



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF JAGNA
Office of the 9th Sangguniang Bayan

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10-05-2017

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING HIGH VALUED ORGANIC CROP AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT FUNDS FOR POSSIBLE QUALIFIED BARANGAYS AS PILOT AREAS FOR ORGANIC CROP PRODUCTION AND PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES THEREOF IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF JAGNA, BOHOL.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the 9th Sangguniang Bayan of Jagna, Bohol that:

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10068 otherwise known as the "**Organic Agriculture Act of 2010**" which provides for the development and promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines was already signed into Law;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of R.A. 10068 stipulates that it is the policy of the state to promote, propagate, further develop and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the conventional farming practices of most farmers to boost crop yields utilize excessive chemical fertilizers and pesticides which are detrimental to the environmental and human health;

WHEREAS, the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shows that fertilizer overuse is responsible for the highest single share of agriculture's direct greenhouse gas emissions currently equal to some 2.1 billion tons of carbon dioxide annually and that excessive use of fertilizer results in the emission of climate change causing gas - nitrous oxide (N₂O), which is some 300 times more potent than carbon dioxide;

WHEREAS, the shift to Organic Agriculture is one of the adaptation measures on climate change as defined by the Climate Change Act of 2009 or RA 9729;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Jagna recognizes the importance of organic agriculture as the ultimate course of action to pursue and ensure sustainable economic development of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the municipality recognizes the difficulty of persuading farmers to switch from the conventional farming methods to organic farming methods;

WHEREAS, to ensure sustainability in the implementation of Organic Agriculture in the municipality, it is imperative to allocate funds to support the program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 9TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known and called "**An Ordinance Establishing A High Valued Organic Crop Agricultural Support Funds For Possible Qualified Barangays As Pilot Areas For Organic Crop Production In The Municipality Of Jagna, Bohol And Providing Tax Incentives Thereof**".
INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS

SECTION 2. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD. An Organic Agriculture Board (OAB) is hereby created by this ordinance.

SECTION 3. COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD. The Board shall be composed of the following:

A. Chairman: Municipal Agriculturist

B. Vice - Chairman: SB Chair on Committee on Agriculture

C. Members:

Schools District Supervisor

Municipal Health Officer

Representative from DTI

Chairman Committee on Cooperatives, PO's and NGO's and Related Associations

Chairman Committee on Education

Chairman Committee Trade and Industry

Chairman Committee on Information

MENRO Head

Authorized representatives from duly registered farmers' associations or farmer groups engaged in organic agriculture

SECTION 4. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD. The Board shall have the following powers and functions:

a. Formulate and develop a Municipal Organic Agricultural Plan, in consultation with stakeholders and oversee its implementation, monitoring and evaluation;

b. Monitor and supervise organic agriculture practices of the municipality;

c. Identify and recommend pilot organic barangays as required in this ordinance;

d. Adopt the existing national standards for the accreditation of organic agriculture practitioners which may take into account second or third party certification systems and farmers' guarantee systems;

e. Recommend criteria for organic farms, organic farmers, organic agriculture standards and practices;

f. Develop appropriate incentive mechanism for organic agriculture sector in collaboration with the barangays involved which may include but not limited to assistance to organic farm inputs and the necessary crop insurance and other support system of agriculture sector;

g. Call concerned sectors that could provide advice on matters pertaining to organic agriculture and conduct capability-building initiatives to farmers;

h. Organize educational seminars and assist farmer groups in implementing the Program;

i. Coordinate and facilitate the application and availment of grants from the DA and other financing institution;

j. Form farmer association, train, lead and professionalize the group for a more collaborative and efficient business model;

k. Ensure that farmers are the direct beneficiaries and not simply the hired workers and that it must be a collaborative partnership to alleviate the lives of poor farmers;

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