



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANGUNGLOD
CITY OF ZAMBOANGA

ORDINANCE NO. 242

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY POUND AND
PROVIDING THE RULES AND IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES AND
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panglungsod of the City of Zamboanga, that:

SECTION 1.- TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the
"Zamboanga City Pound Ordinance."

SECTION 2.- RATIONALE - The ecological balance is needed for sustainable
development. It is not that we take good care of human alone, we too have to be
responsible with other living organisms that help in the sustenance of the ecological
balance.

SECTION 3.- DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a.) CITY POUND – refers to an establishment where stray animals running at large shall be impounded or confined.
- b.) DOG – refers to any animal belonging to the species "canis familiaris" of the carnivorous and flesh eating animals.
- c.) OWNER/POSSESSOR – refers to any person who is a sole/part owner of any animal and includes any person who is in charge and has custody of the animals. The occupant of any premises on which the animal is found shall be deemed to be the owner/possessor of such animal until the contrary is proven.
- d.) STRAY ANIMAL OR ANIMAL RUNNING AT LARGE– refers to any animal found outside the confines of owner's residence such as streets and public places, not leashed and without any human companion.
- e.) ANIMAL CATCHER – a person connected with the City Pound authorized to catch stray animals.
- f.) BARANGAY ANIMAL CATCHER – a person designated in the barangay by the Punong Barangay to impound stray animals found within their territorial jurisdiction and responsible for the temporary care of the animals in a temporary holding area in the barangay.
- g.) CITY POUND VEHICLE – a compartmentalized vehicle that will transport captured stray animals from the captured site to the City Pound.

- h.) CITY POUND OFFICER- a qualified person assigned to administer and provide technical supervision to the City Pound.
- i.) CATS - all cats belonging to the cat family felidae, order Carnivora, which include the domestic cat, felis catus-catus.
- j.) MONKEY - this term is commonly applied to a large number of primate, excluding only the tree shrews, the lemurlike forms, the apes and humane.
- k.) OTHER ANIMALS - all other stray animals except dog, cat and monkey.

SECTION 4.- CITY POUND - A City Pound is hereby established in the City of boanga and shall be maintained under the general supervision of the Office of the Veterinarian. The site and the structural design of the City Pound shall be approved e Local Chief Executive in consultation with the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 5. GUIDELINES

A. IMPOUNDING

1. Stray animals will be caught by animal catchers authorized by the City Veterinarian by means of tranquilizer gun or netted loop/wire or any suitable means as determined by the latter.
2. Captured animals will be brought to the City Pound for temporary confinement.
3. Upon receipt of animals into the pound, the City Pound Officer shall advertise in the city hall building and in the barangay hall concerned a pound notice for three (3) consecutive working days stating the following:
 - a.) color, breed and other description of the impounded animal.
 - b.) The data and time when the respective impounded animals were caught.
 - c.) A notice that unless redeemed, the animals will be humanely disposed of.
4. The owner/possessor of stray animals shall have a maximum period of three (3) working days from onset of confinement to claim their animals at the City Pound.
5. The owner/possessor of stray animals shall have the right to claim their animals, provided:
 - a.) He/she shall present any proof to the City Pound Personnel of ownership justifying the latter, for documentary purposes.
 - b.) He/she has paid all fees/charges incurred in the confinement.
 - c.) He/she shall present certificates of vaccination for anti-rabies from a licensed private or government veterinarian.

6. A fine of P300.00 per animal shall be paid by the owner of the animal upon claiming his animal. Half the amount paid shall be an incentive for the barangay animal catcher and the other half shall be paid either to the city or the barangay depending on the entity responsible for catching or impounding the stray animal.
7. The following fee shall likewise be paid to the barangay or the city, as the case may be, by the owner of the animal depending upon the number of days of confinement:

	Dogs/Cats/Monkeys	Other Animals
One Day (1)	- P 30.00	P 200.00
Two Days (2)	- 60.00	300.00
Three Days (3)	- 100.00	500.00

B. CARE OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS

- 1.) Animals shall be fed at least once daily.
- 2.) Whenever necessary, animals shall be vaccinated and/or treated, whereby expenses incurred shall be charged to claimants upon discharge of their pets.

C. DISPOSITION OF OTHER ANIMALS

1. Animals exhibiting clinical symptoms and other communicable diseases to man or animals shall be humanely destroyed at the discretion of the Veterinary Personnel, preferably with documentation in accordance with Administrative Order No. 21, series of 1999, otherwise known as the Conduct in the Euthanasia for Pets/Companion Animals and Slaughter of Animals for food.
2. All unclaimed animals shall be disposed of upon the discretion of the City Pound Officer after three (3) days of confinement.
3. The carcasses of the destroyed animals shall be disposed of hygienically at the discretion of the City Pound Officer.
4. Strictly, no carcasses of dogs shall be disposed of without prior authority of the City Pound Officer.
5. All unclaimed other animals as defined in this Ordinance shall be sold thru a public auction. Posting of Notice of Auction Sale shall be done by the City Pound Officer or Punong Barangay, as the case may be. Proceeds of the auction sale shall apply first to the payment of fine, next the fees and any excess thereof shall be equally divided between the barangay and the city, as the case may be.

SECTION 6.- BARANGAY ANIMAL CATCHER

1. There shall be Barangay Animal Catchers to be designated by the Punong Barangay.

2. Said barangay animal catchers shall be given proper training by the Office of the City Veterinarian and pre-exposure rabies human vaccine to protect them from possible dog bites.
3. The barangay animal catchers shall be authorized to impound stray animals found within the territorial jurisdiction of the barangay and shall be responsible for the temporary care of the animals in the temporary holding area, in accordance with Section 5 (B) of this Ordinance, and to immediately make the necessary report to the City Pound Officer. All steps shall be taken by the City Pound Officer to pick the impounded animal within twenty four (24) hours from notice thereof by the barangay animal catcher.

SECTION 7.- APPROPRIATION - The appropriation needed to finance initially the program shall be Two Million Five Hundred Thousand (P2,500,000.00) Pesos, and an appropriate amount shall every year thereafter be included in the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses of the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 8. - ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION - It shall be the responsibility of the Office of the City Veterinarian to administer and maintain the City Pound, pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance. For this purpose, the City Government shall provide said officer with an adequate number of personnel and the necessary means and/or equipment to carry out this work successfully.

SECTION 9. - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other part or provisions hereof which are not affected, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

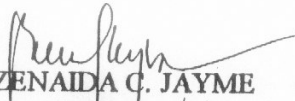
SECTION 10. - REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, executive orders and other issuances, or parts which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. - EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

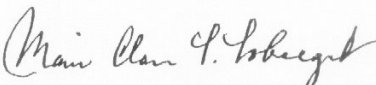
ENACTED: July 11, 2002.

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