



Republic of the Philippines
BATANGAS CITY

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Tel. No. 723-2175

ORDINANCE NO. 5 S. 2014

AN ACT REGULATING THE ENTRY AND SALE OF IMPORTED MEAT
AT LOCAL MARKETS IN BATANGAS CITY AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

AUTHOR : COUN. JULIAN B. VILLENA

WHEREAS, Batangas City is widely known and regarded as producers of quality swine, poultry and cattle fattening stocks with City Government giving utmost importance and support to the promotion of local industry to uplift the living standard of small and medium scale raiser/producer;

WHEREAS, Batangas City is cognizant of the fact that this is the main industry of most of the Batangueños;

WHEREAS, that the entry of imported meat to local markets greatly affects the industry of local producers and at the same time endangered the health of consuming public being unaware of origin and if the meat passed the quarantine and quality control of the marketed foodstuffs.

WHEREAS, in light of the above premise, the City Government thru the Sangguniang Panlungsod has the bounded duty to enact measures aimed at regulating the entry and sales of imported meat to local market.

THUS THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, this City, in session assembled to enact ordinance to regulate the entry and sale of imported meat in the local markets.

CHAPTER 1 - TITLE AND SCOPE

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "Ordinance Regulating the Entry and Sale of Imported Meat to Local Markets in Batangas City and Providing Penalties for Violation/s Thereof".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION. As used in this Ordinance the following terms shall have the following meaning:

1. Imported Meat - Meat coming from other Countries.
2. Local Producers - Meat producers coming from within the City of Batangas.
3. Local Markets - New Market, Old Market in the City, Supermarket or malls in the City, Cooperative market in the City, and all other wet market in the City selling meat products.
4. Permits - Business Permit, Sanitary Permit, Quality Control markings on the meat products.



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5. Fresh Meat - meat that has not yet been treated in any way other than by modified atmosphere packaging or vacuum packaging to ensure its preservation except that if it has been subjected only to refrigeration, it continues to be considered fresh;

SECTION 3. COVERAGE - This Ordinance shall cover all the Local Markets in the City of Batangas whether public or private ownership including talipapa.

CHAPTER II - REGULATED ACTS

SECTION 4. Every importer/seller of meat products take hold or for sale in the local markets shall secure business permits with corresponding sanitary and health permits from the City Government of Batangas.

SECTION 5. The quantity of imported meat allowed to be sold in Batangas City markets shall be limited for every qualified and legal importers in every given time (day, week or month). The quantity allowed shall be determined by or subject to the regulation of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). Imported meat shall be properly identified as such in the market and shall not be mixed with locally sourced or produced meat.

SECTION 6. All imported meat intended for sale in the local markets must pass meat inspection by authorized City Health or Veterinary Officials and bear quality assurance markings, as being practiced in the slaughterhouse for local meat products, to ensure safety of consuming public.

CHAPTER III - PENALTY CLAUSE

SECTION 7. Violation of any provision of the Regulatory Act shall be punished by the following penalties:

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| First Offense: | Fine of Php 2,000.00 and confiscation of merchandise |
| Second Offense: | Fine of Php 3,000.00 and confiscation of merchandise |
| Third Offense: | Fine of Php 5,000.00 and confiscation of merchandise or imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both at the discretion of the Court. |



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SECTION 8. All confiscated meat after inspection found to be safe for consumption shall be donated to the City Social Welfare and Development or any charitable institution and those found to be adulterated and unsafe for human consumption shall be disposed off by burying.

CHAPTER IV - REPEALING CLAUSE

SECTION 9. All ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof whose provisions are in conflict with or contrary to provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

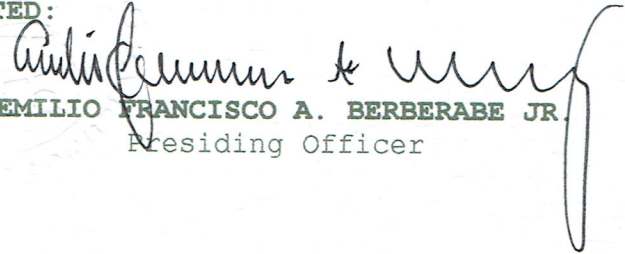
CHAPTER VI - EFFECTIVITY

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod this 16th day of June, 2014.


ATTY. OLIVA D. TELEGATOS
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


EMILIO FRANCISCO A. BERBERABE JR.
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


EDUARDO B. DIMACUHA
City Mayor

Date Approved: June 30, 2014



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Committee Report

SUBMITTED BY : THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, INDUSTRY & OPERATION OF MARKETS
SUBJECT : A STUDY OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF COUNCILOR JULIAN VILLENA ABOUT THE ENTRY AND SALE OF IMPORTED MEAT AT LOCAL MARKETS IN BATANGAS CITY

THE COMMITTEE HEARING WAS ATTENDED BY THE FOLLOWING:

1. Hon. Glenn Aldover	SP MEMBER
2. Hon. Claudette Ambida	SP MEMBER
3. Hon. Aileen Grace Montalbo	SP MEMBER
4. Hon. Armando Lazarte	SP MEMBER
5. Hon. Julian Villena	SP MEMBER
6. Mrs. Nenita Lualhati	SIDC
7. Ms. Mary Grace Flores	SM SUPERMARKET
8. Mrs. Geraldine Clemeno	CITIMART
9. Kristine Rosales	PUREGOLD BATANGAS
10. Nomer Lalap	PUREGOLD BATANGAS
11. Dra. Loyola Bagui	OCVAS
12. Pang. Marcelino Telegatos	TINGGA LABAC
13. Coun. Apolonia Beredo	TINGGA LABAC
14. Ms. Carmela Atienza	MARKET ADMINISTRATOR
15. Alex De Castro	MARKET 1
16. Ms. Leth Umahon	MONTEREY MEAT SHOP
17. Lot Diola	MONTEREY MEAT SHOP

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) was invited however, they were not able to attend because of conflict in schedule.

COMMENTS/ RECOMMENDATIONS:

After a careful a perusal of the above mentioned subject, the following findings were observed:

- 1.) The ordinance is very timely and considered necessary for the agricultural sector of Batangas city particularly for the Hog Growers. The ordinance shall serve as a protection for our local industry from imported meats that is currently entering the market.
- 2.) Several suggestions from the guests were well taken by Councilor Julian Villena which includes the following:
 - a. Definition of imported meat shall be limited, that are coming from other countries.
 - b. The proposed ordinance of Councilor Julian Villena should be included or should be combined with the ordinance that were currently written by OCVAS to make the ordinance stronger. A copy of their draft ordinance was given to the committee.
 - c. Penalty must not only be limited to cash but must include confiscation as well.
- 3.) It was also made clear that this is an ordinance that will only regulate and not prohibit in respect to the free trade act.

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4.) Monterey, Puregold, Sm Supermarket, Citimart said that the volume of their imported meats ^{is} ~~are~~ not that big but just for the completeness and for the satisfaction of the costumers. However, they also agreed on the said the ordinance. _{customers}

In view of the foregoing, the Committee hereby recommends:

- (a) The adoption of the Committee Report.
- (b) To revise the proposed ordinance of Councilor Julian Villena and to study it further for a possible combination with the proposed ordinance of OCVAS.

Respectfully Submitted, February 17, 2014

THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & OPERATION OF MARKETS


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