



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL
CITY OF BAYAWAN
Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BAYAWAN, NEGROS ORIENTAL ON JUNE 11, 2019 AT 2 P.M. AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

RECORDS OF ATTENDANCE

HON. ISMAEL P. MARTINEZ	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer	Present
HON. PETER PAUL F. RENACIA		Present
HON. HENRY E. CARREON, JR.		Present
HON. ERNESTO T. TIJING		Present
HON. MARK FIDENCIO L. AURELIA		On Leave
HON. JONAS M. TRIAS		Present
HON. SHARLOU F. JAMIN		On Leave
HON. NARCISO N. CASIPONG		Present
HON. NICO ANGELO L. LIM		Present
HON. MERLITA R. GAUDIEL		Present
HON. DANILO G. LAMIS		On Leave
HON. SEVERINO SALVADOR M. CAPULSO	(LNMB Vice President)	Present
HON. TRISTAN GOLD T. TORRILLO	(SK Federated President)	OB Dumaguete

RESOLUTION NO. 404

“WHEREAS, African Catfish is an ideal species for aquaculture. It is hardy, fast growing and has a delicate taste. Advances in artificial spawning of this species hastened the development of hito culture in the country. With these advances, fingerlings are now produced and made available to grow-out farmers year-round.

“WHEREAS, The rearing of hito has become a profitable industry in the country, particularly in areas like Pampanga, Davao and General Santos. Farm gate prices range from ₱170.00 to ₱200.00 per kilo. At the live fish market, hito sells for as much as P450.00 per kilo. Since hito aquaculture is still at its infancy in Bayawan, major effort is required to hasten its development.

“WHEREAS, the Program aims to achieve the following objectives:

- (a) To provide assistance to fish farmers with suitable areas for hito farming, either in earthen ponds or concrete tanks.
- (b) To increase fish production and farmers' income through the culture of African hito.
- (c) To promote sustainable farming methods.
- (d) To provide aquaculture inputs for one production cycle.

“WHEREFORE, on motion of Honorable Councilor Narciso N. Casipong and duly seconded by Honorable Capulso, LNMB Vice President, the Council

“RESOLVED, To enact, as it hereby enacts the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 17

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR CATFISH PRODUCTION PROGRAM

Be it ordained that:

Section 1. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known as “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES FOR CATFISH PRODUCTION PROGRAM”.

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

- I. **CATFISH** – A fish mainly found in fresh water, lacking scales, and having barbels like cat's whiskers around the mouth.
- II. **CATFISH PRODUCTION** – Catfish production is a branch of agriculture that deals with raising fish commercially in tanks or enclosures such as fish ponds, usually for food. It is the principal form of aquaculture, while other methods may fall under mariculture. A facility that releases juvenile fish into the wild for recreational fishing or to supplement a species' natural numbers is generally referred to as a fish hatchery with the goal of identifying best practices for local and international growers to produce more with less.
- III. **FARMER** – A farmer also called an agriculturer is a person engaged in agriculture, raising living organisms for food or raw materials. The term usually applies to people who do some combination of raising field crops, orchards, vineyards, poultry, or other livestock. A farmer might own the farmed land or might work as a laborer on land owned by others, but in advanced economies, a farmer is usually a farm owner, while employees of the farm are known as farm workers, or farmhands. However, in the not so distant past, a farmer was a person who promotes or improves the growth of a plant, crop, etc. by labor and attention, land or crops or raises animals as livestock or fish.
- IV. **ASSISTANCE** – The provision of money, resources, or information to help someone.
- V. **BENEFICIARY** – A beneficiary is a natural person or other legal entity who receives money or other benefits from a benefactor.

Section 3. GUIDELINES.

A. SCOPE.

- 1) Irrigated and Included in this program are areas located within Bayawan City which are suitable for fish farming. Said areas must meet the following criteria:
 - a) The soil is clay or clay loam.
 - b) Water supply is sufficient and year-round.
 - c) The site is accessible to vehicles.
 - d) The site is not prone to floods.
 - e) For tank-based culture, the tanks should be well constructed to prevent seepage.
- 2) Farmers and fisherfolk organizations who wish to avail of this program must be registered with the Department of Labor and Employment, Securities and Exchange Commission or Cooperative Development Authority and accredited with the Local Government Unit of Bayawan City.
- 3) Farmer-beneficiaries are required to submit a certificate of membership to the City Agriculture Office. The certification must be issued by the Chairman of the organization.
- 4) Farmer beneficiaries who are members of the association/cooperative must be owners of the land where the fish pond/tank is located.
- 5) A tenant may qualify as beneficiary if there is a notarized agreement between landowner and tenant allowing the latter to avail of this program.
- 6) Government officials and employees are excluded.

B. FARM INPUTS.

The following aquaculture inputs will be provided by the LGU for one 100m² earthen pond, for one production cycle.

- a) One bag of organic fertilizer/vermi cast for natural food production in the pond.
- b) 1,000 pieces catfish fingerlings at a stocking rate of 10 pieces/m².
- c) Three (3) bags Starter/Fingerling feeds and four (4) bags Grower/ Juvenile Feeds and 3 bags Finisher/Adult feeds for a total of ten (10) bags.

- d) For concrete tanks or ponds smaller than 100m², a stocking rate of 10 fingerlings /m² will be stocked and a proportionate amount of feeds will be given.

C. APPROVAL AND FORGING OF UNDERTAKING/MEMORANDUM OF UNDERTAKING.

Each farmer-beneficiary will sign an Undertaking (Annex 1) after approval of his/her application. The Undertaking will stipulate the corresponding responsibilities of the farmer-beneficiary under the implementation of the Program.

D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF FARMER BENEFICIARIES.

- 1) The farmer beneficiaries are required to sign an Acknowledgement Receipt for all aquaculture inputs received.
- 2) They must have attended the seminar on Catfish Farming and related meetings conducted by the City Agriculture Office.
- 3) They are also required to follow the recommendations on Catfish Farming introduced by the City Agriculture Office of Bayawan City.
- 4) Ten percent (10%) of his net income after harvest must be remitted to their respective associations/cooperatives.
- 5) As farmers' equity, beneficiaries shall provide fresh diet starting the fourth month of culture until harvest.
- 6) The farmer beneficiary is also required to submit a Harvest Report to the Fisheries Section of the City Agriculture Office within a week after harvest.
- 7) To protect the environment, farmer beneficiaries must ensure that African hito fingerlings, juveniles or adults are prevented from escaping into the wild by installing nets on gates, drain pipes and drain canals or other means.

E. FIELD INSPECTION AND EVALUATION.

1. Inspection and evaluation of potential areas for Catfish Farming shall be conducted by a composite team comprised of personnel from the City Agriculture Office, Provincial Agriculture Office and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).
2. A pre-inspection report duly signed by the field evaluators shall be submitted to the City Agriculture Office with recommendations as to the suitability of the site based on the criteria enumerated above. The report shall also include:
 - a. Date of inspection
 - b. Name of Farmer
 - c. Location of the farm
 - d. Area of fish pond/ tank
3. The evaluators shall inform the concerned farmer/fisherfolk whether his site is suitable or not.
4. Fishery personnel shall monitor the progress of the project from pond/tank preparation to harvesting of the fish stocks, to ensure that the project is properly managed by the beneficiaries.

F. DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS.

The farmer/fisherfolk organization shall submit a copy of the following documents to the Fishery Section of the City Agriculture Office:

1. Certificate of Registration
2. LGU Accreditation
3. Certificate of membership duly signed by the Chairman
4. Proof of land ownership
5. Notarized agreement between landowner and tenant.

Section 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

Should any portion of this Ordinance be declared ultra vires unconstitutional by competent authority, the reminder not so affected shall continue to be in full force and effect insofar as it is susceptible to enforcement and application.

Section 5. REPEALING CLAUSE.

This ordinance supersedes Ordinance No. 64, series of 2018, of this Body, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Implementing Guidelines for Catfish Production Program."

Section 6. EFFECTIVITY.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Local Chief Executive.

"Enacted."

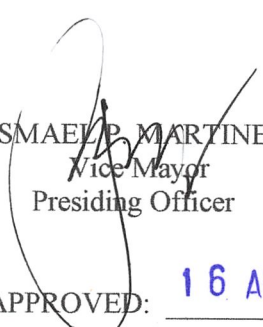
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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

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JULIUS T. ESPARTERO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


ISMAEL P. MARTINEZ
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: 16 AUG 2019


PRYDE HENRY A. TEVES
Mayor

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- The Honorable Provincial Board, Dumaguete City