

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Leyte
Municipality of Palo
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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

**Executive Order No. 11
Series of 2021**

AN ORDER DIRECTING ANEW THE BAN ON THE SLAUGHTER OF SWINE, IMPOSING A TEMPORARY BAN ON THE SALE OF PORK PRODUCTS, PROHIBITING THE TRANSPORTATION/ TRANSFER OF LIVE SWINE TO AND FROM THE MUNICIPALITY, AND THE DEPOPULATION/ CULLING OF SWINE IN AFFECTED AREAS

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2021, the Department of Agriculture had confirmed the first case of ASF in the Municipality which occurred in Brgy. Baras, Palo, Leyte. Thereafter, a depopulation and culling was immediately conducted within the five-hundred meter affected areas.

WHEREAS, a pork holiday and ban on the transportation of swine were declared from February 4 to 17, 2021.

WHEREAS, in the afternoon of February 19, 2021, the Department of Agriculture informed the Municipality through a letter regarding new confirmed cases of ASF in the Municipality which occurred in Brgy. Libertad, Salvacion, San Joaquin and Candahug.

WHEREAS, Paragraph (a) Section 3 of Republic Act No. 10611, or the "Food Safety Act of 2013, the State objective is to protect the public from food - borne and water - borne illness and unsanitary unwholesome, misbranded or adulterated foods.

WHEREAS, Section 10, Chapter 3 of Republic Act No. 9296, "The Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", and as provided under RA. 7160, "The Local Government Code" and Executive Order No. 137, the Local Government Unit shall regulate the construction, management and operation of slaughterhouses, meat inspection, meat transport and post abattoir control, monitor and evaluate and collect fees and charges in accordance with national policies, procedures, guidelines, rules and regulations, and quality and safety standards as promulgated by the Secretary.

WHEREAS, RA. 3639 declares the following Acts as unlawful; (a) knowingly transporting domestic animals suffering from any dangerous communicable diseases from one province or municipality to another when there is a declaration that a dangerous communicable disease prevails therein, and when there is spreading such disease by transporting such class of animals outside the said locality, (b) violating lawful regulations or orders relating to quarantine of animals.

Now therefore, I, **FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA**, Municipal Mayor of Palo, Leyte, by virtue of the power vested in me by existing laws and with the recommendations of the Municipal

Agriculture Office, Market and Slaughterhouse Supervisor, and concerned department heads, do hereby order the following:

Section 1. Depopulation / Culling of Swine - An immediate depopulation and culling of swine, regardless of the size, shall be conducted in areas within the Five Hundred (500) Meters radius (red zone) from the confirmed positive case of ASF in the barangay of Guindapunan, Libertad, San Joaquin, and San Fernando, Palo, Leyte. The extent and coverage of depopulation and culling shall be determined by the Municipal Agriculturist. The conduct of depopulation and culling shall be pursued in accordance with the policies, guidelines and advisories of the Department of Agriculture, including the process of indemnification of affected owners.

Section 2. Establishment of Pink Zone Within One (1) Kilometer - Hog raisers and backyard raisers whose swine/ hog are located within the one kilometer (1km) pink zone from the confirmed positive case of ASF are advised to monitor the condition of their swine/ hog for possible symptoms of ASF. Should symptoms associated with the ASF manifest, Hog raisers and backyard raisers are advised to immediately report the same to the office of the Municipal Agriculturist. Symptoms may include the following: High Fever, Weakness and Difficulty Standing, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Red or blue blotches on the skin (Particularly around ears and snout), Coughing or labored breathing.

Section 3. Temporary Ban on the Sale of Pork Products - Temporary ban on the sale of pork products, raw or cooked, in the entire Municipality is hereby imposed, except processed pork products approved by the Food and Drugs Administration.

Section 4. Prohibition on the Transportation/ Transfer of Live Swine - As a precautionary measure in order to minimize the risk of a possible outbreak of the disease, a temporary ban on the transportation of live swine to and from the Municipality is hereby ordered immediately until February 27, 2021.

Section 5. Prohibition on the Slaughter of Swine - The slaughter of swine inside or outside of the slaughterhouse is hereby declared prohibited and temporarily suspended. However, the slaughterhouse shall continue to operate for the slaughter of large cattle.

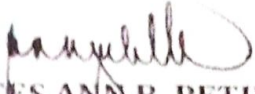
Section 6. Intensified Border Control - In order to control the spread of the disease, the Philippine National Police, Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office and the Municipal Agriculturist are hereby directed to continue its intensified border control and checkpoint pertaining to the prohibition on the transportation of swine to and from the Municipality.

Section 7. Implementation - The Philippine National Police, Palo Auxiliary Traffic Office, Municipal Agriculture Office, Market and Slaughterhouse Supervisor, Sanitation & Business Permit and Licensing Office are directed to strictly enforce the provisions of this Order and Executive Order Nos: 2 & 3.

Section 8. Penalty - Violation of any provisions of this Order shall result in the revocation of business permit and/or the immediate confiscation of the contraband, without prejudice to a criminal prosecution for violation of existing national laws.

Section 9. Effectivity - This Executive Order shall take effect on February 20, 2021 and shall remain in full force and effect until February 27, 2021.

Done in the Municipality of Palo, Leyte, Province of Leyte, this **19th day of February** in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.



FRANCES ANN B. PETILLA
Municipal Mayor