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1st ENDORSEMENT
November 14, 2025

Respectfully endorsing to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan the herein **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13** entitled: **“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY AND PROHIBITORY ACTS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF TANDOK AND TREATMENT OF ANIMAL BITE/S AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF”**, which was approved by the Mayor on November 14, 2025, for review.

By the authority of the Sanggunian Bayan:

KARRIE G. SUMERAS
Secretary Designate
11/14/2025

CC: **HON. LAURENCE ANTHONY G. GORRICETA**
Municipal Mayor

HON. ESEL G. GEROCHI AND
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS

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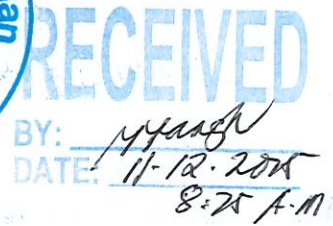
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025 AT 9:00 A M. IN THE SESSION HALL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, PAVIA, ILOILO.

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. Edsel G. Gerochi | - Municipal Vice-Mayor
- Presiding Officer |
| 2. Hon. Leonardo L. Belasa | - Municipal Councillor |
| 3. Hon. Joshua Philippe B. Gumban | - -do- |
| 4. Hon. Ariel B. Gerada | - -do- |
| 5. Hon. Daniel S. Fajardo, II | - -do- |
| 6. Hon. Kervin Matthew G. Zaldarriaga | - -do- |
| 7. Hon. Joe Fritz C. Collado | - -do- |
| 8. Hon. Rhia B. Sotomil | - -do- |
| 9. Hon. Ludovico S. Alfaro | - President, Liga ng mga Barangay
Ex-Officio Member |
| 10. Hon. Gerard Peter G. Zaldarriaga | - SK Municipal Federation President
Ex-Officio Member |

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE 2025-13

ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MANDATORY AND PROHIBITORY ACTS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF TANDOK AND TREATMENT OF ANIMAL BITE/S AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREOF.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and shall promote the general welfare of its constituents;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9482, otherwise known as the *Anti-Rabies Act of 2007*, declares it a policy of the State to control and eliminate human and animal rabies, mandating the adoption of measures that ensure proper medical treatment of animal bite victims;

WHEREAS, the practice of *tandok*, a traditional method of treating animal bites by “sucking” the wound, has no scientific basis, poses serious risks of rabies infection and blood-borne disease transmission, and is strongly discouraged by the Department of Health (DOH);

WHEREAS, animal bite incidents remain a persistent public health concern in the country, and rabies continues to be fatal but entirely preventable through proper and timely medical intervention in government-recognized Animal Bite Treatment Centers (ABTCs);

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish mandatory and prohibitory measures at the local level to discourage unsafe traditional practices, ensure compliance with scientific and medical protocols, and safeguard the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS, there is a need to provide clear penalties for violators to strengthen enforcement, protect animal bite victims, and ultimately support national government initiatives in rabies prevention and control;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF PAVIA, ILOILO, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, that:

Section 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as "Anti-Tandok and Animal Bite Ordinance of the Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo".

Section 2. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. **Multimedia** refers to transmissions or system of relaying information that combine media of communication (text and graphics and sound, etc.).
- b. **Pet** refers to a tamed animal usually a dog or a cat kept as a companion or for fun, and affectionately cared for by the owner.
- c. **Pet/Animal Owner** refers to any person keeping, harboring, or having charge or control of, or permitting a pet to habitually be or remain on, or be lodged or fed within such person's house or any other property including its yard or premises.
- d. **Pet Keeper** refers to any person having or retaining possession or custody of a pet without having the necessary ownership over such.
- e. **Person** refers to a private individual or a public employee or official.
- f. **Responsible Pet Owner** refers to one who takes possession only of the number of pets he/she could afford to feed and gives proper care by giving clean, nutritious and sufficient food and water, bathing and cleaning its sleeping area, leashing or putting the pet in a cage and not allowing it to stray, and having it vaccinated against rabies as may be necessarily determined by the veterinarian or as may be prescribed by law.
- g. **Tandok** refers to the native method used by the faith healers and herb doctors to treat animal (specifically, dog) bites by the use of animal horn or stone applied to the bite wound, or inducing vomiting or by any other means claiming to cure rabies.

h. **Violator** refers to any person who commits any of the prohibited acts prescribed herein.

Section 3. Mandatory and Prohibitory Acts

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether a private individual or a public official or employee, to consciously and knowingly refer any animal bite victim to a person allegedly or known to be practicing "Tandok".
- b. It shall be unlawful for any person, whether a private individual or a public official or employee, to fail to report or consciously and knowingly conceal or condone the practice of "Tandok" in their community.
- c. It shall be mandatory for every pet/animal owner/keeper to advise the person or victim bitten by their pet/animal:
 - c.1 To wash the wound/bite-site with soap and water for at least ten (10) minutes; and
 - c.2 To immediately seek treatment in the nearest animal bite treatment center
- d. It shall be mandatory for every pet/animal owner/keeper:
 - d.1 To report the animal bite incident to concerned officials such as barangay officials, barangay health workers, Philippine National Police and municipal agricultural officer or veterinarian officer;
 - d.2 To keep the animal/pet who has bitten a human on leash or on cage and keep the animal/pet under observation for a period of 14 days;
 - d.3 To report rabid signs or symptoms exhibited by the animal/pet under observation to the municipal agricultural officer or veterinarian officer;
 - d.4 To authorize the public health authorities to send animal/pet/dog heads to the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (RADDL) for rabies confirmatory test; and
 - d.5 To surrender the ownership and possession of the animal/pet to the public health authorities when necessary for the community's health and safety.
- e. The barangay officials in the Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo are hereby mandated to effectively control and deter Tandok and implement his Ordinance and all Anti-Rabies laws, rules, and regulations in their respective jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. Penalties/Sanctions

- a. The following penalties/sanctions shall be meted to a violator based on their respective infractions, to wit:

	Infraction	Penalty/Sanction
i.	Practice of Tandok	A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 1,500.00)
ii.	Any violation under section 3B, Warning 3C, and 3D of this ordinance	Warning

- b. **Payment of the Administrative Fines.** Administrative Fines shall be fully paid to the Office of the Treasurer of the Barangay where the violation happened and a corresponding official receipt shall be issued thereafter. It shall be paid within three (3) days from the commission discovery of the violation. The amount apportioned for such Barangay shall be retained therein and the rest shall be turned over to the Office of the Treasurer of the Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo.
- c. **Distribution of Administrative Fine.** The proceeds of the fine or penalty as imposed herein shall be divided as follows:
- c.1 Fifty percent (50%) shall accrue as revenue of the Barangay concerned;
- c.2 Fifty percent (50%) shall accrue as revenue of the Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo

All the receipts from the violation of this Ordinance shall be used for the programs and projects of the Municipal Agriculture Office, the Municipal Health Office in addressing animal and human rabies and such other related concerns.

SECTION 5. Identification of Tandok Practitioners. The barangay officials and Municipal Health/Agriculture Office in the Municipality of Pavia, Iloilo shall endeavor to identify and list "Tandok" practitioners in their respective jurisdiction and submit them to the MAO. The MHO and the municipal authorities shall regularly and, as necessary, conduct a conference with these identified "Tandok" practitioners to educate them with the danger of their practices, the proper animal bite treatment procedures and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. Multimedia Information and Education Campaign (IEC). The Municipal Agriculture Office in partnership with the Municipal Health Office and the Department of Education shall produce and distribute appropriate IEC materials and utilize other forms of medium communications such as, but not limited to, print, broadcasting and internet and internet media, to:

- 6.1 Deter the practice of "Tandok" in the communities
- 6.2 Educate the community on animal and human rabies and the danger thereof
- 6.3 Promote responsible net ownership
- 6.4 Promote and educate the community of the availability of animal bite treatment centers:

6.5 Disseminate the existence of the various Municipal Ordinances and such other laws and regulations related to these matters; and,
6.6 Such other matters which the Municipal Rabies Control and Consultative Committee (MRCCC) may deem necessary.

SECTION 7. Repealing Clause. All previous ordinances rules and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If for any reasons any part or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts of provisions thereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its compliance with the posting and publication requirements as provided for by Article 59(c) of the Local Government Code.

BE IT ORDAINED FURTHER, to furnish copies of this Ordinance to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Iloilo for review, and other concerned agencies for information and appropriate action.

ENACTED 11th day of November 2025, in the Municipality of Pavia, Province of Iloilo.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness
of the above-quoted ordinance:**


KARRIE G. SUMERAS
Secretary Designate

ATTESTED BY:


HON. EDSSEL G. GEROCHI
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. LAURENCE ANTHONY G. GORRICETA
Municipal Mayor 11/14/25