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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF IRIGA CITY HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 AT THE CITY SESSION HALL, 2/F NEW CITY HALL, STA. CRUZ SUR, IRIGA CITY.

PRESENT: HON. JOSE SG. VILLANUEVA, JR. - Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer
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ABSENT : HON. EMMANUEL T. ALFELOR, JR.
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ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE CITY OF IRIGA, CREATING THE IRIGA CITY SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Sponsor: *Hon. Jose Ll. Grimaldo*

WHEREAS, the Philippine Constitution under the Declaration of Principles and State Policies (Art. 11, Section 16), mandates that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the various environmental movements nationwide, civil society, organizations, farmers cooperative, academes, enlightened corporate sectors and media had ongoing initiative for the promotion of organic farming responsive to food security, production of safety foods and mitigating adverse impact of climate change;

WHEREAS, relative to the objectives, initiatives of the environmental movements on organic or nature farming such endeavors was supported by the Philippine Government, through Executive Order No. 481 "PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES", dated December 27, 2005;

WHEREAS, it is a standing policy of the State to ensure that all responsible and practicable measures shall be taken by the City of Iriga to protect, restore and enhance the quality of the environment, quality organic produce foods and promote food sufficiency as a milestone strategy of the City of Iriga.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Jose LI. Grimaldo, jointly seconded by Honorables Dionisio D. Nacario, Rufino L. Villagomez, Sr. and Santos A. Audal, Jr., the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iriga, in Session duly assembled, do hereby ordain that:

ARTICLE I TITLE PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION

Section 1. **TITLE:** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Iriga City Sustainable Organic Agriculture Ordinance."

Section 2. **GOALS AND ADJECTIVES.** This Ordinance shall have the following goals and objectives:

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- a. Promotes and adopts a diversified sustainable organic and integrated farming system
- b. Promotes balanced thrust for economic and environmental development;
- c. Serves as anti-poverty and rural development strategy that creates employment through the utilization of available raw materials, tapping local human resources, contributes in increasing rural productivity and income.

ARTICLE II DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 3. **DEFINITION OF TERMS.** The following terms are hereby defined for the purpose of the Ordinance:

- a. Agriculture inputs – refer to all substances or materials used in the production and handling of organic products;
- b. Agricultural products – include any agricultural commodity or product, whether raw or processed, including any commodity or product derived from crops or livestock for human or livestock consumption.
- c. Conventional Agriculture – refers to farming systems dependent on the input of inorganic fertilizers and/or synthetic pesticides or failing to conform to the Philippine national Standards in any other way.
- d. OATC – refers to the Organic Agriculture Technical Committee
- e. Organic – refers to the particular farming and processing systems described in these standards and not in the classical chemical sense. The term organics nearly synonymous in other languages to "biological or ecological".
- f. Standards – are norms, set of guidelines, requirements and principles that are used in organic agriculture and processing. The term "standards", as used here, refer to Philippine National Standards relevant to local agro-ecosystems production.
- g. Sustainable Organic Agriculture – refers to a strategic approach to agricultural development, which include all agricultural systems that promote the environmentally, socially and economically sound production of food and fibers. This system takes local soil fertility as a key to successful production but respecting the natural capacity of plants, animals and landscape. It aims to optimize quality in all aspect of agriculture and the environment. Sustainable organic agriculture dramatically reduces external inputs refraining from the use of chemo-synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and synthetic pharmaceuticals. Instead, it allows the powerful laws of nature to increase both agricultural yields and disease resistance.

ARTICLE III DECLARATION OF POLICY

Section 4. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the City Government of Iriga to promote, develop and sustain organic agriculture as a farming technology in agricultural communities within its territorial jurisdiction, discourage the proliferation of hazardous and costly farming technologies that will deplete or affect the soil fertility, waters, living organism, public health and deteriorate our ecology.

Section 5. The City Government of Iriga hereby adopts the following strategies for its sustainable agriculture development, namely:

- a. Promotion of organic or nature farming
- b. Development of nursery and demo farm
- c. Provision of post harvest facilities and trading post
- d. Development of processing facilities
- e. Close linkage with component Barangay and other relevant institutions and agencies
- f. Conduct capability building for farmers cooperatives
- g. Development of crop/product diversification and expansion of marketing linkages
- h. Conduct of research on advanced appropriate technologies on sustainable agriculture.

Section 6. There is hereby created the Iriga City Sustainable Organic Agriculture Stakeholders Council that will sit as a regular member of the City Development Council (CDC).

Section 7. The Iriga City Sustainable Organic Agriculture Stakeholders Council shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairman | : | City Mayor |
| Co-Chairman | : | Chairman, SP Committee on Agriculture |
| Vice-Chairman | : | City Planning & Development Office |
| Members | : | City Agriculture Office |
| | | City General Services Office |
| | | City Veterinarian Office |
| | | Philippine Coconut Authority |
| | | Department of Education |
| | | Liga Ng Mga Barangay |
| | | Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM-Camarines Sur) |
| | | Rinconada Movement for Environment & Sustainable Agriculture (RincoMESA) |
| | | Iriga City People's Council |
| | | City Agriculture & Fishery Council |
| | | Small Coconut Farmers Sector Representative |
| | | Vegetable Growers Sector Representative |
| | | Rice Farmers Sector Representative |
| | | Corn Farmers Sector Representative |
| | | Fruit Farmers Sector Representative |
| | | Commercial Feeds Retailers Sector Representative |
| | | Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Sector Representative |
| | | Federation of Iriga City Market Vendors Associations |
| | | Association of Rinconada Media |

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Section 8. The Iriga City Sustainable Organic Agriculture Council shall have the following functions:

- a. Develop programs and project supportive to the promotion and expansion of the organic farming, processing and marketing activities.
- b. Recommend measures to LGUs, on policy and programs toward the enhancement of the operation related to sustainable agriculture.
- c. Monitor, evaluate program status and other related activities of sustainable agriculture, provide periodic reports on progress status and activities to LGUs, other institutions regarding the development of sustainable agriculture.
- d. Initiate linkages and explore partnership programs with relevant institutions regarding the development of sustainable agriculture
- e. Create the Technical Working Committee which shall oversee the actual implementation of the Council's programs and projects.

Section 9. The Sangguniang Barangay may create its Barangay Sustainable Organic Agriculture Council which shall serve to ensure sustainability of the programs in the Barangay level.

ARTICLE IV APPROPRIATION AND FUNDING

Section 10. Appropriation and Funding. The amount of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (PHP 500,000.00) PESOS shall be Appropriated to finance the activities of the Iriga City Sustainable Organic Agriculture Stakeholders Council, funds to be taken from Item No. 3, Environmental Development (other Environmental Management Projects..) of the 20% Development Fund, Calendar Year 2013, of Iriga City.

Section 11. This appropriation under the Regular Annual Budget of the City of Iriga shall be from year to year without the need of further expressed legislation, unless expressly superceded by an Ordinance.

ARTICLE V SEPARABILITY AND REPEALING CLAUSE

Section 12. **Separability Clause** – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional by competent authority, the remainder of the Ordinance or the provision/s not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 13. **Repealing Clause** – All other provisions of existing Ordinances, Resolutions and Executive issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.



Section 14. **Effectivity** - This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved: June 17, 2013

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


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DANDY V. FRAGINAL
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:


MADELAINE Y. ALFELOR-GAZMEN
City Mayor

DATE APPROVED: _____

24 JUN 2013