



COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE : July 8, 2026

TO : THE PRESIDING OFFICER

FROM : COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBJECT : PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2026-027 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NAIC MUNICIPAL ANIMAL SHELTER, MANDATING RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP, PROVIDING SYSTEMATIC CONTROL OF STRAY ANIMALS, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR ITS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.

A meeting of the Committee on Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, chaired by Hon. Glennon I. Pegollo, was conducted to discuss Proposed Ordinance No. 2026-027, entitled: "An Ordinance Establishing the Naic Municipal Animal Shelter, Mandating Responsible Pet Ownership, Providing Systematic Control of Stray Animals, Imposing Penalties for Violations Thereof, and Appropriating Funds for its Operations and Maintenance."

The meeting was attended by SB Member Arnel G. Milay, SB Member Cesar Ryan Nazareno, SK Federation President Darlaine M. Benesen, Ms. Ann Galore Ayson, Municipal Budget Officer, and Dr. Kristine D. Roraldo, Municipal Veterinarian.

During the deliberation, the Committee noted that several provisions of the proposed ordinance are already covered by existing national laws and municipal ordinances, particularly Republic Act No. 9482 (Anti-Rabies Act of 2007), Republic Act No. 8485, as amended (Animal Welfare Act), and the existing Municipal Anti-Rabies Ordinance of the Municipality of Naic.

Dr. Kristine D. Roraldo informed the Committee that the Municipality of Naic already has an existing Municipal Animal Pound located at Purok Mansanas, Barangay Sabang, Naic, Cavite. The facility is currently operational but not yet fully operational because the Office is still waiting for a supplemental budget for the procurement of euthanasia drugs. Despite this, the Municipal Veterinary Office continues to conduct impounding operations for stray dogs involved in reported biting incidents, aggressive behavior, and those posing danger to the public and motorists.

She explained that the establishment of an Animal Pound is mandated under Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9482, which requires every Local Government Unit to establish and maintain an Animal Pound as part of its rabies prevention and control program and the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

The Municipal Veterinarian recommended strengthening the existing Municipal Animal Pound instead of immediately establishing a separate Animal Shelter. The recommendation includes expanding the anti-rabies program, strengthening information and advocacy campaigns, implementing mandatory pet registration, conducting regular spay and neuter activities, and enforcing responsible pet ownership.

The Committee was also informed that the Municipality implements an Anti-Rabies Registration Program, with a registration fee of ₱50.00 per pet, including the issuance of an Anti-Rabies Vaccination Certificate.



At present, about 20 stray dogs are housed in the Animal Pound. Each cage can accommodate five (5) to six (6) dogs without overcrowding. The Municipal Veterinarian recommended the expansion and rehabilitation of the existing cages since some are already damaged and several have no roofing. The Animal Pound is maintained by ten (10) Job Order personnel responsible for feeding the animals, cleaning the facility, repairing cages, and overall maintenance.

The Municipal Budget Office reported that the Office of the Municipal Veterinarian already has its own budget. A proposed allocation of ₱200,000.00 has been prepared for the improvement of the Animal Pound. Likewise, the total budget of the Veterinary Office for Fiscal Year 2026 is more than ₱3.6 million. Any additional proposed rehabilitation or construction projects not included in the approved 2026 budget shall be subject to the availability of funds.

Dr. Roraldo further explained the distinction between an Animal Pound and an Animal Shelter. She emphasized that an Animal Pound is a facility mandated by law for impounding, quarantine, rabies prevention and control, responsible pet ownership, and animal welfare implementation. On the other hand, an Animal Shelter primarily serves as a temporary shelter and adoption facility. She stressed that strengthening the existing Animal Pound is more practical, cost-effective, and compliant with existing laws than constructing a new Animal Shelter.

She also clarified that impounded stray animals are not immediately subjected to euthanasia. Owners are first given the opportunity to claim their pets within the prescribed claiming period, and unclaimed animals may also be offered for adoption. Animals involved in biting incidents are placed under 14-day quarantine and observation. Euthanasia is performed only in accordance with existing laws and veterinary protocols when necessary to protect public health and safety.

If a suspected rabid animal dies during the observation period, the proper specimen is collected and submitted to an accredited laboratory for confirmatory rabies testing. A dog or cat cannot be declared rabid unless confirmed by an official laboratory result.

The Committee also noted that irresponsible pet ownership remains the primary cause of the increasing stray animal population and rabies risk. Many pet owners allow their animals to roam freely, which is a violation of the Anti-Rabies Act and the existing Municipal Ordinance. To address this concern, stricter enforcement of the leash law, mandatory pet registration, stronger information campaigns, and higher penalties for violators were recommended.

Regarding the spay and neuter program, the Veterinary Office explained that the current Municipal Ordinance still requires payment for the service. However, it recommended amending the ordinance to make spay and neuter services free of charge. At present, these activities are conducted during the World Dog Celebration in March and September together with anti-rabies vaccination.

The Committee was likewise informed that the Animal Pound has trained dog catchers, a service vehicle, and coordination with the barangays during regular impounding operations. Operations are normally conducted twice a week using catching nets. Once euthanasia drugs become available, the Animal Pound is expected to become fully operational. According to the Veterinary Office, each operation may capture 20 to 30 stray dogs, making additional cages necessary to avoid overcrowding.

The importance of pet registration was also emphasized to help identify owners of impounded animals. The Committee further recommended providing funds for dog identification tags and creating an official social media page for the Municipal Veterinary Office to post information on impounded animals, adoption programs, vaccination schedules, and



other veterinary services, including the planned Veterinary Medical Mission offering anti-rabies vaccination, consultation, deworming, and vitamin supplementation.

After thorough deliberation, the Municipal Veterinarian recommended revising the proposed ordinance to align it with existing laws and the actual needs of the Municipality. The Committee concurred with the recommendation and further recommended reviewing the existing Municipal Ordinance, incorporating the necessary amendments, strengthening the mandate of the Municipal Animal Pound, increasing the budget of the Veterinary Office, and considering the rehabilitation of the Municipal Animal Pound and the Municipal Slaughterhouse to further enhance the Municipality's animal health and public safety programs.

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