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AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CITY AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10068 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ACT OF 2010:

Sponsor: Hon. Nelson S. Legacion

Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 provides that it is the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines that will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity, reduce pollution and destruction of the environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources, further protect the health of farmers, consumers, and the general public, and save on imported farm inputs. Towards this end, a comprehensive program for the promotion of community-based organic agriculture systems which include, among others, farmer-produced purely organic fertilizers such as compost, pesticides and other farm inputs, together with a nationwide educational and promotional campaign for their use and processing as well as adoption of organic agriculture system as a viable alternative shall be undertaken. Also, it is provided that the State recognizes and supports the central role of the farmers, indigenous people and other stakeholders at the grassroots in this program.

The same law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations mandate the creation of the City Agriculture Technical Committee and the adoption of the city's Organic Agriculture Program. Such is also necessary for purposes of coordination with other government agencies and maximizing support and obtaining benefits therefrom for effective and more efficient delivery of services. Thus:

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. The City Agriculture Technical Committee.

- The Naga City Agriculture Technical Committee is hereby created composed of the following:

- Chairman : City Mayor
- Vice-Chairman: City Agriculturist
- Members : Chairman, SP Committee on Agriculture
Representative, Liga ng mga Barangay
NCPC Representative
President, Naga City Agriculture and
Fisheries Council
City ENRO

CPDO
NCCW Representative
SWMO
President, Naga City Vegetable Farmers
Federation

SECTION 2. Duties and Functions. - The Committee is tasked to perform the following duties and functions such as, but not limited to the following:

1. Formulate the City Organic Agriculture Program consistent with the framework of RA 10068, otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" and recommend for its adoption or ratification by the Sangguniang Panlungsod;
2. Coordinate and consolidate all efforts or different national government agencies (NGA's) including its line agencies, the different agricultural barangays in the city and other stakeholders who are mandated to implement and/or advocate organic agriculture;
3. Initiate extensive IEC in different levels comprehensively promoting the use and benefits of organic agriculture;
4. Institute community organizing as program point of entry;
5. Hold regular meeting at least once every month or special meeting when situation will require to discuss and to deliberate pressing issues or problems affecting the implementation of organic agriculture program of the city;
6. Organize skills development training programs for the local technicians and farmers regarding the practice of organic farming in partnership with appropriate bureaus of the Department of Agriculture;
7. Establish linkage with other National Government Agencies, Non-Government Organizations, Peoples Organizations and the private sector in order to develop and promote organic farming in the city;
8. Recommend other viable measures and strategies in developing and promoting organic farming;

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9. Formulate research and development agenda for organic agriculture for long term plan reference; and
10. Perform such other functions deemed necessary to assist the agricultural workers in their practice of agricultural farming.

SECTION 3. Funding. - The required amount to carry out the mandate under this ordinance shall be charged against the current 2013 and the succeeding budgetary appropriations.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. - Any provision of ordinance, rules and regulations as well as executive order and/or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED: June 25, 2013.

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

NELSON S. LEGACION
City Councilor &
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR.
Acting City Mayor