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ORDINANCE NO. 974

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE CITY OF CANDON, ILOCOS SUR, ALLOCATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Candon, Province of Ilocos Sur in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known and cited as "**Organic Agriculture Ordinance of Candon City 2021**".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PRINCIPLES.
It is the policy of the city government to further develop, promote and implement the practice of organic agriculture that will enrich the fertility of the soil, increase farm productivity, prevent the destruction of the environment, and protect the health of the general public.

Toward this end, there is a need to undertake a program for the promotion of community-based organic agriculture system in the City of Candon which shall adhere to the following principles:

- a. The promotion and enhancement of the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity shall prevail over any other activity on the agriculture sector;
- b. The empowerment of all small and marginalized farmers in the agriculture areas of the city is a priority which will include the value chain for organic agricultural products;
- c. 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;
- d. While unifying the initiatives and efforts of all government agencies and instrumentalities in agricultural development, the enhancement of the city's poverty reduction strategy should not be lost in sight;
- e. Organic agriculture is a contributor to the city's economy and the attainment of food security, ecological sustainability and the well-being of the people of Candon City;
- f. Organic agriculture cannot co-exist with genetically-modified crops, chemically produced crops and related organism both living and non-living;
- g. Organic agriculture is multi-functional and, in this sense, all existing policies of the government on agriculture should take this into account, and
- h. The integrity of organic product through the approved organic certification process and organic production handling and processing standards should be ensured.