ORDINANCE NO. 19-043

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 51, 56, AND 69 OF ORDINANCE NO. 17-080 ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW VETERINARY CODE FOR MUNTINLUPA CITY.

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WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017 the 8th Sangguniang Panlungsod enacted Ordinance No. 17-080, entitled, "an ordinance Veterinary Code for Muntinlupa City, repealing and superseding adopting a new Ordinance No. 10-118 known as the Muntinlupa City Veterinary Code of 2009";

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act 8485 as amended by Republic Act 10631 otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 provides for the protection and promotion of the welfare of all animals in the country by supervising and regulating the establishment and operation of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training animals either as objects of trade or household pets;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa in Session assembled that:

SECTION 1. Short Title – This ordinance shall be known as the “Amended Animal Registration and Microchipping Ordinance”.

SECTION 2. Definition of Terms – the following words used in this Ordinance shall mean:

1. Microchip – is about the size of a grain of rice, injected under the skin in the neck area between the shoulders and possess a unique number per animal as a means of proper identification.
2. **Registration** – Centralized and Systematic Dog/Cat data system, including but not limited to, pet data and pet owner information.

**SECTION 3.** Section 43 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 43. All dogs and cats upon reaching three (3) months-of-age and older, must be vaccinated against rabies and registered at the Office of the City Veterinarian once a year and every year thereafter. It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep or have control of a dog or cat without an anti-rabies vaccination accompanied by a certification of anti-rabies vaccination. The records of vaccinated dogs shall be submitted to the BAI on a monthly basis as mandated by the I.R. R. of RA 9482.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

“Section 43. Dog and Cat Registration - All local residents or corporate entities residing in the territorial jurisdiction of Muntinlupa City who are pet owners and possessors of animals categorically related and/or scientifically classified to the following: canine (dogs) and feline (cats) upon reaching three (3) months-of-age and older, must be vaccinated against Rabies and registered once a year and every year thereafter at the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.). It shall be unlawful for any person or institution to own, keep or have control of a dog and/or cat without registration and anti-rabies vaccination accompanied by a Certificate of Vaccination issued by the O.C.V. The records of vaccinated dogs and cats shall be submitted to the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) on a monthly basis as mandated by the Implementing Rules and Regulation of Republic Act 9482.”

**SECTION 4.** Section 44 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 44. Dog Tags – Each registered dog shall be issued a Dog Tag, and a Certificate of Registration and Vaccination. The Dog Tag should be securely displayed upon the animal at all times. The Certificate and Dog tag is non-transferable from animal to animal or from owner to owner. The absence of a Dog Tag on the dog is prima facie evidence of non-registration.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

“Section 44. Pet Tagging (m)- Each registered pet (dog or cat) must be submitted to the Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V.) for registration and microchipping. In case of transfer of ownership, the new owner is required to update the records with the O.C.V. Information to be encoded in the microchip includes:

1. Pet owner’s name
2. Address of the pet owner and contact number, email address
3. Registered animal’s Name, Breed, Age and Sex
4. Date of Anti-Rabies vaccination/Expiration
5. Vaccine used
6. Name and signature of the Veterinarian

Absence of microchip on a pet (dog or cat) may be construed as non-registration and subject to penalty under Section 47 of Ordinance No. 17-080.”
SECTION 5. Section 45 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 45. Registration Fee - A registration fee of fifty pesos (Php50.00) for each dog shall be imposed which shall be valid for one (1) year. The Certificate of Registration and Vaccination shall include the following information:

1. Official Logo, Address and Telephone Number of the Muntinlupa City Office of the City Veterinarian
2. Pet Owner’s name
3. Address of the pet owner
4. Registered animal’s Name, Breed, Age and Sex
5. Date of Re-vaccination/Expiration
6. Vaccine used
7. Name and Signature of the City Veterinarian

A. In case of lost, stolen or damaged registration certificate of pet, owners thereof shall be required to submit such animal to the Office of the City Veterinarian for proper re-tagging within ten (10) working days from the time the certificate was lost, stolen or damaged. Re-issuance of Certificate of Registration shall be charged One Hundred Pesos (P100.00);

B. In case of death of the registered pet, owners are required to surrender the registration certificate of the deceased pet to the Office of the City Veterinarian within five (5) days proper recording.

C. In case of transfer, change of ownership of a registered pet, owners thereof shall within reasonable time but not exceeding Ten (10) days to notify the Office of the City Veterinarian for proper identification.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

“Section 45. Registration Fee (n)- A registration fee of Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php250.00) for each pet (dog or cat) shall be imposed on the Pet Owner. The registration fee is inclusive of the microchip and the Certificate of Vaccination.

A. In case lost, stolen or damaged registration/vaccination certificate of pet, owners thereof shall be required to submit such animal to the Office of the City Veterinarian for proper re-tagging within ten (10) working days from the time the certificate was lost, stolen or damaged; Re-issuance of Certificate of Registration shall be charged One Hundred Pesos (P100.00).

B. In case of death of the registered microchipped pet, owners are required to inform the Office of the City Veterinarian within five (5) days for proper recording;

C. In case of transfer, change of ownership of a registered pet, owners thereof shall within reasonable time but not exceeding ten (10) days, shall bring the pet to the Office of the City Veterinarian for proper identification and change of registration. Registration fee of Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (P250.00) shall apply in this case (n).

D. For the purpose of animal population count, all Veterinary Clinics/Hospitals within the city are required to submit the total number per barangay of dogs and cats vaccinated against Rabies(n).

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian (n)”
SECTION 6. Section 46 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 46. Renewal of Registration – There shall be a renewal fee of Fifty Pesos (Php50.00) per animal every year.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

"Section 46. Renewal of Registration (n)- All pet owners are required to renew the registration of all their pets (dog or cat) to the Office of the City Veterinarian annually. An amount of Fifty Pesos shall be paid for the renewal of registration. For residents with Muntinlupa Care Card (MCC) renewal is free.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian."

SECTION 7. Section 47 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 47. Failure to Register - Pet Owner or any person who fail or refuse to have their Dog registered and immunized against Rabies on a yearly basis shall be penalized by a fine of:

First Offense – a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00)
Second Offense – a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (Php4,000.00) and one (1) day community service.
Third Offense – a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), impoundment and revocation of their right to own a pet animal and imprisonment of the owner for five (5) days.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

"Section 47. Failure to Register - Pet owners or any person who fails orrefuses to have their pet (dog or cat) registered (Microchipped) and immunized against Rabies on a yearly basis shall be penalized by a fine of:

1. First Offense – a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00)
2. Second Offense – a fine of Four Thousand Pesos (Php4,000.00) and One (1) day community service.
3. Third Offense – a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00), impoundment and community service for seven (7) days.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

SECTION 8. Section 49 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 49. Procedure for Collection of Stray Animals – The Office of the City Veterinarian (O.C.V) shall regularly conduct operation to apprehend stray animals. Animals roaming the streets, shall be provisionally deposited at the city pound for tagging and identification of owner. The owners of the impounded animals shall only have seventy-two (72) hours or three (3) working days to redeem his pet at the pound. During such operations, the impounding staff shall inform the owner (if know) of the animal in captive that is animal has been impounded as well as inform him about the procedure for redemption. In case where the pet owner is not present at the time of capture, the impounding staff shall inform the Office of the Barangay Chairman, or to the Office of the Village President regarding dog(s)/cat(s) impounded in their area. The Animal Pound keeper/authorized O.C.V. personnel will only release the animal if it is registered and vaccinated against Rabies and only upon presentation of official receipt as proof.
If the Owner wishes to claim the impounded animal, they must undergo the following procedure:

1) Proceed to the Office of the City Veterinarian and pay the corresponding fine for stray provided.

2) If the animal is not registered and vaccinated, refer to Section 29 of this ordinance regarding additional fines. The Impounding personnel will not release the animal if it is not vaccinated against rabies.

3) The impounded animal will be fined an additional One Hundred Pesos (Php100.00) for each day of stay in the pound plus the penalty.

4) With all fees settled, proceed to the Animal Impounding Site and present the Official Receipt in order to claim the impounded animal.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

“Section 49. Procedure for Collection of Stray Animals (n)- All stray animals shall be provisionally deposited at the City Animal Pound for tagging and identification of their respective owner. Once the owner is identified via his/her pet’s microchip, the owner shall be issued citation tickets and given 72 hours or 3 working days to redeem/claim his pet. In case the pet owner is not present at the time of capture or cannot be identified, the impounding staff shall inform the Barangay and/or the Village President thru Homeowners’ Association of the impounding.

No animal will be released without being registered/microchipped and vaccinated and payment of corresponding fines/penalties is made.

If the Owner wishes to claim the impounded animal, they must undergo the following procedures:

1) Proceed to the Office of the City Veterinarian and pay the corresponding fine;

2) If the animal is not registered and vaccinated, refer to Ordinance 17-080 for the schedule of additional fines. The Impounding personnel will not release the animal if it is not vaccinated against rabies and without the proper tagging/microchipping;

3) The owner of the impounded animal will be fined an additional One Hundred Pesos (Php100.00) for each day of stay in the pound in addition to the imposed redemption fee;

4) With all fees settled, pet owner may proceed to the Animal Impounding Site and present the Official Receipt in order to claim the impounded animal.
SECTION 9. Section 51 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 51. Procedure for Voluntary Surrender – Pet owner within the City of Muntinlupa can voluntary surrender animals that:

a. Is vicious and a danger to owner’s life and limb and;

b. Poses risk(s) to owner’s health and/or the community as determined by licensed Veterinarian.

If ever the pet owner wished to redeem their surrender animal, he must first pay a fine of P100.00/day that their animal was impounded in the City Pound. They only have seventy-two (72 hours) or three (3) working days to redeem their animal from the day it was surrendered.

Such fee shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

"Section 51. Procedure for Voluntary Surrender (n) – Aside from the following circumstances:

a. Pet is vicious and pose danger to life and limb- owner must provide proof of bite incident such as, but not limited to, medical certificate and or certificate of post exposure prophylaxis;

b. Pet poses risk to owner’s health and/or the community as determined by licensed veterinarian and or licensed physician or medical doctor;

Otherwise owners may surrender their pets to the Office of the City Veterinarian for reasons other than those above provided after payment of Five Hundred Pesos (Php500.00) fee per animal.

All fees shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian.”

SECTION 10. Section 56 of Ordinance No. 17-080 which reads:

Section 56. Procedure of adoption – If the impounded animal is not redeemed by its corresponding owner within seventy-two (72) hours or three (3) working days after it was impounded, the qualified animals/who are tame and sound, is open for adoption. The person who wants to adopt the animal should not be in any way related to the previous owner of the animal. The person who is willing to adopt will undergo the following procedures:

a. The person who wants to adopt will choose a dog/cat at the Animal Impounding site.

b. Fill-up the Adoption form at the Office of the City Veterinarian.

c. The Office of the City Veterinarian personnel will assess if the person is fit to adopt the animal.

d. If he/she has passed the assessment;

e. The person who will get the animal will have to present the Adoption Form and Receipt up releasing of the adopted dog/cat

f. The adopted dog/cat must be registered to the new owner and vaccinated with anti-rabies before being released.

g. In any case that the individual who adopted the animal in any way, either directly or indirectly, become an accessory for misleading the Office of the City Veterinarian in order for the previous owner to redeem the animal, such individual will be penalized a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.
h. All animals in the animal pound to be adopted shall be neutered before releasing to the new owner.

NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

"Section 56. Procedure for Adoption. If the impounded animal is not redeemed by its owner within seventy-two (72) hours or three (3) working days after it was impounded, the animals who are tame and sound as determined by a licensed veterinarian, may be offered for adoption. The person who wants to adopt the animal should not be in any way related to the previous owner of the animal. The person who is willing to adopt will undergo the following procedures:

a. The person who wants to adopt will choose a dog/cat at the Animal Impounding site.
b. Fill-up the Adoption form at the Office of the City Veterinarian.
c. The Office of the City Veterinarian personnel will assess if the person is fit to adopt the animal.
d. If he/she has passed the assessment, he/she will have to pay the adoption fee of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00).
e. The person who will get the animal will have to present the Adoption Form and Receipt before releasing the adopted dog/cat.
f. The adopted dog/cat must be microchipped/registered to the new owner and vaccinated with anti-rabies before being released. New owner must pay Php 250.00 for the microchip.
g. In any case that the individual who adopted the animal in any way, either directly or indirectly, becomes an accessory for misleading the Office of the City Veterinarian in order for the previous owner to redeem the animal, such individual will be penalized a fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) to be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.
h. All animals in the animal pound to be adopted shall be neutered before releasing to the new owner.

All fee shall be paid to the Office of the City Veterinarian."

SECTION 11. Section 69 of Ordinance No. 17-080 read as follows:

Section 69. Nuisance – No person shall allow the continuous barking, yelping, whining, howling or any other disturbing noise emitted by their pets, such that the situation becomes nuisance to the public as well as emission of any foul odor deemed as nuisance by its neighboring residents.

If verified a nuisance by the Veterinarian/Sanitation officer:

1. The OCV will write to the complained subject to warn them.
2. The second time they will be complained, they will be fined Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and a final warning will be sent to them.
3. On the third time they will be complained, confiscation of the animals being complained will be done by the OCV and a penalty of Five Thousand Pesos ( Php5,000.00) will be imposed to the owner.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian.
NOW SHALL BE AMENDED AND READ AS FOLLOWS:

"Section 69. Nuisance - No person shall allow the continuous barking, whining, howling or any other disturbing noise emitted by their pet's or livestock such that the situation becomes a nuisance to the public. Emission of foul odor is also deemed as nuisance.

If verified a nuisance by the Veterinarian/Sanitation officer shall:

1. The OCV will write to the complained subject to warn them.
2. The second time they will be complained, they will be fined Three Thousand Pesos (Php3,000.00) and a final warning will be sent to them.
3. On the third time they will be complained, confiscation of the animal/s being complained will be done by the OCV and a penalty of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00) will be imposed to the owner.

All fees shall be paid at the Office of the City Veterinarian."

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause – Ordinances which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

SECTION 13. Effectivity Clause – This ordinance shall take effect fifteen days (15) after its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

ENACTED, by 9th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa this 16th day of December, 2019, on its 25th Regular Session.

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