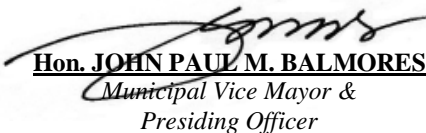
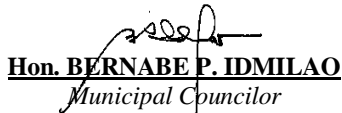


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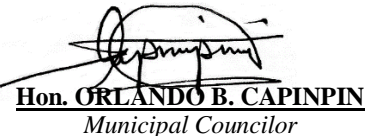
  
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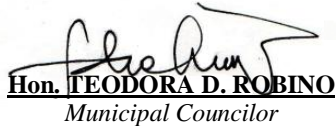
  
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PURA, TARLAC HELD AT THE SB SESSION  
HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

PRESENT:

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ABSENT:

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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 013**  
Series of 2022

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING, PROMOTING AND  
DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
PURA, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to increase agricultural productivity, enrich the fertility of the soil, reduce pollution and avert the destruction of the environment, prevent depletion of natural resources, protect the health of the general public, and save on imported farm inputs;

**WHEREAS**, Republic act No. 10068, otherwise known as “An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines and for Other Purposes” or simply “Organic Agriculture Act of 2010”, aims to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of organic agricultural in the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, Section 14 of RA 10068 recognizes the pivotal role of the Local Government Units (LGUs) as front liners in the implementation and enumerates the role and responsibilities, such as, but not limited to the creation of local technical committees, and issuance of ordinances and/or resolutions approving and adopting organic agriculture in their locality.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture (DA) – Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 02, Series of 2013 was issued stipulating the roles and responsibilities of the LGUs in the Implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program;


**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Bobby L. Martin, duly seconded by Councilor Timoteo D. Balmores, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pura, Tarlac in a session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Organic Agriculture Ordinance of Municipality of Pura 2022”.

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**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** – It is the duty of the local government to protect life and advance the rights of all citizens to food sufficiency, sovereignty and safety, sustainable livelihood and social equity in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Toward this end, the local government with mainstream organic agriculture as a main agriculture practice in the Municipality of Pura;

**SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.** – The practice of 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 agricultural biodiversity shall prevail over any other activity on the agriculture sector;
- The empowerment of all small and marginalized farmers in the agriculture areas of the municipality is a priority which will include the value chain for organic agricultural products;
- The implementation of a strategy for mitigation and adaption to climate change is an urgent policy matter that needs to be integrated in all policies in all sectors;
- While unifying the initiatives and effort of all government agencies and Instrumentalities in agricultural sector, the enhancement of the municipality’s poverty reduction strategy should not be lost in sight;
- 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 Pura;
- Organic agriculture cannot co-exist with genetically-modified crops chemically produced crops and related organism both living and non-living;
- Organic agriculture is multi-functional and in this sense all existing policies of the government on agriculture should take this into account; and
- The integrity of organic product through the approved organic certification process and organic production handling and processing standards should be ensured.

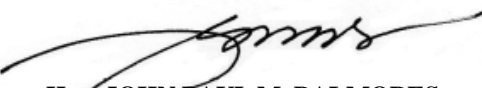
**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- Biopesticides – are naturally occurring substances and microorganisms that control pests;
- Buffer Zones – are defined areas on the boundary of an organic farm that has land use controls and allow only activities compatible with the protection of the organic farm. It serves as a barrier that surrounds or separates an organic farm from other traditional or conventional farms where plants are not designated as organic. The area of the buffer zones shall be determined in the Implementing Rules and Regulations depending on the total situation on the ground;
- Consumer Groups – are organized consumer group patronizing and advocating organic products;
- Conversion – is the process of transforming a traditional or conventional farm into an organic farm for period of three (3) to five (5) years;
- Food Security – is the 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;

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- 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 good quality of life for all involved (IFOAM);
- Organic Center – is a center with the following goals:
  - i. Establish a strategic venue for consumer education, information and communication for a sustainable healthy lifestyle;
  - ii. Design as a showcase for organic products and farm technologies;
  - iii. Develop holistic and sustainable technology training programs;
  - iv. Formulate farm-based farmer coordinated applied research program; and
  - v. Promote environmental economic values in enterprise development.
- Small farmers – are marginal and sub-marginal farm households and/or cultivating not more than one (1) hectare;

## CHAPTER 2 – STRATEGIES

**SECTION 5. ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL ZONES.** – For the effective implementation of this Code, there are hereby set aside agriculture zones that will be protected from encroachment and contamination of using chemical-based farm inputs, mining, including contamination of genetically-engineered crops and other similar activities. These zones shall be organized according to ecological districts based on existing categories of land tenure instruments and arrangements such as the ancestral domain, the protected area and the agrarian reform communities.

These zones shall be set up according to the following minimum criteria:

- Presence of actual organic agriculture practitioners;
- Presence of natural or man-made water formations, including areas covered by irrigation and similar facilities;
- Identified buffer zone to shield organic agriculture from other land uses that impact in the integrity of the practice of organic agriculture;
- Areas suited for agricultural production as defined in the Municipality of Pura Land Use Plan to be submitted to the Sanggunian for approval in an Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. ORGANIC CENTERS.** – The Municipal Government of Pura, through the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office, shall establish, recognize and/support Organic Centers including those initiated by the private sector that will promote, market, and develop organic agriculture;

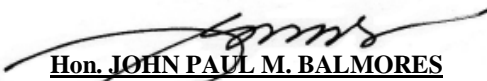
The Municipal Agriculturist’s Office may also recognize or support market centers which are established for the purpose of marketing organic products;


**SECTION 7. CONSERVATION OF INDIGENOUS FARM PRACTICES.** – Measures shall be established, by the farming communities, including indigenous people’s communities, to conserve and protect indigenous knowledge relating to organic agriculture, including those that relate to seed conservation and propagation and the various ways in which on-farm and ex-situ mechanisms are established and sustained.

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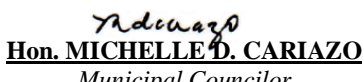
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**SECTION 8. ORGANIC GENE/SEED BANK.** – The Municipal Government of Pura, through the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office, in coordination with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), international organizations and other appropriate agencies shall establish an Organic Seed/Gene Bank which will produce and supply organic, endemic or indigenous seeds to farmers;

**SECTION 9. SUPPORT SERVICE TO ORGANIC FARMERS.** – The Municipal Government of Pura shall ensure support to organic farmers who wish to engage in organic agriculture, such as training, production, marketing and branding, including financial management and accounting, among other necessary skills to develop an organic agriculture product that will secure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade.

Support services shall also be primarily extended to small and marginalized farmers and women’s groups including the promotion, enhancement and fulfillment of their rights as defined in national laws;

**SECTION 10. ACCESS TO CREDIT FOR SMALL AND ORGANIC FARMERS.** – Small and organic farmers, through the assistance of the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office, shall have access to credit facility and financial services through organized groups of small farmers preferably those cooperatives registered with the Municipal Cooperative Development Office;

**SECTION 11. BIOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL CONTROL.** – Organic Farmers shall practice and utilize biological and botanical methods, which relies on predation, parasitism, herbivory or other natural mechanisms in the control of pests and diseases in their organic farm;

The Municipal Government of Pura shall provide support to the Research Section of the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office for the research and development of biological and botanical control.


**CHAPTER 3 – IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS**

**SECTION 12. IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS.** – The Municipal Government of Pura, through the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office, shall ensure the implementation of this ordinance guided by the principles of organic value chain. It shall ensure the marketing of organic products by providing centers for selling, transport and other necessary services. It shall also ensure that organic products have certified organic branding in accordance with the Philippine National Standards;


**SECTION 13. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.** – The Municipal Government may institute the formation of an Organic Agriculture Management Council, headed by the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office that will assist in the implementation of the Ordinance and the formulation of an Organic Agriculture Plan for the Municipality of Pura. The Council, to be composed of appropriate national government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), People’s Organization (POs), academe and such other appropriate offices engaged in or advocating organic agriculture, shall have the following functions:

- Identify and recommend organic agriculture zones as established in Section 5 of this Ordinance;
- Adopt the existing national standards for the accreditation of organic agriculture practitioners which may take into account second party certification systems and farmers’ guarantee systems;
- Develop incentive mechanism for the organic agriculture sector, in collaboration with local government agencies under the Municipal Budget Office which may include, but not limited to, subsidies especially with farming areas that do not exceed one (1) hectare limit, and the necessary crop insurance and other support system of agriculture sector; and

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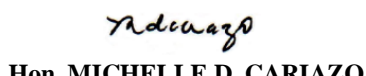
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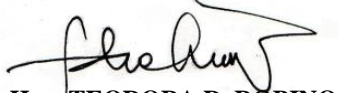
  
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- Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the realization of the policies as well as the principles enunciated under this Ordinance.

In the absence of the establishment of the said Council, the Municipal Agriculturist's Office shall perform the above-mentioned functions on collaboration with other government agencies, NGOs, POs, academe and other appropriate offices.

**SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION.** – The Municipal Government of Pura shall appropriate substantial budget to ensure the implementation of this Ordinance and to support the organic agriculture activities of the Municipality;

**SECTION 15. INCENTIVES TO FARMERS, SCHOOLS AND BARANGAYS.** – The Local Government of Pura shall give incentives, awards and financial support to farmers, schools and barangay local government units which pursue, promote and practice organic farming. The Municipal Agriculturist's Office shall formulate guidelines for developing incentive programs, award systems and/or financial support.

**SECTION 16. STANDARD-SETTING.** – The Municipal Mayor, through the Municipal Agriculturist's Office or the Organic Agriculture Management Council, in case it is established, shall formulate an organic agriculture standard appropriate for the Small Farmers of the Municipality of Pura;

The standard to be formulated by the Municipality shall be anchored on the utilization of biodegradable waste as a resource for organic agriculture system;

**SECTION 17. CAPACITY-BUILDING.** – To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this Ordinance, there is hereby adapted a continuous effort, funded by the budget set aside for organic agriculture as identified in Section 14 of this Ordinance, for capacity-building and training, including the accreditation of institutions for standard-testing and verification. Measures shall also be adopted to encourage integration of organic agriculture in the primary, secondary and tertiary school curricula;

**SECTION 18. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.** – A Master Plan for Research and Development on Organic Agriculture shall be created by the Municipal Agriculturist's Office in the coordination with the Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Unit III that will be funded by the Municipality from the budget set aside for organic agriculture as identified in Section 14 in this Ordinance. The Master Plan shall be regularly updated in consultation with different sectors. The participation of farmers and other stakeholders such as, but not limited to, private entities, NGOs and LGUs in the research, development and implementation of the master plan is preferred;

**SECTION 19. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** – The Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized to create a joint executive-legislative committee to formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance upon its effectivity;

**SECTION 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – If any part of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts unaffected thereby shall continue to remain valid and in effect;

**SECTION 21. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations of parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly;

**SECTION 22. EFFECTIVE CLAUSE.** – This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

