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Province of Ilocos Sur  
**MUNICIPALITY OF NARVACAN**

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On 03 July 2006

ORDINANCE NO. 04  
Series of 2006

**AVIAN INFLUENZA (AI) PREVENTION AND CONTROL ORDINANCE**

**SECTION I. Title** – This ordinance shall be known as the "The Avian Influenza Prevention and Control Ordinance" of 2006.

**SECTION II. Aim** – This ordinance is enacted for the purpose of preventing and controlling possible entry / outbreak of Avian Influenza in the country.

**SECTION III. Objectives and Purpose**

1. To prevent the entry of Avian Influenza, thus ensuring public safety.
2. To protect the local livestock industry and other related industries.
3. To promote and protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents.

**SECTION IV. Scope and Coverage** – This ordinance shall be enforced within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Narvacan.

**SECTION V. Definitions** – For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms and phrases shall apply:

1. Avian Influenza – an infectious disease in chickens, ducks, and other birds caused by different subtypes of the Influenza A virus.
2. Fowl / Poultry – includes marketable broilers, culls, day old chicks, pullets, game fowls, native chickens, ducks, hatching eggs, hobby birds, or birds of any kind.
3. Exotic birds – any bird species or subspecies which do not naturally occur in the Philippines.
4. Poultry holding facilities – include commercial farms, backyard units, hatcheries, processing plants, slaughterhouses, aviaries, feed mills, cockpits, and public markets.

**SECTION VI. Creation of the Local Avian Influenza Taskforce** – The AI Prevention and Control Taskforce shall be formed and shall be the main authority to oversee the implementation of the provisions of this ordinance and other related activities as may be provided by rules and regulations and guidelines promulgated by higher authority or mandated by the national laws. Hereby created in this municipality, it shall be composed, but not limited to the following:

Chairman	:	Mayor
Vice Chairman	:	Vice Mayor
Members	:	Municipal Veterinarian Municipal Health Officer Municipal Agriculturist

Municipal PNP Commander  
President, Association of Barangay Chairmen  
Two (2) NGO Representatives  
Municipal Action Officer  
Information Officer  
Poultry Raisers Association  
President, Federation of Homeowners' Association

**SECTION VII. Census** – The local government shall conduct a census of all livestock and poultry holding facilities in their premises. The surveillance data shall include the type of poultry holding facility, poultry species, poultry population density, facility owner / operator, location, poultry disease profile, biosecurity practices, vaccination programs, and veterinarian incharge.

**SECTION VIII. Prohibition of Sale** – It shall be prohibited for any person to engage in trade or have in possession any exotic species of poultry wildlife. It shall be accordingly penalized as stipulated in Chapter IV (Illegal Acts) of RA 9147. This activity shall be enforced in coordination with the authorities of the DILG-LGU Bureaus or the Local PNP Station.

**SECTION IX. Prohibition of Possession** – It shall be unlawful for any person to possess / own or keep unregistered exotic birds for whatever purpose or intent.

**SECTION X. Other Prohibitions** – The LGU shall assist in the implementation of the following additional prohibitions to safeguard against Avian Influenza.

- a. Prohibition on sale of live chickens in the market while there is a threat of bird flu.
- b. Prohibition on placing chickens, ducks and pigs together in the same area, cages or pens.
- c. Prohibition on chickens to roam freely.

**SECTION XI. Coastal Monitoring of Smuggling of Fowl** – Smuggling of fowl shall be reported to the Philippine Coast Guard.

**SECTION XII. Negative Reporting** – The Local Veterinary / Agricultural Officer shall regularly submit a Negative Monitoring Report to the Provincial Veterinarian or DA-RFU.

**SECTION XIII. Assist in Surveillance** – The LGU shall assist the national / regional surveillance group in the conduct of surveillance in their locality. They shall help in the identification of poultry holding facilities and encourage participation of the facility owners / operators in surveillance and reporting. Surveillance reports shall be recorded and submitted to the National AI Task Force Center at the BAI. Sero-surveillance must be conducted twice a year in the backyard / commercial farms and other susceptible fowls.

The LGU shall likewise assist BAI in enforcing requirements covering the local transport of animals, including poultry and poultry by-products, as covered by BAI Memorandum dated July 13, 2004. This activity shall be enforced in coordination with the Local PNP Station.

**SECTION XIV. Information Dissemination** – The local veterinary / agricultural officer shall conduct regular information campaigns. These campaigns shall include recommended biosecurity and other AI preventive measures. They shall be trained by the National / Regional Task Force.

## **SECTION XV. Suspected AI Cases**

**Reporting.** The farm veterinarian or farm owner shall immediately report to the BAI, RFU-DA or city / municipal / provincial veterinarian any occurrence of 1-day mortality of 3% (based on house population) in the case of commercial farms or any unexplained mortality of poultry in two or more households within a barangay or "purok" in a span of two (2) days in the case of backyard farms. Investigation / blood collection shall be conducted by the municipal veterinarian and the RADDL technician within twenty four (24) hours.

**Movement Control.** The Local PNP, upon notice from the Local Chief, shall enforce movement control. Farm personnel are not allowed to leave the suspected premises unless with approval from the head of AI Taskforce. Likewise, poultry, poultry products, and by-products, farm equipment and feeds shall not be allowed to leave the suspected premises.

**Vaccination.** The local health officers shall assist in immunizing veterinarians, laboratory staff, medical health workers, and poultry farm personnel. The local veterinary / agricultural officers / technician shall assist in the conduct of poultry vaccination in areas identified by the AI Task Force.

**SECTION XVI. Mobilization of Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs).** To maximize efforts at the grassroots level, the organized BHERTs, pursuant to DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2003-95 dated May 7, 2003 shall be mobilized to provide assistance to LGUs in the implementation of the Local Avian Influenza Prevention Program.

**SECTION XVII. Penalty for Non-compliance** – Any violation of this Order by any person, firm, poultry traders, farm owner shall be liable to prosecution and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than one (1) year, or both upon discretion of the Court.

**SECTION XVIII. Effectivity** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval of the Sangguniang Bayan of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur.

**ENACTED** on this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of July, 2006.

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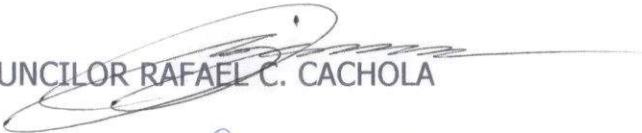
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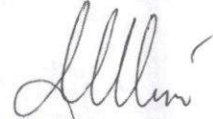


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