

## QC bans piggeries, poultries

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The Quezon City government has banned the operation of piggeries and poultries due to their threats to public health and safety.

City Ordinance 2990-2020, authored by Councilors Franz Pumaren, Diorella Maria Sotto-Antonio, and Eric Medina, is now being implemented, prohibiting piggery or poultry farms for the purposes of food or meat production within the territorial jurisdiction of the city.

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City Mayor Joy Belmonte, however, reported that barangays Payatas, Sta. Lucia and Old Balara are still hosting 26 piggeries.

She vowed to close these down by next month.

Quezon City Zoning Ordinance no longer lists any agricultural or rural zone that allows pig or poultry raising.

Before these businesses are shut, Belmonte assured that their owners will be given alternative livelihood opportunities.

City Veterinary Department head Dr. Ana Marie Cabel justified the ban on backyard piggeries, saying they violate various environmental and sanitation guidelines.

Backyard poultry and piggeries pollute tributaries with wastes that flow into riverways.

“As an alternative to their livelihood, we gave options to piggery owners. So far, we have 118 recipients of our livelihood programs through our Small Business Cooperatives Development and Promotions Office,” Cabel said.

In February, the city turned over urban aquaculture starter kits to hog raisers who had lost their farms to African swine fever in 2019.

Empty pigpens and vacant lots are now utilized as fish pens and backyard fishponds where they can grow tilapia and hito (catfish).

Some hog raisers were given electronic tricycles by the Department of Public Order and Safety.