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SANGGUNIANG BAYAN
Taytay, Rizal

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ORDINANCE NO. 786 series of 2023

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THE GUIDELINES ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF “HALINA’T MAGTANIM NG PRUTAS AT GULAY”
(HAPAG) SA BARANGAY PROJECT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY,
RIZAL**

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WHEREAS, the economy of the Philippines depends heavily on the agricultural sector, thus challenges encountered, especially by farmers, have negative effects on the food security in the country. 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, COVID-19 pandemic has further worsened the country's food security, disrupting the availability and access to free and nutritious foods at affordable process;

WHEREAS, the Philippines ranks 68th of the 116 countries assessed for experiencing hunger globally. With a score of 16.8, the Philippines had a moderate level of hunger (2021 Global Hunger Index). In addition, the result of the latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) National Survey released on September 11, 2022 with 1500 respondents shows that 11.6% of Filipino or about 2.9 million households have experienced involuntary hunger in the past three months;

WHEREAS, to address the problem of hunger and food insecurity in the Philippines, the national government enacted several laws and implemented various initiatives and strategies to ensure sustainable and resilient production and food availability throughout the country. However, food insecurity remains a challenge in the country due to food shortage and rising food prices brought by natural calamities and disasters, health crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic, among others, hindering economic growth and national development;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government through Memorandum Circular 2023-001 shows its support in cognizant of the role of barangay as essential partners of the national government in contributing to address hunger and ensuring food security in the country thru the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa Barangay Project;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education Memorandum No. 095 s. 2018 mandates to sustain implementation the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) in public elementary and secondary schools nationwide to address malnutrition and promote vegetable production and consumption among schoolchildren, as stipulated in the DepEd Memorandum No. 223 s. 2016;

WHEREAS, HAPAG project aims to strengthen the capacities of barangay towards sustainable agriculture initiatives. One of which is the intensification and fostering of agricultural activities and communities will be encourage to produce fresh, healthy and affordable fruits and vegetables from their backyard spaces, through the establishment of community gardens in the barangays with vacant areas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, as it is hereby enacted, by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay, Rizal, in session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Title - This ordinance shall be known as the **“HAPAG Ordinance of Taytay, Rizal”**.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy

- 2.1. To encourage the practice of agriculture that will provide food on the table of needy families in the community;
- 2.2. To create greener and productive spaces in the Municipality, curbing the increasing problem of air pollution and other negative impact of commercialization;
- 2.3. To use agricultural techniques that will reduce the cost required to transport food, making healthier foods more readily available to the public and provide food sustainability in the municipality;
- 2.4. To enhance productivity by making use of idle lots and open spaces;
- 2.5. To alleviate poverty through self-sustaining programs such as backyard to table food programs, thereby encouraging residents to grow fresh produce in the comfort of nearby community spaces and even in their own home; and
- 2.6. To create and maintain a network of green spaces in order to maintain a healthy biodiversity.

Section 3. Definition of Term - The terms for the purpose of this ordinance shall mean:

- 3.1. **Aeroponics** - the process of growing plants in the air or mist environment without soil or an aggregate medium.
- 3.2. **Aquaponics** - bio-system that incorporated recirculated aquaculture or fish farming with hydroponic vegetable and herbs production to create symbiotic relationship between the plants and the fish.
- 3.3. **Barangay Community Garden** - a piece of land or several patches of land operated and cultivated by the barangay for the purpose of planting and growing vegetables and fruit bearing trees.
- 3.4. **Container Gardening** - micro model farming where family unit or household is producing fruits and vegetables in special containers for personal consumption.
- 3.5. **Fruit Bearing Tree Planting** - refers to the planting of fruit bearing trees for food production purposes such as papaya, bananas, mango, etc.
- 3.6. **Hydroponics** - a method of growing food using mineral nutrients solutions ion water without soil.
- 3.7. **Square Foot Gardening** - a simple method of creating small orderly and highly productive kitchen garden.
- 3.8. **Vertical Gardening** - special kind or urban gardening suitable for small spaces, particularly for decorating the walls and roofs in various styles.

Section 4. Mandatory Establishment of Barangay Community Garden - It is hereby prescribed that each Barangay of the Municipality of Taytay must establish their own community garden. It shall have at least a minimum of two hundred (200) square meters of land

area which may be a total of accumulated portions of land or its equivalent patches of land consisting of at least five (5) varieties of vegetables. However, barangays that do not have vacant areas, shall implement alternative gardening such as container gardening, vertical gardening, square foot gardening, hydroponics, aquaponics and aeroponics.

Barangays are encouraged to coordinate and request from the Municipal Agriculture Office for any vacant property owned by the local government or with private individuals who own a certain vacant lot that can be used to establish the barangay community garden. Barangays shall encourage their residents to set up their family vegetable garden and/or plant fruit bearing trees in available open spaces.

The Barangay Kagawad Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, in cooperation with Sangguniang Kabataan, shall be the focal person in maintaining and sustaining the community garden.

Section 5. Open Spaces in Public Schools - Public schools shall develop a vegetable gardening area within the school premises as prescribed by the DepEd Memorandum No. 223 s. 2016 and No. 95 s. 2018. Fresh produce shall be incorporated in healthy canteen food programs of the said school or used in feeding or donation / relief programs of the school.

This shall be implemented in partnership with the Parent-Teacher Association of the said school.

Section 6. Private Open Spaces - Idle lots owned by private individuals within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Taytay are eligible to avail incentive/s and recognition as prescribed by Ordinance No. 765 s. 2023 - *“Urban Gardening Incentives Program of Taytay, Rizal”*.

Section 7. Role of the Barangay - The five (5) Barangays of the Municipality shall be encouraged to formulate its own short, medium and long-term programs with specific budget allocation from its annual budget for the maintenance of the Barangay Community Garden.

Section 8. Partnership with Private Sector - The efforts of the civil society organizations in promoting gardening prior to the passage of this ordinance are recognized. The Municipality and the Barangays are encouraged to enjoin the participation of the private sector in the promotion, propagation development and implementation of agriculture from production and use of agricultural bio-system techniques.

Section 9. Incentives - The Municipal Government shall grant incentives and awards to barangays and schools with outstanding community garden during the annual Farmer’s Month Celebration every month of May as stipulated by *Section 5. Program, Activities and Incentives of the Sangguniang Bayan Ordinance No. 769 s. 2023 - “An Ordinance Declaring the Month of May of Every Year as Farmer’s Month in the Municipality of Taytay, Rizal and Providing Funds Thereof”*.

Section 10. Capacity Building - To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this ordinance within sixty (60) calendar days from the effectivity of this ordinance and periodically thereafter, the Municipal Agriculture Office shall develop monitoring schemes and conduct series of orientation, seminars and trainings for the development and proper care of the barangay community garden to be funded by the Municipal Government.

Section 11. Promotion of Urban Agriculture - The Sangguniang Bayan ng Taytay enacted Ordinance No. 765 s. 2023 - *“Urban Gardening Incentives Program of Taytay, Rizal”* which incentivizes willing lot owners to commit their idle land for the purpose of practicing urban gardening. The Municipal Agriculturist shall facilitate the promotion of urban agriculture among residents with vacant idle lots as prescribed by Ordinance No. 765 s. 2023.

Section 12. Sustainability and Institutionalization - The Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) of the barangays shall maintain a record of stunted and severely stunted children ages 0-59 months and shall be the primary beneficiaries of the produce of the barangay community gardens. Beneficiaries may also include the indigent members of the community. Documentation on distribution shall be prepared and submitted on a monthly basis by the Kagawad Chairperson on Agriculture to the Municipal Agriculture Office.

Section 13. Appropriation - The Municipal Government of Taytay, Rizal shall appropriate substantial budget to ensure the implementation of this Ordinance and to support the Barangay Community Gardening.


Section 14. Separability Clause - Any provision or portion of this ordinance found to be in violation of the Constitution or declared to be invalid shall not impair other provisions or part thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

Section 15. Repealing Clause - Ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


Section 16. Effectivity - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after posting of this ordinance in all official Municipal Transparency Board.

ENACTED, this 21st day of June, 2023, 3:16 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on June 14, 2023 and was passed on third and final reading on June 21, 2023, during the 49th Regular Session held on the 21st day of June, 2023.


ATTY. STANLEE D. CALMA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY
ADOPTED BY HER HONOR


HON. SOPHIA PRISCILLA L. CABRAL
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR
DATE 31 JUL 2021


HON. ALLAN MARTINE S. DE LEON
Municipal Mayor 7/31/23