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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE FULL ENFORCEMENT OF MEAT SAFETY DOCUMENTATION PROTOCOLS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATIONS IN THE CITY OF MANILA TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

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WHEREAS, the City Government of Manila bears the mandate to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of its residents under Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991";

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9296 otherwise known as the "Meat Inspection Code of the Philippines", as amended by R.A. No. 10536, provides that all meat and meat products intended for human consumption shall only be sourced from animals slaughtered in duly accredited slaughterhouses, and that such products must be accompanied by appropriate documentation to ensure safety, traceability, and lawful distribution;

WHEREAS, the required documents under the Meat Inspection Code and relevant administrative issuances of the Department of Agriculture (DA) include the following:

- The Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC), issued prior to slaughter, attesting to the health of the live animal;
- The Certificate of Meat Inspection (CMI), issued post-slaughter, certifying that the meat has passed both ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection;
- The Meat Transport Permit (MTP), required for the authorized movement of inspected meat products from slaughterhouses to commercial destinations;

WHEREAS, Department of Agriculture Administrative Orders, such as A.O. No. 5, Series of 2010 and A.O. No. 6, Series of 2012, reinforce the obligation of all stakeholders to secure and present such documents at all stages of transport and market entry, and impose corresponding penalties for non-compliance;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7394 otherwise known as the "Consumer Act of the Philippines" underscores the right of consumers to products that are safe, properly labeled, and lawfully sourced, and mandates government agencies and local government units to ensure the fair and secure circulation of goods in the interest of public safety;

WHEREAS, in a recent on-site inspection conducted by the City Government of Manila through Mayor Francisco "Isko Moreno" Domagoso, in coordination with the Veterinary Inspection Board (VIB), at the New Vitas Slaughterhouse in Tondo, deficiencies were observed including the entry of undocumented meat and the presence of non-functional or deteriorating equipment, thereby posing risks to public health, violating statutory inspection standards, and undermining consumer confidence;

WHEREAS, such findings warrant the immediate strengthening of enforcement mechanisms for meat documentation protocols and the upgrading of critical slaughterhouse infrastructure and equipment to ensure compliance with national laws and sanitary regulations;

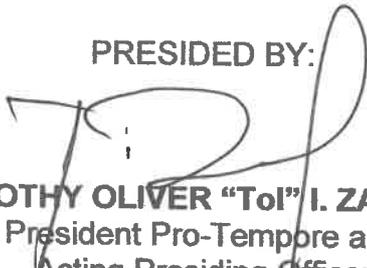
WHEREAS, there is a need to extend institutional support to the Veterinary Inspection Board (VIB), as the primary regulatory body of the City of Manila in charge of meat inspection, to enable it to carry out its duties effectively and in coordination with national agencies such as the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS): NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to call, as it hereby calls for the full enforcement of meat safety documentation protocols and the strengthening of slaughterhouse operations in the City of Manila to ensure public health and safety; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Veterinary Inspection Board be enjoined to strengthen coordination with the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS) for the alignment of local enforcement with national inspection protocols and certification procedures; and be it FINALLY

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, the Veterinary Inspection Board (VIB), the Manila Health Department (MHD), the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), and the Department of Agriculture (DA).

PRESIDED BY:



TIMOTHY OLIVER "Toi" I. ZARCAL
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This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on August 12, 2025.

ATTESTED:



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