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Province of Isabela  
**MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

Literal Copy of **Municipal Ordinance No. 2019-16** approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its Regular Session on **November 11, 2019** held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN, ISABELA PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of Republic Act 10068, otherwise known as the "ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010" is in recognition of and pursuit of the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines that will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity, reduce pollution and minimize destruction of the environment, prevent depletion of natural resources, protect health of farmers, consumers, and the general public and save on expenses for importation of farm inputs;

**WHEREAS**, this law also legislated in response to the imperative need of the hour of offering to the people an alternative method of cultivating and raising agricultural vegetables and farm animals as source of food of nutritional value at the same time to discourage farmers against too much reliance from synthetic farm inputs thus delimiting the marketing of adulterated and synthetically-laced foods and vegetables which have long term deleterious effects to the health of the consuming public;

**WHEREAS**, the crafting of this ordinance takes into consideration the latest report of the intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that fertilizer overuse is responsible for the highest single share of agriculture's direct greenhouse gas emissions, currently equal to some 2.1 billion tons of carbon dioxide annually, and that excessive use of fertilizer results in the emission of climate change-causing gas nitrous oxide (NO) which is some 300 times more potent than carbon dioxide, where the shift to organic agriculture is one of the adaptation measures to cushion the impact of climate change pursuant to mandate of Republic Act No. 9729, otherwise known as the Climate Change Act of 2009;

**WHEREAS**, the enactment of this ordinance is also in line with the policy of this Municipal Government Unit adopting an intervention strategy to sustain and mainstream the practice and to promote the full implementation of the organic agriculture that will hopefully help alleviate the present unenviable situation of the people of this municipality whose main source of livelihood is farming;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of **HON. PACITA MONA Q. ATANACIO**, Sangguniang Bayan Member and duly seconded by the Body; Be it as it is;

**ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PALANAN, ISABELA IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known and cited for brevity as "Organic Agriculture Ordinance."


**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.** It is the policy of the Local Government Unit of Palanan to protect and advance the right of all small and disadvantaged farmers to food security, sustainable livelihood and social equity in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. To this end, this local government shall adopt organic agriculture towards developing and sustaining this as the main agricultural practice in this municipality.

The practice of organic agriculture shall adhere to the following principles, as a guiding blueprint in the implementation of this ordinance, to wit:

  
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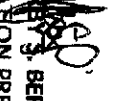
  
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- a) The promotion and enhancement of the conservation and sustainable use of organic biodiversity shall prevail over any other activity in the agricultural sector in this municipality;
- b) The empowerment of small and disadvantaged farmers in the agricultural area in the municipality is given priority;
- c) The implementation of a strategy for mitigation and adaptation to climate change is an urgent policy matter that needs to be integrated in all policies in the agricultural sector;
- d) The enhancement of the country's poverty reduction strategy should be the foremost concern while unifying the initiatives and efforts of all government agencies and instrumentalities in organic agriculture;
- e) The organic agriculture is a contributor to the province's economy in general and the attainment of food security, ecological sustainability and the well-being of the people of Palanan in particular;
- f) The organic agriculture does not co-exist with genetically modified crops and related organism both living and non-living; and
- g) The organic agriculture is a multi-functional and in this sense, all existing policies of the government on agriculture should be taken into account.

  
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**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** The following definition of terms as used in this Ordinance shall be defined as follows, adopting some definitions used under related laws, circulars, orders, rules and regulations for purposes of not diverting from their technical meaning and application, to wit:

1. **Organic Agriculture.** This refers to a production system that contains and utilizes the natural fertility of the soils and the ecosystem. It relies on ecological processes, bio-diversities and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse affects on organic agriculture, combining traditional, innovative and scientific practices to benefit the environment and promote fair relationships and good quality of life for all involved.
2. **Organic Agriculture Practitioners.** It is a distinctive classification of farmers engaged in organic farming pursuant to the guidelines, principles and practices laid down under the Organic Agricultural Act of 2010 and in accordance with the mandate of this ordinance.
3. **Small Farmers.** This is description given to marginal and sub-marginal household farmers cultivating not more than one half (1/2) hectare of farm lot.
4. **Consumer Group.** This refers to organized consumers patronizing and advocating organic agricultural products.
5. **Food Security.** It means the ability of the individual, household and community to produce and/or access or acquire appropriate, nutritious and safe food on a regular basis using social acceptable means.
6. **Conversion Period.** This refers to the time between the start of the organic management and the certification of crops, animal husbandry or aquaculture products as organic production venture.
7. **Certification.** It is the procedure by which official certification bodies or officially recognized certification bodies provide written or equivalent assurance that foods or food control systems conform to the requirements.
8. **Accreditation.** It is the procedure by which a government agency having jurisdiction formally recognizes the competence of an inspection and /or certification body to provide inspection and certification services.
9. **Good Agricultural Practices (GAP).** Refer to specific methods which, when applied to agriculture, create food for consumers or further processing that is safe and wholesome. But while there are numerous competing definitions of what methods constitute " Good Agricultural Practices", there are several broadly accepted schemes that producers can adhere to and adopt.
10. **Inorganic Farming.** It is an agriculture production method, which involves the use of manmade products or inputs such as pesticides, herbicides, other synthetic chemicals or substances.

  
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CHAPTER II  
ORGANIC FARM AND PRACTITIONER

**SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIC FARM.** Following land uses and zoning regulations in this municipality where the primary devotion of land is agricultural, lots suitable for organic farming shall be identified, set aside and further developed for this purpose, providing a system of incentive and reward so that private lot owners in every barangay may be encouraged to devote their lands or portions of their lands for organic farming.

**SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL MECHANISM.** The organic farms to be established which may be loosely and collectively termed as organic agriculture zones which shall be protected from encroachments or effects of prescribed farms, mining, including contamination on genetically-engineered crops and other similar activities.

The zones shall be organized and zonified according to ecological districts and will be based on existing categories of land tenure instrument and arrangement such as ancestral domains, protected areas, agrarian reform communities, community-based forest management zones, and such similar instruments and arrangements, including coastal and marine zones.

The zones shall be set up and segregated from other land uses in accordance with the following minimum criteria:

- a. Presence of actual organic agriculture practitioners who own the lot or beneficial users of the lot.
- b. Streams and similar inland water formation, including areas covered by irrigation and similar facilities;
- c. Identified buffer zones to which organic agriculture farms are confined or isolated from other land uses that impact on the integrity of the practice of organic agriculture; and
- d. Areas suited for agriculture production as defined under the Land Use Plan and Zoning Regulation of this municipality.


**SECTION 6. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRACTITIONERS' REGISTRY.** There shall be established in this municipality an Organic Farmers Registry which is a sub-registry of farmers consisting of organic agriculture practitioners, listed accordingly and records for each practitioner shall be permanently maintained in the Municipal Agriculture Office as repository of such records, maintaining a record for each barangay so as not to clutter the records and for easy retrieval. All necessary information for every organic agriculture practitioner concerning his identity, farmland, farm products, farm practices and other basic information shall be entered in this registry.


**SECTION 7. PERIODIC UPDATE OF REGISTRY.** Thereafter, the registry shall be updated regularly through available means possible for proper monitoring, evaluation, education, monitoring and provision of supports or granting incentives.

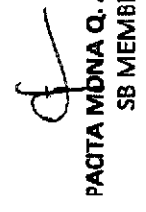
**SECTION 8. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRACTITIONERS' ORGANIZATION.** To strengthen the registry system and to realize the full implementation of this ordinance with the primordial aim of carrying mandate of the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, there shall be organic agriculture practitioners' organization to be established in every barangay as branch organizations which shall converge into federation in the municipal level, adopting their own constitution and by-laws to be consolidated and integrated by the mother association.

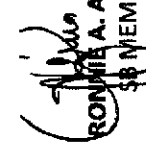
The need to organize the organic agriculture practitioners in this municipality will necessitate and facilitate among others, policy formulation on regulation, registration, accreditation, certification and commercialization of organic agriculture products and inputs as mandated under the Organic Agriculture Act above-cited.

  
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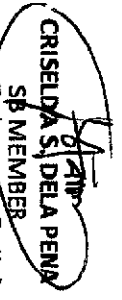
  
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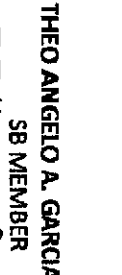
  
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**SECTION 9. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRACTITIONERS' EDUCATION.** For the farmers to understand, appreciate and internalize the import of organic agricultural farming and thereafter practice this, sustained efforts of educating them shall be institutionalized, spearheaded by the municipal government of Palanan, Isabela through the Municipal Agriculture Office in consultation with the Municipal Technical Committee on organic agriculture mandated to be created under this ordinance.

**CHAPTER III  
ADOPTING MECHANISM**

**SECTION 10. CONVERSION PERIOD.** Pursuant to the provisions of Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, a conversion period of three (3) years, which is the time between the start of the organic management and the certification of crops, animal husbandry or aquaculture products, shall be allowed and granted to farmers to fully and certifiably engage in organic agriculture.

**SECTION 11. ADOPTION OF GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (GAP) AS SPRINGBOARD TO ORGANIC AGRICULTURE.** On the basis of developing trend supporting the movement that organic agriculture is no longer an option but a necessity, considering the adverse of inorganic farming to health, ecology, atmosphere and the Mother Earth as a whole, this municipality pursues and promotes a farming system using good agricultural practices, adopting the thrust of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, whose main objectives as embodied in the GAP Code is to ensuring safety and quality of agricultural produce in the food chain, to capture new market advantages by modifying supply chain governance, improving natural resources use, workers health and working conditions and to creating new market opportunities for farmers and exporters in developing countries.

These good agricultural practices may be allowed to the farmers to adapt in the meantime and as preparatory stage in shifting to organic agriculture practices in conformity with the established GAP approaches, regulations and control to address environmental, economic and social sustainability from on-farm production and post-production processes resulting in the production of safe and healthy food and non-food agricultural products.


**SECTION 12. CONVERGENCE OF GAP AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRACTICES.** Through slow and deliberate process of education, information and dissemination pursued through trainings, seminars, lecture forums, summits, field trips, farm immersions and the like, this municipality shall endeavor to wield together good agricultural practices and organic agriculture practices with the end view of making organic agriculture as the main agricultural practices of farmers in Palanan in the near future;

**CHAPTER IV  
IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES**

**SECTION 13. INCENTIVES.** Pursuant to the mandate of the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, the Local Government of Palanan, Isabela shall extend incentives for the production and propagation of organic farm inputs by maximizing their use in all government and government supported agricultural production, research and demonstration programs. Incentives shall also be provided to farmers whose farms have been duly certified as compliant to the Philippine National Standards (PNS) made by accredited certifying organic body in accordance with the standards set under the above-cited law and its implementing rules and regulations.

Furthermore, this municipality through its authorized representative may make representation with the line agencies of the National Government concerned for the provision of adequate financial, technical, marketing and other services and resources to organic input producers and organic farmers, including possibly giving of cash rewards in recognition of the best organic farm and/or practitioner in this municipality. These include, when and if ever applicable, as provided under Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, but not limited to, the following:

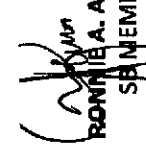
- (a) Exemption from the payment of duties on the importation of agricultural equipment, machinery and implements as provided under Republic Act No. 9281, which amends Republic Act No. 8435 or the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA);
- (b) Identification of LGUs of local taxes that may be offered as Incentives to organic input production and utilization;
- (c) Provision of preferential rates and special window to organic input producers and users by the Land Bank of the Philippines;
- (d) Subsidies for certification fees and other support services to facilitate organic certification.
- (e) Zero-rated value added tax (VAT) in transactions involving the sale/purchase of bio-organic products, whether organic inputs or organic products; and
- (f) Income tax holiday and exemption for seven (7) years, starting from the date of registration of organic food and organic input producers on all income taxes levied by the National Government.

  
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**SECTION 14. RECOGNITION AND REWARD.** To further encourage farmers in this municipality, a search for best organic agriculture practitioners shall be institutionalized and the recognition and reward shall be made and coincide with the founding anniversary celebration of the municipality.

**SECTION 15. PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC INPUTS AND TRADING POST.** The Local Government of Palanan, Isabela shall endeavor and spearhead the production of organic inputs for its organic agriculture practitioners, and as far as it could be warranted, may establish at least one (1) trading post or buying station for organic inputs within its area of jurisdiction.

**SECTION 16. RETAILING OF ORGANIC PRODUCE.** There shall be established in this municipality stores, possibly one for each barangay, of organic produces which shall be designated in separate, suitable and accessible area for display or organic produces to avoid mixing and adulterating them with non-organic products.

**SECTION 17. ORGANIC PRODUCE HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION STRATEGY; GOLDEN RULE.** To supplement the reward and punishment strategy adopted in this ordinance hopefully to encourage farmers to engage in organic farming, to promote this practice and persuade consumers to patronize organic farm products, the original practice of organic food production for household consumption is hereby, to some extent, revived a strategy, whereby organic farm practitioners are mandated to save a percentage of their produce for their own consumption to manifest that they also eat what they offer for sale, to belie any doubt in the collective mind of the consuming public that their claimed organic products are truly organically produced as the producers cannot be fooling their own selves. Invoking the application of the golden rule "do not do unto others what you don't want others do unto you."

**CHAPTER V  
INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM**


**SECTION 18. MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE.** Pursuant to the mandate of RA 10068, otherwise known as the Organic Agriculture of 2010, there shall be created municipal technical committee on organic agriculture for purposes of implementing plans, projects, programs or activities in line with the Municipal Organic Agricultural Program of the municipality. The compositions of this technical committee are as follows:


- a. Municipal Mayor - Chairperson
- b. SB Committee, Chairman on Agriculture - Vice- Chairperson
- c. Members
  - 1. SB Chairman, Committee on Tourism
  - 2. SB Chairman, Committee on Environment
  - 3. SB Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation
  - 4. Liga Ng Mga Barangay President
  - 5. Representative from DEpEd, Elementary Level
  - 6. Representative from DepEd, High School Level
  - 7. Representative from Indigenous Peoples (IPs)
  - 8. Municipal Agricultural Officer (MAO)
  - 9. Municipal Health Officer (MHO)
  - 10. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer – designate
  - 11. Chairperson of Municipal Agriculture and Fisheries Council (MAFC)
  - 12. President Federation of Senior Citizens Association of Palanan
  - 13. Non-Government Organization (NGO) Advocating Sustainable Agriculture
  - 14. Consumers Group advocating Sustainable Agriculture

  
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The Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) in coordination with the Office of the Municipal Mayor shall spearhead execution and implementation of this ordinance.

**SECTION 19. FUNCTIONS.** The Municipal Technical Committee in Organic Agriculture shall be created for the following functions.

- a. To identify and declare organic agriculture zones mandated to be established under Section 5 of this ordinance;
- b. To adopt existing national standards for the accreditations of organic agriculture farmers' guarantee system;
- c. To develop incentive mechanism for the organic agriculture sector in collaboration with local government agencies under the Municipal Budget Office which may include, but not limited to, subsidies especially with farming areas that do not exceed the one half hectare limit, duty-free importation of farm equipment and the necessary crop insurance and other support system of agriculture sector, including the setting up of mechanism in choosing the best organic practitioners in the municipality and the criteria in confirming the award.
- d. To set criteria for organic agriculture standard and practices to be observed; and
- e. To perform such other functions as may be necessary for the realization of the policies as well as the principles enunciated under this ordinance.


**SECTION 20. BARANGAY PARTICIPATION.** The component barangays of this municipality through their respective barangay officials shall indispensably participate in the implementation and realization of the mandate of this ordinance by formulating their own Organic Agriculture Programs, institutionalize their participation by creating a committee in the council to deal with organic farming and to serve as oversight body on every matter related thereto, and as advisory committee to the organic practitioners' organization in their respective barangay.

**SECTION 21. CONSERVATION OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE.** Measures shall be established, by the farming communities, including indigenous peoples' communities to conserve and protect indigenous people knowledge relating to organic agriculture, including those that relate to seed conservation and propagation and the various ways in which on-farm and on-site mechanisms are established and sustained and be integrated in the organic agriculture program of this municipality.

**CHAPTER VI  
BUDGETARY SUPPORT**

**SECTION 22. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE FUND.** This municipality shall provide under the 5% Gender and Development and 20% Development Funds of the Municipal Government of Palanan in its annual budget continuously for seven (7) years from the initial implementation of this ordinance, a reasonable fund in support to the organic agriculture program of this municipality, provide funding for other basic services, activities, programs or projects are not sacrificed. This amount shall be treated as Organic Agriculture Fund which shall exclusively be utilized for the implementation of this ordinance, such as subsidy for organic farmers relating to certification and accreditation, farmer's education, research development and extension, incentive and reward for organic agriculture farmers, and other necessary and incidental expenditures.

**SECTION 23. SCHEME OF UTILIZATION.** The scheme for the utilization of this organic agriculture fund shall be pursuant to the Organic Agriculture Program of this municipality and upon recommendation of the Municipal Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture, observing budgetary and auditing rules and regulations.

  
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**SECTION 24. BUDGET PAHASE OUT.** At the end of the seven (7) years budgetary endowment, simultaneous with the end of the tax holiday provided in Republic Act No. 2010, upon recommendation of the Municipal Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture, and when return of investment may have been fully realized, this Organic Agriculture Fund shall be phased out and other scheme of funding as provided in the immediately succeeding section shall be adopted and shall be institutionalized to sustain organic agriculture program in this municipality, with the support and in cooperation with the organic agriculture practitioners and other stakeholders.

**SECTION 25. ORGANIC PRODUCTS SALE'S ACCUMULATED PERCENTAGE INVESTMENT DEPOSIT; HELD IN TRUST (OPS-APID-HIT).** In anticipation of time when support funding and tax holiday shall no longer be enjoyed by the organic practitioners in this municipality through their association at the rate of FIVE PERCENT (5%) on their monthly gross sales from the first year to the third year of the budgetary endowment or tax holiday, to be held in trust in behalf and exclusively for the organic practitioners in this municipality by this municipal government under a special trust fund account, requiring the forging of memorandum of agreement between this municipality and the association of organic practitioners, never to be withdrawn, disbursed or utilized within the seven (7) years period until such time that the support funding and tax holiday shall have ended, where at the end thereof, a scheme of utilization of this OPS-APID HIT, basically for the support and development of organic farming in this municipality, shall be formulated and adopted by the organic practitioners under the guidance and supervision of this municipal government unit.

PROVIDED, that at the end of the seven (7) years experimental period of imposition of the levy, these organic practitioners shall be forming themselves preferably into a cooperative or corporation and shall be given independence to manage themselves where the accumulated OPS-APID-HIT- shall be formally turned over to them less reasonable administration cost that the municipality may deduct. PROVIDED FURTHER, that these organic practitioners forming themselves as cooperative or corporation shall continue and sustain partnership with municipal government unit of Palanan, Isabela for the continued practice, promotion, marketing and development of organic farming program in this municipality.

**CHAPTER VII  
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 26. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND EXTENSION (RDE).** This municipality recognizes the need for a sustained and continuous research, development and extension on organic formulation and implementation of a unified and integrated organic agriculture plan and program the formulation and implementation of a unified and integrated organic agriculture RDE plan in the municipal level, and this RDE shall include, but not limited to the following:

- (a) Research, development and commercialization of appropriate, innovative and viable organic agricultural technologies;
- (b) Municipal-wide promotion of developed and commercially viable biodegradable farm wastes and by-products through various extension strategies to accelerate the production, use and distribution of organic fertilizers; and
- (c) Conduct research for production development, market opportunities, policy formulation, regulation and certification.

**SECTION 27. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE FORMAL AND NON-FORMAL EDUCATION SECTOR.** The municipal government of Palanan, Isabela through the District Office of the Department of Education and in coordination with concerned government agencies, NGOs and private institutions, shall pursue the integration of organic agriculture program in school curricula at all levels, including non-formal education for the Out-of-School Youth and Day Care.

**SECTION 28. CONVERGENCE OF PROPER WASTE DISPOSAL AND ORGANIC AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS.** This municipality pursue the convergence of its waste disposal management plan and organic agriculture plan and shall constantly devise and implement ways and means not only of producing organic fertilizers and other farm inputs and needs on and off the farm but also helping to alleviate the problems of industrial waste and community garbage through disposal, using appropriate methods of sorting, collecting and composting.

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The Municipal Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture shall conduct continuing studies, with consultations among the people and officials involved as well as POs and NGOs, in order to advise its component barangays on the collection and disposal of garbage and waste in such a way as to provide raw materials for the production of organic fertilizers and other farm inputs.

**SECTION 29. RECOGNITION OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED FARMERS ROLE AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF FARMERS RIGHTS.** The role of small and disadvantaged farmers in promoting organic agriculture is hereby recognized. To this end, the rights of said farmers as defined in national laws, including human right is sought to be promoted, enhanced and fulfilled by this municipal government and its component barangays.

**SECTION 30. RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN.** The role of women in the practice of organic agriculture is recognized. Towards this end, measures shall be taken by the Municipal Government to comply with its obligation towards women to ensure a gender-fair and gender-balanced development along with support mechanism to take into account the particular needs of women from those who are child-bearing and girls of tender age, and the elderly women farm workers.

**SECTION 31. RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION.** The supports and efforts of civil society organization in promoting organic agriculture prior to this ordinance are recognized. To enhance promotion of organic agriculture in the municipality, support mechanisms shall be provided to sustain these efforts.

**SECTION 32. STRENGTHENING LAND OWNERSHIP AND LAND TENURE OF FARMERS.** The implementation of existing agrarian reform laws shall continue with the aim of redistributing land to the landless farmers and farm workers. In addition, existing land tenurial instruments, where this is applicable in this municipality that involve the grant of rights to vast tracts of the public domain, in the renewal thereof, preferences shall be given to organic farmer's group living near the areas including those who are already occupying the land as farm tenants and workers.

**SECTION 33. SUPPORT TO SERVICES TO SMALL FARMERS.** Mechanisms shall be adopted to ensure support to small farmers who wish to engage in organic agriculture, for training, production, marketing and branding, including financial management and accounting, among other necessary skills to develop an organic agriculture products that will secure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade.

**CHAPTER VIII  
PROHIBITED ACTS**


**SECTION 34. PROHIBITED ACTS.** Aside or in addition to other unlawful acts punishable under this ordinance, following acts or deeds are prohibited and penalized under this ordinance, to wit:

1. Dispensing, selling and displaying for sale with the purpose or intention of deceiving the buying public any fake, counterfeit, phony or impure farm or animal product marking, declaring or advertising this to be organically produced even if no sale is consummated.
2. Knowingly or deliberately dispensing, selling or displaying for sale any vegetable or animal product beyond the allowable content of any synthetic chemical or substance or any of its derivative, component or element.
3. Intentionally or deliberately refusing or disallowing or barring inspection of organic farm or that which is declares to be such or the products thereat.
4. Mixing or combining the production or cultivation or the employment or use of organic production practices with conventional farming techniques in the designated organic farm; and

  
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5. Any other act or deed intentionally or deliberately employed or resorted to frustrate, defeat or undermine the promotion and advancement of organic agriculture in this municipality.

CHAPTER IX  
PENAL PROVISION

SECTION 35. PENAL PROVISION. Without prejudice to the imposition of the penalty as provided for under Republic Act 10068, otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" against any guilty violator thereof, a fine of Five Hundred (P 500.00) Pesos for the 1<sup>st</sup> Offense, One Thousand (P 1,000.00) Pesos for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense and One Thousand Five Hundred (P 1,500.00) Pesos for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense.

SECTION 36. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulation or parts thereof whose provisions are in conflict with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 36. EFFECTIVITY- This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.


Enacted, November 11, 2019.


I hereby attest to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

  
FLORITO D. BERNARDO  
Temporary Secretary

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
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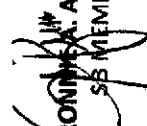
  
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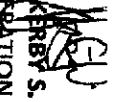
  
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