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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MONCADA, TARLAC FOR CY 2022 HELD ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

**PRESENT:**

HON. JAIME O. DUQUE	.. VICE MAYOR/PRESIDING OFFICER
HON. RODOLFO C. ESPEJO, JR.	.. MEMBER
HON. ALBERTO C. MARZAN, JR., MD	.. MEMBER
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HON. JANIUS M. YASAY	.. MEMBER
HON. CELESTE A. AYSON	.. MEMBER
HON. CONSTANTE NESTOR A. FAVIS	.. MEMBER
HON. GEORGE R. CUCHAPIN, MD	.. LnB PRESIDENT
HON. EZEKIEL C. RIVERA	.. SKF PRESIDENT

**ABSENT:**

HON. GEORGE MICHAEL P. AGUILAR	.. MEMBER
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**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 04**  
**Series of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONCADA AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**Sponsored by: COUN. RUBEN V. GAMBOA, JR.**  
Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Moncada in session assembled, that:

**Section 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the **“Organic Agriculture Ordinance of Moncada 2022.”**

**Section 2. LEGAL BASIS.** This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 10068 of 2010, otherwise known as the “Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines.”

**Section 3. POLICY.** The Municipal Government of Moncada, Tarlac supports the development, promotion, propagation, research and implementation of the practice of Organic Agriculture that contributes to better farm incomes and sustainable livelihood, improved health, environmental protection, disaster risk reduction and resilience to climate change and social justice.

**Section 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a) Organic - refers to a particular farming and processing system described in the standards and not in the classical chemical sense. It is





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synonymous to “Biological” or “Ecological.” It is also a labeling term that denotes products considered as organic.

- b) Organic Agriculture - a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people which relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects.
- c) Certification - a procedure by which official certifying bodies provide written or equivalent assurance that food or food control systems conform to requirements.
- d) Accreditation - a procedure by which a government agency formally recognizes the competence of an inspection and/or certifying body to provide inspection and certification services.

**Section 5. COVERAGE.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply for the development and promotion of organic agriculture in the municipality.

**Section 6. ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL ZONES.** For the effective implementation of this ordinance, 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 use, including all bodies of water.

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

- a. Presence of actual organic agriculture practitioners;
- b. Presence of natural or man-made water formations, including areas covered by irrigation and similar facilities;
- c. Identified buffer zone to shield organic agriculture from other land uses that impact in the integrity of the practice of organic agriculture.

**Section 7. ORGANIC CENTERS.** The Municipal Government of Moncada shall establish, recognize and support Organic Centers including those initiated and established by the private sector that will promote, market, and develop organic agriculture in the locality;

**Section 8. RETAILING OF ORGANIC PRODUCE.** A designated place in the public market of Moncada shall be designated for the display and selling of organic products. Retail establishments or stores of organic produce shall also designate a separate area to display the organic produce to avoid mixing with non-organic ones.

**Section 9. CREATION OF A MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (MTC).** The Municipal Mayor shall form a Municipal Technical Committee which shall implement activities in line with the Municipal Organic Agriculture Program of Moncada.

**1. Functions. The MTC shall have the following duties and functions:**

- a. Shall be responsible in the promotion, development and implementation of organic agricultural programs, projects and activities including the provision and delivery of other support services intended for organic farmers in the Municipality of Moncada.





- b. Formulate policies/guidelines/plans/ programs and projects to develop and promote organic agriculture, production of organic fertilizers, organic pesticides, organic products, processing and marketing.
- c. Do initial screening on products to be certified. When a product is certified as complying with organic product standards, they shall recommend it to the National Accredited Organic Certifying Body for official accreditation.
- d. Register Organic Food and Organic Input Producers.
- e. Assist Organic Food and Organic Input Producers in the labeling of their organic produce.
- f. Promulgate other rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out effectively the purposes and objectives of this ordinance; and
- g. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for its effective operations and for the continued enhancement, growth or development of organic agriculture in the Municipality.

**2. Composition. The MTC shall be composed of the following:**

### SB Chairperson of the

## Committee on Agriculture Co-Chairperson

### Municipal Agriculturist      Vice Chairperson

### Members:

### Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator;

## Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer;

### Municipal Health Officer;

### Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer;

MDRRMO;

DepEd Public Schools District Supervisors;

MLGOO:

DepEd Public Schools District supervisors;

MLGOO;

Three (3) representatives from the small farmers;

A representative each from the NGOs involved in sustainable agriculture for at least three (3) years; agricultural colleges and universities; and private sector or agribusiness firms; as members.

## **Section 10. SUPPORT SERVICE TO ORGANIC FARMERS.**





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a) The Municipal Government of Moncada shall give support to the following:

1. To any individual, group or organization who wish to engage in organic farming/agriculture such as training, seminars, production, financial management and accounting.
2. In developing organic agriculture products that will secure a market niche, including fair trade.
3. Give any individual, group or organization who go on organic farming access to credit or financial assistance.

b) The Municipal Government, through the Municipal Agriculture Office, shall give incentives and awards to deserving individuals, groups and organizations who pursue, promote and practice organic farming/agriculture.

**Section 11. BIOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL CONTROL.** The Municipal Government of Moncada shall provide support to the Research Division of the Municipal Agriculturist's Office for the research and development of biological and botanical control methods, which relies on predation, parasitism, herbivory or other natural mechanisms in the control of pests and diseases in their organic farm.

**Section 12. CAPACITY-BUILDING.** To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this Ordinance, there is hereby adopted a continuous effort 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 13. PENAL PROVISION.** Any person who willfully and deliberately obstructs the development or propagation of organic agriculture, or the manufacture, production, sale or use of organic agricultural inputs; and mislabels or claims that the product is organic when it is not in accordance with the existing standards of the Philippine Organic Agriculture or this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined with two thousand five hundred pesos (P 2,500.00) and a case filed in court.

**Section 14. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The MTC shall adopt the rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this ordinance within ninety (90) days from the effectivity hereof and submit the same to the Sangguniang Bayan for its information and approval.

**Section 15. ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.** The amount of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 200,000.00) shall be initially appropriated for the implementation of this ordinance and may increase the amount thereof annually thereafter. Supplemental appropriations may be made as the need arises depending on the availability of funds. The LGU shall provide financial and technical assistance through the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist to assist organic farmers in technology development, and provide support to individual farmers and farmers organizations in the promotion and development of organic agriculture in the Municipality.





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**Section 16. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 17. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 18. EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality and likewise in the social media platforms of the LGU.

**ENACTED**, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022 at Moncada, Tarlac.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance which was enacted on THIRD and FINAL reading by the Sangguniang Bayan of Moncada, Tarlac during its 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held on the aforementioned date and place.

**VICTOR SANDINO S. MOLINA**  
Secretary, Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ENACTED:

**JAIME O. DUQUE**  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED by HER HONOR, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2022.

**ESTELITA M. AQUINO**  
Municipal Mayor

