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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 19-002**

**AN ORDINANCE ON RABIES PREVENTION, CONTROL AND RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF HIMAMAYLAN**

**SECTION 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Rabies Prevention, Control and Responsible Pet Ownership Ordinance of the City of Himamaylan".

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy and Objective.** The City Government is cognizant of the right of its inhabitants to maintain pets particularly dogs. However, it is alarmed by the concomitant threat of rabies to the health and safety of its populace. The city aims to eradicate rabies within its territorial jurisdiction and towards this end, adopt the policy of responsible pet ownership, and emphasize the prevention of rabies rather than its cure.

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** As used in this ordinance, the following shall mean:

- a) "Disposed of" – to exterminate in the humane manner.
- b) "Dog" – refers to a specific domestic animal (canis familiaris) male or female.
- c) "Dog bite" – a form of laceration or contusion caused by the gripping, cutting or piercing of the skin of an individual with the teeth of a dog.
- d) "Dog tags" – refer to plates with identification number/s issued to all registered dogs as proof of registration.
- e) "Enclosed Premises" – means the owner's house, or fenced yard, that limit the movement of dogs enclosed therein, where other people have no reason to enter except to conduct business or visit with the members of the household.
- f) "Owner" – any person keeping, possessing, harboring or having charge or control of or permitting any dog to habitually be or remain on, or be lodged or fed, within such person's house, yard or premises.
- g) "Public Place" – a place in which the people have an interest affecting the safety, morals and welfare of the community.
- h) "Rabies Vaccination" – the inoculation of dogs with rabies vaccine licensed for the species by the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture. Such vaccinations must be performed by a licensed veterinarian or trained vaccinator from the City Veterinary Office.
- i) "Restrained" – means muzzled, shackled, leashed, tied, or caged.
- j) "Stray dog" – a dog found wandering in the streets, public places, market and school premises unaccompanied by its owner with tag or without tag, which poses danger to the lives of the people.

SECTION 4. City Rabies Coordinating Council. There is hereby created a City Rabies Coordinating Council (who) whose shall policies be primarily responsible for the formation of policies and guidelines in the implementation of rabies eradication program and shall likewise monitor/assist the City Rabies Coordinating Committee (CRCC) in enforcing the same.

The City Rabies Coordinating Council shall be composed of the following members.

- a. City Mayor
- b. SP Chairman, Committee on Health and Agriculture
- c. City Health Officer
- d. City Veterinarian
- e. CDRRMO
- f. DILG Officer
- g. Department of Education/District Supervisor
- h. NGO's/PO's Representative
- i. PNP/Chief of PNP Himamaylan City
- j. LIGA NANG MGA BARANGAY PRESIDENT
- k. DSWDO
- l. Budget Officer

SECTION 5. City Rabies Control Committee. The City Rabies Control Committee (CRCC) which shall possess the main authority of implementing this ordinance and other related activities as it may deem necessary in order to eradicate rabies in the community.

The committee shall be composed of the following members subject to additional members as the Mayor may deem necessary

- a. Mayor – Chairman
- b. City Veterinarian- Co-Chairman
- c. City Agriculturist
- d. City Health Officer
- e. PO's Federated President
- f. Punong Barangays
- g. CDRMMO
- h. PNP//Chief of PNP Himamaylan City
- i. Department of Education/ District Supervisor

SECTION 6. Rabies Vaccination. Owners of dogs within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Himamaylan are enjoined to have their dogs which are at least three (3) months old undergo Rabies Vaccination annually or as indicated on the label/literature of the vaccine but in no case shall exceed twenty-four (24) months.

SECTION 7. Duties of Veterinarian/s **and Para-Veterinarians**. It shall be the duty of the Veterinarian/s and **Para-Veterinarians** when vaccinating any dog to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination in duplicate for each animal vaccinated. The certificate shall include the following:

- a. Owner's name, address and telephone number (if any)
- b. Description of dogs (color, sex, markings, age, name, species and breed (if any)
- c. Dates of vaccination and vaccine expiration
- d. Rabies vaccination tag number
- e. Vaccine procedure
- f. Vaccinator's signature
- g. Veterinarian's license number/ Vaccinator's address

The veterinarian shall provide the dog owner with a copy of the vaccination certificate, and shall retain one copy for the duration of the validity of the vaccination.

In addition, the veterinarian shall issue a durable dog tag either plastic or metal, color coded or serially numbered, which shall be securely attached to the collar of the dog.

The Para-Veterinarians assist and help to implement free vaccination program not only of dogs but other animals as well.

SECTION 8. Vaccination Cost. The cost of rabies vaccination shall **be shouldered** by the owner of the dog or as agreed between **him** and the City/Barangay based on the recommendation of the City Rabies Control Committee. In case the owner is indigent the City/Barangay shall provide assistance for the cost of vaccination.

SECTION 9. Registration of Dogs. All dogs upon reaching the age of three (3) months shall be registered by their owners with the barangay where they reside. Only dogs which have undergone rabies vaccination shall be registered.

SECTION 10. Registry of Dogs. The barangay shall keep a registry of Dogs which shall contain the following:

- a. Owners name, address and telephone number (if any)
- b. Description of dog (color, sex, markings, age, name, species and breed (if any)
- c. Dates of rabies vaccination and vaccine expiration
- d. Rabies vaccination tag number
- e. Dog tag number

The registering Officer shall provide the owner with a certificate of registration containing the foregoing data and dog tag as proof of registration.

SECTION 11. Impounding of Stray Dogs. It shall be considered unlawful to own a stray dog or for the owner of a dog to allow said dog to wander outside the "enclosed premises" or to let it roam elsewhere at any time of the day, except when it is "restrained" or leashed and accompanied by its owner or his authorized representative.

The City Rabies Coordinating **Council** or any member of the PNP, Barangay Tanod or any person deputized by the CRCC or local chief executive is hereby authorized to catch stray dogs for impounding in a place designated for that purpose at So. Wayang, Brgy. III, Himamaylan City.

The owner of the impounded dog may retrieve the same within three (3) days from the date of impounding, upon showing proof of ownership and payment of the expenses of impounding as determined by the LGU concerned. Failure on the part of the owner to claim his/her dog within the said period, the same shall be disposed of in the manner allowed by law or under the next section.

SECTION 12. Seizure and Disposal of Stray Dogs. Stray dogs shall be seized humanely as much as possible with the use of only such force necessary to put them under control. Unclaimed stray dogs as provided for in preceding Section shall be disposed of under the supervision of the City Rabies Control Committee in accordance with the guidelines formulated by the City Rabies Coordinating Council.

SECTION 13. Reporting of Dog Bites. After a dog bite has occurred, the owner of the dog and the dog bite victim, shall within 24 hours, report the incident to the City Health Office or Barangay Health Station. The health worker assigned to the said office shall receive such information and transmit the same to the City Veterinarian Office for investigation.

The City Veterinarian shall submit a rabies incidence report to the City Rabies Coordinating Council within 30 days from the incident.

SECTION 14. Liability of Owner of Biting Dogs. The owner of a dog which has bitten any person shall be responsible for all the treatment and the dog examination related expenses incurred by the dog bite victim/s, without prejudice to such other remedies provided by other laws.

SECTION 15. Inspection. The City Rabies Control Committee shall conduct periodic inspection to check compliance with the ordinance in their respective City and shall initiate the filing of appropriate action in case of violation.

SECTION 16. Enforcement. It shall be the responsibility of the Local Government Units concerned through its created City Rabies Coordinating Committee to administer and enforce this ordinance.

SECTION 17. Penalty. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties.

(1) Pet Owners who fail or refuse to have their Dog registered and immunized against Rabies

shall be punished by a fine of Two thousand pesos (P 2,000.00).

- (2) Pet Owners who refuse to have their Dog vaccinated against Rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination of both the Dog and the individuals Bitten by their Dog.
- (3) Pet Owners who refuse to have their Dog put under observation and do not shoulder the medical expenses of the person bitten by their Dog shall be meted out a fine of Five thousand pesos (P 5,000.00).
- (4) Pet Owners who refuse to put leash on their Dogs when they are brought outside the house shall be meted out a fine of Five hundred pesos (P500.00) for each incident.
- (5) Any person found guilty of using electrocution as a method of euthanasia shall be meted out fine of Five thousand pesos (P 5,000.00) per act and subject to imprisonment **for one (1) month to one (1) year** subject at the discretion of the Court

SECTION 18. Separability Clause. Should any provision, sections, or part of this ordinance be adjusted or declared illegal or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining provision, section or part thereof which shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 19. Repealing Clause. All existing ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance shall be automatically deemed repealed and/or modified.

SECTION 20. Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect after complying the posting and publication requirements of the 1991 Local Government Code.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**GENEFREDA E. DECENA**  
 Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested by:  
  
**HON. CARMINA G. BASCON**  
 Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved:  
  
**HON. AGUSTIN ERNESTO G. BASCON**  
 City Mayor

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_