



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Oriental Mindoro
MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER
(No. 35 Series of 2022)

**AN ORDER CREATING THE FOOD COUNCIL OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT
OF BONGABONG, ORIENTAL MINDORO PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION
AND FUNCTIONS**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution guarantees that the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life for all;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 8435, otherwise known as the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997, declares the State policies to enable those who belong to the agriculture and fisheries sectors to participate and share in the fruits of development and growth in a manner that utilizes the nation's resources in the most efficient and sustainable way possible by establishing a more equitable access to assets, income, basic and support services and infrastructure, and to promote food security, including sufficiency in our staple food, namely rice and white corn by optimizing production with adequate support by the State to meet local consumption;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 116 s. 1987 reiterates the State policy to promote the well-being of farmers, accelerate agricultural development and enhance the production of agricultural crops, fisheries and livestock, with the end view of attaining food security;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers every local government unit to exercise the powers expressly granted those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare;

WHEREAS, agriculture is the primary industry in Bongabong which paved the way for it to be hailed as the Center of Organic Farming in Oriental Mindoro;

WHEREAS, to achieve sustainable food production, food security and sufficiency, stable prices and inclusive growth, it is imperative to continuously strengthen the municipality's agriculture industry and to address pressing challenges and constraints that may impact on productivity and the welfare of farmers.

NOW, THEREFORE I, ELEGIO A. MALALUAN, Municipal Mayor of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. CREATION

There is hereby created a Food Council of the Local Government Unit of Bongabong, hereinafter referred to as the Council, which shall serve as the overall coordinating body for the protection and development of the agriculture industry in Bongabong.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION

The Food Council of the Local Government Unit of Bongabong shall comprise the following individuals listed below:

Core Team:

NAME	DESIGNATION
Chairperson	
Hon. Elegio A. Malaluan, O.D.	Municipal Mayor
Members:	
Christon Jervil Ligon	Municipal Information Officer
Gary Louie Sapinit	Municipal Agriculture Officer
Gregorio Reyes, EnP	MPDO
Sarah Anne Mae B. Comia	OIC, Municipal Treasurer
Rechelle Anne S. Magsino, CPA	Municipal Accountant
Sharon Angeles	OIC, Municipal Budget Officer
Roger Mangua	LEPU
Hon. Azur Mameng	ABC President
Hon. John Michael K. Malaluan	SB on Agriculture, Trade and Industry, and Transportation
Hon. Alfonso A. Montalbo	SB on Finance, Appropriation, Land Use and Appointments
DTI Representative	

Farmer Representatives:

Representatives from:	
MAFC	Nixon Hernandez
Rice	Majilen Arenillo
HVCC	Juanito Trinidad
Fishery	Leonarda Orajay
Livestock	Peter Malaluan
Banana	Bienvinido Bauson
Fruit Trees	Arnold Dalisay
Coconut	Jessie Aragon
Root Crops	Matigon Suligan

Resource Group:

National Food Authority
 DA - RFO
 Provincial Agriculture Office
 Radyo Natin
 Multi Faith Representative
 Ma. Fatima H. Santiago
 Millers' Association Representative
 Market Vendors Association Representative
 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Sector Representative

The Chairperson may expand the membership of the Council as may be necessary without need for issuance of a new Order, and may invite other institutions or organizations to participate as technical advisers or observers in the Council.

SECTION 3. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS

The Food Council's functions and responsibilities shall include but will not be limited to the following:

- a. Act as a consultative and advisory body to the Local Government Unit on matters and challenges concerning the municipality's agriculture sector;
- b. Recommend legislation, policies, strategies, programs on and appropriations for the protection and development of the municipality's agri-food industry;
- c. Provide forum for dialogue, deliberation and periodic assessment of major issues and problems confronting the agriculture sector;
- d. Formulate appropriate strategies and mechanisms to address such challenges, taking into consideration —
 - specific and/or potential barriers and challenges at all levels of the food system from production, distribution and exchange;
 - ensuring the adequacy and sustainability of local food production;
 - protecting the income and the welfare of local farmers;
 - enhancement of the competitiveness of the local agriculture and food industry; and
 - keeping prices of basic agricultural commodities stable;
- e. As necessary, evaluate, recommend and promulgate measures to stabilize prices of key agricultural commodities, including the establishment and implementation of appropriate agricultural subsidies and interventions such as price support, in times of emergency or calamities and to protect the interest of farmers against sharp decline in farm prices;
- f. Maintain farmgate prices of agricultural commodities at reasonable levels and, if necessary, recommend appropriate levels of price and farm income support to be borne by the local government unit to encourage production and ensure farmers a fair return on their investment;
- g. Determine the participation and coordinate the activities of the member agencies and sectors in support of the local government unit's agriculture and food security initiatives;
- h. Monitor, evaluate and provide recommendations for the enhancement of agricultural policies, programs and related interventions of the local government unit;
- i. Promote interrelationships and dialogues among stakeholders in the local agri-food industry;
- j. Call on government agencies, local government units and other instrumentalities of the government for assistance and support in the implementation of policies, programs and projects on agriculture as the need arises;
- k. Promulgate such rules and regulations and exercise such other powers as may be essential, necessary or incidental to its mandated functions and responsibilities as well as those that shall enable it to carry out, implement, and accomplish the purposes, objectives and policies of this Order.

SECTION 4. SECRETARIAT

There is hereby created a Secretariat which shall provide technical, research and general administrative support to the Council. It shall be headed by a Secretary General to be appointed by the Chairman and shall be assisted by designated personnel from the local government unit.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS

The Council shall convene within one (1) week from the effectivity of this Order, and shall meet as often as necessary upon call of the Chairperson or by the majority of the Council members called during a meeting in session assembled, but in no case less than once every quarter of year.

SECTION 6. PROCEEDINGS

The Council shall adopt its own internal rules of procedure which shall govern the conduct of its proceedings.

SECTION 7. REPORT

The Council shall submit a periodic report on the progress of its activities and accomplishments to the people of Bongabong through publication in the social media.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CAUSE

All rules and regulations, executive orders, memoranda, or any part thereof, previously promulgated in conflict with or contrary to these Executive Order or any portion thereof, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any portion or provision of this Executive Order is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof, which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain enforced unless revoked or amended. Let copies of this Order be furnished to all concerned for their information, guidance, and action.

DONE in the Municipality of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro, this 10th of March, 2022.


ELEGIO A. MALALUAN, O.D.
Municipal Mayor