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Province of Sorsogon  
**CITY OF SORSOGON**



*Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod*

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SEVENTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019.**

**PRESENT:**

**HON. MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

**BACON DISTRICT**

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda  
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

**EAST DISTRICT**

Hon. Mary Ellen D. Jamisola  
Hon. Franco Eric O. Ravanilla  
Hon. Joven G. Laura

**WEST DISTRICT**

Hon. Nestor J. Baldon  
Hon. Rebecca D. Aquino

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

ABC Pres. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Hilario D. Dioneda  
Hon. Melchor P. Atutubo  
Hon. Ralph Walter R. Lubiano – on Official Business  
Hon. Erwin J. Duana  
Hon. Fernando David H. Duran, III  
SK Fed. Pres. Lorenz S. Abenion

***Resolution No. 205, Series of 2019***  
(Author: Hon. Erwin J. Duana)

**RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE SORSOGON CITY FARMERS FERTILIZER LOAN ASSISTANCE WITH SUBSIDY AND COMPULSORY REQUIRING THEM FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THEIR PALAY AND OTHER CROPS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippine all the local Government units to exercise just about any power that will benefit, their constituents such as powers expressly granted the Code, powers necessarily implies there from those powers necessarily appropriate or efficient and effective governance and those power essential to the promotion of the general welfare of inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, Section 458 of the same code, empowers the Sangguniang Panlungsod to enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants;

**WHEREAS**, according to Philippine Statistics, Authority the agriculture sector remain the backbone of the Philippine Economic and in 2014 it accounted for 11-3 percent of the country's domestic product and about two-thirds of the population is directly or indirectly involved in agriculture;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Statistic Authority attested further that despite the vastness of the sector, farmers among the poorest in the country with poverty incidence in 2014 at 40.7 percent, next to fisherman whose poverty incidence is at 43.2 percent and this include farmers of the City of Sorsogon;

**WHEREAS**, among contributory factors to the prevalence of poverty among Sorsogon City Farmers are the persistent typhoons and other natural disasters that batter our city almost annually and severely affected production that is mostly their source of income;

**WHEREAS**, in addition the effect of the climate change phenomenon further damage crops the economic conditions of our farmers;

**WHEREAS**, the City Government of Sorsogon has a declared policy to support, give priority to the development of agriculture and it shall provide the necessary support mechanism towards the attainment of the socio-economic endeavors of our city farmers;

**WHEREAS**, in pursuance of this policy, the city Government of Sorsogon under the leadership of Hon. Ester E. Hamor is committed to support agriculture appropriate policies adequate financial support mechanisms and to enhance agricultural productivity in the city;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on Motion of **Hon. Erwin J. Duana** duly seconded by **Hon. Danilo A. Deladia**, resolve as it is hereby resolved to enact an ordinance providing the Sorsogon City farmers fertilizers loan assistance with subsidy and compulsory requiring them for insurance coverage of their palay and other crops in the City of Sorsogon to ensure food security and appropriating funds thereof".

## ***City Ordinance No. 016, Series of 2019***

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE SORSOGON CITY FARMERS FERTILIZER LOAN ASSISTANCE WITH SUBSIDY AND COMPULSORY REQUIRING THEM FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THEIR PALAY AND OTHER CROPS IN THE CITY OF SORSOGON TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

Be it ordained in the 7<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod in session that:

**Section 1. Title - This ordinance shall be known as "Sorsogon City Farmers Fertilizer Loan Assistance Ordinance of 2019".**

**Section 2. Declaration of Policy** - It shall be the policy of the City Government of Sorsogon to build prosperous agricultural communities with the necessary support to the agricultural sector thus alleviating poverty, ensure food security and spur economic growth in the City.

It is also the primordial responsibility of the City Government to provide the City farmers appropriate agricultural projects and programs that will ensure self-sufficiency and full development.

**Section 3. Objectives** - This Ordinance aims to uplift the standard of living of Farmers in the City of Sorsogon by:

1. Providing a subsidized fertilizer to small farmers;
2. Increase income and make rice farming economically viable;
3. Expand existing areas devoted to rice and develop new areas as alternative area of production;
4. Eliminate rice scarcity and high rice production cost throughout the city; and
5. Compulsory require our City Farmers to avail the insurance incentives such as Department of Agriculture thru the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation.

**Section 4. Methodology** - Through this ordinance, the targeted farmer-beneficiaries will be eligible to borrow the required bags of fertilizer depending on the paddy/farm size after proper identification and validation. Depending on the date of planting, targeted farmer-beneficiaries will pay 50% of the total fertilizer cost with no interest; the remaining 50% will be the percent of subsidy to be shouldered by the city government. This Farm input ordinance will be implemented to improve the welfare of potential farmer-stakeholders. The city government through the Office of the City Agriculturist will be actively involved in the implementation of this ordinance and to include public information and dissemination campaign, crafting of policies guidelines related thereto, documentation, impact assessment to farmers, fertilizers distribution and assisting the city farmers in compliance to the compulsory insurance registration to other government entity.

To encourage farmers to apply adequate fertilizers to their rice plants, the City Government of Sorsogon will provide Fertilizer Loan Assistance with subsidy, a scheme wherein fertilizer subsidy will be the main policy instrument. This fertilizer subsidy policy will be the agricultural intervention policy of the City Government to increase productivity and income of the less economically dependent sector of the city.

To successfully implement this ordinance, the following policies measures shall be undertaken:

1. Formulation of fertilizer subsidy policy among the staff of the Office of the City Agriculturist;
2. Prepare communication letters, contract agreement and other necessary and pertinent documents related thereto;
3. Discussion of the plan to the targeted would be beneficiaries (individual farmers, cooperatives and farmers associations;
4. Coordination with the concerned barangays (to ensure the smooth conduct of activity, with the support of the staff and the whole organizing team shall conduct close coordination with concerned stakeholders); and

5. The Office of the City Agriculturist will conduct the full implementation of the ordinance.

**Section 6. Implementation Guidelines** - The following will be the policy/guidelines in the implementation of the ordinance:

1. The Fertilizer-subsidy scheme will be discussed after identification and validation of targeted farmer-beneficiary;
2. The farmer beneficiary must be willing to sign the contract agreement by and between the City Government of Sorsogon represented by the City Mayor;
3. Depending on the date of harvest, the farmer beneficiary shall pay 50% of the total amount of fertilizer loaned with no interest at the City Treasurer's Office (in cash); and
4. In the event that the farmer-beneficiary fails to pay or violates any terms in the contract agreement the latter shall be ineligible to avail in the next implementation of the program.

**Section 7. Guidelines in the Selection of Beneficiaries** - The program the following will be the guidelines in the selection of beneficiaries:

1. The farmer-beneficiaries must be a resident of Sorsogon City as evidenced by any document that would attest his/her residency;
2. The farmer-beneficiary must be included in the master list as earlier submitted;
3. The farmer-beneficiary must own an agricultural land (may it be in the concept of an owner or tenancy) as evidenced by the land title, tenancy agreement or any documents that would attest to his/her ownership;
4. The farmer-beneficiary must be willing to sign the contract agreement by and between the City Government and abide by the responsibilities enumerated therein; and
5. The farmer-beneficiary must not be criminally charged with estafa and any other form of deceptions.

**Section 8. Appropriation** - This ordinance shall have a budgetary requirement of **Ten Million Pesos (P10,000,000.00)** chargeable to any available city government funds and shall be included in the executive budget of year 2020 and shall be included also in the City Annual Investment Plan.

**Section 9 – Repealing Clause** - All ordinances, resolutions and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10 – Separability Clause** - If for any reason or reason, any part of provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid parts of provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 11. Effectivity** - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

**DATE APPROVED: November 19, 2019**


**I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.**

  
**NOEL G. DREU**  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested:

  
**MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved:

  
**MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**  
City Mayor