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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 63RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE 15TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF STA. TERESITA, CAGAYAN HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 28, 2020** AT THE SB SESSION HALL.

Present: Hon. Ruben P. Fagela - Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer
 Hon. Jefferson M. Javier - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. William A. Lorenzo - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Mark Anthony P. Palor - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Conrado P. Tabaco - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Gloria O. Baldiviso - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Rhudel A. Castillo - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Jose I. Gonzaga - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Jethro S. Tibuc - Sangguniang Bayan Member
 Hon. Aider M. Javier - ABC President/Ex-Officio Member
 Hon. Guevarra J. Gregorio - SK Federation President/Ex-Officio Member

Absent: None

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10068 otherwise known as An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines and for other purposes was enacted into law by both the Senate and the House of Representatives on February 01, 2010 ;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 02 dated January 2013 jointly issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Department of Agriculture has enjoined all Local Government Units (LGUs) to implement RA 10068 in their respective jurisdiction. It also provides roles and responsibilities of the LGUs in the implementation of the National Agriculture Program under the said Act;

WHEREAS, shifting back to traditional ways of producing Agricultural crops would result in the production of healthy food on the table for our constituents;

WHEREAS, organic farming would be a great help in the preservation and protection of the state of our Environment especially in Agricultural areas in the Country;

WHEREAS, the unabated use of chemicals in the production of Agricultural crops has significantly contributed in the worsening effects of climate change and global warming in various parts of the global village, thus, this now serves as a wake-up call for those in Agriculture Sector to shift to the traditional ways of raising crops;

WHEREAS, preserving and protecting the Environment should be the utmost concern of farmers and going back to organic farming is a step towards contributing to the efforts on how to negate the effects of climate change;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Conrado P. Tabaco with the accord of the majority;

RESOLVE, as it is hereby resolved by the August Body to enact the following Ordinance to wit:



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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23
SERIES OF 2020**

"AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. TERESITA, CAGAYAN"

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "***Organic Agriculture Ordinance of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan 2020***".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The municipal Government of Sta. Teresita adheres to 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 destruction of environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources and further protect the health of our farmers, consumers and general public. The municipal Government will mainstream organic agricultural practice in the barangays.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to institutionalize Republic Act 10068 in the municipality of Sta. Teresita. It would ensure the productions of healthy foods derive from vegetables and fruits produced by our farmers and mitigate the harmful effects of the use of chemical farm inputs thus, protecting our environment.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this ordinance the following terms shall be defined as follows:

a.) **Organic Agriculture-** includes all Agricultural systems that promote the ecologically sound, socially acceptable, economically viable and technically feasible production of food and Fishery (Section 3(b) of Republic Act. 10068)

b.) **Municipal Organic Agriculture Board (MOAB)** – the policy-making body under the National Organic Agriculture Program attach to the Department of Agriculture which shall provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program.

c.) **Organic Agriculture Zones** – protected areas identified by the Municipal Organic Agriculture Board where organic farming is implemented.

SECTION 5. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. To carry out such declared policy and for an effective implementation of this ordinance, there shall be created a Technical Committee which shall be composed of the following:

Chairman: Municipal Mayor

Members: Chairperson - Sangguniang Bayan, Committee on Agriculture
Municipal Agriculturist
Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
Sta. Teresita Division Superintendent
Provincial Director - Department Of Science Technology Officer



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Provincial Director – Department of Trade and Industry
Municipal Health Officer
Municipal Engineer
Chairman – Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council
Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO) – Department of the Interior and Local Government
Municipal Agriculture Focal Person
3 Farmer Representatives
Agri-Business Representative
The Municipal Agriculture Office shall serve as Secretariat

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Municipal Organic Agriculture Committee (MOAC) shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a.) Establish linkages with other agencies, government or private and NGOs to promote organic farming in the Municipality.
- b.) Recommend doable measures to develop and promote organic farming.
- c.) Formulate research and development agenda for organic agriculture for long term plan reference.
- d.) Disseminate information on organic farming.
- e.) Hold regular meetings at least once a month to discuss and deliberate concerns affecting the implementation of organic farming programs.
- f.) Formulate policies, plans, programs and projects to develop and promote organic agriculture, production and processing in the Municipality.
- g.) Identify and recommend areas or zones where organic agriculture program shall be undertaken.
- h.) Oversee the successful implementation of the Municipal Organic Agriculture Program.
- i.) Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the promotion and development and Organic Agriculture in Municipality.

SECTION 7. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ZONES – For the effective implementation of this ordinance, there are hereby identified agriculture zones that will be protected from encroachment and contamination using chemical based farm inputs including contamination of genetically engineered crops and other similar activities.

SECTION 8. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TRAINING CENTERS. The Municipal Government of Sta. Teresita through the Municipal Agriculturist's Office shall establish, recognize and support Organic Centers including those initiated by the Private Sector that will promote market and develop Organic Agriculture. The training center of the Municipality shall be the venue for the transfer of Agricultural Technology like trainings on pocket of Technology on Organic Agriculture and Agri-business.

SECTION 9. ORGANIC GENE/SEED BANK . The municipal government of Sta. Teresita, Cagayan through the Municipal Agriculturist's Office in coordination with Non-Government Organizations shall establish an Organic Gene/Seed Bank which will produce and supply organic seeds to farmers.

SECTION 10. SUPPORT SERVICES TO ORGANIC FARMERS . The Municipal Government of Sta. Teresita shall ensure support to organic farmers who wish to engage in organic agriculture such as training, production, marketing and branding to develop an agriculture product that will ensure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade.



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SECTION 11. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADING POSTS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS AND INPUTS . There shall be established dedicated stalls in the Municipal Public Market and Special Market Day for Organic Products. If possible a trading post for organic inputs for sale comply with the standard specifications established by the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) through the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards of the Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts thereby shall continue to remain valid and in effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

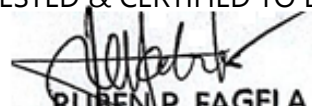
SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect after 15 days of posting and broadcasting at the community radio station of the municipality.

APPROVED.

I CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance:


JOVY P. TACTAC
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED & CERTIFIED TO BE ORDAINED:


RUBEN P. FAGELA
Municipal Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED, this day of October 9, 2020:


ATTY. RODRIGO P. DE GRACIA, CESE
Municipal Mayor

APPROVED by Sangguniang Panlalawigan under Resolution No. 2020-10-738