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2nd INDORSEMENT
 February 10, 2026

Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 12, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 12, series of 2025 entitled: “ **Organic Agriculture Ordinance of Capoocan, Leyte.**”

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office opines that the subject Ordinance is, in general, within the legislative authority of the Sangguniang Bayan under Section 17(a)(2)(i)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160) pursuant to RA 10068². Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL

Provincial Legal Officer 

¹ ((i) Extension and on-site research services and facilities related to agriculture and fishery activities which include dispersal of livestock and poultry, fingerlings, and other seedling materials for aquaculture; palay, corn, and vegetable seed farms; medicinal plant gardens; fruit tree, coconut, and other kinds of seedling nurseries; demonstration farms; quality control of copra and improvement and development of local distribution channels, preferably through cooperatives; interbarangay irrigation system; water and soil resource utilization and conservation projects; and enforcement of fishery laws in municipal waters including the conservation of mangroves;

² "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010".

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1ST INDORSEMENT

23 January 2026

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 12, series of 2025 of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte, entitled: An Ordinance promoting and developing organic agriculture in the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte.**



FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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THE HONORABLE BODY

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
4th Floor, Provincial Government Complex
West Bypass Road, Campetic
Palo, Leyte

Dear Gentlemen / Mesdames:

Good Day!

Submitting **Municipal Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2025** of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capoocan, Leyte entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE"**, for review of the Honorable Body.

Earliest and favorable action shall be gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully yours,


JUDITH DELA TORRE
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE IN ITS 21st REGULAR SESSION
HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025 AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 12 SERIES OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAPOOCAN, LEYTE

SPONSOR : HONORABLE ARNOLD A. CAING
CO-SPONSOR : HONORABLE LANDER JAKE D. ABILLAR

WHEREAS, Republic Act 10068 otherwise known as An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines and for other purposes was enacted into law by both the Senate and the House of Representatives on February 01, 2010 ;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 02 dated January 2013 jointly issued by the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Department of Agriculture has enjoined all Local Government Units (LGUs) to implement RA 10068 in their respective jurisdiction. It also provides roles and responsibilities of the LGUs in the implementation of the National Agriculture Program under the said Act;

WHEREAS, shifting back to traditional ways of producing Agricultural crops would result in the production of healthy food on the table for our constituents;

WHEREAS, organic farming would be a great help in the preservation and protection of the state of our Environment especially in Agricultural areas in the Country;

WHEREAS, the unabated use of chemicals in the production of Agricultural crops has significantly contributed in the worsening effects of climate change and global warming in various parts of the global village, thus, this now serves as a wake-up call for those in Agriculture Sector to shift to the traditional ways of raising crops;

WHEREAS, preserving and protecting the Environment should be the utmost concern of farmers and going back to organic farming is a step towards contributing to the efforts on how to negate the effects of climate change;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Arnold A. Caing, duly seconded by Honorable Lander Jake D. Abillar, without any objections;

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Capoocan, Leyte in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "Organic Agriculture Ordinance of Capoocan, Leyte".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Municipal Government of Capoocan, Leyte adheres to the policy of the State to promote, propagate, develop further and implement the practice of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines that will cumulatively condition and enrich the fertility of the soil, increase

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farm productivity, reduce pollution and destruction of environment, prevent the depletion of natural resources and further protect the health of our farmers, consumers and general public. The municipal Government will mainstream organic agricultural practice in the barangays.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to institutionalize Republic Act 10068 in the municipality of Capoocan, Leyte. It would ensure the productions of healthy foods derive from vegetables and fruits produced by our farmers and mitigate the harmful effects of the use of chemical farm inputs thus, protecting our environment.

SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this ordinance the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. **Organic Agriculture** – includes all Agricultural systems that promote the ecologically sound, socially acceptable, economically viable and technically feasible production of food and Fishery (Section 3(b) of Republic Act. 10068)
- b. **Municipal Organic Agriculture Board (MOAB)** – the policy-making body under the National Organic Agriculture Program attach to the Department of Agriculture which shall provide direction and general guidelines for the implementation of the National Organic Agriculture Program.
- c. **Organic Agriculture Zones** – protected areas identified by the Municipal Organic Agriculture Board where organic farming is implemented.

SECTION 5. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. To carry out such declared policy and for an effective implementation of this ordinance, there shall be created a Technical Committee which shall be composed of the following:

Chairman: Municipal Mayor
Members: Chairperson – SB Committee on Environmental Protection and Agriculture
Municipal Agriculturist
Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator
Public Schools District Supervisor - Capoocan I District
Public Schools District Supervisor - Capoocan II District
Department of Trade and Industry Representative in the LGU
Municipal Health Officer
Municipal Engineer
Chairman – Municipal Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Management Council
Municipal Local Government Operations Officer (MLGOO)
Three (3) Farmer Representatives
Agri-Business Representative

The Municipal Agriculture Office shall serve as Secretariat

SECTION 6. IMPLEMENTING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Municipal Organic Agriculture Committee (MOAC) shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Establish linkages with other agencies, government or private and NGOs to promote organic farming in the Municipality.
- b. Recommend doable measures to develop and promote organic farming.
- c. Formulate research and development agenda for organic agriculture for long term plan reference.
- d. Disseminate information on organic farming.
- e. Hold regular meetings at least once a month to discuss and deliberate concerns affecting the implementation of organic farming programs.
- f. Formulate policies, plans, programs and projects to develop and promote organic agriculture production and processing in the Municipality.

- g. Identify and recommend areas or zones where organic agriculture program shall be undertaken.
- h. Oversee the successful implementation of the Municipal Organic Agriculture Program.
- i. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the promotion and development and Organic Agriculture in Municipality.

SECTION 7. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ZONES – For the effective implementation of this ordinance, there are hereby identified agriculture zones that will be protected from encroachment and contamination using chemical based farm inputs including contamination of genetically engineered crops and other similar activities.

SECTION 8. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TRAINING CENTERS. The Municipal Government of Capooacan, Leyte through the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office shall establish, recognize and support Organic Centers including those initiated by the Private Sector that will promote market and develop Organic Agriculture. The training center of the Municipality shall be the venue for the transfer of Agricultural Technology like trainings on pocket of Technology on Organic Agriculture and Agri-business.

SECTION 9. ORGANIC GENE/SEED BANK. The municipal government of Capooacan, Leyte through the Municipal Agriculturist’s Office in coordination with Non-Government Organizations shall establish an Organic Gene/Seed Bank which will produce and supply organic seeds to farmers.

SECTION 10. SUPPORT SERVICES TO ORGANIC FARMERS. The Municipal Government of Capooacan, Leyte shall ensure support to organic farmers who wish to engage in organic agriculture such as training, production, marketing and branding to develop an agriculture product that will ensure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade.

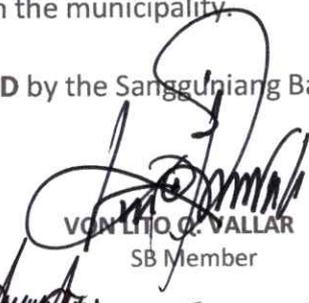
SECTION 11. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADING POSTS FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTS AND INPUTS. There shall be established dedicated stalls in the Municipal Public Market and Special Market Day for Organic Products. If possible a trading post for organic inputs for sale comply with the standard specifications established by the National Organic Agriculture Board (NOAB) through the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards of the Department of Agriculture.

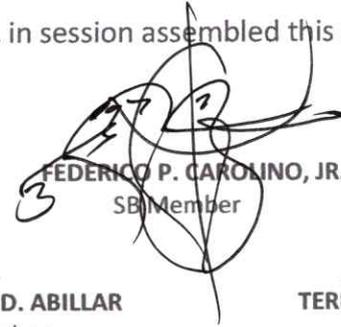
SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the remaining parts thereby shall continue to remain valid and in effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

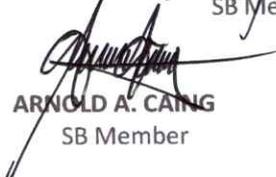
SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately ten (10) days after copies of this Ordinance have been posted at the Municipal Bulletin Board and in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the municipality.

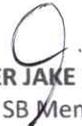
ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan, in session assembled this 18th day of **November, 2025** at Capooacan, Leyte.

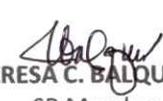

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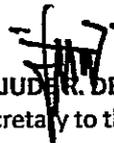

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Ex-Officio Member
Municipal Chapter President
Liga ng mga Barangay
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Ex-Officio Member
President

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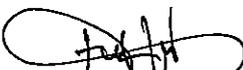
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan of Capocan, Leyte.


JUD R. DELA TORRE
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


GRACIA G. PIGAR
SB Member/Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ATTY. FEDERICO H. CAROLINO, SR.
Municipal Mayor
Date: 1.21.26