

Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR  
*Municipality of Mahayag*



**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF  
THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MAHAYAG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR,  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, ON APRIL 7, 2014.**

**ATTENDANCE**

| Names                        | Position                               | Present | Absent | Remarks  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------|
| 1. Hon. Camila T. Diaz       | Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer | (X)     |        |          |
| 2. Hon. Jaime B. Edullantes  | SB Member/Floor Leader                 | (x)     |        |          |
| 3. Hon. Teomila A. Noblesa   | Sangguniang Bayan Member               | (x)     |        |          |
| 4. Hon. John T. Raulle       | -do-                                   | (x)     |        |          |
| 5. Hon. Felipe E. Caylan     | -do-                                   |         | (x)    | On Leave |
| 6. Hon. Bonifacio E. Noblesa | -do-                                   | (x)     |        |          |
| 7. Hon. Helen M. Maglasang   | -do-                                   | (x)     |        |          |
| 8. Hon. Raquel V. Frasco     | -do-                                   | (x)     |        |          |
| 9. Hon. Apolinar G. Sebandal | -do-                                   | (x)     |        |          |
| 10. Hon. Maximo R. Eust      | AEC President/S. B. Member             | (x)     |        |          |

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 125-2014**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Mahayag, Zamboanga del Sur, during its session duly assembled, that:

Section I - Title: this shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING "BAKAS", AN INTER-LOCAL GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR COMPRISING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MAHAYAG, DUMINGAG, SOMINOT, AND MIDSALIP, ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AND SINDANGAN AND SIAYAN, BOTH OF THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE."

Section II - Background: The municipalities of Mahayag, Midsalip, dumingag and Sominot in Zamboanga del Sur and the municipalities of Siayan and Sindangan in Zamboanga del Norte having a strategic location as economic corridor have already an existing trading exchange after the establishment of a nation road network. These municipalities belong to the 609 poorest municipalities in the Philippines with a concentration of poor communities. It shared common natural resources such as mountains, forest, minerals, rivers and watershed which has become critical due to the combination of human intrusion and climate vulnerabilities resulting in high risk to barangay settlements and inability to sustain ecosystem services. The local economies of the said municipalities have been dependent on the production of copra, rice, corn and extraction of fisheries resources with limited income and employment generation. Emerging initiatives for inter-LGU alliances develops with a sharing of resources such as training facilities for organic farmers, training of technical capabilities, information and network for value chain integration in coconut, rice, corn, other staple crops and fisheries, infrastructure connectivity in terms of road network and irrigation.

With this, the need to intensify the existing economic trading system, to empower the farmers to become more productive, and install a sustainable organic agriculture system and social-enterprise for sustainable upliftment and development of these municipalities were identified. These municipalities agree to work together and implements common platform to address poverty based on increased participation of the poor, an accountable governance and a responsive economic platform.

Section III – Rationale: Local Governance has shown that there are increasing number of reasons to work together. There are benefits to collaboration like consolidating existing capabilities and assets, and sharing and maximizing resources. The organization and formation of alliances between and among local government units (LGUs) is considered as one of the most effective strategies for local economic development. Over the years, municipalities realized that pooling of resources is a simple yet effective way to improve service delivery and maximize resources. With an inter-LGU cooperation, LGUs can pursue long term development through supplementation and complementation of available resources.

Section IV – Legal Basis: The 1987 Constitution (Sec. 13, Article X) states that LGUs may consolidate resources, services, and efforts for common purposes. Pursuant to this, Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 (the Code) contains the following provision under Sec. 33: *"Local government units may, through appropriate ordinances, group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them."* Likewise, Section 35 of the Code provides that *"Local government units may enter into joint ventures on such cooperative arrangements with people's and non-governmental organizations to engage in the delivery of certain basic services, capability-building and livelihood projects, and to develop local enterprises to improve productivity and income, diversify agriculture, spur rural industrialization, promote ecological balance, and enhance the social well-being of the people."*

Section V – Vision and Mission:

- Vision:

To establish a people-based economic zone promoted by a strong alliance of self-reliant municipalities that complement resources towards the development of local economy and more empowered resilient communities.

- Mission:

Reduce poverty among vulnerable sectors of the society, develop local economy and improve constituent's quality of life through:

- sustainable organic agriculture;
- empowered citizenry;
- transparency in governance; and
- conservation of the richness of biodiversity and culture.

Section VI – Composition of "BAKAS" (INTER-LGU ALLIANCE):

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| o DA Secretary & NAPC | - Advisers           |
| o Municipal Mayors    | - Council of Leaders |

CONVERNORS:

- o Executive Director
- o Overall Coordinator
- o Administrative Staff
- o Finance Officer

FOCAL PERSONS:

- Sindangan
- Siayan
- Dumingag
- Mahayag

AREA COORDINATORS:

- Sindangan
- Siayan
- Dumingag
- Mahayag

- Semiot  
- Midsalip

- Semiot  
- Midsalip

**Section VII – Responsibilities:**

- **Local Government Unit (LGU)**
  - Commit to the development agenda of BAKAS;
  - Advocate and release required funds for BAKAS;
  - Manifest support to the initiatives of BAKAS
  - Ensure the implementation of the development agenda within their respective municipalities; and
  - The member-LGU will contribute PhP60,000.00/year for the operational expenses of the Sustainable Organic Agriculture Economic Corridor.
- **Council of Leaders**
  - Highest policy-making body;
  - Set up working structure and desks;
  - Approve the hiring of required personnel;
  - Provide guidance to ensure proper compliance of the personnel; and
  - Submit annual report to the people, House of Representatives, department of Agriculture and National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC).
- **Convenor**
  - Serves as the Convenor of the group with a term of one year;
  - Prepares communications for the meetings;
  - One of the main signatories of all transactions of the zone;
  - Ensures that all decisions of the group are anchored on proper consultation and consensus;
  - Coordinate with national government agencies for effective integration of programs and technical assistance; and
  - Communicates with external partners and networks.
- **Administrative Staff**
  - Serve as the Secretariat to the Council of Leaders;
  - Coordinate with the member-municipalities of BAKAS;
  - Prepare programs, reports and other correspondence related with the operation of BAKAS;
  - Serve as marketing Secretariat to BAKAS;
  - Serve as community organizers;
  - Maintain link with NAPC; and
  - Establish network connections and alliances to the CSOs, NGAs and private investors.

**Section VII – Programs:** Being part of an agricultural economy, all issues and concerns revolve around the utilization and maximization of land resources. The conventional farming system has made the lands dependent on chemical inputs, prevents farmers accessing healthy foods and hampered the development of the farming system. Poverty, destructive farming system and lack of capability to maximize land resources have kept farmers from improving their lives.

This is the context that the leadership of BAKAS-member municipalities responded through an inter-LGU alliance. To achieve its vision of an abundant and equitable society, the municipalities within the Sustainable Organic Agriculture Economic Corridor committed and agreed to undertake the following programs:

- Organic rice production

This component aimed to boost production of organically grown rice and ensure food sufficiency in the LGU members of BAKAS.

- Coconut production

This component aimed to maximize and utilize existing coco and coco-products. It is targeted of mainstreaming the poor to the commercial value chain of coconut by-products.

- Rubber production

This component aimed to boost local economy through establishment and expansion of rubber production and to produce skilled tappers through household approach of farming.

Section VIII – Separability Clause: Any provision of this ordinance or part thereof declared unconstitutional or unlawful, the other parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section IX – Repealing Clause: Any part or provisions of existing ordinances and issuance in conflict with or contrary to this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section X – Effectivity Clause: this ordinance shall take effect after the approval by the Municipal Mayor.

ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014, by acclamation.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

  
GENEROSO S. TAGACTAC  
Municipal Secretary-Designate

  
CAMILA T. DIAZ  
Municipal Vice Mayor  
Presiding

APOPROVED: April 29, 2014

  
LORNA S. ESPINA  
Municipal Mayor