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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. <u>06,</u> SERIES of 2023

"AN ORDERANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HALINA'T MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG"

WHEREAS, the economy of the country depends heavily on the agricultural sector, thus challenges encountered especially by farmers, have negative effects on the food security in the country;

WHEREAS, given its geographic location, the Philippines experienced numerous threats to food security brought about by strings of natural calamities that have rendered farm produce unusable or increased food prices due to food shortage;

WHEREAS, to address the problem of hunger and food insecurity in the community, the National Government enacted several laws and implemented various initiatives and strategies to ensure sustainable and resilient production and food availability in the community;

WHEREAS, the project HAPAG aims to increase barangay's capacity for sustainable agriculture activities by strengthening the barangay community garden, which would encourage homes and communities to grow fresh fruits and vegetables;

WHEREAS, in support of the thrust of the current administration and cognizant of the role of barangays as essential partners of the national government in contributing to addressing hunger and ensuring food security in the barangay, the national government, through the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) introduced the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa Barangay Project and thus enjoins the LGUs thru their component barangays to adopt and institutionalize the same in their programs;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SB Member Joe S. Ramos, duly seconded;

BE IT ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bayambang in session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "HAPAG" Ordinance of Bayambang.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms as used in this Ordinance shall mean as follows:

- (a) Aeroponics an integration of aquaculture (fish-farming) with hydroponics. Creates symbolic relationship between the plants and the fish. It uses the nutrient-rich waste from fish tanks to "fertigate" hydroponic production beds, and hydroponic bed cleans water for fish habitats.
- (b) Aquaponics refers to a bio system that incorporates recirculated aquaculture (fish-farming) with hydroponic vegetable and herbs production to create a symbolic relationship between the plants and the fish.
- (c) Barangay Community Garden refers to a piece of land or several purposes of planting and growing vegetables in containers for personal consumption.
- (d) **Container Gardening** refers to micro model farming where a family unit or household is producing fruits and vegetables in containers for personal consumption.

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- (e) Fruit Bearing Tree Planting refers to planting of fruit-bearing trees for food production purposes such as papaya, bananas, mango, avocado, jackfruit, guyabano, production purposes, mulberry, etc.
 - Hydroponics method of growing food using mineral nutrients solutions in water without soil (soilless-based).
- (g) Square Foot Gardening is a simple method of creating small, orderly, and highly productive kitchen gardens.
- (h) Vertical Gardening refers to a special kind of urban gardening suitable for small spaces, particularly for decorating the walls and roof in various styles. It is an alternative method gardening by expanding the scope of growing plants in a vertical space.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is hereby declared a policy of the Municipality of Bayambang to enjoin all the 77 barangays in establishing their respective Barangay Community Gardens as part of the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) project of the municipality.

SECTION 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF BARANGAY COMMUNITY GARDENS. Pursuant to the declared policy in this ordinance, all barangays shall establish their Barangay Community Gardens in accordance with the following guidelines:

- (a) The community garden shall be established in an available site to be determined by the Sangguniang Barangay. It shall have at least a minimum of two hundred (200) square meters of land or its equivalent in several patches of land;
- (b) In establishing the community garden, the barangay shall identify which vegetable plants (e.g. Leafy vegetables, fruit bearing plants, etc.) herbal plants, root crops (e.g. sweet potato, cassava, garlic, onion, etc.) thy wish to grow;
- (c) Barangays with suitable spaces are hereby encouraged to plant bamboos (kawayan);
- (d) Barangays that do not have vacant areas, shall implement alternative gardening such as container gardening, hydroponics, aquaponics, and aeroponics;
- (e) Barangays are encouraged to coordinate and request from the LGU for any vacant property owned by the local government or private individuals who own a certain vacant/idle lot that can be used to establish the barangay community garden;
- (f) The barangay shall encourage their residents to set up their family vegetable garden and/or plant fruit bearing trees in any available open spaces;

SECTION 5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LGU.

- (a) Ensure the formulation, revision or updating of the local nutrition plan of action, to include and support the establishment of and maintenance of community gardens (this includes both the barangay and household gardens);
- (b) Implement, monitor, and evaluate the local nutrition plan which includes, but are not limited to the provision of technical assistance to barangays to promote basic agriculture through natural farming to serve as food baskets or main source of vegetables to sustain the dietary needs of the community as well as households, provision of agricultural services and facilities to the barangays;
- (c) Include in the comprehensive development plan, as well as in the local development and annual investment programs, applicable programs and activities to promote nutrition such as the establishment and maintenance of barangay community gardens, to ensure adequate funding for nutritional impact;



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- (d) Ensure the organization, and strengthening of the Municipal Nutrition Committee with the local chief executive as chairperson through the enactment of a local ordinance or **Uss**uance of an Executive Order to that effect;
- The Local Chief Executive, through an appropriate order, shall designate a Municipal Nutrition Action Officer, preferably on a full-time basis with the corresponding staff support to coordinate nutrition action and implement one or more components of the local nutrition action plan, as may be needed;
- (f) Provide technical and financial assistance to barangays, particularly in the implementation of agricultural activities and provision of agricultural support services;
- (g) Provide agricultural support services and facilities to the barangays such as, but not limited to, vegetable seed farms, fruit-tree and other kinds of seedling nurseries; improvement and development of local distribution channels, preferable through cooperatives; inter-barangay irrigation system; prevention and control of plant pests and diseases, assistance in the organizations of cooperatives, among others;
- (h) Promote vegetable production and consumption of crops existing naturally in the area;
- (i) Encourage the residents in the barangay to set up their family vegetable garden and/or plan fruit-bearing trees in available open spaces;
- (j) The Local Chief Executive shall issue and Executive Order designating an inspection and monitoring team for the establishment of community gardens in the barangays;

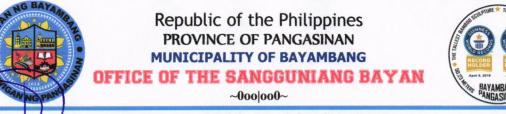
SECTION 6. OPEN SPACES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Public schools shall develop a vegetable gardening area within the school premises. Fresh produce shall be incorporated in healthy canteen food programs of the said school; or used in feeding or donation/relief programs of the school.

This shall be implemented in partnership with the Parent-Teacher Association of the said school.

SECTION 7. PRIVATE OPEN SPACES. Idle lots owned by private individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of the 77 barangays, may convert their lots into a vegetable garden wither by them or by the Barangay through any form of legal arrangement with the owner until such time that development on the lot shall commence.

SECTION 8. COLLABORATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. The efforts of the civil society organizations in promoting organic gardening prior to the passage of this ordinance are recognized. The Barangay are encouraged to enjoin the participation of the private sector in the promotion, propagation development and implementation of organic agriculture from production and use of agricultural bio-system techniques.

SECTION 9. CAPACITY BUILDING. To sustain broaden the base for the implementation of this ordinance within sixty (60) calendar days from the effectivity of this ordinance and periodically thereafter, the barangay shall coordinate with the Municipal Agriculturist on the conduct of orientation, seminars and trainings for the development and proper care of the barangay community garden.



SECTION 10. PROMOTION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE. Pursuant to Municipal Ordinance No. 16, Series of 2021, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYAMBANG, PANGASINAN", the 77 barangays shall endeavor to promote organic gardening by utilizing new technologies and taking advantage of ecological solid waste.

SECTION 11. SUSTAINABILITY AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION. The Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC) of the barangays shall maintain record of stunted children ages 0-59 months and shall be the primary beneficiaries of the organic produce of the barangay community gardens. Beneficiaries may also include the indigent members of the community. Documentation on distribution shall be prepared and submitted on a monthly basis by the Sangguniang Barangay Kagawad Chairman on Agriculture to the Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS).

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION. The barangay shall appropriate and substantial budget to ensure the implementation of this Ordinance and to support the Barangay Community Gardening.

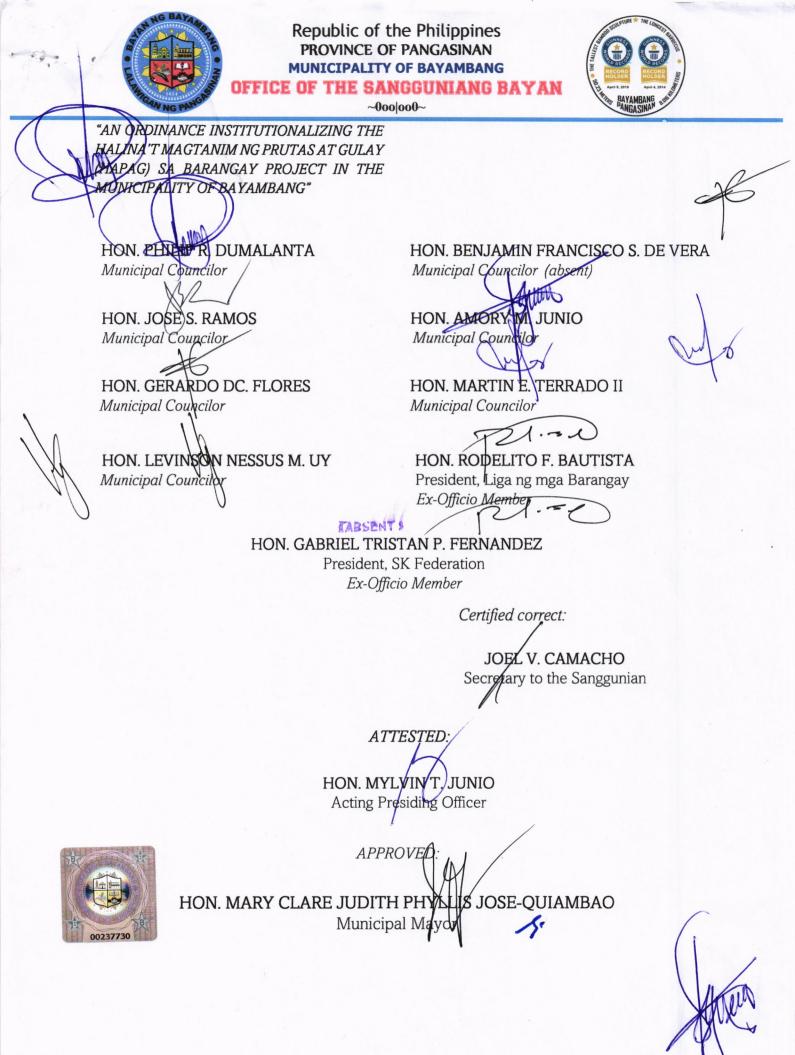
SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. In the event that any part or provision of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other ordinances or provisions thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted this 13th day of June, 2023.

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