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**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE SIXTH (6TH) REGULAR SESSION OF
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AT THE
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY,
BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.**

Present : Vice Mayor Josephine H. Sumangil - Evangelista, Presiding Officer
S.B. Member Miko C. Pelegrina
S.B. Member Janos S. Lapiz
S.B. Member Geronimo A. Ciceron
S.B. Member Marlo PJ A. Alipon
S.B. Member Mike Dexter A. Concio
S.B. Member Mark Lester B. Dizon
S.B. Member Cris Dayril B. Bagnes
S.B. Member Rodora P. Loares
S.B. Member Arlene P. delos Santos, Liga President
S.B. Member Jozylyn N. Manansala, SK Federation President
Secretary Dona T. Alborida
Ms. Felomina I. Lincallo, LLSO I

Absent : None

Visitor : Hon. Amelito G. Alimagno, City Councilor of Cabuyao City
Ms. Maria Adelfa Gomez, Mrs. Los Baños 2022
Ms. Andrea Clindizo


ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 2281

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ONLINE SELLING OF PESTICIDE-FREE AND ICS-GROWN HIGH VALUE CROPS (HVC) AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY LOCAL FARMERS AT THE MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE TRADING POST.

Author : Councilor Cris Dayril B. Bagnes

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991, under Section 17, Local Government Units shall endeavor to be self-reliant and shall continue exercising the powers and discharging the duties and functions currently vested upon them. They shall also discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them pursuant to this Code.

WHEREAS, Local Government Units shall likewise exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provision of the **basic services and facilities**.



WHEREAS, as provided in Republic Act 7160, Section 17.2.ix, basic services include public markets, slaughterhouses and other municipal enterprises.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Proclamation No. 929, imposed an Enhanced Community Quarantine throughout Luzon beginning 12 April 2020, unless earlier lifted or extended as circumstances may warrant, as response to the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, implementation of strict quarantine protocols due to Covid-19 pandemic negatively affected the economic activities in commercial centers and rural areas wherein movements, essential activities like buying food and other needs are constrained, and establishments have limited business hours and working below their operational capacity;

WHEREAS, as communities “live with the virus”, minimizing close social contacts will remain key to avoiding resurgence of infection. Consumer demand for food safety will be amplified which, on top of traditional concerns on pesticide residue, will place important emphasis on microbial contaminants especially against the corona virus causing Covid-19 disease (which can contaminate any point in the supply chain);

WHEREAS, online food delivery platforms in fresh and processed agricultural products value chains, which were on the rise even prior to the pandemic will most likely take the center stage in a “new normal” agricultural marketing scenario;

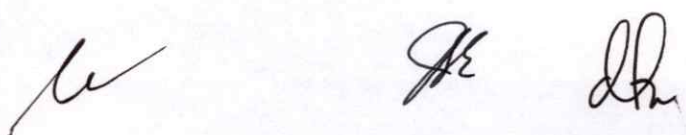
WHEREAS, this Ordinance will allow and help the local farmers to continue selling their produce in a lockdown scenario while prioritizing their own safety and the safety of the consumers;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Cris Dayril B. Bagnes duly seconded by Councilor Mark Lester B. Dizon and approved by all the Councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, in session assembled, THAT:

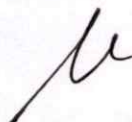
SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ONLINE SELLING OF PESTICIDE-FREE AND ICS-GROWN HIGH VALUE CROPS (HVC) AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY LOCAL FARMERS AT THE MUNICIPAL TRADING POST”.

SECTION 2. OBJECTIVE. To institutionalize the online selling of pesticide-free and ICS-grown high value crops (HVC) and other agricultural products produced by local farmers at the Municipal Trading Post under the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist to support pesticide-free and ICS-grown farmers and promote food safety in the Municipality.



SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As ruled in this Ordinance the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in their section, unless the context of their usage indicates otherwise:

- 3.1 **High-value crops (HVC)** – as defined in RA 7900 section 4.b., are crops other than traditional crops which include, but are not limited to: coffee and cacao, fruit crops (citrus, cashew, guyabano, papaya, mango, pineapple, strawberry, jackfruit, rambutan, durian, mangosteen, guava, lanzones, and watermelon), root crops (potato and ubi), vegetable crops (asparagus, broccoli, cabbage, celery, carrots, cauliflower, radish, tomato, bell pepper, and patola), legumes, pole sitao (snap beans and garden pea), spices and condiments (black pepper, garlic, ginger, and onion), and cutflower and ornamental foliage plants (chrysanthemum, gladiolus, anthuriums, orchids, and statice);
- 3.2 **Pesticide-free vegetables/fruits** - produced by means of alternative practices relative to conventional farming. Practices such as ecologically based pest control and use of biologically derived fertilizers from animal and plant wastes are the primary bases of this particular farming system;
- 3.3 **Internal Control System (ICS)** - grown vegetables/fruits - produced by using synthetic pesticides and fertilizers but within the bounds of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) set by the Philippine National Standard;
- 3.4 **Agricultural Product** – as defined in RA 7160 section 131.a, includes the yield of the soil, such as corn, rice, wheat, rye, hay, coconuts, sugarcane, tobacco, root crops, vegetables, fruits, flowers, and their by-products; ordinary salt; all kinds of fish; poultry; and livestock and animal products, whether in their original form or not;
- 3.5 **Food safety** - used as a scientific method/discipline describing handling, preparation, and storage of food in ways that prevent food-borne illness;
- 3.6 **Institutionalizing** - establish something, typically a practice or activity as convention or norm in an organization or culture.



SECTION 4. CREATION OF FARMERS' ASSOCIATION/COOPERATIVE. A Farmers' association is hereby created which shall be under the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist which shall have the following functions:

- 4.1 Act as implementing body of the online selling of pesticide-free and ICS-grown fruit and vegetable and other agricultural products at the municipal agriculture trading post under the supervision of the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist;
- 4.2 Improve the production and selling capabilities of pesticide-free and ICS-grown fruit and vegetable farmers;
- 4.3 Monitor the production and facilitate the processing and online selling of pesticide-free and ICS-grown fruit and vegetable and other agricultural products in times of selling day in the Municipal Agriculture Trading Post;
- 4.4 Establish and promote safe production and selling of pesticide-free and ICS-grown fruits and vegetables and other agricultural products in times of pandemic or disaster;
- 4.5 Protect pesticide-free and ICS-grown fruit and vegetable and other agricultural products farmers and their produce in the threat of pandemic and sickness until the products reach the consumers;
- 4.6 Protect and support the rights of pesticide-free and ICS-grown fruit and vegetable and other agricultural products farmers.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATION. The implementing body shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of this ordinance, subject to the approval of the Municipal Mayor. But notwithstanding the absence of implementing rules and regulations, this Ordinance shall be self-executory.

SECTION 6. OPERATING PERMISSIONS. This ordinance grants the following permissions to the implementing body in order to sustain the operations:

- 6.1 Farmers' Association/Cooperative members to use the amenities available in the Municipal Agriculture Trading Post in times of processing and selling of their produce under the supervision of the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist;
- 6.2 The utility cost of running the Municipal Agriculture Trading Post will be shouldered by the LGU.



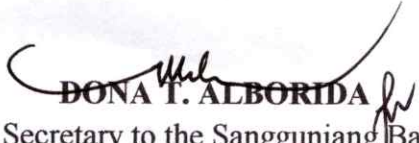
SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous ordinance contrary to, or inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.


SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take force and effect upon its approval.

ENACTED : February 15, 2022


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above –quoted Ordinance.


DONA T. ALBORIDA
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:


HON. JOSEPHINE H. SUMANGIL - EVANGELISTA
Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Municipal Mayor