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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL, CABID AN, EAST DISTRICT, SORSOGON CITY ON NOVEMBER 22, 2022.

PRESENT:

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

WEST DISTRICT

Hon. Peter Joseph J. Ravanilla
Hon. Nestor J. Baldon
Hon. Bryan J. Pingul
Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon

EAST DISTRICT

Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

BACON DISTRICT

Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda
Hon. Glenn P. Olbes
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Bessie C. Diaz

ABSENT:

Hon. Reynaldo C. Taladtad – on sick leave
Hon. Lester R. Lubiano – on official business
Hon. Renalene Mae J. Duka – on official business

Resolution No. 445, Series of 2022

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RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP (AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP) PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED SECONDARY GRADUATE STUDENTS OF SORSOGON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE FOR THE PURPOSE

WHEREAS, the state gives importance to education in adherence to the 1987 Philippine Constitution, under Article II, Section 17, which states: “The state shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports, to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress and promote total liberation and development”;

WHEREAS, this measure envisions to lead in promoting the development of a robust agriculture sector in the local communities that meets the challenges of food security and safety, poverty, climate change and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, the program shall provide the agri-scholars, the local agriculture industry and the city government itself an acquaintance and familiarity of the most updated and modern information, knowledge and researches in agribusiness, agricultural science, sustainable agriculture, agriculture education and agricultural resource management;

WHEREAS, the state recognizes the vital role of the youth in the nation-building, thus, the Constitution mandates the promotion of their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social being;

WHEREAS, the state further mandates the formulation, adoption and implementation of an integrated and coordinated youth development program which is responsive to the needs and involvement of the youth in the affairs of the state;

WHEREAS, RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, authorizes the Sangguniang Panlungsod to establish a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving students in schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the city. (RA 7160, Section 458 (5)(xi))

WHEREAS, every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom; as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare; Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Ma. Teresa D. Perdigon**, duly seconded by Hon. Jo Abegail C. Dioneda resolved as it is hereby resolve to enact an ordinance institutionalizing the Agricultural Scholarship (Agri-Scholarship) Program for qualified secondary graduate students of Sorsogon City and appropriating funds therefore for the purpose.

City Ordinance No. 012, Series of 2022

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP (AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP) PROGRAM FOR QUALIFIED SECONDARY GRADUATE STUDENTS OF SORSOGON CITY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE FOR THE PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in session assembled:

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

SECTION 1 TITLE

This ordinance shall be known as “the **SORSOGON CITY AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP ORDINANCE (SCASO) OF 2022**”

SECTION 2 DECLARATION OF POLICIES

It is a declared policy of this ordinance that in order to attain genuine progress, the City Government of Sorsogon should ensure that the lives of at least of its constituents are uplifted, the opportunities for economic progress be rationalized, democratized and distributed in a rational and community- based approach.

The City Government of Sorsogon promotes the improvement of local education system as among its tool in poverty-alleviation campaign and social development.

SECTION 3 **OBJECTIVES**

This measure aims to attain genuine progress in the barangays and families in local agriculture sector which are identified and belonged to what is commonly/popularly known as “laylayan” in the remote communities. Recipients are given the opportunity to enrol agriculture courses that maybe in the form or concept on agribusiness, agricultural science, sustainable agriculture, agriculture education and agricultural resources management. Agriculture courses shall be available as declared and identified by the Board as the most essential or vital courses for the development of the local agricultural system.

The ordinance aims to ensure that the lives of at least of its constituents are uplifted, the opportunities for economic progress are rationalized, democratized and distributed in a rational and community- based approach through empowerment of the agriculture sectors.

SECTION 4 **COVERAGE**

The agri-scholarship program of the city government of Sorsogon shall cover all academic agricultural bachelors and major courses available as declared and identified by the Board as the most essential or vital courses for the development of the local agricultural system/industry, that maybe enrolled in all schools of agriculture within the province or in the region that offer education, research and instruction in basic and applied agriculture science, such as but not limited to natural resources, basic horticulture, animal science, soils and pesticides and food system.

SECTION 5 **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

The following terms and phrases shall be defined, as follows:

- a. **ACADEMIC** -pertaining to higher education after senior high school or secondary education.
- b. **AGRONOMY** -the science of the cultivation and management of crop producing land.
- c. **ANIMAL SCIENCE COURSE** -depending on the focus of the agriculture program, animal science classes may focus on all animals or to be specific to farm animals with specific topics in animal products, animal feeding and breeding.
- d. **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE** -a four-year degree program in the Philippines that is concerned with applying the principle of science, ethics and business management in the production, development and processing of plants and animals used for food, recreation, industrial and medical purposes. It provides education on scientifically-based sustainable agriculture. Students specialize in various areas and fields such as agriculture system, agricultural extension, agronomy, animal science, entomology, horticulture, plant pathology, soil science and landscape agroforestry.
- e. **BASIC HORTICULTURE COURSE** -is a science that studies plants, gardening and natural growth. Specific topics include plant production, pruning, regulation of plant growth and storage processes.
- f. **BOARD** -the City Agri-Scholarship Board

- g. **EDUCATION** -the process of learning and training, a course or type of instructions, theory or practice as imparted in schools.
- h. **ENTOMOLOGY** -the science that treats of insects and their ways of living.
- i. **FOOD SYSTEMS COURSE** -includes understanding food system and processes as it relates to the current economy, health factors and regulatory laws.
- j. **NATURAL RESOURCES COURSE** -covers topics pertaining to forestry, soils and wildlife.
- k. **PATHOLOGY** -the science of diseases.
- l. **PHYSIOLOGY** -the science that treats of the vital functions performed by the organs of animals and plants.
- m. **PLACEMENT AND CAREER GUIDANCE** -matching the employment interest of the beneficiary scholars with paramount consideration to domestic and international market demand on human resources.
- n. **SCAP** -Sorsogon City Agri-Park
- o. **SCASO** –Sorsogon City Agri-Scholarship Ordinance
- p. **SCHOLARSHIP** -a grant to a qualified recipient through competitive examination or selection and academic achievement/s.
- q. **SECRETARIAT** -the City Agri-Scholarship Secretariat
- r. **SOILS AND PESTICIDES COURSE** -learning about soils and pesticides to understand the chemical make-up and effect on crop growth. It covers conservation of water and soil, fertilizer use and soil formation.
- s. **TOXICOLOGY** -the science that treats of poisons and their antidotes.

CHAPTER II
THE ACADEMIC AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SECTION 6 INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

It is hereby established and institutionalized the academic agri-scholarship program of the City Government of Sorsogon which shall cater fifteen (15) regular agri-scholars annually, starting SY 2023-2024.

The following agricultural bachelor and major courses shall be made available to the applicants, subject however to the discretion and power or authority of the board to declare and identify courses that are essential and vital to the development of the local agriculture industry, to wit:

A. BACHELOR COURSES:

- a. Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
- b. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Biotechnology
- c. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Chemistry
- d. Bachelor of Science in Food Technology
- e. Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering
- f. Bachelor of Science in Agro Business Management
- g. Bachelor of Science in Fisheries
- h. Bachelor in Agricultural Education
- i. Bachelor of Science in Agro Forestry

B. MAJOR COURSES:

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| -Animal Science | -Soil Science | -Crop Science |
| -Agricultural Economics | -Pest Management | -Aquaculture |

- Agronomy
- Food Science
- Methods of Agricultural Research
- Crop Processing and Handling
- Soil and Water Management
- Post Harvest Handling and Seed Technology
- Agricultural Economics and Marketing
- Soil Survey, Classification and Land Use
- General Physiology and Toxicology
- Structural Instruction and amp; Environmental Sanitation
- Fundamentals of Agricultural Engineering
- Principles and Practices of Plant Breeding, Propagation and Nursery Management
- Plant Genetics Resources Conservation and Management
- Agricultural Policy and Development
- Entomology
- Plant Pathology
- Plant Breeding
- Farm Power and Machinery
- Agricultural and Bio-Processing
- Technology and Home Economics
- Agricultural Technology
- Biotechnology and Society
- Post Harvest Technology
- Horticulture

The agri-scholarship program shall cover all agricultural bachelors and major courses available as may be declared and identified by the Board as the most essential or vital courses for the development of the local agricultural system, that maybe enrolled in all agriculture schools within the province. Agricultural Courses and schools to be enrolled to by the qualified scholars shall be at their own choice and preference as long as they passed the entrance examination thereat.

When the desired agricultural bachelor and major course is not available in the province and the same is offered by any schools in the region, the recipient shall be allowed to enrol thereat. However, the Board may limit the application for a particular bachelor and major course/s in Agriculture, and instead declare and identify bachelor and major courses which are considered as essential and vital to the development of the local agriculture industry, to be filled-up thereto.

SECTION 7 DISTRICT-BASED SELECTION OF SCHOLARS

There shall have five (5) slots/scholars allotted to each and every geographical district (East, West and Bacon) of the city of Sorsogon, with a total of fifteen (15) scholars annually. Scholars must be graduates in any accredited public or private senior high school in the Philippines and must be bonafide residents of any of the geographical district of the city.

SECTION 8 APPLICANTS

The applicants can only avail of a slot allotted for the district if he or she is a graduate in any accredited public or private senior high school in the Philippines and must be bonafide resident of the same barangay and of the same district.

SECTION 9 QUALIFICATIONS

The academic Agri-Scholarship Program is open to all senior high school graduates of the City of Sorsogon. The applicant shall be admitted to the program only when:

1. He or she or the parents or grandparents (as guardians) have resided in any of the barangays in the district for at least six (6) months as of December immediately preceeding the screening and selection process of the herein program;

2. The combined annual income of the parents of the applicant does not exceed one Hundred Thousand (P100,000.00) Pesos a year as reflected in the family's BIR Income Tax Return or certification issued by the BIR or by any concerned government agency;
3. The applicant or the parents who must be a farmer/s or fishermen do not own real properties other than residential land and the house as their residence, if any, as certified by the City Assessor;
4. The applicant has passed the entrance examination of any Agriculture School stationed in the Province of Sorsogon or in the region as the case maybe;
5. When the desired agricultural bachelor and major course is not available in the province and the same is offered by any schools in the region, the recipient shall be allowed to enrol thereat.

SECTION 10 **DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS**

For the purpose of being able to take the qualifying examination prescribed herein, the applicant shall be required to submit the following documents:

1. Duly accomplished application form with appropriate ID picture which shall state the barangay and the district.
2. Certification from the Punong Barangay that the applicant or the parents or grandparents have resided in the barangay for at least six (6) months as of December immediately preceeding the qualifying examination.
3. Certification from the Punong Barangay and the City Agriculturist that the applicant or the parent/s is/are registered farmers or fishermen.
4. Family's BIR Income Tax Return or certification issued by the BIR or by any concerned government agency.

After the applicant passed the qualifying examination, the applicant shall, in addition, submit the following:

1. Photo copy of Form 138
2. Personal Data Sheet/Personal Profile/Biodata
3. Health Certificate issued by the City Health Officer
4. Drug Test Result
5. Entrance Examination Result issued by the school of agriculture.

SECTION 11 **SELECTION PROCESS**

The allotted slots for each District shall be filled up by qualified applicants who are residents thereof.

In the event that there is/are slot/s unfilled after the distribution is made in accordance with the preceeding paragraph due to non-application or non-qualified applicant/s, such slot/s shall be granted to the applicant/s of the other district who also passed the screening/selection process conducted by the Board but did not qualify to his or her district.

The applicant who is granted a slot under the preceeding paragraph, shall as a condition for the scholarship grant, secure an endorsement from the city government and commit, sworn under oath that he or she will extend support, assistance and service to the district and to the city government after he or she has gained employment by reason of such scholarship benefits.

CHAPTER III
BENEFITS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SECTION 12 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The scholar shall comply with the following terms and conditions, to wit:

1. Must have full load of units per semester as required by the school.
2. Must have an average rating of 80% or its equivalent at the end of the school year.
3. Shall not incur any failing grade in any subject and in any semester.

Scholars shall finish or shall graduate within the prescribed number of years in the academic course he or she is enrolled to and in no case, he or she be allowed to shift to another course or to another school. Further, the incomplete grade of scholars shall be settled or completed prior to the next enrolment period, otherwise, the same is considered failed and subject for disqualification.

SECTION 13 **SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS**

The City Agri-Scholars shall be entitled to a monthly stipend in the amount of Ten Thousand (P10,000.00) Pesos, covering the expenses on semestral school payments/fees, books, school and shop/field uniforms, school supplies/shop tools, project materials and allowances.

SECTION 14 **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

The scholars shall be disqualified when:

1. Subjected to disciplinary action by school authorities due to flagrant and deliberate violation of any school rules and regulations.
2. Committed infraction of any local ordinance or national law.
3. Become member with any fraternity or sorority in or outside the school campus.
4. Obtain an average rating below 80% or its equivalent at the end of the school year.
5. Incur any failing grade in any subject and in any semester.
6. Become recipient of another scholarship program.

Any Scholar who fails to comply with the requirements, terms and agreements set forth by this ordinance and by the Memorandum of Agreement to that effect, shall be disqualified.

SECTION 15 **PLACEMENT AND CAREER GUIDANCE**

The City Government of Sorsogon shall coordinate with concerned government agencies for the placement or career guidance for purposes of matching the employment interest in agriculture of each and every scholar.

SECTION 16 **PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOLARS**

The scholars shall have the following privilege and responsibilities, to wit:

1. Enrol in the course he/she applied to;

2. Submit a photocopy of the enrolment form to the Secretariat;
3. Must sign the Memorandum of Agreement and shall abide with the condition set forth in the MOA;
4. Submit proofs of payment and/or an official receipts of his or her expenses from monetary benefits issued to him/her;
5. The grantee must maintain no failing grade in any subject;
6. Must not drop out of school;
7. Must coordinate always with the Secretariat as to the progress of their studies and shall submit their grades after each semester;
8. Must attend meeting/trainings and actively participate in activities of the City Government of Sorsogon.

SECTION 17 PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

The successful Academic Agri-Scholars shall enjoy preference in employment in the City Government of Sorsogon especially at the Office of the City Agriculture.

**CHAPTER IV
THE SORSOGON CITY AGRI-PARK
(SCAP)**

SECTION 18 ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY AGRI PARK

The City Government, shall during the operation of this program establish and maintain an agri-park. The SCAP and its location shall be suitable for the management and maintenance of facilities for organic farming, plant/crop and animal breeding, cross-breeding, greenhouses, screenhouses, experimental areas, laboratory works and other agricultural researches and undertakings. The agri-park shall be identified by the board and shall be operated, managed and maintained by the Office of the City Agriculturist.

SECTION 19 SUMMER PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOLARS

Scholars are hereby obliged to complete thirty (30) working days of duty/service every end of the school year at the SCAP. It shall be construed as group activities of the scholars in the application of theoretical and applied knowledge learned at the school. The summer program for the scholars shall be determined by the board and under the supervision of the Secretariat. A certificate of completion to that effect shall be issued by the Secretariat and shall be presented upon enrolment for the ensuing school year.

SECTION 20 RESEARCHES, INVENTIONS, INNOVATIONS, DESIGNS AND EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES

The scholars during summer and in the performance of its obligatory service thereon shall undertake agricultural researches, inventions, innovations, designs and experimental studies in any field applying their theoretical and applied knowledge learned at the school. The board may also direct a particular individual scholar or scholars or as a group to conduct such agricultural activities or undertakings in any field the board may deemed it as essential or vital to a particular aspect of local agricultural system/industry.

Products, inventions, innovations, designs, discoveries and/or results of such undertakings shall be acquired and possessed by the city government as the lawful owner thereof. The same shall be shared and distributed to the barangays, registered and accredited Civil Society Organizations in agriculture sector in the city.

CHAPTER V ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 21 THE CITY AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP BOARD

It is hereby created the City Agri-Scholarship Board as the policy making body of the herein program and shall be composed of the following:

Chairman:	City Mayor
Vice Chairman:	City Agriculturist
Secretary:	Assistant City Agriculturist
Members:	
	SP Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture
	City Division Public Schools Superintended
	City Planning and Development Officer
	Representatives from Civil Society Organizations in agriculture sector

SECTION 22 MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The City Agri-Scholarship Board shall conduct its regular meetings every quarter of the year and majority of its officer and members present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 23 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

The Board shall have the following duties and functions.

1. To regularly monitor, evaluate and/or formulate policies and guidelines which will ensure that the scholarship program is strictly, effectively and efficiently implemented;
2. Declare and identify agriculture major courses that are essential or vital to the development of the local agriculture industry and thereby offer as available courses for the applicants to select.
3. To validate, evaluate and examine the list of scholars or beneficiaries of the program;
4. To screen and select applicants and thereby decide any questions relative thereto;
5. To approve applications of prospective scholars;
6. To endorse and recommend to the Sangguniang Panlungsod any amendments or modifications of this ordinance;
7. To issue policy or memorandum order/circular to the Secretariat and to scholars any directives to carry out the purpose and objectives of this ordinance;
8. To extend guidance counselling to the scholars and shall coordinate with the concerned government agencies for the placement or career guidance for purposes of matching the employment interest of the beneficiaries;
9. Supervise the distribution of slots reserved or allotted to every district;
10. Coordinate with other concerned agencies of the government and private entities necessary for the implementation and continuance of the program;
11. Perform such other functions and duties deemed it necessary and appropriate for the purpose.

SECTION 24**CITY AGRI-SCHOLARSHIP SECRETARIAT**

The City Mayor as the Local Chief Executive and in his capacity as the Head of the Board shall after the approval of this ordinance and through a resolution passed by the Board designate at least Six (6) employees in the Executive and Legislative Departments to assume the functions and duties of the Secretariat.

SECTION 25**OFFICE SPACE AND SUPPLIES**

The Secretariat shall be provided with the necessary office space and supplies and such other necessary provisions for the operation and maintenance thereof.

SECTION 26**THE PERSONNEL**

The personnel of the Secretariat as designated thereat, shall assume the functions and duties as herein prescribed without additional or increase of salary, allowances and other emoluments and incentives.

SECTION 27**FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARIAT**

The following are the functions and duties of the Secretariat, to wit:

1. To accept, evaluate and process of all applications pertaining to City Agri-Scholarship program;
2. Compile and kept all ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations and such other laws and administrative issuances pertaining to agricultural scholarship programs and made available to the public for reference purposes;
3. Provide technical assistance to the applicants and scholars;
4. Receive and review application forms and the prescribed mandatory attachments/documents;
5. Monitor, maintain and keep all records and database of the scholars;
6. Verify the veracity and validity of the applications submitted whether the same is in compliance with the prescribed requirements as imposed by this ordinance;
7. Submit detailed reports per semester on the progress of scholars and the programs to the Board;
8. Conduct home visit to the applicant/scholars and prepare a Case Study Report if necessary;
9. Monitor the scholars both in school and at home and see to it that he/she did not drop out from school;
10. Submit annual accomplishment report to the Board regarding the performance of the scholars as well as the status of the programs and may submit recommendations therewith;
11. Facilitate and ensure the payment of monthly stipend of the scholars;
12. Regularly and closely coordinate with the Scholarship Coordinator/Section of the schools where the scholars are enrolled;
13. Perform such other functions and duties deemed it necessary and appropriate and/or upon instructions of the Board may direct from time to time.

SECTION 28**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS**

The City Mayor being the Local Chief Executive and Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized to enter into Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the schools, scholars or with the parents/guardians as the case may be.

SECTION 29 FUNDING

In any case, every budget year after approval of this ordinance, it shall be mandatory on the part of the city government to appropriate adequate funds for the purpose, therefore, such appropriation being deemed a mandatory obligation, it shall be mandatory on the part of the City Budget Officer to allow the City Agri-Scholarship Board to present their estimates and budgetary plan for the incoming year before any allocation is provided in the annual budget for any succeeding year.

Provided further, that the allocation for this ordinance shall be considered as trust fund, and shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 30 REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 31 SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provision hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 32 EFFECTIVITY

This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and after compliance with the law on public dissemination and of publication.

DATE APPROVED : November 22, 2022

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


ROVAN E. DOMASIAN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


MARK ERIC C. DIONEDA
City Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor