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Hon. Jose Antonio Miguel Y. Perez - Presiding Officer/Pro-Tempore
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Hon. Margielou Orange D. Humilde - Member
Hon. Rany S. De Leon - Member
Hon. Rufina J. Gabriel - Member
Hon. Perlito V. Rabago - Member
Hon. Fatima Ann S. Isla - Member
Hon. Orlando R. Go - Member
Hon. Salvador C. Camba, LBP - Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Oscar A. Boling - O.B. Brigada Eskwela

ABSENT: 

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-07

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR SLAUGHTER OF FEMALE CARABAOS (RIVERINE BUFFALOES AND CROSSBREDS) WITHIN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN THEREBY ESTABLISHING A BUY BACK SCHEME FOR FEMALE BREEDABLE CARABAO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE

WHEREAS, the City Government of Alaminos through the City Agriculture Office spearheads the upgrading of carabao in the city and is supportive of the carabao-based dairy enterprises being implemented by smallholder carabao owners and their cooperatives/associations;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to regulate selling and slaughter of female carabao (riverine buffaloes/crossbreds) to ensure continuous carabao herd build-up as the production base for carabao-based enterprises development in the City of Alaminos by way of providing means to retain and maintain quality breeders within the city;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Rufina J. Gabriel, duly seconded by Councilor Fatima Ann S. Isla, Councilor Rany S. De Leon and Councilor Jan Marianne R. Fontelera

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled, that;

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR SLAUGHTER OF FEMALE CARABAOS (RIVERINE BUFFALOES AND CROSSBREDS) WITHIN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN THEREBY ESTABLISHING A BUY BACK SCHEME FOR FEMALE BREEDABLE CARABAO AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE”

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the use of this ordinance the following terms are defined as follows:

a. Buffaloes - is the collective term for Murrah (Indian, Brazilian, Bulgarin) buffaloes either imported or island born

b. Bull - refers to not castrated male carabao/riverine buffalo/crossbred

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c. **Buyback Scheme** - refers to the purchase of female carabao-crossbred/island born buffaloes that are products of artificial insemination by the Pangasinan Veterinary Office, Department of Agriculture and the Philippine Carabao center or products of the loan out purebred bull of the Philippine Carabao Center.

d. **Buyer/middleman/agent** - refers to a person who buy or intend to buy the female/male carabao, riverine buffalo, and/or crossbred

e. **Calf** - refers to male or female offspring

f. **Crossbred** - refers to the offspring of Philippine carabao and riverine buffaloes resulting from Artificial Insemination services or buy purebred Murrah buffaloes.

g. **Crossbred carabao** - offspring or product of breeding or mating Philippine carabao (male or female) with purebred Murrah (male or female)

h. **Dam or cow** - refers to female carabao/riverine buffalo/crossbred that has not given birth

i. **Heifer** - refers to female carabao/riverine buffalo/crossbred that has not given birth yet (1.5 to 3 years old)

j. **Herd build up** - refers to the increase in population of carabao/riverine buffalo/crossbred in the City of Alaminos;

k. **Herd** - refers to group of animals (or the entire population of carabaos/riverine buffaloes/crossbred in the city of Alaminos)

l. **Native carabao** - refers to the Philippine carabao

m. **Owner** - refers to a person who claims and has proof of ownership of the carabaos/riverine buffaloes/crossbred.

n. **Paiwi system** - refers to an agreement set by the Committee in the procedure of loaning out female carabao from the buyback scheme of the province.

o. **Riverine buffaloes** - refers to the purebred Murrah buffaloes considered for dairy purposes by the Philippine Carabao Center (PCC)

**SECTION 3. COMMITTEE** - There is hereby created a committee on regulating the selling/slaughter of female carabaos and thereby issuing the necessary rules and regulations on the strict implementation of the provisions of this ordinance.

a. **Sangguniang Panlungsod Member** - Committee on Agriculture - Chairman

b. **City Agriculturist** - Vice Chairman

c. **Sangguniang Panlungsod Member** - Committee on Laws - Member

d. **City Planning and Development Coordinator** - Member

e. **City Mayor** - Consultant

f. **The Director of the Philippine Carabao Center at DMMSU** - Consultant
SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

a. To ensure that the provisions of this Ordinance are fully observed and strictly implemented.

b. To received and review reports from concerned implementers particularly on the following:
   i. Allocation, utilization and management of Carabao Herd Build-up Trust Fund
   ii. Number and status of breedable carabao/riverine buffaloes/crossbred rescued or saved though this Ordinance

c. To assess and furnish semestral report to proper officials or agencies concerning the effect or impact of this regulation on the development and promotion of Carabao-based enterprises in City of Alaminos

d. To spearhead the establishment and maintenance of City Animal Registry for carabaos/riverine buffaloes/crossbred for carabao-based enterprise development

e. To facilitate the preparation and implementation of a city wide carabao-based Enterprise Development Program; and

f. To generate appropriate assistance package to carabao-based enterprises in the city.

SECTION 5. CARABAO-BASED ENTERPRISES - The Province of Pangasinan has started the carabao-based enterprise development with six (6) existing Carabao Dairy Producers namely: Bantog Samahang Nayon, Bantog Aisingan, Pares Pares Sanicolas, Tulong Multi-Purpose Cooperative (Laoc, Tulong Urdaneta City, Anda Carabao Raisers Association Anda, Pangasinan, Samahang Magsasaka ng Timbar - Lingayen and Federation of Free - Farmers, Bugallon, Pangasinan. These farmers’ association/cooperatives are trying to mobilize/organize existing crossbred owners in Pangasinan with the assistance of the Philippine Carabao Center.

SECTION 6. REGULATED ACT

a. It shall be unlawful to sell or slaughter a female carabao without obtaining a clearance from the City Agriculture Office.

b. Any person who owns a female carabao and intends to sell it shall first obtain a clearance and permit from the City Agriculture Office through the filling up of the prescribed form agreed by the Committee.

c. The City Agriculturist shall determine if the animal is still breedable. If so, a buy-back scheme can be made by the LGU or the animal can be sold to interested farmers within the city for breeding purposes.

d. Within two (2) days, the City Agriculture Office shall advise the prospective seller about the buy-back scheme of the city.

If the seller prefers to sell his/her carabao to another party preferably from the City of Alaminos, the seller shall be requested to identify the buyer and inform the City Agriculture Office all relevant information of the buyer once consummated. He/she is also required to acquire a city permit to sell his/her carabao.

SECTION 7. MAYOR’S PERMIT - This permit allows the owner to sell his/her carabao/riverine buffaloes/crossbred. The owner will obtain this permit from the treasurer’s office upon submission of supporting papers that were properly accomplished with the assistance of the City Agriculture Office (CAO) to wit:
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a. Request for inspection of carabao/riverine buffaloes/crossbred that an owner wants to sell that requires filling up the description of the animal, the desired selling price, and reason/s for selling.

b. Endorsement duly signed by the City Agriculturist indicating veracity of the information contained in the request and recommendation to the owner to consider selling the animal to the city government in case of quality animals especially female carabao.

SECTION 8. CARABAO HERD BUILD UP TRUST FUND - Yearly allocation of Two Hundred Thousand (P200,000.00) Pesos for five years shall be allocated for the City Carabao Herd Build-Up Trust Fund. The Trust Fund will be incorporated in the City Agriculture Office Budget solely intended for buy back scheme of crossbred female carabao and it will be loaned out to existing dairy carabao association or to qualified beneficiaries who have complied with all the necessary requirements needed in carabao dairy production.

The Management Team for the Trust Fund shall compose of the following:

1. Committee on Agriculture - Chairman
2. City Agriculturist - Vice Chairman
3. Chairman Committee on Laws - Member
4. City Planning & Development Coordinator - Member
5. The Director of the Philippine Carabao Center- DMMMSU- Rosario, La Union - Consultant

The management team shall meet quarterly or as often as need arises. The committee shall not receive any compensation.

SECTION 9. BUYBACK SCHEME - There is hereby created scheme to buy back female breedable carabao within the City of Alaminos.

It is solely intended for the purpose of buying quality breedable carabao from farmers who are really in need to sell their carabao. Female carabao purchased under the buyback scheme shall be loaned out to qualified members of carabao or dairy associations within the City of Alaminos or any qualified farmer who passed the criteria set by the committee following the agreed condition of the "PAWI" System.

The "PAWI" System shall consist of the following:

a. The first born (1 year old) female calf will be owned by the qualified recipient.

b. The second calf, whether it be male or female will go to the Local Government Unit thru the City Agriculture Office to be loaned out to another qualified recipient.

c. The succeeding calf produced shall follow a 50-50 sharing.

d. When the original stock is no longer fit for breeding, the animal will be returned to the LGU for selling and the proceeds from the sale will be used to buy another quality breedable female carabao.

e. Every re-dispersed female carabao, when no longer fit for breeding shall be returned to the LGU for selling. The proceeds will be divided equally between the LGU and the recipient.

f. The milk produced by the animal is owned by the recipient.
SECTION 10. DISPOSITION AND AWARDING OF ACQUIRED FEMALE CARABAO

Female carabao purchased under the buyback scheme shall be loaned out to qualified member of dairy/carabao raisers association duly evaluated and passed all the needed requirements set by the committee such as but not limited to:

a. Provision of a carabao shade
b. Has a forage area of 1000 square meters per animal
c. The farmer recipient has undergone technical training for carabao raising and some social preparation.

SECTION 11. MONITORING OF ORDINANCE – The Local Government of Alaminos thru the City Agriculture Office & Barangay officials shall monitor the strict implementation of this ordinance, consolidate reports and prepare quarterly report on the progress of its implementation for legislative reference of the Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Agriculture.

SECTION 12. INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION CAMPAIGN - Upon approval of this ordinance, the City Agriculture Office with the assistance of Philippine Carabao Center shall spearhead the conduct of massive information dissemination using media (print, radio, TV and internet) to ensure proper and adequate communication of the contents and benefits of this Ordinance to the general public especially to its intended beneficiaries.

SECTION 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES & REGULATIONS - Within 30 days from approval of this ordinance, the necessary rules and regulations shall be issued by the committee for the proper and effective implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 14. PENALTIES - Any individual or person found to have violated this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offence: Violators (both the seller and the buyer) will undergo three (3) hour orientation on the importance of carabao as instrument for socio-economic empowerment and render 1 week community service in support to carabao development program.

Second Offence: Violators (both the seller and the buyer) will be fined Two Thousand Five Hundred (Php 2,500.00) pesos and render one (1) day community service in his/her barangay as support to carabao development program (Assist in information drive of carabao development).

Third Offence: Violators (both the seller and the buyer) will be fine Five Thousand (Php 5,000.00) pesos and render one (1) week community service his/her barangay support to carabao development program under the supervision of any barangay council where the offense was committed. The buyers License to Transport Livestock shall be revoked and/or cancelled and the seller can never be recipient of the buyback scheme of the City of Alaminos.

SECTION 15. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any part of this ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof and shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 16. REPEALING CLAUSE - All previous ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.
SECTION 17. EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after the posting and publications as required by the law have been fully complied.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY..............................

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance consisting of six (6) pages including this page.

ATTESTED:

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ARTHUR F. CELESTE
City Mayor

Date