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| HON. JERRY T. TUARES | - | SB Member – (Special Priv. Leave) |
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**Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-036**

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION FARM, PROMOTING, AND DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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*Introduced & Moved by: Hon. Norberto T. Turalba*

*Sponsored by: Committee on Agriculture & Aquatic Resources*

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**CHAPTER I**

**INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as “**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING ORGANIC DEMONSTRATION FARM, PROMOTING, AND DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**”

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES.** It is at this moment declared the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further, and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines. The local government also must promote organic agriculture, including protecting organic areas and organic farming practices. Towards this end, the Municipal Government of Tigbauan shall mainstream organic agriculture as one of the main agriculture practices in the municipality, which will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity and farmers’ incomes, reduce pollution and destruction of the environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources, encourage the participation of

indigenous organic farmers in promoting their sustainable practices, further protect the health of farmers, consumers, and the general public, save on imported farm inputs and promote food self-sufficiency. Likewise, the municipality shall support the nationwide educational and awareness campaign among consumers on the benefits of consuming organic products to boost local production of organic food and non-food products.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As defined in RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, and used in this Ordinance, the terms below shall mean the following:

- a. *Organic* – refers to the particular farming and processing systems, described in the standards and not in the classical chemical sense. The term organic” is synonymous in other languages to “biological” or ecological”. It is also a labeling term that denotes products considered organic based on the Philippine National Standards for Organic Agriculture;
- b. *Organic Agriculture (AO)* – includes all agricultural systems that promote ecologically sound, socially acceptable, economically viable, and technically feasible production of food and fibers. Organic agriculture dramatically reduces external inputs by refraining from the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and pharmaceuticals. It also covers areas such as, but not limited to, soil fertility management, varietal breeding and selection under chemical and pesticide-free conditions, the use of biotechnology, and other cultural practices that are consistent with the principles and policies of RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, and enhance productivity without destroying the soil and harming farmers, consumers, and the environment as defined by the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM): Provided, that the biotechnology herein referred to shall not include genetically modified organisms or GMOs;
- c. *Organic Agriculture Areas* – refer to certified organic areas that practice a holistic production management system involving the promotion and enhancement of agro-ecosystem health, including biodiversity, biological cycles, and soil biological activity; these are areas that emphasize the use of management practices over the use of off-farm inputs; and utilizes cultural, biological, and mechanical methods as opposed to synthetic materials;
- d. *Accreditation* - is the procedure by which a government agency having jurisdiction formally recognizes the competence of an inspection and/or certification body to provide inspection and certification services;
- e. *Biodiversity* – means the variability among living organisms from all sources, including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine, and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species, and of ecosystems;
- f. *Certification* - is the procedure by which official certification bodies or officially recognized certification bodies provide written or equivalent assurance that foods or food control systems conform to requirements;
- g. *Indigenous organic farmers* - refers to practitioners of the Indigenous organic farming practices regardless of ascription/affiliation/aggrupation to Indigenous Cultural Communities;
- h. *Indigenous organic farming practice* – refers to a system of traditional farming methods and techniques without intervention from entities outside their community that are being practiced by the Indigenous people;
- i. *Local Organic Seed Center* – refers to a repository facility or farm governed and managed by LGUs, wherein crops are grown for seed production and multiplication to ensure the accessibility and availability of organic seeds and planting materials. The

facility must follow practices and management by applicable Philippine National Standard on Organic Agriculture and be third-party certified;

- j. *Local Organic Seedbank* – refers to a repository facility or farm governed and managed by LGUs, whose function is to preserve seeds of the most adapted varieties in the community, including indigenous and crop varieties/cultivars, and ensure its sustainability. All practices and management in this facility shall be by applicable Philippine National Standard relevant to organic agriculture;
- k. *Marketing Assistance* – support that covers various aspects of marketing and promotions including establishment of trading posts or selling area, market matching, participation in trade fairs, logistics support, enrollment in digital marketing platforms, consumer education, provision of trading capital, provision of post-harvest and processing equipment and supplies, certifications and other legal documentation, and support for professional enterprise management, among others;
- l. *Naturally grown produce and products* – These are agricultural produce and products that are chemical-free and apply the principles of organic agriculture but have not been issued organic certification;
- m. *Organic produce and products*– These are agricultural produce and products that apply the organic principles in their production system and have been certified as organic by organic certifying bodies accredited by the Bureau of Agriculture and Fishery Standards (BAFS);
- n. *Organic Certifying Body (OCB)* - refers to a legal entity accredited by a government agency to perform inspection and certification activities. It is responsible for verifying that a product sold or labeled as “organic” is produced, processed, prepared, or handled according to relevant guidelines;
- o. *Organic Seeds* – shall mean plant materials used for the production of food, forage, fibers, industrial crops, oil, flowers, grasses, herbs, and aquatic plants, including but not limited to, meristem, and clonal propagules such as tubers, corms, cuttings, and micro-propagated plantlets produced from certified organic farms or seeds produced in accordance with applicable Philippine National Standard relevant to Organic Agriculture;
- p. *Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)* – refers to a locally-focused quality assurance system that is developed and practiced by people actually engaged in organic agriculture. It is built on a foundation of trust, social network, and knowledge exchange, and used to certify producers and farmers as actual and active practitioners of organic agriculture;
- q. *PGS group* - refers to a legal association or cooperative of registered farmer members and other stakeholders in a participatory guarantee system;
- r. *Short, Medium, and Long-Term Plans* – For this particular case refers to plans of implementation that cover three (3), five (5) and (10) years, respectively;
- s. *Small Farmer/fisherfolk*- refers to those not utilizing more than five (5) hectares of land for the single purpose of, or a combination of the following purposes for, agricultural crop production, including rice and corn, aquaculture, and poultry/livestock raising, Provided, that poultry/livestock raising shall not have more than the following:
  - Poultry-1000 poultry layers or 5,000 broilers
  - Swine/native pigs-10 sow level or fatteners or 5 breeders
  - Dairy 10 milking cows
  - Goat, sheep, and other ruminants-50 heads

- Other animals permitted to be raised, the limits of which are to be determined by the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB);

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- t. *Traditional/Indigenous Varieties and Cultivars* – refers to food or non-food crops that have been selected and cultivated by local farmers over generations, usually well adapted to local environmental conditions and connected with local cultures and traditional customs;
- u. *Third-party Certification* – or independent certification is defined as when a firm requires that its suppliers meet a certain standard and requests an independent organization that is not involved in the business relationship to control the compliance of the suppliers;

**SECTION 4. COVERAGE.** This Ordinance covers the Municipality of Tigbauan.

## CHAPTER II

### ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION FARM

**SECTION 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION FARM.** This organic demonstration farm will serve as a demonstration of organic agriculture practices and a training ground for farmers and the general public.

- Innovation adoption. This Organic farm will help the Municipal Agriculture Office of Tigbauan in the transfer of new opportunities, novelties, or practical experience that can be used directly on farms. These innovations can emerge from research, business (related to product sales), or pioneer farmers and give farmers the confidence to make a grounded decision on the usefulness of the demonstrated practices or innovations for their own farm.
- Policy implementation. This demonstration farm is an opportunity to inform farmers about new legislation and policy regulations and to provide specific practices and examples of how they can implement organic agriculture practices as per JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 0 1 SERIES OF 2022 “Revised Guidelines on the Roles and Responsibilities of Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP) Under Republic Act No. 10068, as amended by Republic Act No. 11511, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations”
- The Municipal Agriculture Office will manage this organic agriculture demonstration farm.

## CHAPTER III

### PREPARATION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROFILE AND SHORT-, MEDIUM-, AND LONG-TERM ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PLANS

The Municipality of Tigbauan, Province of Iloilo shall formulate its Short-, Medium-, and Long-Term Organic Agriculture Development Plans adopting the following principles: (a) consultative multi-sectoral planning; (b) recognition of rights of indigenous people; (c) primacy of small hold farms in local government assistance; (d) promotion of biodiversity; and (e) preservation of environment-friendly farming practices.

These Organic Agriculture plans and programs shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (a) priority organic agriculture commodities; (b) area per location; (c) shared facilities and capacities; (d) extension and capacity building; (e) organic agriculture certification; (f) marketing and promotion support; (g) research for development; (h) timelines; and (i) budgetary requirements.

**SECTION 6. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROFILE.** The Municipality shall prepare an organic agriculture profile utilizing the data from the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) in coordination with the DA-Regional Field Office (DA-RFO) and other templates to be

provided by the National Organic Agriculture Program – National Program Coordinating Office (NOAP-NPCO). The Municipal OA Profile shall then be submitted to the Provincial Government of Iloilo for consolidation, together with OA profiles from other municipalities within its

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jurisdiction, and submission to the concerned DA RFO and NOAP-NPCO for information and reference.

**SECTION 7. SHORT-, MEDIUM- AND LONG-TERM ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PLANS.** The Municipality shall prepare its short-, medium-, and long-term organic agriculture plans based on its OA profiles and template to be provided by the NOAP-NPCO. It shall be reviewed by the Municipal Local Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture (LTC-OA) and submitted to the Provincial Government of Iloilo for endorsement to the concerned DA RFO and the NOAP-NPCO for information and reference.

#### **CHAPTER IV**

#### **CREATION OF THE MUNICIPAL LOCAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (LTC-OA)**

Section 16 of RA 10068, as amended by RA 11511, provides that every Municipal Mayor shall likewise, insofar as practicable, form a Municipal Technical Committee on Organic Agriculture for purposes of implementing activities in line with the National Organic Agriculture Program in the municipality.

**SECTION 8. MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (MLTC-OA).** The Municipal LTC-OA shall be composed of the following:

- a. The Local Chief Executive;
- b. Committee Chairperson on Agriculture;
- c. Local Government Operations Officer;
- d. Committee Chairperson on Finance;
- e. The Chairperson of a Barangay engaged in organic agriculture;
- f. Three representatives from small farmer associations representing crops, livestock, and fisheries, preferably certified organic;
- g. One representative from the agribusiness sector or registered cooperative engaged in organic agriculture;
- h. One representative from civil society organizations engaged in organic agriculture;
- i. One representative from consumer groups, whenever applicable;
- j. One representative from the academe, whenever applicable; and
- k. One representative from indigenous people organizations, whenever applicable.

The representation of NGOs, academe, private businesses, and small farmers shall be drawn through their processes of selection and in consultation with the concerned stakeholders to ensure participatory process and transparency.

The Municipal LTC-OA shall elect its chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. The Office of the Municipal Agriculturist shall create a Municipal Technical Support Unit for organic agriculture which shall serve as the technical and administrative secretariat of the Municipal LTC-OA.

**SECTION 9. ROLES OF THE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (MLTC-OA).** The Municipal LTC-OA shall:

1. Be responsible for the development, review, consolidation, and endorsement of the short-, medium-, and long-term organic agriculture plans of the municipality, in line with the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP).

- 2. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the organic agriculture program in the municipality.

- 3. Support the formation and operations of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups in the municipality through the provision of technical and financial assistance.
- 4. Develop a local OA industry profile that shall form part of the provincial and national OA industry profile.
- 5. Assist in policy formulation, including the enactment of ordinances for the monitoring and regulation of organic produce and products sold within its respective jurisdiction.
- 6. Supervise/oversee the organic livestock, poultry, and fisheries program in the municipality.

**CHAPTER V**

**CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

**SECTION 10.** *MUNICIPAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.* To assist the Municipal Government and the LTC-OA in the implementation of the programs and activities of the municipality on organic agriculture, a Technical Working Group shall be created for organic agriculture and shall be composed of representatives from the following offices:

Chairperson	:	Municipal Agriculture Office
Vice-Chairperson	:	Municipal Planning Office
Members	:	Municipal Budget Office
		Municipal Engineering Office
		Municipal Veterinary Office
		Municipal Fisheries Office
		Barangay Agriculture Committee Chairperson
		Indigenous Peoples’ (IPs) representative, whenever applicable
		Representative from organic agriculture farmers and fishers’ cooperatives and associations in the Municipality
		Representative from agribusiness group operating within the Municipality, whenever applicable
		Representative from all agricultural colleges and universities operating within the Municipality, whenever applicable

**SECTION 11.** *ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TWG.* The Municipal Organic Agriculture TWG shall:

- a. Assist the Municipal LTC-OA in setting the direction for the successful implementation of the Municipal Organic Agriculture Program;
- b. Identify and recommend priority plans, programs, and activities for the municipality; and
- c. Regularly conduct review and assessment of the Program for improvement.

**CHAPTER VI**

**PARTICIPATORY GUARANTEE SYSTEM (PGS) FORMATION,  
REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION**

The LGU, in coordination with the Municipal LTC-OA, shall encourage the formation and support the operations of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) groups within their locality

through the provision of technical and financial assistance such as, but not limited to (a) PGS Formation, Registration, Certification, and Accreditation; (b) development of PGS Registry and Database; (c) promotion; (d) training; (e) inspection; and (f) incentives.

**SECTION 12. *FORMATION AND REGISTRATION.*** The LGU shall help identify farmers engaged in organic agriculture and encourage them to form core PGS groups. The LGU can

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assist with the issuance of a mayor's permit, which shall be limited only to PGS transactions. Possession of said permit shall suffice as proof of registration and the grant of legal personality to PGS groups.

**SECTION 13. *CERTIFICATION.*** The LGU shall provide technical and financial assistance to farms/farm owners applying for certification as an organic agriculture practitioner. The LGU shall assist in terms of preparing the documents needed for the processing of the application for PGS certification.

**SECTION 14. *ACCREDITATION.*** The LGU shall provide technical and financial assistance to core PSG groups applying for accreditation with the DA-Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS).

**SECTION 15. *PGS REGISTRY AND DATABASE.*** The LGU shall develop a PGS registry and database within its jurisdiction and update it regularly. The registry shall serve as the basis for the provision of technical and financial support and as a monitoring tool for the existing and functional PGS groups in the municipality.

**SECTION 16. *TRAININGS.*** The LGU shall initiate the conduct of training and other capacity-building and values-formation activities, among the PGS groups to enhance and update their knowledge and skills on organic agriculture practices. The LGU shall coordinate with the DA-BAFS and DA-Agricultural Training Institute for the conduct of a training program on organic agriculture standards and processes.

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **PROMOTION OF ORGANIC AND NATURALLY-GROWN PRODUCE AND PRODUCTS**

RA 10068, as amended, stated the need to undertake a nationwide educational and awareness campaign among the general public on the benefits of consuming organic products to boost local production of organic food and non-food products, as well as the adoption of an organic agricultural system as a viable alternative. The Act recognizes the crucial roles of local government units (LGUs) in the promotion of organic agriculture including the protection of organic areas and organic farming practices. As such, the municipal LGU shall provide support for the promotion of organic and naturally grown produce and products.

The support measures for the promotion of organic and naturally grown produce and products shall include but not be limited to, the following activities: (a) Establishment of a trading post or allocation of selling area; (b) Assistance on Market Information System and Digital Marketing; (c) Conduct of and/or participation in trade fairs and market matching activities; (d) Support to Organic Agriculture Certification and other documentation; (e) Provision of trading capital, shared facilities, and post-harvest and processing equipment and supplies; (f) Support for professional enterprise management services; and (g) Consumer education.

**SECTION 17. *ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIC TRADING POSTS/SELLING AREAS.*** The LGU shall establish organic trading posts and/or stalls/outlets. These areas shall be accessible to the general public and within areas with heavy foot traffic. The LGU shall also ensure that the

trading posts and selling areas are strategically located in trading centers and local business activities for sustainability.

**SECTION 18. CONSULTATION WITH OA STAKEHOLDERS THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (MLTC-OA).** Organic farmers/fishers and other OA stakeholders shall be consulted on the proposed sites for organic trading posts or selling areas through the LTC-OA.

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**SECTION 19. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM.** The LGU shall support organic livelihood programs that serve as business integrators of organic farms producing and supplying organic inputs, providing farm services, as well as consolidating and marketing the produce of organic farms.

**SECTION 20. MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM.** The LGU shall assist their organic farmers and fishers in establishing a market information system, enlisting all organic and naturally grown produce and products available in the municipality. It shall serve as inventory and production monitoring and shall be updated regularly.

**SECTION 21. ENROLLMENT IN DIGITAL MARKETING PLATFORMS.** The LGU shall assist their organic farmers and fishers in registering on digital marketing platforms. The LGU shall review and evaluate these platforms before the same can be endorsed to organic farmers and fishers.

**SECTION 22. DEDICATED BOOTHS OR SELLING AREAS FOR ORGANIC AND NATURALLY GROWN PRODUCE AND PRODUCTS.** The LGU shall include organic and naturally grown produce and products in the trade fairs they organize or participate in. These shall be accorded prime locations and separate from conventional produce and products so as to maintain their organic integrity. The LGU is encouraged to provide support to the organic farmers and fishers through, but not limited to, the provision of participation fees and traveling expenses, and logistics and manpower assistance.

**SECTION 23. MARKETING ASSISTANCE.** The LGU shall facilitate market matching activities and link organic and naturally grown farmers and fishers to possible buyers and markets, in addition to the conduct of and participating in trade fairs.

**SECTION 24.** The LGU shall include in their marketing assistance to organic farmers and fishers the provision of trading capital, shared facilities, and postharvest and processing equipment and supplies through a grant or loan as well as support for professional enterprise management services.

**SECTION 25. CELEBRATION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE MONTH.** Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1030, series of 2015, declaring the month of November as Organic Agriculture Month, the LGU shall organize various activities to celebrate and intensively promote organic agriculture.

**SECTION 26. CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CONGRESS.** The LGU shall conduct an Annual Municipal Organic Agriculture Congress to showcase its organic and naturally grown produce and products as well as the farmers and fishers engage in organic agriculture.

**SECTION 27. PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE CONGRESS.** The LGU shall participate in the Annual Regional and Provincial Organic Agriculture Congresses, enjoining its farmers/fishers and other stakeholders to feature their organic and naturally grown produce and products, if applicable.



**SECTION 28. OTHER PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES.** The LGU shall likewise conduct weekly special market days for certified organic and naturally grown produce and products to further promote organic food, non-food, and input products.

**SECTION 29. CONSUMER EDUCATION.** The LGU shall conduct consumer education activities through exhibits, quad media, and face-to-face campaigns, especially during the Organic Agriculture Month celebration.

**CHAPTER VIII**

**AVAILMENT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL ORGANIC SEED CENTERS AND LOCAL ORGANIC SEEDBANKS**

Section 16 of RA 10068, as amended, provides that the local government units (LGUs) shall coordinate with the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI) for the establishment and/or strengthening of local organic seed centers/seedbanks, which shall include indigenous varieties, to increase farmers’ adoption of organic agriculture and to protect and preserve indigenous and traditional crop varieties in their localities.

**SECTION 30. IDENTIFICATION OF AREA/PROJECT SITE.** The LGU, through the LTC-OA, shall identify the area/site and provide the farm layout and location map of the area/site of the proposed local organic seed center and/or seed bank.

**SECTION 31. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM DA.** The LGU shall coordinate with the DA-BPI, through the DA RFOs, to avail of technical assistance for the establishment and/or strengthening of local organic seed centers and/or seedbanks in their locality.

**SECTION 32. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.** The LGU must enter into a Tripartite Agreement with DA-BPI and concerned DA-RFO stipulating the duties and responsibilities of all parties.

The LGU must identify the priority commodities to be produced in the seed center/seed bank. It must also commit to undergoing organic certification for its seed production in the Local Organic Seed Center. However, if it establishes a Local Organic Seedbank, the management practices in the facility should follow applicable Philippine National Standards relevant to Organic Agriculture.

**SECTION 33. PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT.** The LGU shall provide financial support for the maintenance and operation of the local seed center/seed bank. It shall designate an overall coordinator who will be in charge of the seed center/seed bank.

**CHAPTER IX**

**ORGANIC AGRICULTURE REGISTRY AND DATABASE**

**SECTION 34. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE REGISTRY AND DATABASE.** The Municipality of Tigbauan shall adopt and populate the organic agriculture registry, in coordination with the DA-RFOs, and the database system to be provided by the NOAP-NPCO, and update these regularly by the end of the month.

**CHAPTER X**

**MONITORING**

**SECTION 35. MONTHLY, QUARTERLY, AND ANNUAL PLAN MONITORING.** The Municipal Mayor, through the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist-Technical Support Unit, shall monitor the implementation of the Municipality's Organic Agriculture Program. Quarterly assessments shall be conducted in addition to the monthly reports. Annual reports shall likewise be prepared and submitted to the concerned DA-RFOs and NOAP-NPCO.

**SECTION 36. UPDATING OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PLANS.** The short-, medium-, and long-term organic agriculture plans of the municipality may be recalibrated or updated based on the realities of implementation. Nonetheless, these updated plans shall likewise be reviewed and endorsed by the LTC-OA.

**SECTION 37. Volume and Value of Trade.** The LGU shall also monitor the volume and value traded of organic produce and products using the template to be provided by the National Organic Agriculture Program – National Program Coordinating Office (NOAP-NPCO).

**CHAPTER XI**

**FUNDING AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 38. SUBMISSION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PLANS.** The LGU shall submit its organic agriculture profile, and short-, medium-, and long-term organic agriculture plans to the Provincial LGU within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance. The Provincial Organic Agriculture plan shall then be submitted to the NOAB through the NOAP-NPCO and DA-RFOs within one (1) year from the effectivity of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 39. FUNDING REQUIREMENT.** An initial amount of P250,000.00 PESOS shall be allotted for the implementation of this Ordinance, subject to annual allocation as may be deemed necessary.

**SECTION 40. TRANSITORY PROVISIONS.** The municipal government shall be given six (6) months after publication of this Ordinance to comply with its mandatory provisions.

**SECTION 41. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or illegal by a court, the same shall not affect the validity of the other provisions.

**SECTION 42. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any or all ordinances, resolutions, and/or issuances of the Municipality, which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 43. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect after complying with the requirements as to mandatory posting and publication as provided for under Section 59 of RA 7160.

APPROVED.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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SB Secretary

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