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CITY OF SORSOGON



Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

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 MARCH 21, 2023.

PRESENT:

JO ABEGAIL C. DIONEDA
OIC- City Vice Mayor/ Temporary 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. Lester R. Lubiano
Hon. Angelu Magda P. Ravanilla

BACON DISTRICT

Hon. Reynaldo C. Taladtad
Hon. Glenn P. Olbes
Hon. Danilo A. Deladia

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Renalene Mae J. Duka

ABSENT:

Hon. Mark Eric C. Dioneda – Acting City Mayor
Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez – on official business
Hon. Mark Jayson D. Jamisola – on official leave
Hon. Bessie C. Diaz – on official business

Resolution No. 183, Series of 2023

(Authors: Hon. Maria Theresa S. Gonzalez and Hon. Danilo A. Deladia)

RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HALINA'T MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY AND PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, community farming/gardening has been the most attractive and practical means of growing fresh garden produce in one's backyard, especially during the lockdown period;

WHEREAS, to adapt to the "New Normal" established by the government, it has been noted that there is an increasing interest in the planting of backyard farm/garden products and maximizing small spaces amongst the residents, thus, developing interests, innovation and creativity in backyard and community gardening are now apparent, and must be taken advantage to encourage community cooperation;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the

nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code of 1991, states that, "Within their respective territorial jurisdictions, local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, backyard and community gardening is hereby promoted in the city being one of the practical and effective measures to address stability of food supply, alleviate poverty, foster social interaction among communities, and protect the environment through eco-friendly methods and other alternative and innovative gardening method;

WHEREAS, in addition thereof, this ordinance is in consonance with Memorandum Circular No. 2023-001 issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in relation to implementation of Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa Barangay Project;

WHEREAS, foregoing premises considered and after due deliberation on the matter, the 7th City Council deemed it necessary to pass a resolution enacting an ordinance institutionalizing the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (Hapag) aa Barangay, Providing Incentives and for other purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of **Hon. Danilo A. Deladia**, duly seconded by **the Hon. Nestor J. Baldon**, resolve, as it is hereby done to enact an ordinance to institutionalize the Halina't Magtanim Ng Prutas At Gulay (Hapag) Sa Barangay, Providing Incentives and for other purposes;

City Ordinance No. 015, Series of 2023

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HALINA'T MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY, PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 8th City Council session assembled that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE - This ordinance shall be known and cited as "**BACKYARD/COMMUNITY GARDEN ORDINANCE OF 2023**".

SECTION 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY - It is a declared policy of the City Government of Sorsogon to advance the right of its constituents to food security, sufficiency and safety. Towards this end, the local government institutionalizes backyard and community gardening as an attempt for self-reliance on food particularly vegetables. It shall also be the policy of the city to promote ecological well-being through the adoption and promotion of farming/gardening among the constituents, further protect the health of farmers, consumers and the general public, and save program for the promotion of community-based agriculture systems which include, among others, farmer produce such as compost, pesticides and other farm inputs, together with educational and promotional campaign for their use

and processing, as well as the adoption of agricultural system as a viable alternative shall be undertaken.

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. This ordinance shall have the following objectives to wit;

- 3.1 To create greener spaces in the midst of the City, curbing the increasing problem of air pollution and other negative impact of rapid urbanization;
- 3.2 To encourage urban agriculture that will reduce the cost required to transport food, making healthier foods more readily available to the public and provide food stability in the City;
- 3.3 To enhance green landscape adding to the aesthetics of the City;
- 3.4 To enhance productivity by making use of idle lots and open spaces by turning them into green spaces;
- 3.5 To alleviate poverty through self-sustaining programs such as backyard to table food programs, thereby encouraging residents to grow fresh produce in the comfort of their own spaces;
- 3.6 To reduce the carbon footprint of the City thereby mitigating the impacts of climate change, particularly flooding and extreme heat;
- 3.7 To support the local climate change action plan in the areas of food security and ecosystem/environmental stability; and
- 3.8 To create and maintain a network of green spaces in order to maintain a healthy biodiversity

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS - As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

1. **FAMILY HOME** – shall be synonymous with the word household. It shall refer to the house where the family resides;
2. **FOOD GARDEN** – shall refer to the growing of any kind of plants that produce edible leaves, fruits or tubers. It may also include medicinal herbs and plants.
3. **BACKYARD** – shall be used in its broad and general concept which includes any vacant land in any part of the home lot or community.
4. **GARDENING** – refers to the gardening/farming techniques in small spaces or open spaces which include the use of pots, bottles, etc. or the growing of crops plants in urban setting using appropriate acceptable technology.
5. **COMMUNITY OPEN SPACE** – non-buildable spaces in the community.
6. **HYDROPONICS** – refers to the growing of plants in nutrient solutions.
7. **COMPOSTING** – is a form of waste disposal where waste decomposes naturally under oxygen-rich conditions.
8. **FOODSCAPING** – edible landscaping or front yard farming; public or private property used to grow food.
9. **PUBLIC OPEN SPACES** – refers to the vacant lots and spaces owned and maintained by the government.
10. **BIO PESTICIDES** – are naturally occurring substances and microorganisms that control pests.
11. **CONVERSION** – the process of transforming a traditional or conventional farm into a farm for a period of three (3) to five (5) years
12. **FOOD SECURITY** – is the ability of the individual, household, and community to produce and/or access/acquire appropriate, abundant, nutritious and safe food on a regular basis using socially acceptable means.
13. **VERTICAL GARDEN** – green wall, a wall partially or fully covered with greenery that includes a growing medium such as soil.

SECTION 5. BACKYARD AND COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM – There is hereby established a Backyard and Community Gardening Program which consists of the following:

- a. Voluntary backyard food garden for every family;
- b. Mandatory Community Gardening for every barangay and purok under the management of Barangay Officials under its Clean and Green Program;
- c. Training and mentoring on current technology and techniques for sustainable backyard and community gardening in rural/urban context, such as but not limited to, backyard plot gardening, self – watering bottle gardening, hydroponic, etc.;
- d. Use of fertilizers and pesticides;
- e. Compliance with the Solid Waste Management Ordinance;
- f. Incentives

SECTION 6. MANDATORY COMMUNITY GARDENING – It is hereby prescribed that each barangay of the City of Sorsogon shall establish their own community garden consisting of at least five (5) varieties of vegetables. However, barangays shall establish their garden in an appropriate setting in accordance with but not limited to Section 8 of this ordinance.

Every barangay and its purok shall establish its respective Community Gardening to be maintained, sustained and administered by barangay officials.

After three (3) months from the effectivity of this ordinance, all barangays and its puroks must have visible preparatory activities for food garden to include land and seedling preparation.

SECTION 7. VOLUNTARY FAMILY HOME BACKYARD GARDENING – Every household is hereby encouraged to establish voluntarily its own backyard food garden with at least three (3) varieties of vegetables.

SECTION 8. URBAN GARDEN DESIGN. Urban Gardens shall be in the form of the following:

- a. Rooftop garden;
- b. Window garden;
- c. Vertical or wall garden
- d. Pots and small containers gardening;
- e. Plots;
- f. Hydroponics
- g. Air plants

SECTION 9. USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OPEN SPACES – The City Government shall determine which public open spaces maybe use for community gardens. The development cost, operation and maintenance of these gardens shall be under the barangay where it is situated. Whenever possible, the willingness of the barangay where these open spaces are located shall be considered for possible adoption and turn over to the interested barangay.

Idle lots owned by private individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Sorsogon, without any development plan within the year, may convert their lots into a vegetable garden, either by them or by the city government or barangay

SECTION 18. PROMOTION OF URBAN AGRICULTURE. The City Agriculture Office shall endeavour to promote urban gardening by utilizing new technologies and taking advantage of ecological solid waste. The City Agriculture's Office shall endeavour to provide seeds and seedlings, fertilizers and biopesticides.

SECTION 19. "GULAYAN SA BAKURAN" AND "GULAYAN SA BARANGAY" CONTEST. The City Government may establish an annual citywide "Gulayan sa Bakuran" and "Gulayan sa Barangay" contest for Rural/Urban Family Backyard Gardening and Rural/Urban Community Gardening which may be included as one of the highlights in any milestone activity of the City with the showcase of fresh products from the garden/farm of the barangay. Such occasion shall be done during the Nutrition Month Celebration.

SECTION 20. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION. The City Agriculture Office through the Tanging Yaman Program and the City Environment and Natural Resources Office through the Gayon Sorsogon Program shall be the lead implementing agencies of this program.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION. The City Government of Sorsogon shall appropriate substantial budget to ensure the implementation of this ordinance and to support the Family and Community Gardening.

SECTION 22. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The City Mayor is hereby authorized to create a joint Executive – Legislative Technical Committee to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this ordinance upon its effectivity.

SECTION 23. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or any part(s) thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 24. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If for any 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 25. EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Sangguniang Panlungsod and after compliance with the law on public dissemination and of publication.

DATE APPROVED: March 21, 2023

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution and ordinance.


ROYAN E. DOMASIAN
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


JO ABEGAIL C. DIONEDA
OIC- City Vice Mayor/ Temporary Presiding Officer

Approved:


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor

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