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Municipal Ordinance No. 15, s. 2015

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING, PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled that:

**CHAPTER I
 INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

Section 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Sustainable Organic Agriculture Ordinance of Dumingag 2012.”

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

It is the duty of the Local Government Unit of Dumingag to protect life and advance the rights of all citizens to food sufficiency, sovereignty, safety and order, sustainable livelihood, and social equity in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the Local Government Unit of Dumingag will mainstream sustainable organic agriculture as a main agriculture practice in Dumingag, and shall influence farmer-households, large-scale and monoculture agri-industries to integrate sustainable organic agriculture practices.

Section 3. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

The practice of sustainable organic agriculture shall adhere to the following principles, to guide the implementation of this Ordinance:

- The promotion and enhancement of the conservation and sustainable use of the agricultural biodiversity shall prevail over any other activity in the agriculture sector. In the case of monoculture, agriculture biodiversity should be encouraged through establishing diversified integrated organic farming, intercropping and crop rotation farming system;
- The empowerment of marginalized farmers especially in terms of information on different alternative natural agricultural technologies, seven dimensions/principles of sustainable organic agriculture, product value and fair market trade, and access/linkages in the countryside is a priority, including the incentives as herein defined;
- Mitigating the effects of climate change are essential components that should be integrated into all policies and programs in all sectors;
- While unifying the initiatives and efforts of all government agencies and instrumentalities in agriculture, efforts should be geared towards the upliftment of the economic conditions of all agricultural sectors;
- Sustainable organic agriculture is a contributor to the Municipality’s economy and the attainment of food security, ecological sustainability and the well-being of the people of Dumingag;
- Sustainable organic agriculture does not co-exist with the genetically modified crops and livestock, chemically produced crops, and related organisms, both living and non-living;

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- g. All existing policies on agriculture of the Local Government of Dumingag must be aligned to and should adopt and integrate all aspects of sustainable organic agriculture;
- h. The integrity of organic products through the approved organic certification process and organic production, handling, and processing standards should be properly ensured; and
- i. Integration of sustainable organic agriculture in different education formalities at all levels.

Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Agriculture shall include all fields such as but not limited to aquaculture/inland fisheries, animal husbandry, agronomy, floriculture and horticulture.
- b. 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.
- c. Bio-fertilizers are organisms that enrich the nutrient quality of soil. Main sources are bacteria, fungi and cyanobacteria (blue-green algae).
- d. Biopesticides are naturally occurring substances and microorganism that controls pests.
- e. Buffer Zones - a defined area of the boundary of an organic farm that has land use controls and allow only activities compatible with protection of organic farm. It serves as a barrier that surrounds or separates an organic farm from other conventional farms where plants are not designated as organic.
- f. Consumer groups - organized consumer groups patronizing and advocating organic products.
- g. Ecosystems - the complex of an ecological community, together with non-living components of the environment, that function together as a stable system and in which exchange of materials follows circular path.
- h. Education formalities - refers to but not limited to formal, non-formal, farm- based, center-based, household-based form of education.
- i. Ex-situ - referring to the study, maintenance or conservation of an organisms away from its natural surroundings.
- j. Food security - 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.
- k. Gene Seed Bank -a collection of seeds from potentially useful wild plants, which may be used in the future for breeding new varieties.
- l. Herbivore - refers to plant eating animals.
- m. In situ - in the original location
- n. Marginalized Farmer refers to an individual engaged in subsistence farming or fishing which shall be limited to the sale, barter or exchange of agricultural or marine products produced by himself and his immediate family (Local Government Code of 1991).
- o. Monoculture - the cultivation or growth of a single crop or organism especially on agricultural and forest land.
- p. Organic refers to the particular farming and processing system, described in the standards and not in the classical chemical sense. The term "organic" is synonymous in other language to "biological" or "ecological". It is also a labeling term that denotes products considered based on the Philippine National Standards for Sustainable Organic Agriculture (Sustainable Organic Agriculture Act of 2010).
- q. Seven Dimensions of SOA are the following: ecologically sound, economically viable, socially just or equitable, culturally appropriate, holistic science, appropriate technology and total human development.
- r. Sustainable Organic Agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils; ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic agriculture combines tradition, innovation and science to benefit the shared environment and promote fair relationships and a good quality of life for all involved as defined by the International Federation of Organic Movement (IFOAM).

CHAPTER II STRATEGIES

Section 5. CONSERVATION OF INDIGENOUS FARM PRACTICES AND RESOURCES.

Measures shall be established, by the farming communities, including indigenous peoples' communities, to conserve and protect indigenous knowledge relating to sustainable organic agriculture, including those that relate aquaculture, animal husbandry, seed conservation and propagation and the various ways in which on-farm and ex-situ mechanisms are established and sustained.

Section 6. ORGANIC GENE SEED BANK.

The Municipal Government of Dumingag with the participation of NGOs, international organizations and other appropriate agencies shall establish a mother organic Seed/Gene Bank which will produce and supply organic, endemic or indigenous seeds to farmers through research, trial, verification and mass production.

Every sustainable organic agriculture farmers association in the barangay shall establish its own community seed storage for mass production provided that all seeds shall be certified and verified by the mother organic seed/gene bank of the municipality to ensure that seeds are of organic and good quality.

Every farmer at household level shall be encouraged to internalized the culture of traditional seed production and preservation.

Section 7. RECOGNITION OF FARMERS RIGHTS.

Any farmer who may choose to practice sustainable organic agriculture in the barangay shall be supported. Any existing arrangement of the farmer with any contract grower or trader shall not prevent the farmer from practicing sustainable organic agriculture. Any attempt to coerce the farmer not to switch is a violation of the farmers right to choose the method of farming suitable to his circumstance.

Section 8. RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF WOMEN.

The role of women in the practice of sustainable organic agriculture is recognized. Towards this end, measures shall be taken by the Municipality to comply with its obligations to ensure a gender-fair and gender-balanced development along with support mechanisms to take into account the particular needs of women, from those who are child-bearing ad girls of tender age, and the elderly women farm workers.

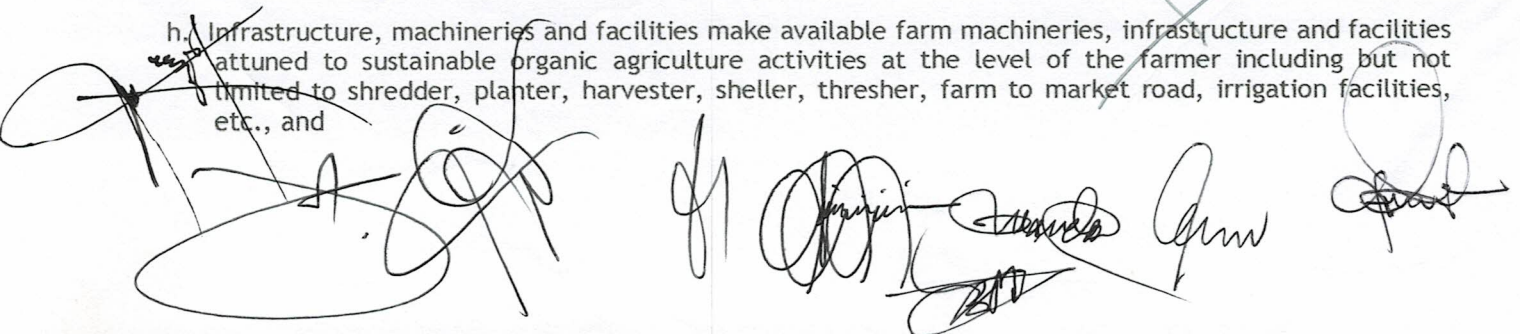
Section 9. RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF YOUTH.

The role of youth in the practice of sustainable organic agriculture is recognized. The municipality shall initiate programs and activities that will develop their potentials inculcating the importance and value of organic agriculture. Youth as an agent of change and as future farmers shall be educated and mobilized to raise awareness and increase participation.

Section 10. SUPPORT SERVICES TO FARMERS.

There shall be support services provided to farmers up to household level who wish to engage in sustainable organic agriculture, from training, production, marketing and branding, including financial management and accounting, among other necessary skills to develop a sustainable organic agriculture product that will secure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade as well as ensure household level food security. These services shall not be limited to the following:

- a. Education - Continuous training, modular courses, hands-on consultations, field exposures, including research and development activities;
- b. Information Campaign Advocacies of sustainable organic agriculture, benefits, challenges, updates, information access on the different alternative agricultural practices recognized and identified to sustainable organic agriculture through published handouts, handbooks, other reading materials that farmers can access. In addition, information education and awareness campaign for consumers in general should also be done;
- c. Production Making and other access to organic farm inputs (such as but not limited to compost fertilizers, inoculants and foliar e.g. effective micro-organism and other natural fermentations); financial assistance/support to pre and post production, including rehabilitation;
- d. Certification - facilitate organic product certification process among farmers and organizations.
- e. Marketing - fair trade and pricing (farm gate and market prices); available market outlets; and create a conducive atmosphere for organic marketing.
- f. Branding of Products - consultation as to labeling of organic products with DTI/FPA/Dost including processing for higher value-added of the agricultural produce;
- g. Financing - Credit access and crop insurance, including financial management and accounting and project monitoring and evaluation and preparation of feasibility studies;
- h. Infrastructure, machineries and facilities make available farm machineries, infrastructure and facilities attuned to sustainable organic agriculture activities at the level of the farmer including but not limited to shredder, planter, harvester, sheller, thresher, farm to market road, irrigation facilities, etc., and

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- i. Subsidy and incentives - provide subsidy and incentives to farmers who opt to practice sustainable organic agriculture.

Section 11. ORGANIZATION.

Organic farmers shall be organized for them to get involved in the development process thereby empowering its sector to participate in the governance and to become self-reliant.

Section 12. BIOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL CONTROL.

Organic farmers shall practice and utilize biological and botanical methods, which relies on predation, parasitism, herbivore or other natural mechanisms in the control of pests in their organic farm.

**CHAPTER III
IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS**

Section 13. DUMINGAG INSTITUTE OF SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (DISOA).

Stipulated objectives and mechanics of implementation in the Ordinance No. 6, series of 2011 remained to be valid and binding.

Section 14. REVISION/UPDATING OF SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE MASTER PLAN.

Formulated sustainable organic agriculture master plan through participatory approach shall be revised and updated in accord with the experiences and learnings in the course of its program implementation.

Section 15. CREATION OF LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT COORDINATORS ORGANIZATION.

There shall hereby created a Livelihood Development Coordinators Organization which will consolidate all ground level efforts of the sustainable organic agriculture program. It will perform community organizing at the grassroot level and take responsibility in ensuring the effective implementation of government programs.

Section 16. DUMINGAG SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

The Dumingag Sustainable Organic Agriculture Management Council (DSOAMC) shall be created for the following functions:

- a. Adopt the existing national standards for the accreditation of sustainable organic agriculture practitioners which may take into account second or third party certification systems and participatory guarantee systems.
- b. Formulate, plan and review necessary plans and programs and activities of sustainable organic agriculture.

Composition:

Chairperson: Municipal Mayor

Members: Municipal Agriculturist

Municipal Veterinarian/Livestock Coordinator

Municipal Environment @ natural Resources Officer (MENRO)

Association of Barangay Captains (ABC) President

Committee Chair on Agriculture of Sangguniang Bayan;

Three representatives of organic farmers association (PO)

Representative from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) advocating Sustainable organic agriculture

DISOA Administrator

Consumer group advocating sustainable organic agriculture

Representative from every religious denominations;

Heads of School from all levels both public and private;

Section 17. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP.

There shall be created a Technical Working Group that will serve as implementing arm of the Dumingag Sustainable Organic Agriculture Municipal Council (DSOAMC). The following are the functions of the TWG:

- a. Supervise agricultural practices in the entire municipality;
- b. Recommend criteria for organic farms, organic farmers, sustainable organic agriculture standards and practices;
- c. Develop incentive mechanism for the sustainable organic agriculture sector such as but not limited to crop insurance and other support system;
- d. Initiate in the revision/ updating the municipal sustainable organic agriculture Master Plan;

- e. Formulate monitoring mechanism to ensure sustainability of the program;
- f. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the realization of the policies as well as the principles enunciated under this Ordinance;

Composition:

Members of the Technical Working Group shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Dumingag Sustainable Organic Agriculture Management Council (DSOAMC).

Section 18. ORGANIC CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH.

It is hereby declared policy of the Municipality of Dumingag to observe Organic Consciousness Month every month of October. Guidelines for the implementation include the following:

- a. The municipality, through the Office of the Municipal Agriculture, shall spearhead the activities to be undertaken during the organic consciousness month;
- b. There shall also be a month-long activities in the barangays with the farmers, women and youth organizations in partnership with the different stakeholders;
- c. In order to solicit full participation of farmers, POs, NGOs, BLGUs, Schools and other sectors concerned, massive advocacy/information dissemination campaign shall be done;
- d. Activities during the month-long celebration shall include but not limited to the following:
 - Skills demonstration/training
 - Plant propagation;
 - Plant breeding;
 - FAITH gardening;
 - Stopping Agricultural Land technology;
 - Composting;
 - Rice duck;
 - Vegetable cooking
 - Organic Agro-livestock and Aquatic Trade Fair
 - Recognition and incentives of farmers adopting organic farming
 - Presentation of farm innovations
 - Farm visitation

Section 19. PARTICIPATION OF ALL BARANGAY LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF DUMINGAG.

All barangay government units shall initiate its own long-term programs with specific budget allocation from its IRA on sustainable organic agriculture.

Section 20. GRASSROOT MACHINERY.

There shall hereby established organizations to fast track the implementation of sustainable organic agriculture program such as but not limited to:

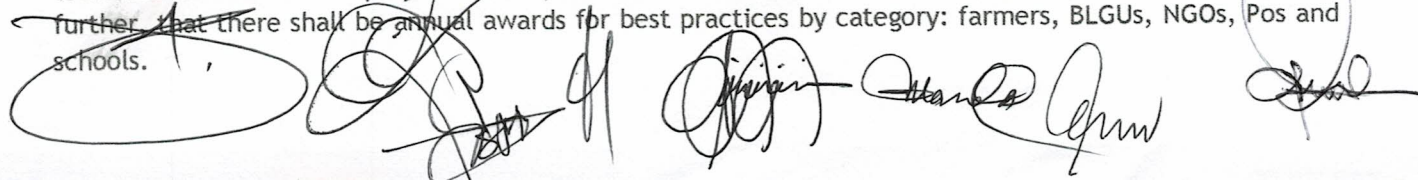
- Barangay Livelihood Development Coordinators (BLDC)
- PUROK Presidents
- Dumingag Association of Timuay (DAT)
- Dumingag Organic Farmers Association (DOFA)
- Dumingag Organic Farmers Credit and Savings Cooperative (DOFCSC)
- Dumingag Organic Vendors Association (DOVA)
- Dumingag Organic Watch Association (DOWA)

Section 21. RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS.

The efforts of civil society organizations in promoting sustainable organic agriculture prior to this Ordinance are recognized. To enhance promotion of sustainable organic agriculture in the Municipality, support mechanism shall be provided.

Section 22. INCENTIVES AND AWARDS SYSTEM.

The Municipality shall establish and institutionalize an incentive and awards system to encourage the implementation of plans and programs of farmers, Barangay Local Government Unit of Dumingag (BLGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), people's Organizations (Pos) and schools to promote and develop sustainable organic agriculture. Provided that, the incentives shall come in the form of financial and technical assistance for projects that promote and develop sustainable organic agriculture; Provided further, that there shall be annual awards for best practices by category: farmers, BLGUs, NGOs, Pos and schools.



Section 23. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

There shall be adopted a Master Plan for Research and Development that will be funded and regularly updated in consultation with different sectors. Farmers institutions and other stakeholders (such as but not limited to private entities, NGOs and LGUs) participation in all phases of the research and development of the master plan and its implementation should be ensured.

Section 24. CAPACITY-BUILDING.

To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this Ordinance, there is hereby adapted a continuous effort, funded by at least twenty percent (20%) of the budget set aside for sustainable organic agriculture, for capacity-building and training, including continuous research and development and the accreditation of institutions for standard-testing and verification. Measures shall also be adopted to integrate sustainable organic agriculture in the primary, secondary and tertiary school curricula.

Section 25. CREATION OF AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

There is hereby created an Oversight Committee to monitor and assess the implementation of this Ordinance, make proposals and/or propose amendments to the Sangguniang Bayan to ensure effective implementation.

The oversight Committee shall be composed of members of the Sanggunian Committee Chairs of the following:

- a. Agriculture;
- b. Environment and Natural Resources;
- c. Health and Sanitation;
- d. Trade, Commerce and Industry; and
- e. Education

The Oversight Committee shall be chaired by the Committee Chair of Agriculture. Its funding requirement shall be charged against the appropriations for the implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 26. PROHIBITED AND PUNISHABLE ACT.

Burning of agricultural by-products of any kind in the farms/fields is strictly prohibited. The office of the Municipal Mayor through the Office of the Municipal Agriculture and the elements of the Barangay Tanod through the Office of the Punong Barangay, Municipal Mediation and Secondary Force, Special Bantay Bayan and the Philippine National Police of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur are hereby mandated to enforce this prohibition.

Section 27. PENALTY CLAUSE.

Any person found violating this prohibition shall be fined/punished according to the following provisions:

First Offense	One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)
Second Offense	Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00)
Third & succeeding offenses	Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500.00) plus exclusion from the benefits derived from the government in terms of cash and non-cash inputs.

Section 28. FUNDING REQUIREMENT.

An initial amount of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00) is hereby allotted for the implementation of this Ordinance, subject to an annual allocation of such amount as may be deemed necessary and requisite, which shall in no case be less than One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00).

Section 29. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Ordinance, the Mayor through the Technical Working Group shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance. Provided, that failure to issue rules and regulations shall not in any manner affect the executor nature of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 30. REPEALING CLAUSE.

All ordinances, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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Section 31. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

If for any reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections of provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

Section 32. EFFECTIVITY AND PUBLICATION CLAUSE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and after fifteen days from the date hereof is posted in the bulletin board and in three conspicuous places and publication in a newspaper of general circulation for three consecutive weeks.

Enacted: August 04, 2015



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Acting Recorder

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Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED August 17, 2015

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