butchers/handlers must take all necessary steps to prevent the contamination of meat by maintaining a high degree of personal cleanliness that include, but not limited to the following:
 1. Taking a bath before attending to work;
 2. Wearing clean Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") e.g. white T-shirt, pair of long pants, safety helmet, and white rubber boots during work;
 3. Keeping nails trimmed, clean and without nail polish; and



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e. All personnel should be aware and adapt an effective hand washing program including:

1. Steps in hand washing:

- 1.1. Wet hands with potable water
- 1.2. Soap, lather and scrub all parts of the hands, fingers and wrists
- 1.3. Rinse and dry

2. Wash hands frequently to prevent contamination of the meat including, but not limited to the following:

- 2.1 Before, during and after work
- 2.2 Immediately after using the toilet
- 2.3 After coughing and sneezing
- 2.4 After contact with dirty objects, abnormal animal/carcasses and materials, and animal wastes
- 2.5 Before and after eating and smoking

f. To prevent contamination of meat, from the following, but not limited to, shall be strictly prohibited while at work:

1. Smoking
2. Taking alcoholic drinks
3. Spitting
4. Chewing or eating
5. Sneezing or coughing over meat and meat products
6. Handling of unpacked meat, money, and receipts at the same time, and
7. Grooming (e.g. combing, nail trimming/biting)

SECTION 18. HYGIENIC SLAUGHTERING AND CARCASS HANDLING. –

The main objectives of hygienic slaughtering and carcass handling are: to prevent contamination of the carcass and edible by-products, inhibit microbial growth on the carcass or meat and reject any carcass or portions thereof that are deemed unsuitable for human consumption. No "floor dressing" shall be allowed during slaughter. Dressing on slatted tables is acceptable but the use of overhead rails is preferred.

Meat handlers shall undertake all necessary steps to prevent carcass and edible by-products from contamination including, but not limited to the following:



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Ampon Showering

1. Shower the animals to wash off dirt before entering the slaughterhouse.

b. Stunning

1. Animals must be stunned before slaughter by an appropriate and acceptable stunning method as provided under Administrative Order No. 18, Series of 2008.

c. Sticking and Bleeding

1. Sticking shall only be carried out on animals that had been stunned.
2. The knife to be used must be clean, sharp and of sufficient length for the species and size of the animal.
3. The animals must be completely bled out before any further procedure is carried out.

d. Scalding is the process of immersing the animal's body or its parts into hot water approximately sixty degrees centigrade (60°C) to loosen hairs for removal. The following should be observed in scalding:

1. Potable water shall be used for scalding.
2. Scalding water shall be regularly changed before each operation.

e. De-hairing / De-hiding

1. Removal of hair and hooves shall be done off-floor and on slatted de-hairing table not in the scalding tank.
2. Removal of hide, feet, tail and head of large animal shall be done off-floor by means of a cradle or hoist.
3. The procedure in the slaughter of small ruminants such as goat or sheep may vary according to cultural preference in the locality. However, hygienic and sanitary practices as required shall be done.
4. The plucking machine use to remove the feathers of poultry shall be properly maintained and kept clean.

f. Evisceration

1. Prior to evisceration, the esophagus and rectum shall be separated from the surrounding tissues and properly tied or clamped.
2. During evisceration, edible organs shall be handled hygienically.
3. Red offal, like heart, lungs, spleen and kidneys are handled and cleaned separately from white offal, like stomach, small and large intestines.
4. Meat handlers/butchers shall ensure the proper evisceration to prevent cuts that may lead to leaks of intestinal contents which may contaminate the carcass.

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5. Separate equipment for offal, viscera and heads to facilitate inspection shall be required and be maintained clean at all times.

g. Carcass Splitting

1. If the carcass is to be cut, it shall be done preferably when hanging on rail or on top of clean surfaces.
2. Cleaver or axe must be sharp and clean;

h. Final Trimming and Washing of Carcass

1. Trimming shall be done to remove damaged, soiled or unwanted tissues;
2. Abnormal and/or diseased parts should not be trimmed off until the same have been seen by the meat inspector;
3. Washing of carcass shall be done to remove the remaining blood on cut surfaces, adhering hair and unwanted tissue;
4. Carcasses should not be smeared with blood or coloring agent.

SECTION 19. HYGIENIC HANDLING OF BY-PRODUCTS INCLUDING BLOOD.

– Blood intended for food shall be collected in a hygienic manner using clean containers and utensils. Whenever water is needed, only potable water shall be used in the preparation of blood. Wherever possible and practical, a separate area or room shall be provided for handling, preparation, cleaning, scalding and cooking offal or by-products.

SECTION 20. POST-MORTEM INSPECTION. – The inspection of carcasses and parts shall be carried out systematically to ensure the detection of lesion and/or abnormalities. Only meat and edible offal fit for human consumption shall pass the inspection. The following shall be observed:

- a. Post-mortem inspection in a hygienic manner shall be performed without delay after slaughter of animals;
- b. The premises, equipment and implements are in hygienic condition for the efficient performance of the inspection;
- c. Use clean and appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”), knives, hook sharpening steel, etc.;
- d. Wash hands and inspection tools as often as necessary;
- e. Due care shall be exercised during the post-mortem inspection to avoid contamination of the carcass and edible viscera with any discharges from the digestive and urinary tracts, gall bladder, uterus, mammary glands and lesions; and

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- f. Meat which has been inspected and passed for food shall be removed from the inspection area without unnecessary delay.

SECTION 21. CONDEMNATION. – In handling condemned carcass and/or any of its parts, the following shall be strictly implemented:

- A leak-free, properly covered and labelled receptacle for condemned materials shall be provided;
- Condemned materials shall be removed from the area after the operation and disposed of immediately under the supervision of meat inspector. The meat inspector shall ensure that all condemned materials are properly accounted for and are disposed of accordingly.
- A condemnation pit or incinerator shall be provided for disposal of condemned materials.
- A fee shall be charged to the owner of the condemned animal/carcass or meat and meat products according to the provision of this Code.

SECTION 22. PROPER MARKING AND ISSUANCE OF MEAT INSPECTION CERTIFICATE ("MIC"). – Carcasses found to be fit for human consumption shall be properly marked "*Inspected and Passed*" and issued with Meat Inspection Certificates by the meat inspector. The brands and stamps used to apply the marks of inspection shall be kept clean while in use and shall be held under the control and supervision of the meat inspector on duty. Meat inspectors are the only authorized personnel to use the stamp to mark the meat.

ARTICLE VIII
POST-ABATTOIR REGULATIONS

SECTION 23. TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY. – Meat handlers shall undertake the necessary steps to prevent meat and meat products from being contaminated during transport including, but not limited to the following:

- Vehicles used for transport of live animals shall not be allowed for meat delivery/transport;
- Meat delivery van shall be used in transporting meat from the slaughterhouse to the market. However, in their absence, other means of conveyance may be allowed, provided that carcasses are protected from contamination. Meat delivery vans or other conveyances shall be washed and disinfected prior to loading of carcasses/meat parts and offal;



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- c. The meat must be placed and transported in clean containers if the carcasses cannot be transported in a hanging position;
 - d. Offal shall be transported in leak-proof and properly covered receptacle;
 - e. Carcasses manually transported by meat handlers shall be properly protected from contamination.

SECTION 24. HYGIENIC HANDLING OF CHILLED, FROZEN AND THAWED MEAT AT MEAT MARKETS. – The following shall be strictly observed in the handling of chilled, frozen and thawed meat, meat products and processed meat products intended for sale in the meat markets:

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- a. All persons and entities engaged in the handling and sale of frozen meat, meat products and processed meat products in meat markets shall be accredited/licensed by NMIS or registered with the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services.
 - b. Chilled meat shall not be frozen and shall be maintained at a minimum temperature higher than 0°C and at a maximum of 10°C. Frozen meat should be maintained at a maximum product temperature of 0°C and should be stored in a meat cold storage at less than -18°C. Thawed meat should be maintained at a maximum product temperature of 5°C.
 - c. There shall be no mixing or intermingling of different types of meat. Each type of meat (chilled, frozen, thawed) shall be handled according to requirements indicated in Sections 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4 of Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 6 Series of 2012.
 - d. Facilities used to handle the product should be of a size and design that ensures the maintenance of product temperature, facilitates the proper handling of the meat and allows regular cleaning of the facility.
 - e. Meat shall be hygienically handled throughout distribution and sale and every effort taken to prevent contamination at all times.
 - f. Areas where the meat is handled and sold shall be maintained in sanitary condition and in good repair at all times.
 - g. The sales and display areas shall be kept orderly and free of clutter. Stacking of boxes of meat intended for later sale shall not be allowed except when receiving deliveries or when storage containers are being cleaned.
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- h. Meat remaining unsold after the expected or prescribed selling time and which has lost some of its original quality such as on the basis of color and texture, shall be withdrawn from the sales area. If showing no sign of spoilage, it can be further utilized for other purposes.
- i. Meat showing signs of spoilage shall be immediately removed from the sales area, properly disposed of and not further utilized for human consumption. Controlling Authority shall ensure this.
- j. Requirements of Republic Act No. 7394 otherwise known as "The Consumer Act of the Philippines (i.e. TITLE III Protection Against Deceptive, Unfair and Unconscionable Sales Acts or Practices) should be followed as such:
1. Prohibition on the use of color enhancing lights, mats and other materials as a means to deceive the consumers as to the freshness/wholesomeness of the goods; and
 2. Prohibition on the use of dyes/colorant and other unapproved substances.

SECTION 25. REGULATIONS ON IMPORTED MEAT. – All imported meat and meat products brought into the city must have passed safety and quality inspection by the NMIS. All imported meat and meat products shall have the necessary permits issued by NMIS.

All meat vendors selling imported meat and meat products shall maintain the required minimum temperature of seven degrees Centigrade (7°C) or colder in meat vans and freezers on all meat establishments in order for them to operate in supermarkets, public markets and other meat establishments. The required temperature shall be strictly implemented in order to ensure safety and good quality of the meat.

Meat vendors selling, retailing, marketing or processing imported meat and meat products shall bring their original certificate of meat inspection and of imported meat and meat products for domestic transport issued by the NMIS-accredited cold storage.

SECTION 26. HYGIENIC HANDLING OF NEWLY SLAUGHTERED MEAT
– The following rules and regulations shall be strictly observed in the handling of newly slaughtered meat:

1. The meat shall be displayed at a cool and dry part of the market where the air humidity is low or as low as naturally achievable.



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2. The meat should be in a hanging position to allow circulation of air. If the meat is not hanging, it shall not be stacked one on top of the other.
3. The cutting area, cutting tools such as knives, sharpener and chopping board shall always be maintained under good sanitary conditions. It is strictly enforced to use stainless-steel tabletop and plastic non-slip/anti-bacterium chopping boards within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig.
4. Meat on display should not be handled unnecessarily by buyers. Clean tongs and similar tools should be made available to meat handlers and consumers to minimize contamination.
5. Wrapping material that comes in contact with the meat during sale should not introduce contaminants. Printed wrapping materials like newspaper must not be used; and used wrapping materials shall not be re-used.
6. Meat shall be at the sales area for only eight (8) hours from the time of slaughter as indicated in the meat inspection certificate issued at the slaughterhouse. Within this time, the meat should not show any loss in its freshness-like character in terms of color, odor and texture and shall show no sign of spoilage. Meat showing loss of original fresh like character in less than 8 hours shall be withdrawn from the sales area sooner.
7. Meat unsold after eight (8) hours even if maintaining its freshness-like quality and showing no signs of spoilage cannot be further sold. It can be used for purposes traditionally applied for the further utilization of this type of meat and handled in the same manner.
8. In no case shall meat showing signs of spoilage be further utilized for human consumption.

SECTION 27. HYGIENE, SANITATION AND VERMIN CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEAT MARKETS

1. Stray animals must not be allowed in any meat market.
2. Infestations of insects or rodents must be reported immediately to the Market Administrator's Office.
3. The meat stall, its surroundings and equipment or tools should be kept clean, free of litter and odors, in good repair condition and free from vermin at all times.



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4. The meat stalls shall be free from personal belongings, such as clothes, footwear, blankets, tobacco and other forms of contaminants.
5. Meat markets should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
6. Vermin Abatement Program shall be regularly implemented.
7. Meat stall including floor and surrounding areas should be properly cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
8. The sales area or countertop should be built from solid, resistant and impermeable material and should be sufficiently high to easily sanitize.
9. Cutting and chopping blocks for meat should be made of even, impervious, non-fibrous, and easily cleaned materials and free of cracks and crevices.
10. Knives, tables and meat hooks should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.
11. Disposal/trash containers should be emptied at the end of sale period and cleaned properly.
12. Proper drainage system should be installed and maintained.
13. Potable water should be made readily available.

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SECTION 28. MANDATORY REGULATORY FEES FOR ALL KINDS OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS SLAUGHTERED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF PASIG. – All meat of livestock and poultry slaughtered outside the City of Pasig whether from domestic or foreign source, meat products and other livestock and poultry products which are brought into the city for trading, processing, food consumption or disposal therein shall pass through the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services for inspection and shall be required to pay a **REGULATORY FEE.**

To safeguard the consuming public against entry of "Hot Meat" and Double Dead Meat or "Botcha" from outside and within the City of Pasig, the following shall be strictly implemented:

1. Only one (1) ingress and unloading point in every market and meat establishments for the delivery and unloading of carcasses of hog, cattle, carabao, horse, chicken and other animal products.

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2. No animal meat and carcasses shall be sold to the public and be allowed entry into the market unless accompanied with a Meat Inspection Certificate ("MIC").
3. The City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services shall be the authorized office to issue the Order of Payment pertaining to inspection fees.

SECTION 29. ENFORCEMENT TEAM. – This shall be created through an Executive or Office Order and shall be known as the Task Force which shall conduct post-meat establishment management activities.

a. The team shall be composed of a core group and a support group, the number of members of each group shall be determined based on the number of areas of concern within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig.

1. The core group shall have the following minimum qualifications:
 - i. Preferably, a permanent employee who has completed the Basic Meat Inspection Training Course;
 - ii. The team leader shall be a licensed veterinarian.
2. The support group may be taken from other concerned departments or offices which shall be represented by its head or Officer-in-Charge ("OIC"). It may be composed of, but not limited to: Office of the City Administrator, Business Permit and Licensing Office, Traffic Enforcement Office, Office of Public Safety, Barangay Enforcement Office, City Health Office, Economic Enterprise Office, Legal Office and Engineering Office.
3. Police Officers from the PNP who are under the jurisdiction of the City Government of Pasig shall be made part of the team for security purposes, particularly, when the nature of the enforcement activity or the situation during the implementation process warrants physical or armed defense, seizure of properties, or arrest of individual/s who are in conflict with the meat inspection law/s.

b. The scope of implementation shall be all the premises described in Section 5.58 of this Code.

c. The subject of regulation shall be the following items:

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1. Carcasses/parts/offal
 - 1.1. Found to have come from clandestine slaughter;
 - 1.2. Adulterated as defined under RA 9296; and/or
 - 1.3. Derived from non-food animals, such as dog meat, cat meat, etc.
 2. Processed meat products, chilled, frozen, or canned, manufactured by:
 - 2.1. Neither accredited nor locally registered meat establishment; and or
 - 2.2. Manufactured by an accredited or locally registered meat establishment but found to be adulterated
 3. Imported meat and meat products, whether chilled, frozen, canned, but found to be adulterated.
 4. Meat and meat product:
 - 4.1. From an unaccredited or banned country;
 - 4.2. That are imitations of registered local or imported brands; and/or
 - 4.3. Without accompanying valid documents, such as, Meat and Meat Products Inspection Certificate ("MMPIC") or Certificate of Meat Inspection ("COMI"), whether from accredited (local or foreign) or locally registered meat establishment.
- d. The following guidelines shall serve as the basic principles and procedures in conducting post-meat establishment control:
1. The task force shall be equipped with the following:
 - 1.1. A specific mission order issued by the City Mayor for every operation to be conducted;
 - 1.2. An official uniform which shall be worn when conducting routine post-meat establishment inspections; in case of Strike Operation, the team may clad in ordinary clothes;
 - 1.3. An official identification card;



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- 1.4 A minimum serviceable communication equipment and other tools such as cellular phones, flashlights, ticklers, and a ballpen;
 - 1.5 Camera (capable of still photo shots and video footage) shall be used for the documentation of all operations and disposal of seized items that may be conducted;
 - 1.6 Two (2) service vehicles, one for the transport of team members, and the other vehicle for the transport of seized items;
 - 1.7 Two (2) units of chest-type freezers stationed at the City Meat Inspection Service Office, one (1) unit for safekeeping of the wholesome seized meat and meat products, and the other unit for storage of seized items unfit for human consumption; and
 - 1.8 Denaturants or other chemicals, such as kerosene.
2. The following are the elements of an effective post-meat establishment control:
- 2.1. A city meat inspection ordinance;
 - 2.2. An information drive for meat vendors, traders/suppliers, importers, indentors, consolidators, and consumers through orientation, seminars, Information, Education and Communication ("IEC") materials, and other forms of communication;
 - 2.3. Conduct of regular post-meat establishment inspection;
 - 2.4. Prompt action on consumer complaints;
 - 2.5. Surveillance on suspected individuals and vehicles. All subjects shall be divulged only during the final planning/briefing at the time prior to the conduct of a strike operation which shall be led by the surveillance officer;
 - 2.6. A warrantless strike operation shall be conducted when the illegal activity is done in plain view. In case of clandestine activity, a search warrant shall be secured prior to the conduct of a strike operation;



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- 2.7. Seizure of meat and meat products slaughtered, prepared, handled, processed, packed, stored, transported, distributed, or offered for sale as human food not in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 9296, otherwise known as The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines as amended by Republic Act No. 10536.
- 2.8. Inventory of confiscated meat and meat products shall be properly accounted for and turned over to the disposal committee;
- 2.9. Proper coordination of activities between and among the concerned agencies/offices within the City Government of Pasig;
- 2.10. Setting-up of checkpoint/s in identified strategic area/s, as the need arises;
- 2.11. Blotter the illegal activity after the conduct of operation to the nearest police station having jurisdiction over the area where the Strike Operation was conducted and obtain a copy of the police blotter for future reference;
- 2.12. Turn-over of seized meat items to the disposal committee who shall dispose of the same in accordance with existing Commission on Audit ("COA") rules and regulations; and
- 2.13. Filing of complaints against violators of the existing meat inspection laws, rules and regulations.
3. The team or any of its members, in the discharge of its or his/her official duties, shall be provided with legal assistance by the City of Pasig Legal Office when necessary, such as, but not limited to, filing of cases against violators, when charged in court, during attendance to court hearings, etc., and,
4. The corresponding logistical support shall be included in the annual budgetary appropriation of the City of Pasig to sustain the functions and activities of the *Task Force*.



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ARTICLE IX
PROHIBITED ACTS

SECTION 30. PROHIBITED ACTS. – No person, firm or corporation, shall:

1. Slaughter any food animal or prepare meat or meat products in any meat establishment except in compliance with the requirements of this Code;
2. Slaughter or handle in connection with slaughter, any food animal in a manner not considered humane;
3. Sell, transport, offer or receive for sale or transportation in commerce carcasses or parts thereof, meat and meat product required to be inspected under this Code unless they have been inspected and passed;
4. Do any act while they are being transported in commerce or held for sale, which is intended to cause or has the effect of causing such articles to be adulterated or misbranded;
5. Any person, firm or corporation found directly or indirectly violating any provision of this Code, in addition to the penalties and sanctions prescribed herein, shall be charged under applicable laws of the Philippines.

SECTION 31. PRINTING OF OFFICIAL MARKS. – No brand manufacturer, printer or other person, firm or corporation shall cast, print, lithograph, or otherwise make any device containing any official mark or simulation thereof, or any label bearing any such mark or simulation, or any form of official certificate or simulation thereof, except as authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 32. FORGING OF OFFICIAL MARKS. – No person, firm, or corporation shall:

1. Forge any official device, mark or certificate;
 2. Use any official device, mark, or certificate, or simulation thereof, or alter, detach, deface, or destroy any official device, mark, or certificate;
 3. Contrary to the regulations prescribed by the Secretary, fail to use, or to detach, deface, or destroy any official device, mark, or certificate;
 4. Knowingly possess any official device or any counterfeit, simulated, forged, or improperly altered official certificate or any device or label or any carcass of any animal, or part or product thereof, bearing any counterfeit, simulated, forged, or improperly altered official mark;
- Knowingly make any false statement in any certificate;



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6. Knowingly represent that any article has been inspected and passed under this Code when, in fact, it has not been so inspected and passed.

SECTION 33. ABSENCE OF ANTE-MORTEM INSPECTION. – It shall be unlawful for any person, either for himself or in behalf of another person, firm or corporation or partnership to slaughter food animals which have not been submitted for ante-mortem inspection; or to store, transport or sell carcass, organs or parts thereof which have not been previously inspected and passed; or have been found upon inspection to be unfit for human consumption.

SECTION 34. INTERFERENCE IN THE CONDUCT OF INSPECTION. – It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to resist, harass, intimidate, assault, impede or interfere with any inspector during the performance of his duties as prescribed under this Code.

1. Any meat inspection officer who is harassed, intimidated, threatened, or assault by any person during the performance of his official duties shall be given full assistance by law enforcement agencies and by the Department of Agriculture ("DA"), the NMIS and the City of Pasig Legal Office.
2. Any meat inspection officer (Veterinarian / Meat Inspector/s) who, in the performance of his/her official duties, is charged in court shall be provided with appropriate legal assistance by the City of Pasig Legal Officer.
3. Any person, firm or corporation who shall resist, interfere with or impede the completion of duties of an inspector shall be held liable and charged accordingly under this Code and other applicable laws.

SECTION 35. UNLAWFUL TRADING. – It shall be unlawful for any person employed by the City Government of Pasig for the purpose of meat inspection work to engage directly or indirectly in the business of buying, selling, and trading or otherwise negotiating purchases or sales of meat and products for his own account or as an employee of another person, firm or corporation. Any person employed for the purpose of meat inspection work, found directly or indirectly violating this Section shall be charged under applicable laws, rules and regulations.



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ARTICLE X
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF PASIG

SECTION 36. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF PASIG. – The following shall be the responsibilities of the City Government of Pasig:

1. Ensure the implementation and/or enforcement of this Code;
2. Initiate corrective actions for the improvement of the meat establishments and meat markets;
3. Enhance the capabilities in the regulation, risk management and implementation of meat inspection and meat hygiene program of all City of Pasig meat inspection personnel and meat butchers/handlers;
4. Create an enforcement team to conduct post-meat establishment and meat market management activities;
5. Conduct periodic and random inspection of meat establishments and meat markets within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig to enforce adequate hygiene and sanitation pursuant to the provisions of this Code and other laws, rules and regulations;
6. Enforce the provisions of this Code.

SECTION 37. PRODUCT INFORMATION AND CONSUMER AWARENESS

1. The City Government of Pasig must have a clear Product Information and Consumer Awareness Program;
2. Consumers should know enough about meat hygiene to be able to:
 - a. Understand the importance of meat safety;
 - b. Make informed choices for the appropriate acquisition and consumption of meat and meat products;
 - c. Prevent contamination and growth or survival of food-borne pathogens by proper storage, preparation and utilization of meat.



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ARTICLE XI
REGULATIONS ON PET/COMPANION ANIMALS

SECTION 38. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNERS, POSSESSORS, KEEPERS. – Within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig, persons owning, possessing, or keeping animals as pet or companion are mandated to practice and abide by the principles of responsible pet ownership as may be established and recommended by the National Committee on Animal Welfare. They shall be required to:

1. Have their dog regularly vaccinated against rabies and maintain a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their dog, for accurate record purposes.
 - 1.1. The pet owner shall keep their pet registration card containing the permanent number, physical characteristics of the dog including, but not limited to age, color, sex, breed, distinguishing marks and other identifications.
 - 1.2. The registration card can be presented during annual revaccination and when deemed necessary.
 - 1.3. The registration card shall likewise contain all rabies vaccinations conducted on their dog. The record shall indicate the registration number of the dog, date of vaccination, the attending veterinarian with the corresponding updated Professional Regulation Commission ("PRC") License, Tax Identification Number ("TIN") and Professional Tax Receipt ("PTR") numbers and shall be signed by the same.
2. Submit animals for mandatory registration in accordance with this Code.
 - 2.1. The pet owner shall renew the registration of their pet/s with the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services annually;
3. Maintain control over their pet/companion animal/s and not allow to roam the streets or any public place without a leash.
 - 3.1. The length of the leash shall not be more than 1.5 meters (5 feet) and the required pet tag/microchip shall be attached to the pet for microchip and collar or harness for tag at all times. Aggressive pet shall be muzzled in public places.
 - 3.2. The owner shall be responsible for the collection and disposal of excreta/feces.



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- 3.3. The City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services shall issue guidelines on the handling of pets in designated pet activity areas.
4. Provide the animals with proper grooming, adequate food, exercise, and clean shelter as stated under the minimum standard of care provided for in Article III Section 5.60 of this Code; provisions that are appropriate and sufficient taking into consideration the needs of the animal/s based on its classification, size and behavior.
- 4.1. Pet owners shall maintain good human-animal relationship and provide good health management program for their dogs.
- 4.2. Pet owners and/or person/s in-charge, responsible for the animals are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that the physical health and behavioral needs of the animals are met in accordance with good practice and scientific knowledge.
- 4.3. Pet owners are also required to ensure that the animals receive, where practicable, treatment that alleviates any unreasonable or unnecessary pain or distress from which the animals are suffering from.
- 4.4. Pet owners shall ensure that the facility where the animal is confined, kept or living must be appropriate to its nature, behavior, size and must be kept clean and in good sanitary condition at all times.
5. Within twenty-four (24) hours, report any animal bite incident to the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services for investigation and for any appropriate action and place such dog under observation by a government or private veterinarian.
- 5.1. The dog shall not be killed or euthanized during the observation period of fourteen (14) days from the biting incident.
- 5.2. Should the dog die during the observation period, the pet owner shall immediately submit the dog for rabies laboratory examination.
- 5.3. Unvaccinated dogs bitten by a confirmed rabid animal shall be euthanized immediately and disposed of properly.



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- 5.4. Dogs bitten by another dog suspected to be rabid or of unknown status should be confined and maintained under veterinary supervision for six (6) months.
- 5.5. If the animal has been vaccinated previously (and its vaccination certificate is available) and can be identified with certainty (e.g. tattoo) it should be revaccinated immediately and confined for at least ninety (90) days. Post-exposure vaccination of uncertain effectiveness should be discouraged.
- 6. Assist the dog bite victim/s immediately and shoulder all medical expenses incurred, as well as, all other incidental expenses relative to the victim's injuries.
 - 6.1 Humans bitten by dogs shall be provided treatment by the appropriate government or private medical practitioner. Animals bitten by dogs shall be provided treatment by the appropriate government or private veterinary practitioner.

SECTION 39. SPACE REQUIREMENTS. – It shall be allowed to own a pet/companion animal provided sufficient space requirements and other obligations are met or observed by the owner, possessor, keeper/custodian/caretaker. The interior height of a primary enclosure must be at least six (6) inches higher than the head of the tallest dog in the enclosure when it is in normal standing position on its four (4) legs. Cage for indoor holding should be clean and sanitary. Below are the guidelines for the required space:

- 1. For individually-caged dog - Dog confined in a cage or kennel should have a room to move about normally.
 - 1.1. Large dog (more than fifty (50) pounds) - at least four (4) feet by six (6) feet or twenty-four (24) square feet.
 - 1.2. Medium-sized dog (36-50 pounds) – at least four (4) feet by five (5) feet or twenty (20) square feet.
 - 1.3. Small dog (10-35 pounds) – at least three (3) feet by four (4) feet or twelve (12) square feet.
- 2. For shared Kennel - Dogs which share kennel must be evaluated for compatibility and monitored closely. Each should have ample space/room to stand, lie down, turn around and sit normally. These require a minimum area of 4x4 feet for each dog. A shared 5x10 feet kennel should hold no more than two (2) large dogs or two (2) medium dogs or three (3) small dogs.



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3. For Cats - The cage should be the same size as that of a small dog.
4. Kennels with runs whether fully enclosed (outdoor or indoor) should follow the minimum size guidelines:
 - 4.1 Kennels – 4 feet by 6 feet
 - 4.2. Runs – 4 feet by 8 feet

SECTION 40. ANIMAL REGISTRATION. – All pet/companion animals shall be registered by their owners to the Department. Owners of vaccinated pet/companion animals shall submit proof of vaccination signed by a duly licensed veterinarian upon registration. Such registration shall be renewed annually. The registered owner of a dog or cat shall ensure that his/her pet bears the registration tag/pet ID microchip provided for by the Department in accordance with the provisions of this Code.

The owner of any animal subject to the registration requirement provided for herein who fails or refuses to register such animal shall be penalized in accordance with this Code. Transfer of ownership of pet/companion animals and its subsequent registration, within thirty (30) days, shall notify the Department of the change of address.

The Department shall issue a pet/companion animal registration and vaccination certificates to the owner and keep a complete registry of all registered animals indicating the dates of registration, the breed, name and description of each, and the name and address of the owner.

The City of Pasig Treasurer may recommend adjustment on the registration fee beyond the fee prescribed herein every five (5) years with consideration of applicable administrative costs, but such rate of increase shall not go beyond thirty percent (30%) of the prevailing rate at any given time. However, the owners, possessors or keepers of animals that have been spayed and neutered shall be exempt from registration fees provided for in this Code, except those in connection with the initial registration of any such animal.

SECTION 41. REGISTRATION TAG/PET ID MICROCHIP. – The Animal Health and Welfare Division and/or the City Pound Division of the City of the Department shall issue a registration tag/pet ID microchip to each vaccinated/registered pet/companion animal; the same tag to be attached securely to the pet's collar or harness whenever the animal is outside the owner's premises.

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Any animal found to be unregistered shall be subjected to compulsory registration. The owner of any such animal shall be penalized in accordance with this Code. The Department shall devise a system wherein the issued Registration Tag/Pet ID Microchip shall be traceable to the specific pet/companion animal and its owner. Registration Tag/Pet ID Microchip shall be tamper-proof.

SECTION 42. BARANGAY ASSISTANCE. – All Barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig shall support the mass registration and vaccination of pet/companion animals within each respective jurisdiction.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL PERMIT FOR KEEPING OF ANIMALS. – No person or household shall keep more than four (4) dogs and/or cats or otherwise engage in the commercial business of breeding, buying, selling, trading, and training animals without having obtained a special permit from the Department. The Special Permit shall only be issued to owners who comply with the following conditions:

1. All dogs and cats should be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian and should be registered pursuant to this Code;
2. No complaints regarding the keeping of such number of dogs or cats such as running loose, foul odor, defecation anywhere, damage to property, injury to person/s, and other similar circumstances.
3. In no event shall any person keep at his/her premises more pet animals than can be properly maintained in a healthy condition without presenting a health or safety to the owner, keeper, or others, and without constituting a nuisance to the occupants or neighboring properties.
4. Compliant with the provisions of Sections 38 and 39 of this Code.
5. Animals classified under Section 44 (3) of this Code shall be deemed to be subjects of Commercial Business if such individual numbers of pets exceed thirty (30). Failure to comply in any of the aforementioned conditions shall be ground for revocation of the license and special permit, confiscation of the excess number of animals and payment of appropriate penalties provided under Section 62.6. In the placement of confiscated animals, adoption shall be preferred. For purpose of this Code, Commercial Business shall mean to be an endeavour engaged in commerce in a regular and fixed activity for profit whose transactions are conducted not on an isolated instance and not merely as an ancillary activity.

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SECTION 44. EXEMPTED ANIMALS. – The following are exempted from the aforementioned provisions:

1. Pet/companion animals owned or in the custody of or under the control of persons who are non-residents of City of Pasig or temporarily sojourning thereat for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days.
2. Pet/companion animals brought to the City of Pasig exclusively or for the purpose of registering them as participants in dog/cat shows or other similar exhibitions.
3. Animals other than dogs and cats, except for those animals that require proper and necessary clearance and permit from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR"), that are not space consuming e.g. doves, lovebirds and the likes, whose number can be more than four (4) but not exceeding thirty (30).
4. Animals kept in duly-registered and accredited pounds, animal control facilities and animal shelters.

SECTION 45. MANDATORY REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL FACILITIES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY (DA-BAI).– The Department of Agriculture-Administrative Order No.8 series of 1999 issued pursuant to Republic Act No. 8485 otherwise known as "The Animal Welfare Act," as amended by Republic Act No. 10631 specifically mandates that any person or partnership, firm, corporation, association, or any government agency/instrumentality desiring to engage in the establishment, operation and maintenance of any animal facility mentioned in Section 5 (5.7) of this Code shall first register with the Office of the Director, Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry ("DA-BAI"). A Veterinary Clearance from the Department shall be secured as well after acquiring a Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) certificate of registration prior to issuance and/or renewal of business permit from the City Government of Pasig and observe the regulations provided herein.

The certificate shall be issued upon proof that the facilities of such establishment for animals are adequate, clean and sanitary, and will not be used for nor cause pain and/or suffering to the animals. The certificate shall be valid for a period of one (1) year unless earlier cancelled for just cause before the expiration by the Director of the Bureau Animal Industry (BAI) or the City Mayor of Pasig through the recommendation of the City Veterinarian.



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SECTION 46. ANIMAL SHOW, EXHIBITION OR COMPETITION. – The organizers of any show, exhibit or competition featuring animals shall first secure a Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) Registration, and after which, a Veterinary Clearance from the Department prior to the conduct of any show, exhibit or competition within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig. The rules and regulations of the Animal Welfare Act pertaining to animal shows shall be properly observed and implemented.

SECTION 47. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. – An act of cruelty, abuse and maltreatment shall include, but not limited to the following:

1. An act that causes unnecessary animal suffering or pain;
2. Exposing the animal to inhumane conditions and situations including inappropriate shelter and/or transport facility, caging, including the putting of animals in a cargo hold or trunks;
3. Treatment that is inhumane such as, but not limited to overcrowding, neglect or failure to provide adequate care, sustenance and shelter, unnecessary restraint;
4. Overworking an animal or failure to provide necessary rest and shelter;
5. Abandonment of animal and/or leaving the animal under circumstances likely to cause the animal unnecessary pain and suffering;
6. Improper and inhumane practices in use of animals during research, television or cinematic production;
7. Inhumane handling and improper stunning of animals for slaughter; and
8. Such other analogous acts, situation or condition;
9. Subject the animals to fights such as, but not limited to dog fighting, horse fighting and bull fighting;
10. Lack of ventilation and/or exposure to extreme weather condition.



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ARTICLE XII
RABIES CONTROL, PREVENTION AND ERADICATION

SECTION 48. ANIMAL VACCINATION. – The Department shall implement the mass registration and vaccination of dogs and cats in accordance with the program set forth by the National Rabies Prevention and Control Committee (“NRPCC”) to ensure that all animals within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig are vaccinated with anti-rabies. In all cases, the vaccination of animals shall be performed by a duly licensed veterinarian or trained vaccinator employed by the City Government of Pasig.

SECTION 49. ANIMAL POPULATION CONTROL. – The Department, to eradicate rabies, shall implement a program to spay and castrate all dogs and cats, particularly those owned, possessed or kept as companion animals as a way of animal control and minimize the number of unwanted stray animals within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig. Animals which have been impounded three (3) times shall only be released after having been spayed or castrated at the expense of the owner.

SECTION 50. QUARANTINE. – Any animal falling into one (1) or more categories stated below shall be isolated or quarantined at the place and under the conditions prescribed by the City Veterinarian based on the following:

1. Known rabid animal;
2. Suspected rabid animal;
3. Animals and/or human beings who have been bitten or otherwise exposed to rabies or suspected with rabies; and
4. Animals which have been bitten by a known or suspected rabid animal or have been in intimate contact with the same.

SECTION 51. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS. – The Barangay concerned shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Prepare and submit an annual census of the domesticated animal population in their respective territorial jurisdiction to the Department;
2. Ensure that domesticated animals are kept on a leash or otherwise confined within the premises of the owner's property;



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3. Assist in the implementation of this Code within their respective territorial jurisdictions through:

3.1. Dissemination of information regarding the registration and vaccination of animals;

3.2. Posting of information on rabies awareness in conspicuous places; and

3.3. Providing assistance to the Department with regard to the impounding of stray and feral animals.

ARTICLE XIII
CITY OF PASIG ANIMAL POUND

SECTION 52. ANIMAL IMPOUNDING. – The Department is hereby authorized to impound any unregistered, unvaccinated, stray or feral animal within the territorial jurisdiction of City of Pasig. Impounded animals shall be put in the City of Pasig Animal Pound and disposed of, taking into consideration the following guidelines:

1. Unregistered, unvaccinated, stray or feral animal shall be impounded and kept in the City of Pasig Animal Pound;

2. Impounded not claimed after three (3) days from the City of Pasig Animal Pound shall be placed for adoption to qualified persons with the assistance of an animal welfare Non-Government Organization (“NGO”), when feasible; or otherwise disposed of in any manner authorized, subject to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act.

2.1. Any animal impounded which is not redeemed by its owner within seventy (72) hours shall be deemed abandoned and shall be disposed of by the Department through adoption or euthanasia. Provided, however, that the said animal shall be euthanized immediately if:

a. It is dangerous to retain;

b. It is suffering from pain or discomfort;

c. It is diagnosed with a contagious and highly communicable disease either to humans or animals.



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- 7.2 In the event that the impounded animal is suspected with rabies, it shall be isolated and observed accordingly and upon death must be submitted for laboratory examination; and
- 7.3 The City of Pasig Animal Pound shall follow appropriate methods for the disposal of euthanized animals as prescribed by the National Rabies Prevention Control Committee ("NRPCC").
3. A fee shall be paid to the Department by owners of impounded animals to recover the cost of veterinary care while the animal was impounded, in addition to any other fees due to the City Government of Pasig for the redemption of the animal.
4. Any animal impounded shall be provided with basic care in accordance with Section 5.60 of this Code. In the management and maintenance of the City of Pasig Animal Pound, the Department shall observe the provisions contained in Department of Agriculture Administrative Order 03, Series of 2015, otherwise known as the Policies and Guidelines in the Establishment and Maintenance of Animal Pounds, and all other applicable laws and regulations;
5. In order to obtain the release of an impounded animal the owner shall provide proof of ownership of the animal; register and have the animal vaccinated against rabies, if required by this Code.

SECTION 53. SURRENDERED ANIMALS. – The owner of the animals which are sick, of old age, vicious or dangerous that are surrendered and/or picked up by the City of Pasig Animal Pound truck shall be charged an amount set by the Department. It should be the policy of the Department to accept or pick up all the pet animals of the owner and not just one (1) or two (2) they wished to surrender. The owner will write a waiver of rights pertaining to the surrendered pet animals; and shall promise not to raise/adopt/take care of pet animals in the future unless otherwise evaluated and duly approved by the Department. The Department shall keep records of all animals surrendered, including the names and addresses of the owners as well as the circumstances that led to the surrender of the animal/s.

SECTION 54. PROCEDURES FOR ADOPTION. – Impounded animals not redeemed after three (3) days, or qualified animals which are tame and sound shall be open for adoption, unless, the original owner, for valid reasons, intends to redeem the animal even after the prescribed period, upon the sound discretion of the Department.

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The Department shall post in conspicuous places or in its social media account created for this purpose, for three (3) consecutive days, the impounded animals and those animals subject for adoption.

Any person intending to adopt an animal should not be related to the previous owner of the animal to be adopted. For this purpose, the Department shall require all potential adopters to present two (2) valid proofs of identity. The veterinarian assigned to City of Pasig Animal Pound shall screen all potential adopters that possess the capability to care for the animal sought to be adopted in accordance with this Code and all applicable laws and regulations.

No animal shall be adopted from the City of Pasig Animal Pound without first having been registered, if subject to the registration requirement herein, and vaccinated.

After passing the screening process provided for in this Section, the adopter shall be exempted from adoption fee, as well as all fees, costs, and expenses in connection with the registration, vaccination, and spaying or castration of the animal sought to be adopted.

SECTION 55. EUTHANASIA OF ANIMALS. – It is the policy of the state to protect and promote the welfare of animals in the country and to monitor the strict implementation and observance of RA No. 8485 as well as pertinent provisions of RA No. 9482 to ensure that only the acceptable and most humane manner of killing of animals are observed under given circumstances. The Revised Rules and Regulations on the euthanasia of animals takes into consideration the freedom of animals from physical discomfort and pain and their freedom from fear and distress during the conduct of euthanasia. This rule shall cover all animals while alive. Euthanasia of food animals for purposes of slaughter shall be governed by Department of Agriculture Administrative Order No. 18 series of 2008 on Rules and Regulations on Humane Handling in the Slaughter of Animals for Food.

All unclaimed and un-adopted animals, and in cases where the health and welfare of an impounded animal is severely compromised, euthanasia may be performed if all reasonable efforts to contact the owner of the animals have failed. In all cases, euthanasia must be performed in accordance with internationally-accepted standards and all other applicable laws and regulations.

For all methods of euthanasia used, death should be confirmed before the animals are disposed of or left unattended. If an animal is not dead, another method of euthanasia should be performed. The “*tambucho*” method of killing shall be specifically prohibited. The carcasses of euthanized animals should be disposed of in a manner that complies with applicable laws and regulations.

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SECTION 56. PROHIBITION OF DOG MEAT TRADE. – The trade of dog meat shall be prohibited within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Pasig. Dog Meat Trade shall include, but not limited to: slaughtering of dogs, buy and/or sale of dog meat, dog farming and/or slaughtering of dogs for commercial consumption.

SECTION 57. ACCRUAL OF FEES AND CHARGES COLLECTED. – The proceeds of the fees/charges collected by virtue of this Code shall accrue to the general fund of the City Government of Pasig.

SECTION 58. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY OF PASIG DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES. – As provided for under the provisions of Republic Act No. 9482 otherwise known as the Anti-Rabies Act, the following shall be the duties and responsibilities of the City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services:

1. Ensure the practice of responsible pet ownership;
2. Ensure that all dogs and cats are properly immunized, registered and issued a corresponding Registration Tag/Pet ID Microchip for every immunized and registered animal;
3. Establish and maintain a registry of all animals subject to the registration requirement provided for herein, indicating the dates of registration, the name and description of each dog, and the name and address of each owner;
4. Strictly enforce animal impounding activities and field control to eliminate stray animals;
5. Ensure that animals are leashed or confined within the premises of the owner's house or owner's fenced surroundings;
6. Implement and promote the spaying and castration of animals, particularly companion animals;
7. Conduct an information and education campaign on the prevention and control of rabies;
8. Ensure the enforcement of Section 6 of Republic Act 8485 or "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998";
9. Prohibit the trade of dog meat;



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10. Establish and convene a consultative group composed of veterinarians, experts in animal ecology, behavior, and zoonotic diseases, relevant non-government organizations, and other stakeholders for the purpose of analyzing and quantifying animal control issues, identifying the causes thereof, influencing public opinion, mobilizing resources, and proposing the most effective approaches to use in the short and long terms;
11. Coordinate with the City of Pasig Department of Health and other concerned Government Agencies for the provision of post-exposure treatment at minimum possible expense to individuals bitten by animals suspected of being rabid, consisting of the initial vaccine and immunoglobulin dose.
12. Coordinate with the City of Pasig Department of Health and other concerned National Government Agencies for the provision of post-exposure treatment to high risk personnel such as, but not limited to veterinarians, meat inspectors, animal handlers, vaccinators, laboratory staff, and other persons at risk of exposure to rabies and other zoonotic diseases.

ARTICLE XIV
REGULATORY FEES

SECTION 59. MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE REGULATORY FEES – The following fees and charges shall be imposed:

1. Slaughterhouse Fee per animal shall be collected in consideration for the services rendered and for the use of the facilities maintained by the City Government of Pasig:

Large animal	Php 300.00
Swine (all types)	100.00
Goat, sheep and the like	100.00
Fowl	5.00

2. Corral Fee shall be collected for animals which are lairaging in the holding pen facility of the City of Pasig Slaughterhouse for more than twenty-four (24) hours. The fees prescribed herein shall be on a per day per head basis:

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Large animal	Php	50.00
Swine: Fatteners & Culls		20.00
Le Chon size		10.00
Goat, sheep and the like		20.00
Fowl		1.00

3. Ante-Mortem and Post-Mortem Fees shall be collected for the examination of livestock and fowls before and their carcasses after slaughter. Animals only fit for human consumption are allowed to be slaughtered.

Large animal	Php	30.00
Swine		20.00
Goat, sheep and the like		20.00
Fowl		0.50

4. Condemnation fee per animal 50.00

5. De-Hairing Fee with the De-Hairing Machine

Fattener	Php	25.00
Culls		50.00
Le Chon size		15.00

6. Veterinary Clearance Fee Php 500.00

7. Meat Establishment Registration Fee per annum:
 Slaughterhouse/Meat Processing/Poultry Dressing Plant

"AAA"	Php	3,000.00
"AA"		2,000.00
"A"		1,000.00

8. Transport Vehicles Accreditation Fee per vehicle per annum:

Hauler Truck (livestock/poultry)	Php	1,000.00
Closed Van		2,000.00
Tricycle Delivery Service		500.00
MTV for Non-Accredited Meat Dealer		3,000.00

9. Carwash Fee:

Hauler Truck/MTV – maximum of 20 minutes	50.00
Tricycle - maximum of 10 minutes	20.00

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10. Handler's License Fee per annum:

Livestock Handler's Fee	Php	200.00
Meat Handlers' License Fee		100.00
Handler's Fee for Non-Accredited Meat Dealers		500.00

11. Regulatory Fee regardless if fresh or frozen:

Beef/Carabeef - whole	Php	300.00
Beef /Carabeef – cut-ups per kilogram		2.00
Pork / Chevon / Mutton – whole		200.00
Pork / Chevon /Mutton – cut-ups per kilogram		1.00
Processed Meat per kilogram		1.00
Meat and Meat By-Products per kilogram		1.00
Offals (entrails/viscera) –all kinds of meat per kilogram		0.60
Poultry (whole/cut-ups per kilogram)		0.60

SECTION 60. ANIMAL HEALTH AND WELFARE REGULATORY FEES

1. Registration Tag Fee or Pet ID Microchip (*one-time fee*) 100.00
300.00
2. Special Permit for Keeping More Than Four (4) Dogs/Cats per annum 500.00
3. Animal Facility Fee per annum 500.00

SECTION 61. ANIMAL POUND AND ANIMAL REGULATORY FEES

1. Stray Animal Violation Fee Php 500.00
2. Impounded Animal Redemption Fee 500.00
3. Surrendered/Picked-Up Animal Fee 500.00

**ARTICLE XV
FINES, PENALTIES, CHARGES AND SANCTIONS**

SECTION 62. FINES AND PENALTIES - The following fines, penalties, charges and sanctions shall be imposed for the violations of this Code:

Any person, natural or juridical, found directly or indirectly violating any provision of this Code, shall be penalized under the existing laws, rules and regulations.



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For violations of Sections 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 47, and 56, (Hot Meat, Prohibited Acts, Printing of Official Marks, Forging of Official Marks, Absences of Ante-Mortem Inspection, Interference in the Conduct of Inspection, Unlawful Trading, Cruelty to Animals, and Prohibition of Dog Meat), the pertinent laws, rules, and regulations shall govern corresponding to its penalty provisions.

For violations of Section 13, 14, 15, and 23 (Animal Welfare, Transport of All Kinds of Live Animals, Requirements for Acceptance and Lairaging, and Transportation and Delivery):

1st Offense – One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00), confiscation of meat and meat products; in case of livestock, the animal shall be sent back to its origin

2nd Offense – Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00), confiscation of meat and meat products; in case of Shipping Permit and Livestock Handler's License, the hauler/livestock transport vehicle shall be impounded for a minimum of one (1) week

3rd Offense – Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00), confiscation of meat and meat products; in case of Shipping Permit and Livestock Handler's License, the hauler/livestock transport vehicle shall be impounded for a minimum period of two (2) weeks

For violations of Section 24.a (Hygienic Handling of Chilled, Frozen and Thawed Meat at Meat Markets):

1st Offense – One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)

2nd Offense – Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00) and one (1) week suspension to operate the meat market

3rd Offense – Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00) and two (2) weeks suspension to operate the meat market

For violations of Section 24 b to j, 25, 26, 27, and 28 (Hygienic Handling of Chilled, Frozen, Thawed Meat at Meat Markets, Regulations on Imported Meat, Hygienic Handling of Newly Slaughtered Meat, Hygiene, Sanitation and Vermin Control Requirements for Meat Markets and Mandatory Regulatory Fees for All Kinds of Meat and Meat Products Slaughtered Outside of the City Of Pasig):



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1st Offense – Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000.00)

2nd Offense – Four Thousand Pesos (Php 4,000.00) and one (1) week suspension to operate the meat market

3rd Offense – Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) and two (2) weeks suspension to operate the meat market

For violations of Sections 38, 39, 40, 41 and 43 (Responsibilities of Pet Owners, Possessors, Keepers, Space Requirements, Animal Registration, Registration Tag/Pet ID Microchip, and Special Permit for Keeping of Animals), the following fines shall be imposed.

1st Offense – Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00)

2nd Offense – Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00)

3rd Offense – Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) or imprisonment of six (6) months or both upon the discretion of the proper court.

For any violation of the preceding paragraph, the owner shall be required to have the pet animal/s be registered and vaccinated or impounded.

Pet owners who refuse to put a leash on their pet/companion animal/s while they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) for each incident.

An impounded pet/companion animal/s shall be released to its owner upon payment of a fine not less than Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00).

For violation of Section 43 (Special Permit for Keeping of Animals) – Revocation of Special Permit for Keeping of More Than Four (4) Animals and confiscation of the excess animals without sufficient space requirements.

Any person found guilty of using electrocution as a method of euthanasia shall be fined Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) per act. If the violation is committed by an alien, he or she shall be immediately deported after service of sentence without any further proceeding.

SECTION 63. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES. – First time violations for Sections 38, 39, 40, 41 and 43, may be penalized based from the following sanctions in case of inability to pay:



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- a. Violator may render a prescribed number of hours in community service as may be directed by the City Veterinarian; or
- b. Prescribed number of hours in spiritual counselling; or
- c. Blood donation. If in any case the violator is unfit to donate blood to the Philippine Red Cross or any other blood bank, he/she shall find substitute in his/her behalf.

SECTION 64. METE OUT OF PENALTIES. – Whenever applicable, the following rules shall apply in meting out penalties:

- a. If the offender is below 15 years of age, the biological parents or legal guardian shall be required to pay the fine or render the alternative penalty in case of inability to pay.
- b. If the offender's age is between 15 and 18 years old, the biological parents or guardian shall be required to pay the fine. However, in case of inability to pay the fine, the offender himself/herself shall personally serve the alternative penalty.
- c. If the offender is more than 18 years of age, fine or the alternative penalty shall be imposed to the offender.
- d. If the person is a juridical person, its manager, partner, proprietor/owner or other responsible officer, shall serve the alternative penalty in case of the company's inability to pay the fine.

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SECTION 65. CONFISCATION. –Any carcasses, parts of carcasses or products of carcasses found to have been prepared, handled, packed, stored, transported or offered for sale as human food not in accordance with any of the provisions of this Code shall be confiscated and disposed of at the expense of the person, firm or corporation found to be in violation thereof.

1. The personnel of the Department employed for the purpose of meat inspection shall have the authority to confiscate any carcasses, parts of carcasses, meat and meat products found to have been prepared, handled, packed, stored, transported or offered for sale as human food not in accordance with any provisions of this Code.
2. All confiscations undertaken by the meat inspector shall be properly documented. A confiscation receipt shall be issued to the owner attesting to the cause of confiscation.



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3. The owner of the confiscated items shall be accorded the opportunity to witness the condemnation and disposal of unfit meat and meat products.

SECTION 66. CEASE AND DESIST ORDER. – The City Mayor and/or the Business Permit and Licensing Office (“BPLO”) is/are authorized to issue, when the continued operation of business and or any prohibited act mentioned in this Code that causes imminent danger to public health, a “Cease and Desist Order” upon recommendation of the Department. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of slaughtering food animals, or preparing, freezing, packaging, storing or labelling any carcasses or parts or products of carcasses for use as human food, found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this Code should the continued operation of the said entity pose risk to public health and endanger the animal population. The *Cease and Desist Order* shall be issued after proper notice to the operator and summary hearing.

Section 67. CITATION TICKET. – The City Veterinarian is hereby deputized to issue citation tickets for all kinds of fines, fees or any forms of penalties implemented by this Code. The violations covered by a corresponding citation ticket shall be governed by the following rules:

1. Citation tickets shall be settled within one (1) week upon receipt;
2. For failure or refusal to make the necessary corrective measures within the prescribed period in case of warning citations, the violation shall be a maximum penalty for the infraction;
3. In case of failure or refusal to pay the corresponding fine cited in the ticket within the specified period, the City Veterinarian shall coordinate with the Pasig City Legal Officer to initiate legal proceedings against the violator within twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION 68. OPPOSING, RESISTING AND INTERVENING WITH AUTHORITIES. – It shall be prohibited for any person to oppose, resist or otherwise interfere with the City Veterinarian or duly authorized personnel of the Department the performance of their duties as provided in this Code. A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) or an imprisonment not exceeding One (1) Year or both at the discretion of the Court shall be imposed on any person opposing, resisting or otherwise interfering in the performance of the official functions and duties of the employees of the Department.

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ARTICLE XVI
CMIS DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND

SECTION 69. CITY MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE OF PASIG DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND – An independent and separate City Meat Inspection Service Development Trust Fund (“CMISDTF”) shall be established. At least fifty percent (50%) of collected ante and post-mortem fees shall be used for the purpose of the CMISDTF. The fund shall be used for but not limited to the following:

1. Health assistance on top of PhilHealth and legal assistance to CMIS personnel who are physically injured while on duty or charged in court for causes related to work.
2. Capability development of the City Veterinary and Meat Inspection personnel.
3. Operation of the Task Force “BantayKarne”
4. Establishment of CMIS training center.
5. Incentives to meat handlers, meat vendors, meat dealers, and other meat workers that are performing exceptionally well in their compliance to sanitation standards.
6. Other forms of assistance and support to the poultry and meat industry in the City.

ARTICLE XVII
TRANSITORY AND APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 70. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS. – The Pasig City Slaughterhouse under the Market Administration Office and the Pasig City Animal Control Unit (“City Pound Unit”) of the City Health Office shall turn over all pertinent data to the Department as part of its turnover of assignment.

SECTION 71. APPROPRIATIONS.–The funds needed by the Department and those other funds to cover the salaries and other benefits of the newly created positions shall be taken from any available funds and shall thereafter be appropriated in the annual budget of the next fiscal year with the approval of the City Mayor.

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ARTICLE XVIII
FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 72. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. – It is hereby created, composed of authorized representatives of the following, to draft the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Code Within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Code:

- a. Office of the City Mayor of Pasig
- b. City of Pasig Department of Veterinary Services
- c. City of Pasig Treasurer's Office
- d. Business Permit and Licensing Office
- e. Market Administration Office
- f. City of Pasig Slaughterhouse
- g. City of Pasig Legal Office
- h. Representative from The National Meat Inspection Service
- i. Representative of the Bureau of Animal Industry's Committee on Animal Welfare
- j. Representative/s from the Private Sector/NGO

SECTION 73. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If, for any reason, any provisions, Sections or any part hereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a competent court, or other provisions hereof not affected thereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 74. REPEALING CLAUSE. – Any ordinance, executive order, local issuance of rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 75. EFFECTIVITY. – This Ordinance shall take effect Fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon posting to the website of the City Government of Pasig.

REFERENCES:

1. RA No. 9296, otherwise known as "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", as amended by RA No. 10536 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
2. RA No. 10611, otherwise known as the "Food Safety Act of 2013"
3. RA No. 7394, otherwise known as the "Consumer Act of the Philippines"
4. RA No. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare of 1998", as amended by RA No. 10631 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations
5. RA No. 9482, otherwise known as the "Anti-Rabies Act 2007", and its Implementing Rules and Regulations

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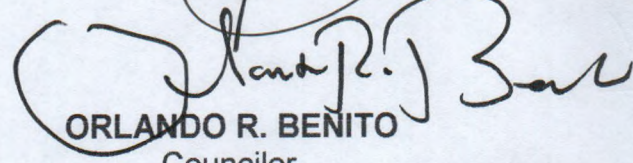
6. Executive Order No. 137 – Providing for the Implementing Rules and Regulations Governing the Devolution of Certain Powers and Functions of the National Meat Inspection Commission to the Local Government Units Pursuant to RA No. 7160, otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991”
7. NMIS Memorandum Circular No. 10-2010-9 – Registry of LGU Meat Inspection
8. NMIS Memorandum Circular No. 10-2010-10 – Registry of Locally Registered Meat Establishment
9. DA Administrative Order No. 19 series of 2010 – Guidelines on Good Hygienic Slaughtering Practices for Locally Registered Meat Establishment
10. DA Administrative Order No. 20 series of 2010 – Guidelines on Post-Meat Establishment Control
11. DA Administrative Order No. 21 series of 2010 – Guidelines for the Implementation of Meat Inspection Service by the Local Government Units
12. DA Administrative Order No. 05 series of 2012 – Rules and Regulations on Hygienic Handling of Newly Slaughtered Meat in Meat Markets
13. DA Administrative Order No. 06 series of 2012 – Rules and Regulations on Hygienic Handling of Chilled, Frozen and Thawed Meat in Meat Markets
14. DA Administrative Order No. 32 series of 2000 – Rules on Dog Shows
15. DA Administrative Order No. 21 series of 2003 – Regulations on Pet Shops
16. DA Administrative Order No. 14 series of 2004 – Rules and Regulations on Kennels
17. DA Administrative Order No. 24 series of 2004 – Mandatory Identification of Dogs and Cats
18. DA Administrative Order No. 10 series of 2005 – Rules and Regulations on the Apprehension of Persons Trading or Transporting Dog and Cats
19. DA Administrative Order No. 18 series of 2008 – Rules and Regulations on the Humane Slaughter of Animals for Food
20. DA Administrative Order No. 13 series of 2010 – Revised Rules and Regulations on Euthanasia of Animals
21. DA Administrative Circular No. 3 series of 2015 - Policies and Guidelines in the Establishment and Maintenance of Animal Pounds
22. DA Memorandum Circular No. 2016-12 series of 2016 – Mandatory Registration of Animal Facilities with the DA-BAI Prior to LGUs Issuance of Business Permit

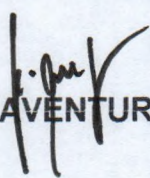
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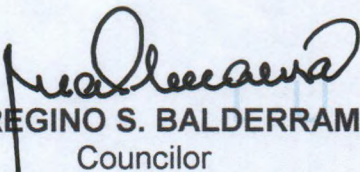


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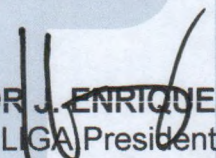
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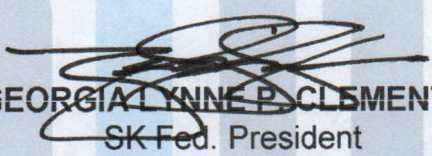

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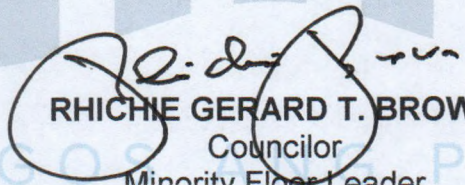

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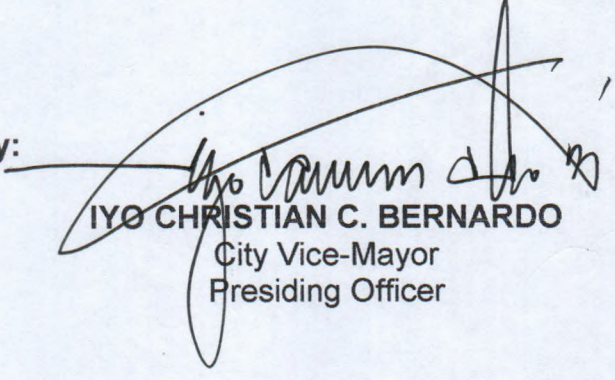

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