



Republic of the Philippines
 Province of Iloilo
MUNICIPALITY OF OTON
 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN



EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on **October 02, 2025** at 9:00 the morning.

PRESENT:	Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugalete Olivares	Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
	Hon. Annie Rose Dajay Paro	SB Member
	Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche	SB Member
	Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares	SB Member
	Hon. Dell Cartago Hosillos	SB Member
	Hon. Evaristo Miguel Ledesma Flores, Jr.	SB Member
	Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo	SB Member
	Hon. Josephus Ambrosius Renuatus Talamera Escanlar	SB Member
	Hon. Hyacinth Celiz Gardose	SB Member (PPSK Representative)
	Hon. Paul Mediavilla Buenafe	SB Member (LNB Representative)
ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:	NONE.	
ABSENT:	Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr.	SB Member (Travel Abroad)

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 488

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL (MRPCC), TASK FORCE BANTAY - ASO AND MUNICIPAL VACCINATORS OF OTON, DEFINING THEIR COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

AS PROPOSED AND ON MOTION of Hon. Ma. Lorna T. Geonigo, Chair Committee on Agriculture, Food Security and Aquatic Resources together with Hon. Dennis Q. Geroche and Hon. Dell C. Hosillos and the Committee on Health and Sanitation, Hon. Jimmy R. Olivares, Hon. Dell C. Hosillos and Hon. Josephus Ambrosius Renuatus T. Escanlar, and duly seconded by Hon. Evaristo Miguel L. Flores, Jr.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, that:

SECTION 1. BACKGROUND

Rabies remains a public health concern and a threat to the safety of the community particularly due to the increasing number of unvaccinated dogs and cats. In the local level, as per data gathered for the year 2024, animal bites increased to the total of 2,687 cases, breaking down to 1,268 dog bites and 1,536 bites done by cats compared to 1,777 cases for the year 2021. The municipal agriculture office has recorded dog population of 15,355 and was able to vaccinate 14,621 or 89.84% accomplishments and has vaccinated 1,236 cats for calendar year 2024.

SECTION 2. LEGAL BASES

- a. The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines declares that the state shall protect and promote the rights to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.
- b. Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, accords every local government unit the power and authority to promote the general welfare within its jurisdiction, including the promotion of health and safety of its constituents. Under the general welfare provisions, the local government units shall ensure and support among others, the promotion of health and safety of their inhabitants as well as preserve their comfort and convenience.
- c. Republic Act 9482, also known as the Anti-Rabies act of 2007, is a Philippine Law aimed at controlling and eradicating rabies both at human and animals. It emphasizes responsible pet ownership and public health safety. RA 9482 is a comprehensive approach to reduce rabies incidence in animals and humans through vaccination, registration and responsible pet ownership.
- d. Executive Order No. 56, Series of 2025 of the Municipality of Oton state that the Municipality of Oton recognizes the urgent need to intensify its effort to prevent and control rabies cases through the institutionalization of local policies, programs and task forces focuses on responsible pet ownership, vaccination, impounding and public awareness. It is imperative to create a coordinated and multi-sectoral approach in addressing rabies and stray dog related concern by establishing a Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC), Task Force Bantay Aso.

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SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS ACCRONYMS AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE.

- a. **Rabies-** refers to a highly fatal disease characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia, aerophobia and other neurological manifestation caused by lyssa virus transmitted mainly through the bites of an infected animals (example: dog, cat, rat) (Municipal ordinance no. 2023-435).
- b. **MRPCC-** Municipal Rabies Prevention Control Council
- c. **Cold Chain Management** - is a manner or system in handling preserving vaccines by maintaining the required temperature to preserve its efficacy during vaccination activities.
- d. **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (P.E.T.)** - refers to the rabies vaccination administering before an exposure to rabies to those who are at risk of getting rabies (municipal ordinance no. 2023-435, section 3.16).
- e. **DA- BAI- Department of Agriculture** – Bureau of Animal Industry.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL (MRPCC).

There shall be a creation of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council of the Municipality of Oton that shall serve as the primary policy making, coordinating and monitoring body for the implementation of the municipal rabies and control program.

- a. Composition of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC).

Chairperson: Municipal Mayor

Vice Chairperson: Municipal Health officer

Co-Vice Chairperson: Municipal Agriculture Officer

Members:

Oton PNP Representative

SB Chairperson Committee on Health and Sanitation

SB Chairperson Committee on Agriculture

Municipal Planning and Development Officer

Department of Education, District Supervisor, Principals

General Services Office

Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO)

Liga ng mga Barangay

Municipal Information Officer

Municipal Veterinarian (if available) Livestock Inspector

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) of the DILG

PPSK President

- b. Functions of Municipal Rabies, Prevention and Control Council (MRPCC):

1. Formulate, implement, and monitor policies and programs on Rabies Prevention and Control;
2. Coordinate with national agencies, NGO's and other stakeholders for technical and financial assistance;
3. Oversee the conduct of mass dog vaccination, public education, and community anti-rabies related campaigns.
4. Recommend Ordinances or Resolutions to the Sangguniang Bayan related to rabies control;

5. Submit regular reports to the Provincial Rabies Prevention and Control Council and other relevant authorities.

SECTION 5. CREATION OF TASK FORCE BANTAY ASO is hereby created as support arm for the enforcement and operational implementation of rabies prevention and control measures at ground level.

a. **COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE BANTAY ASO:**

Team Leader: Municipal Veterinarian/livestock inspector

Deputy Team Leader: Oton PNP representative

Members:

Municipal Health Office Representative

Municipal General Services Office Representative

Barangay Officials and Brgy. Tanods

Municipal Vaccinators

Two (2) Accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSO's) representatives

b. **FUNCTIONS OF TASK FORCE BANTAY ASO**

1. Conduct stray dog population control activities including impounding and apprehensions of unregistered or unvaccinated dogs.
2. Assist in the implementation of dog registration, vaccination and identification.
3. Enforce local ordinances related to animal population control, including penalties for negligent pet owners.
4. Conduct house to house information drives and educational campaigns.
5. Maintain log of captured or impounded dogs and cats and ensure humane treatment and coordination to dog impounding facility of the municipality and/ or local animal shelters.
6. Coordinate with barangays for localized implementation of rabies prevention and control programs.

SECTION 6. CREATION OF ROSTER OF MUNICIPAL ANTI-RABIES VACCINATORS FOR ANIMALS.

There shall be a creation of Municipal Anti-rabies Vaccinators for animals by the Municipal Agriculture Office in coordination with the Provincial Veterinary Office.

a. **Qualification of Municipal Vaccinators for Animals**

1. Must be a resident of the Municipality of Oton;
2. At least 18 years old and physically fit;
3. Preferably with background in veterinary works, animal science or health worker
4. Barangay Health Workers (BHW's), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), livestock aids, or volunteers may qualify
5. Has good moral character and trusted in the community
6. Willing to undergo rabies vaccination (pre-exposure prophylaxis) for their own safety.

b. **Trainings required for the Municipal Vaccinators for Animals:**

1. Basic Rabies Education and Awareness (cause, transmission, prevention)
2. Dog Handling and Restraint Techniques (Safe catching and restraint of Dogs)
3. Administration of Anti-rabies Vaccine (intramuscular and intradermal techniques, depending on guidelines).

4. Cold Chain Management (proper handling and storage of vaccines)
5. Recording, reporting and documentaries of vaccination activities.
6. First aid and Bite Management for vaccinators and community members
7. Periodic Refresher Trainings as mandated by the Provincial Veterinary Office or DA-BAI

c. Functions of Municipal Vaccinators for Animals

1. Conduct house to house or barangay-based dog vaccination campaigns
2. Ensure proper handling, storage, and administration of anti-rabies vaccines for animals
3. Maintain records of vaccinated animals and submit reports to MAO/MHO.
4. Assist in information dissemination in rabies prevention and control
5. Coordinate with barangay officials and health workers during campaigns.
6. Report dog/cat bite cases and rabies suspect to authorities
7. Participate in World Rabies Day and other rabies awareness activities

SECTION 7. CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL ANTI-RABIES VACCINATORS FOR HUMAN.

There shall be an establishment of Municipal Anti-Rabies Vaccinators for Human by the Municipal Health Office through the established Animal Bite and **Treatment Center** of the LGU Primary Care Facility/ Facilities in coordination with the Department of Health. There shall be a service lane.

The Municipal Health Officer shall consider creating a special lane for the animal bite patients.

SECTION 8. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

a. Task Force Bantay - Aso and Municipal Anti-Rabies Vaccinators for animals will be under the supervision of the Municipal Agriculture Office and the Municipal Veterinarian (if there is available)/livestock inspector will be the focal person.

b. Candidates for the municipal anti-rabies vaccinators for animals shall be nominated by the Punong Barangay, Barangay Health Workers or livestock inspector/aids and the list shall be approved by the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Council. (MRPCC) and the final list of the roster of vaccinators shall be endorsed by the municipal mayor through an executive order.

c. Expenses incurred for the trainings of the municipal anti-rabies vaccinators of animals and other contingencies necessary for the smooth operation and functions of Task Force Bantay - Aso and Municipal Vaccinators for animals shall be charged to the budget of the Municipal Agriculture Office and shall be included in its Annual Investment Plan.

d. For the Municipal Anti-rabies Vaccinators for Human shall be under the supervision of the Municipal Health Officer including the selection, qualifications, functions, obligations and trainings. Expenses and other contingencies necessary to promote effective and efficient delivery of anti-rabies services for the citizens of the Municipality of Oton shall be charged to the budget of the Municipal Health Office.

SECTION 9. FUNDS APPROPRIATION

a. For the Municipal Anti-rabies Vaccinators for Animals, the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P250,000.00) shall be appropriated to cover section 5 and 6 and shall be charged to the budget of the Municipal Agriculture office and shall be included in their Annual Investment Plan. For section 7 of this ordinance the funds shall be charge to the budget of the Municipal Health Office under the rabies prevention and control program of the Municipal Health Office.

b. For the establishment / rehabilitation and operation of a Dog Impounding Area / Facility, the MACO shall include a PPA and budget in the Supplemental AIP and Supplemental Budget starting in year 2026.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Municipal Ordinances or part of any municipal ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly, specifically, this ordinance is a suppletory to Municipal Ordinance no. 2023-435 and repeals section 4 of the said Ordinance.


SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the same shall not affect the Validity and Effectivity of the other parts or provisions hereof.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval of the Local Chief Executive.

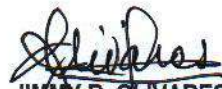
SECTION 10. COPIES. Copies of this Ordinance shall be furnished to Office of the Mayor, MACO, CSOs, MHO, Oton PNP, MDRRMO, DepEd Oton, GSO, MDRRMO, Liga ng mga Barangay, Information Officer, MLGOO, PPSK and 37 Barangays and Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo for information, guidance and review, respectively.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

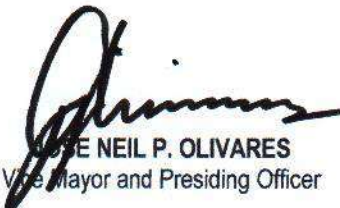
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.


KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian

Concurred:


JIMMY R. OLIVARES
Chair - Committee on Rules and Privileges

Attested:


NEIL P. OLIVARES
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

Approved:


SOFRONIO L. FUSIN, JR.
Municipal Mayor

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HON. NATHALIE ANN F. DEBUQUE
Vice Governor and
The Honorable Members
Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Iloilo
Iloilo Provincial Capitol
Iloilo City


Thru: **ATTY. HENIDA G. GENISE**
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Province of Iloilo

Dear Honorable Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully forwarding to your good Office the copy of **ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 488 - AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL COUNCIL (MRPCC), TASK FORCE BANTAY - ASO AND MUNICIPAL VACCINATORS OF OTON, DEFINING THEIR COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

This is for your information and review.

Very truly yours,


KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR
Secretary to the Sanggunian