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Sorsogon City

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PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 40-2019

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PALAY PROCUREMENT AND MARKETING SUPPORT FOR FARMERS IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON.

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Section 1. **Declaration of Policy.** - It shall be the policy of the Provincial Government of Sorsogon to promote, support and enhance the welfare of the rice and coconut farmers in the province, thereby helping them raise their incomes and achieve economic prosperity.

Section 2. **Scope and Limitation.** - This ordinance shall apply to all farmers in the province of Sorsogon tilling less than FIVE hectares of rice and or coconut land. It shall provide for the guidelines in launching a procurement and marketing support program that allows the provincial government to buy directly the produce of farmers at a reasonable price that will ensure a decent income for farmers and at the same time, ensure food self-sufficiency for the people of Sorsogon.

Section 3. **Program.** - The Provincial Government of Sorsogon will undertake a procurement and marketing assistance program that will buy palay from farmers at a minimum purchase or floor price which is at least 30% higher than their production cost to enable farmer to earn a reasonable income from rice farming. The program will also provide marketing assistance for other significant crops grown by farmers.

Section 4. **Minimum or Floor Price.** - The Provincial Government shall procure palay from farmers when the market price is lower than the minimum purchase or floor price, provided that the minimum purchase or floor price shall be set at 30% higher than the production cost.

Section 5. **Palay Procurement.** - The Provincial Government will target buying at least 10 percent of the total volume of Palay production from the 15 municipalities and competent city through farmer cooperatives or associations, provided that both fresh and dry palay will be procured.

Section 6. **Marketing and Logistics Support.** - The Provincial Government shall establish palay buying, drying and milling facilities in partnership with existing cooperatives, farmers associations and the National Food Authority.

Section 7. **Local Food Security Council.** - The Provincial Government shall form a Local Food Security Council that will oversee palay procurement and rice marketing. The Council shall be headed by the Governor and composed of representatives from the Provincial Government, National Food Authority, Department of Agriculture, DTI, Philippine Statistics Authority, and representatives of cooperatives and farmers' associations.

The Local Food Security Council shall have the following function:

- 1) Determine the production cost of producing palay;
- 2) Identify the target of procurement based on the determined total volume of palay production;
- 3) Establish the buying, warehousing and milling facilities;
- 4) Periodically review the minimum purchase or floor price; and
- 5) Ensure the affordable and quality rice are accessible to constituents of the province, especially the poor.

Section 8. **Contract.** - The Provincial Government shall enter into contract with the National Food Authority or any appropriate agencies or farmer cooperatives or associations for the procurement of palay and or use of drying, warehousing and milling facilities of the latter.

Section 9. **Registration of Farmers.** - Farmers who are interested to avail of the services shall register with the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist. The OPAG shall be responsible for formulating the procedure in registering qualified farmers.

Section 10. **Allocation of Funds.** - In order to realize the purpose of this ordinance, the Provincial Government shall allocate funds from the Annual Budget of the Province or from financing instruments or sources.


Section 11. **Repealing Clause.** - All Ordinances, Resolutions, and rules and regulations or parts hereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby deemed revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 12. **Separability Clause.** - The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared separable. Consequently, in the event that any or some of its provisions are declared invalid by a competent authority, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

Section 13. **Effectivity Clause.** - This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days from a date hereof is posted in a bulletin board at the entrance of Provincial Capitol and at least two (2) other conspicuous places.

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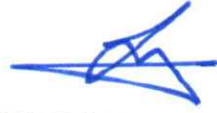
I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing.


FATIMA F. RUIZ
Acting Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:


ATTY. MANUEL L. FORTES, JR.
Vice Governor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED:



FRANCIS JOSEPH G. ESCUDERO
Governor

Date signed: OCT 15 2019

