AN ORDINANCE UPDATING ORDINANCE NO. 04-2003 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING THE RAISING AND MAINTENANCE OF PIGS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF TUGUEGARAO CITY

Sponsored by: Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan

WHEREAS, the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160), under Section 16, grants local government units (LGUs) the responsibility to promote the general welfare of their constituents by safeguarding public health and safety, ensuring a clean and sanitary environment, and maintaining order in their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Tuguegarao City, as a component city under its classification, recognizes the need to address the potential hazards posed by raising and maintaining pigs in urban and semi-urban areas, including health, sanitation, and environmental concerns;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 04-2003, which penalizes the raising and maintenance of pigs in certain areas of Tuguegarao City, must be updated to align with current population density, urban development, and environmental protection measures;

WHEREAS, numerous complaints have been received by the City Health Office on the proliferation of pig being raised and maintained among residential areas in the City which emit foul odor and adversely affecting health and sanitation of the residents;

WHEREAS, existing ordinances regulating the establishment of pig pens in the City have been rendered obsolete, impractical and unnecessary by virtue of the fact that Tuguegarao has been converted into a component city with a fast growing population resulting in the congestion of residential and commercial areas;

WHEREAS, it is the prime duty of Local Government units to promote the health and safety, comfort and convenience of the inhabitants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. This ordinance shall be entitled: "AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING THE RAISING AND MAINTENANCE OF PIGS IN TUGUEGARAO CITY."

Section 2. Coverage

This ordinance shall apply to all 49 barangays of Tuguegarao City, regardless of their classification as urban, rural, or semi-urban.

Section 3. Prohibition

The raising and maintenance of pigs are prohibited within the residential and commercial zones of the city as defined by the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), unless specifically allowed by zoning ordinances and subject to strict compliance with health, sanitation, and environmental requirements.

Section 4. Legal Basis

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to:

- Republic Act No. 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991) Sections 16 and 458 (a) (1)
 (ii) and (viii), empowering LGUs to enact measures for the health and safety of their constituents.
 - Presidential Decree No. 856 (Sanitation Code of the Philippines) Providing guidelines for sanitary practices in communities.
 - Republic Act No. 8749 (Clean Air Act) Mandating measures to mitigate environmental pollution.

Section 5. Technical Working Group (TWG)

Composition:

A Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be established, composed of the following:

Chair: Chief, City Health Office

Co-Chair: SP Chair, Comm. on Health and Sanitation

Vice Chair: Chief, City Veterinary Office

Members: Chief, City Environment and Resources Office Chief, City Planning and Development Office

SP Chair, Comm. on Barangay Affairs

Chief, Tuguegarao Component City Police Station

Functions:

The TWG shall:

- Conduct surveys and mapping of areas where raising and maintenance of pigs are prevalent.
- Recommend suitable zones for livestock activities in compliance with zoning ordinances.
- 3. Provide guidelines and training for alternative livelihood for affected households.
- 4. Develop and implement a transition plan to assist pig raisers in relocating or shifting to other sources of income.
- Monitor compliance with this ordinance and submit reports to the Sangguniang Panlungsod and to the office of the Local Chief Executive.

Section 6. PENALTY. Any person or entity found violating this Ordinance shall be fined five thousand pesos (P5,000.00) and immediate impounding of the animal.

Section 7. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any provision of this Ordinance of any part hereof be found inconsistent with existing laws, other provisions, as far as they are separable from the inconsistent ones, shall remain in force and effect.

Section 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. All existing ordinances and local issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.