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**ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF THE AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON.**

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**WHEREAS**, piggery and backyard hog raising are among the major sources of income and livelihood of some residents in the municipality while some of them are engaged in meat vending, meat processing and retail supply of meat products from various producers in the lowland provinces;

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**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, **ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby establish a Task Force for the prevention and control of the African Swine Fever in the Municipality of Itogon hereinafter known as the Anti-ASF Task Force as follows:

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- The Municipal Veterinarian
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**Section 2. Functions.** Anti-ASF Task Force shall perform the following functions:

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2. Establish checkpoints in strategic locations to prevent the entry of live pigs without the necessary shipping documents issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry. In such case, the Task Force shall always validate the veracity of the presented documents by coordinating with the issuing authority. Provided further that the Task Force shall conduct an inspection of pork meats being delivered in large quantities either for sale or to be served as food during social gatherings or occasions. A clearance from the Municipal Veterinarian is required before these are to be allowed entry. This requirement shall also apply to ambulant meat vendors doing business in the municipality;
3. Conduct investigation, surveillance and monitoring on all local piggeries and backyard hog producers and carry out immediate diagnosis on suspected cases for the implementation of the culling out procedures in accordance with the approved National ASF Contingency Plan;
4. Develop strategies on how to provide immediate livelihood assistance to families affected by the implementation of anti-ASF efforts particularly those with ASF-infected animals;
5. Shall inspect all establishments in the municipality that are engaged in hog butchering and meat vending to determine whether their products are infected or not with the virus and in case of virus infection, the Task Force shall proceed with the immediate confiscation of the meat and employ proper disposal procedures, or shall order the owner of the establishment or his personnel in his absence to immediately destroy and dispose of the same in the presence of the Task Force;
6. Conduct massive information, education and communication campaign on the cause and effects of the African Swine Fever and on how to prevent the spread thereof in the locality;
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8. Perform other related functions as may be directed by appropriate authorities.

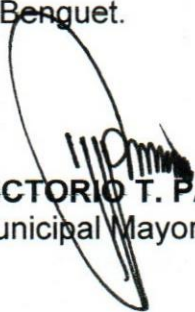
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**Section 4. Separability Clause.** If for any reasons, this Order or parts hereof are declared invalid or unconstitutional by competent authority, other parts hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in force and effect.

**Section 5. Repealing Clause.** All Executive Orders and/or Issuances inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

**Section 6. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019 at Itogon, Benguet.

  
**ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**  
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