



## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATNOG HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON OCTOBER 13, 2004 AT 1:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

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Excused:

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**Present:**

Hon. Jaime G. Gata Jr.	SB Member (Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore)
Hon. Edward Ruel T. Barlin	-do-
Hon. Romeo G. Garalde	-do-
Hon. Noel T. San Pablo	-do-
Hon. Ardelito S. Dejano	-do-
Hon. Melchor G. Garcera	-do-
Hon. Romeo G. Garrido	-do-
Hon. Julio E. Garduque	-do-(ABC President)
Hon. Marc Ace C. Gacis	-do-(SKMF President)

**Excused:**

Hon. Carlos G. Estrelon JR.	Municipal Vice Mayor
Hon. Ubaldo M. Ubaldo	Sangguniang Bayan Member

### MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO.05-2004

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ERADICATING RABIES IN DOGS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFORE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**Author: Hon. Edward Ruel T. Barlin**

WHEREAS, a rabies epidemic exists In the Province of Sorsogon and scores of people have been reportedly bitten by dogs resulting in their death;

WHEREAS, these fatal incidents were traced to the proliferation of stray dogs and the negligence and failure of the pet dog owners to submit their pets for immunization;

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ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MATNOG IN SESSION THAT;

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