



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH (16TH) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President- O.B.
Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President- O.B.

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2452

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER OF THE MUNICIPAL HEALTH OFFICE OF LOS BAÑOS, PRESCRIBING FEES FOR THE ANTI-RABIES VACCINE ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDING POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER AND ALL ANIMAL BITE CENTERS OPERATING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY.

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WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State and every Local Government Unit to protect and promote the right to health of the people. Towards this end, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal Rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible pet ownership established;

WHEREAS, rabies refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological manifestations;

WHEREAS, rabies remains a significant public health concern in the Philippines, ranking sixth globally for rabies cases. In 2024, the Department of Health (DOH) recorded 426 rabies cases, with 45% of them linked to bites from domestic pets. From 2020 to 2024, a total of 1,750 individuals has died from rabies in the Philippines. The regions with the highest rabies incidence were Central Luzon, CALABARZON, and SOCSARGEN;



WHEREAS, while rabies is fatal to human, it can be prevented through early administration of complete and timely dose of anti-rabies vaccine;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 mandates local government units to establish their respective Animal Bite Treatment Centers to help in the prevention and eventual eradication of rabies in the country;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9482 mandates local government units to allocate funds to augment the implementation of the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program, particularly on the financing of supplies of human and dog vaccines needed for immunization. It likewise mandates LGU's to enact additional local ordinances that will support the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9482 mandates all involved agencies and LGU's to ensure the availability and adequate supply of DOH pre-qualified human Anti-Rabies vaccine in animal bite treatment centers at all times and shall coordinate with other implementing agencies and concerned NGOs for this purpose;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9482 mandates all the Department of Health and local health offices to provide rabies Post-Exposure Treatment at the minimum expense to individuals bitten by animals suspected of being rabid which will consist of the initial vaccine and immunoglobulin dose;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Muriel Laisa B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Miko C. Pelegrina and approved by the Councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, in session assembled, **THAT**:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "**The Anti-Rabies Ordinance of the Municipality of Los Baños**".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following shall mean:

- a) **Rabies** refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological manifestations.
- b) **Rabies Vaccination/Immunoprophylaxis of Humans** refers to the inoculation of humans, with modern day rabies vaccines or Rabies immunoglobulin, by a trained doctor or nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner.



- c) **Post-exposure Treatment (P.E.T)** refers to an anti-Rabies treatment administered after an exposure to Rabies, which include local wound care, Rabies vaccine administration, with or without Rabies immunoglobulin.
- d) **Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (P.E.P.)** refers to Rabies vaccination administered before an exposure to Rabies to those who are at high risk of getting Rabies
- e) **Barangay** as used in Section 13 of this ordinance shall mean the barangay local government

SECTION 3. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE ANIMAL BITE TREATMENT CENTER. The Animal Bite Treatment Center of the Los Banos Municipal Health Office shall be officially named as the **Los Banos Animal Bite Treatment Center (LB ABTC)**. It is located at the Rural Health Unit 1 and it shall operate under the Los Banos Municipal Health Office. The operation of LB ABTC shall be governed by the existing policies of the municipality and Department of Health.

SECTION 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER. The LB Animal Bite Treatment Center shall have the following functions:

- a) Develop plans and programs geared towards the successful implementation of the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program in the Municipality of Los Banos, Laguna.
- b) Treat and manage all animals bite-related patients according to the approved treatment protocols of the Department of Health
- c) Provide rabies vaccination or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) to high-risk individuals such dog catchers, health workers and other employees or children who are at risk of exposure to rabies disease.
- d) Ensure adequate supply of anti-rabies vaccine to treat patients bitten by rabid animals.
- e) Ensure safety and effectivity of anti-rabies vaccine through proper handling and cold chain management of the vaccine.
- f) Strengthen public awareness through information, education and communication campaign against rabies.
- g) Maintain a database of animal bite and rabies cases seen or documented in the Municipality of Los Banos.



- h) Report all cases of animal bites and suspected or confirmed rabis cases to concerned agencies and offices, and coordinate with the Municipal Agriculture Office to intensify the promotion of dog vaccination as well as the control of stray animals.
- i) Perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned to it by law, ordinance or through the directive of the Municipal Mayor.

SECTION 5. MANPOWER OF THE LB ABTC. The LB Animal Bite Treatment Center shall be manned by properly trained and licensed nurses who shall be supervised by licensed and properly trained medical officer or physician.

SECTION 6. FUNDING. The amount of One Million Pesos (Php 1,000,000.00) shall be appropriated as initial funding for the operation of the Animal Bite Treatment Center. Additional funds may be appropriated as may be deemed necessary to sustain the operation of the Center. The fund shall be utilized exclusively for the purpose of implementing the plans and programs of the Center.

SECTION 7. FEES FOR ANTI-RABIES VACCINE ADMINISTRATION. In order to ensure adequate supply of anti-rabies vaccine available in the center, the LB ABTC shall collect fees for the administration of anti-rabies vaccine.

The fees to be collected shall be on a cost recovery basis and shall be used only for the procurement of anti-rabies vaccine and logistics necessary for the administration of vaccine.

7.1. Schedule and rate of vaccination fees

First vaccination session (2 shots)	Free
2nd, 3rd and 4th vaccination sessions	Php 300.00/session
For booster doses:	
1st and 2nd dose	Php 150.00/dose
For patients needing Tetanus toxoid	
Per shot of 0.5ml TT	Php 50.00

7.2. All fees that will be collected shall be used exclusively for the procurement of human anti-rabies vaccine and medical supplies necessary for the operation of the LB ABTC.



- 7.3. Collection of fees shall be at the Municipal Treasury Office or through an authorized collection officer that may be assigned at RHU1.
- 7.4. Considering that the fee to be collected for anti-rabies vaccine is already subsidized by the Municipal Government of Los Baños, discount rates for senior citizens, PWD and pregnant women will no longer be applied in the collection of anti-rabies fee.
- 7.5. Animal bite patients who availed and paid for the services of private ABC's for the 1st dose/ session of anti-rabies vaccine may avail of 1 session of the free anti-rabies vaccine at LB ABTC provided that patient has not availed financial assistance from Municipal Government of Los Banos for the payment of the 1st dose or session of his/her anti-rabies vaccine.
- 7.6. Non-Los Baños resident animal bite patients who may want to avail the services of LB ABTC shall pay Php 600.00 for every dose or session of anti-rabies vaccine including the 1st dose or session of anti-rabies vaccine. LB ABTC shall be authorized to require proof of residency or verify the residency of animal bite patients availing the services of the facility.

SECTION 8. PHILHEALTH BENEFICIARIES. For vaccination services of patients qualified for PhilHealth reimbursement, vaccination fee shall not be collected from the patient.

SECTION 9. UTILIZATION OF PHILHEALTH FUNDS. PhilHealth fund that will be collected from the operation of the Animal Bite Treatment Center shall be allocated as follows:

- 9.1. **Seventy percent (70%)** shall be utilized for the procurement of human anti-rabies vaccines and other necessary operational expenses of the LB ABTC.
- 9.2. **Thirty percent (30%)** shall be allocated as incentives for health workers who are directly involved in the implementation of the Rabies Prevention and Control Program.

SECTION 10. SCHEDULE OF SERVICES. The LB ABTC shall be open daily Monday to Friday for consultation and management of animal bite cases, however, the center shall adopt a scheduled rabies vaccination sessions for Post-Exposure Treatment and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (every Tuesday and Friday) to maximize utilization and avoid or minimize wastage of anti-rabies vaccine. Animal bite patients seen during non-vaccination days but who need immediate administration of vaccine will be referred to other animal bite treatment facilities after initial management and treatment at LB ABTC.



SECTION 11. SAFETY AND QUALITY OF SERVICES. To ensure safety and quality of health services in the LB ABTC, the facility shall adhere and comply with the requirements and standards set by the Department of Health. Likewise, the facility shall strive to maintain its PhilHealth accreditation.

SECTION 12. REGULATION OF PRIVATE ANIMAL BITE CENTERS. In order to ensure safety and quality of health services in private Animal Bite Centers (ABCs) operating within the municipality of Los Banos, the Municipal Government of Los Banos shall require the private ABCs to comply with the requirements and standards set by the DOH for animal bite center facilities.

12.1. Prior to operation or renewal of business permit, ABCs shall secure and submit certificate of accreditation as Animal Bite Center from DOH in addition to the routine requirements for the application or renewal of Sanitary and Business permits in the municipality.

12.2. Existing ABCs operating within the municipality shall be given a maximum of six (6) months to comply with the required DOH accreditation

12.3. In order to ensure accurate data of animal bite and/or rabies cases in the municipality, all ABCs shall be required to submit monthly report of animal bite cases seen, treated or not treated in their animal bite treatment facility

12.4. The Los Baños Municipal Health Office shall conduct regular visit and inspection of private ABCs operating within the municipality to ensure their compliance with safety and quality standards set by the Department of Health and by the municipality.

SECTION 13. RESPONSIBILITY OF BARANGAYS. Aside from the responsibilities mandated by RA 9482, the Barangays are strongly encouraged to appropriate budget for the procurement of human anti-rabies vaccine or for assistance in the provision of anti-rabies vaccine to their constituents

Relative to this function and responsibility, the barangays may collaborate or partner with the Los Banos Animal Bite Treatment Center or DOH-accredited Animal Bite Center within the municipality through a Memorandum of Agreement for the procurement of anti-rabies vaccine or for the referral of animal bite patients to ABTC or DOH-accredited ABC.




- SECTION 14.

PENALTY. Non-compliance of Sections 11 and 12 of this Ordinance by the ABTC and ABCs shall be penalized with closure or temporary closure of the facility until all requirements are complied.
- SECTION 15.

SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If, for any reason/s, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.
- SECTION 16.

REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing ordinances, regulations and executive orders inconsistent with the provisions of the herein ordinance is hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.
- SECTION 17.

EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof has been posted in the bulletin board at the of the Municipal building and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the Municipality.

ENACTED : November 17, 2025

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA-DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. MARLO PJ A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
Municipal Mayor