

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 75 S, 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE HALINAT MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT IN SIXTEEN (16) BARANGAYS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ROQUE, NORTHERN SAMAR**

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**WHEREAS**, the economy of the country depends heavily on the agricultural sector, thus challenges encountered especially by farmers, have negative effects on the food security in the country;

**WHEREAS**, given its geographic location, the Philippines experienced numerous threats to food security brought about by strings of natural calamities that have rendered farm produce unusable or increased food prices due to food shortage;

**WHEREAS**, to address the problem of hunger and food insecurity in the community the National Government enacted several laws and implemented various initiatives and strategies to ensure sustainable and resilient production and food availability in the community;

**WHEREAS**, the HALINAT MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT aims to increase barangay's capacity for sustainable agriculture activities by strengthening the barangay community garden, which would encourage homes and communities to grow fresh fruits and vegetables;

**WHEREAS**, in support of the thrust of the current administration and cognizant of the role of the barangay as essential partners of the national government in contributing to addressing hunger and ensuring food security in the barangay, the national government, through the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) introduced the HALINAT MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY (HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT and thus enjoins the Local Government Unit (LGU) thru their component barangays to adopt and institutionalize the same in their programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon motion of Ex-Officio Member/ABC President Freddie F. Jarito and unanimously seconded by all the Sangguniang Bayan Members present, **BE** it;

**BE ENACTED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan Members of the Municipality of San Roque, Northern Samar, in session assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known as Halinat Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa barangay project of the Municipality of San Roque, Northern Samar.

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**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** The following terms as used in this ordinance shall mean as follows:

a.) Aeroponics- an integration of aquaculture (Fish-Farming) with hydroponics. Creates symbiotic relationship between the plants and the fish. It uses the nutrient-rich waste from fish tanks to "fertigate" hydroponic production beds, and hydroponics beds cleans water for fish habitats.

b.) Aquaponics- refers to a bio-system that incorporate recirculated aquaculture (Fish-Farming) with hydroponic vegetable and herbs production to create a symbiotic relationship between the plants and the fish.

c.) Barangay Community Garden- refers to a piece of land or several patches or in a communal garden operated and cultivated by the barangay for the purpose of planting and growing vegetables and fruit-bearing trees.

d.) Container Gardening- refers to micro model farming where a family unit or household is producing fruits and vegetables in containers for personal consumption.

e.) Fruit Bearing Tree Planting- refers to the planting of fruit bearing trees for food production such as papaya, avocado, mango, jackfruit, guyabano, Lemon fruit, etc.

f.) Square foot Gardening- is a simple method of creating small, orderly, and highly productive kitchen gardens.

h.) Vertical Gardening- refers to a special kind of urban gardening suitable for small spaces, particularly for decorating the walls and roofs in various styles. It is alternative method for gardening by expanding the scope of growing plants in a vertical space.

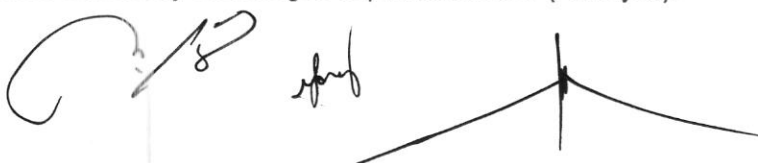
**SECTION 3. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared a policy of the Municipality of San Roque, Northern Samar, to enjoin all sixteen (16) barangays to established their respective Barangay Community Garden as part of the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) project of the municipality.

**SECTION 4. Establishment of Barangay Community Gardens.** Pursuant to the declared policy in this municipal ordinance, all barangays shall establish their Barangay Community Gardens in accordance with the following guidelines;

a.) The community garden shall be established in an available site to be determined by the Sangguniang Barangay. It shall have at least a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) square meters of land or its equivalent in several patches of land.

b.) In establishing the community garden, the barangay shall identify which vegetable plants (e.g. Leafy Vegetables, Fruit bearing crops, herbal plants, root crops) they wish to grow.

c.) Barangays with suitable spaces are hereby encouraged to plant bamboos (Kawayan).



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d.) Barangays that do not have vacant areas, shall implement alternative gardening such as container gardening, hydroponics, aquaponics, and aeroponics.

e.) Barangays are encouraged to coordinate and request from the LGU for any vacant property owned by the local government or private individuals who own a certain vacant/idle lot that can be used to establish the barangay community garden.

f.) The barangays shall encourage their residents to set up their family vegetable garden and/or plant fruit bearing trees in any available open spaces a minimum of ten (10) square meters per household.

**SECTION 5. Roles and Responsibilities of the Local Government Unit (LGU's)**

- a.) Ensure the formulation, revision or updating of the local nutrition plan of action, to include and support the establishment of and maintenance of community gardens (this includes both the barangays and household gardens).
- b.) Implement, monitor, and evaluate the local nutrition plan which includes, but not limited to the provision of technical assistance to barangays to promote basic agriculture through natural farming to serve as food baskets or main source of vegetables to sustain the dietary needs of the community as well as households, provision of agricultural services and facilities to the barangays.
- c.) Include in the comprehensive development plan, as well as in the local development and annual investment programs, applicable programs and activities to promote nutrition such as the establishment and maintenance of barangay community garden, to ensure adequate funding for nutritional impact.
- d.) Ensure the organization, reorganization, and strengthening of the Municipal Nutrition Committee with the local chief executive as chairperson through the enactment of a local ordinance or issuance of an Executive Order to that affect.
- e.) The Local Chief Executive, through an appropriate order, shall designate a Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO) preferably a full-time basis with the corresponding staff support to coordinate nutrition action and implement one or more components of the local nutrition action plan, as maybe needed.
- f.) Provide technical and financial assistance to barangays, particularly in the implementation of agricultural activities and provision of agricultural support services.
- g.) Provide agricultural support services and facilities to the barangays such as, but not limited to, vegetable seeds farms, fruit tree and other kinds of seedling nurseries, improvement and development of local distribution channels, preferable thru cooperatives: Inter-Barangay irrigation system, prevention and control of plant pest and diseases, assistance in the organizations of cooperative; among other;



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- h.) Promote vegetable production and consumption of crops existing naturally in the area.
- i.) Encourage the residents in the barangays to set up their family vegetable garden and/or plan fruit-bearing trees in available spaces.
- i.) The Local Chief Executive shall issue an Executive Order designating an inspection and monitoring team for the establishment of community gardens in the barangays.

**SECTION 6. Roles and Responsibilities of the Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU)**

- a. Ensure the organization, reorganization and strengthening of the Barangay Nutrition Committee;
- b. Include in their respective barangay Development Plans and Annual Investment Programs, applicable nutritional programs, projects, and activities to ensure adequate funding for nutritional impact;
- c. Ensure the formulation, existing, revision/updating of the barangay nutrition action plan in line with the full devolution, to include the establishment and maintenance of Barangay Community Garden; Provision of seeding materials and agricultural equipment and facilities, among others;
- d. Designate one (1) Sangguniang Barangay, preferably the one handles the environmental concerns, to lead and manage the establishment and maintenance of barangay community garden, through an Executive Order;
- e. The Punong Barangay shall also designate personnel from among the barangay officials and staff, including the Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) who shall assist in the operation and maintenance of Barangay Community Garden;
- f. Identify the area/s where the barangay community gardening established;
- g. Set-up a community garden in a vacant area, preferably owned by the barangay or local government concerned;
- h. Together with the designated Sangguniang Barangay members, coordinate with their respective City/Municipal Agricultural Offices or its equivalent any available agricultural, training, seminars, and capacity-building services, as well as seeding materials, and other agricultural equipment and facilities, that would help them in the operations in the operation of barangay community garden;
- i. Lead the promotion of barangay community gardening to their community, including its importance and benefits as well as the products produced through the community garden;



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- j. Promote Agribusiness especially for high value products in the area;
- k. Keep a record of overall operations of the community garden such as the type of seedlings per plant planted, and number of vegetables and fruits harvested (e.g. per sack, per piece, per kilograms, etc.)
- l. Enact an ordinance regarding the setting-up and operations of barangay community garden as well spread of the information in setting-up household vegetable gardening and/or planting fruit bearing trees; and
- m. Submit necessary reports to the respective DILG City/Municipal Field Offices on their compliance with the establishment of the barangay community gardening.

**SECTION 7. Funding.** The Municipal Government Unit of San Roque, Northern Samar, shall appropriate the funds necessary for the efficient and effective implementation of this ordinance, particularly programs, projects and activities that support the establishment, functionality and sustainability of barangay community gardens.

**SECTION 8. Separability Clause.** If any part, section or provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts thereof, not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. Repealing Clause.** All ordinances, executive orders, resolutions and other local issuances or parts thereof, inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby amended, modified or repealed accordingly.

**SECTION 10. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the mandatory publication and through posting in the social media platform of the LGU.

**SECTION 10.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

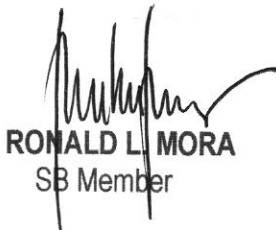
**DONE and APPROVED,** this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 at Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Balaudnan Building, San Roque, Northern Samar, Philippines.

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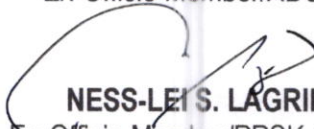
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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

  
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Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan 

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