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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-134

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING URBAN AGRICULTURE IN THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA

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WHEREAS, Article II, Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution provides 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, Metro Manila's unprecedented growth has brought a host of challenges and complex land use dilemmas that urban governance seeks to address in a way that is sustainable, inclusive and sensitive to the needs of urban residents;

WHEREAS, to adapt to the **"New Normal"** established by the government, it has been noted that there is an increasing interest in the planting of backyard farm products and maximizing small spaces amongst the residents thus, developing interests, innovation and creativity in urban farming are now apparent, and must be taken advantage to encourage community cooperation;

WHEREAS, for purposes of focus and consistency, the enabling legislation shall contain specific and doable programs and strategies to be implemented by concerned agencies under the executive branch of local government;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Development Goal to **"End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture"** (SDG 2) recognizes the inter linkages among supporting sustainable agriculture, empowering small farmers, promoting gender equality, ending rural poverty, ensuring healthy lifestyles, tackling climate change, and other issues addressed within the set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the Post-2015 Development Agenda;"

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WHEREAS, the City of Muntinlupa has adopted the ***Comprehensive Land Use Plan of 2016-2026*** with the goal for environmental sector to conserve, protect and preserve a balance healthy environment towards a progressive urbanization for its inhabitants to enjoy a healthful balance ecology, through sustainable environment quality management:

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government's Memorandum Circular No. 2023-001 necessitates the establishment of **Barangay Community Gardens** through the implementation of the ***Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) Project;***

WHEREAS, urban farming should be promoted in the City as it will be one of the practical and effective measures to address stability of food supply, alleviate poverty, foster social interaction among communities, and project the environment through eco-friendly methods and other alternative and innovative gardening method;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is created to adhere to the general objective of the City to improve the quality of life through increased availability in basic goods such as food and ensure accessibility thereof and to develop among the community a sense of self-worth and adequacy to engage in collective action for their own development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED, by the ***10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa***, in regular session assembled that:

ARTICLE I
INTRODUCTORY PROVISION

SECTION 1. ***Short Title.*** This Ordinance shall be known as "Urban Agriculture Ordinance of Muntinlupa City."

SECTION 2. ***Declaration of Policy.***

2.1. To support the Philippine AmBisyon Natin 2040 wherein Filipinos enjoy a strongly rooted, comfortable, and secure life;

2.2. To support the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 that aims to reinvigorate job creation and accelerate poverty reduction by steering the Philippine economy back to its high-growth trajectory and effect economic and social transformation for a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society;

2.3. To create greener spaces in the midst of the City, curbing the increasing problem of air pollution and other negative impact of rapid urbanization;

2.4. To encourage urban agriculture that will reduce the cost required to transport food, making healthier foods more readily available to the public, and provide food stability in the City.

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2.5. To enhance green landscape adding to the aesthetics of the City;

2.6. To enhance productivity by making use of idle lots and open spaces;

2.7. To alleviate poverty through self-sustaining programs such as backyard to table food programs, thereby encouraging residents to grow fresh organic produce in the comfort of their own spaces;

2.8. To reduce the carbon footprint of the City thereby mitigating the impacts of climate change, particularly flooding and extreme heat;

2.9. To support the local climate change action plan in the areas of food security and ecosystem/environmental stability;

2.10. To enhance productivity by making use of idle lots and open spaces by turning them into green spaces; and

2.11. To create and maintain a network of green spaces in order to maintain a healthy biodiversity.

SECTION 3. ***Definition of Terms***. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

3.1 ***Aquaponics*** – a system of aquaculture in which the waste produced by farmed fish or other aquatic animals supplies nutrients for plants grown hydroponically, which, in turn, purify the water;

3.2. ***Aeroponics*** – a system of cultivating plants in an air or mist environment without the use of any substrate.

3.3. ***Community Open Spaces*** – non-buildable spaces in settlement, areas;

3.4. ***Composting*** – a form of waste disposal where organic waste decomposes naturally under oxygen-rich conditions;

3.5. ***Foodscaping*** - edible landscaping or front yard farming; public or private property used to grow food;

3.6. ***Hydroponics*** – the growing of plants in nutrient solutions;

3.7. ***Microgreens*** – they are vegetable greens (not to be confused with sprouts or shoots) harvested just after the cotyledon leaves have developed with one set of true leaves;

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3.8. ***Public Open Spaces*** – vacant lots and spaces Owned and maintained by the government;

3.9. ***Subdivision or Village Open Spaces*** -- mandatory non- built spaces in subdivisions or villages;

3.10. ***Tree Saplings*** – a young tree;

3.11. ***Urban Agriculture*** – growing of any crops and plants in an urban environment;

3.12. ***Urban Farming*** -- growing of crops in an urban setting;

3.13. ***Urban Gardening*** -- the growing of ornamental plants in an urban setting; and

3.14. ***Vertical Garden*** – green wall, a wall partially or fully covered with greenery that includes a growing medium such as soil.

ARTICLE II
USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OPEN SPACES

SECTION 4. ***Open Spaces in Subdivisions/Villages*** - Available open spaces in all subdivisions, both turned over and not, within the City, are encouraged to be converted into urban gardens in close coordination with the concerned Homeowners' Association officials.

The Department of Agriculture – Extension Services Office (DA-ESO) will seek to coordinate with the Homeowners' Association in handling community participation, execution of projects, monitoring and evaluation.

SECTION 5. ***Open Spaces in Public Schools/Daycare Centers*** - Public schools and daycare centers shall develop an urban farming or urban gardening area within the school premises. Fresh produce shall be incorporated in healthy canteen food programs of the said school; or used in feeding or donation/relief programs of the school.

This shall be implemented in partnership with the General Parent-Teacher Association of the said school.

SECTION 6. Open Spaces in Private Schools/Daycare Centers - Private schools and daycare centers are encouraged to develop an urban farming or urban gardening area within the school premises. Such produce may be used in feeding or donation/relief programs of the school or incorporate the same in healthy canteen food programs of the said school.

This may be implemented in partnership with the General Parent-Teacher Association of the said school.

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SECTION 7. ***Vacant Lots*** - Owners of vacant lots within the City, including privately-owned lands that have no development plan within the year, are encouraged to convert their lots into urban garden/farming, until such time that development on the lot shall commence. Vacant lots converted into urban gardens, either temporarily or permanently shall be entitled to exemption from the idle land tax.

SECTION 8. ***Public Open Spaces*** - Open spaces, owned by the City Government of Muntinlupa, such as linear parks, freedom parks, and common areas of medium-rise residential buildings (MRBs) may be allotted for urban farms or urban gardens. The development cost, operations and maintenance of these gardens shall be under the Department of Agriculture – Extension Services Office (DA-ESO). Whenever possible, the willingness of the community where these developed open spaces are located shall be considered for possible adoption and turn over to the community.

SECTION 9. ***No-Build Zones*** - Owners with private properties declared as within the fault zones, no-build zones, or danger zones as determined by the City Government of Muntinlupa, are encouraged to convert them into urban farms or urban gardens. Incentives for converting such private properties into urban farms or gardens may be considered such as tax reliefs, etc. Whenever possible, the willingness of the community where these converted properties are located shall be considered, for possible adoption and turn over to the community.

ARTICLE III
URBAN GARDEN DESIGN

SECTION 10. Urban Gardens shall be in the form of the following:

10.1. Rooftop;
10.2. Window;
10.3. Vertical or wall;
10.4. Pots and small containers;
10.5. Plots;
10.6. Aeroponics;
10.7. Aquaponics; and
10.8. Hydroponics

ARTICLE IV
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY DEMONSTRATION FARM

SECTION 11. ***The City Demonstration Farm*** - The City Demonstration Farm, is hereby established as a dedicated local demonstration farm that will showcase appropriate urban agriculture technologies and practices. It shall promote urban farming and be accessible to the public. The DA-ESO shall be required to allocate budget for the development and operation of the City Demonstration Farm. Such programs must be reflected in their Annual Investment Plan.

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ARTICLE V
URBAN FARMING TECHNOLOGIES

These Urban Farming Technologies shall be studied, researched, taught, information disseminated by the Department of Agriculture – Extension Services Offices:

SECTION 12. ***Composting*** - Every Barangay must develop its composting mechanisms through collection of kitchen wastes of its residents' household and converting such into compost fertilizers which will be organically used by the household in urban farming.

SECTION 13. ***Recycling*** - Recycled pet bottles, used containers, sacks, abandoned appliances and the likes, which can be used potentially as planting materials shall be encouraged and developed. Mechanisms and technologies as to how to convert such into planting materials shall be introduced by the ESC and DA-ESO.

SECTION 14. ***Hydroponics*** - The technology of hydroponics shall be introduced to the residents as one of the most practical urban farming mechanisms. Hydroponics offers several advantages over traditional ways of growing crops. It can help produce bigger harvests of better-quality fruit and vegetables, and a consistent year-round yield that cannot equal using soil or by growing outdoors or in greenhouses using only natural light. Its self-watering function helps in the conservation of water thus helping the urban farmer in yielding more crops and less overhead expenses.

SECTION 15. ***Aquaponics*** - Aquaponics is a system of aquaculture wherein the waste produced by farmed aquatic animals supplies nutrients for plants being grown using hydroponics.

SECTION 16. ***Vertical Planting*** - It shall be encouraged that a vertical planning be performed in areas where there is not much space for planting horizontally by using trellis, hanging pet bottles or maximizing the use of walls and rooftop for planning. A technology on this matter shall be disseminated in every barangay for the knowledge and information of all interested residents.

SECTION 17. ***Microgreens*** – This is the micro-scale version of vegetable production in comparison with traditional farming methods. It shall be encouraged that production of microgreens be performed in areas where there is not much space for planting outside.

ARTICLE VI
BARANGAY PARTICIPATION

SECTION 18. ***Budget Allocation.*** The nine (9) Barangays with their respective ***Sangguniang Kabataan (SK)*** shall be required to initiate with specific budget allocation from its budget for urban agriculture programs. Such programs must be reflected in their respective Annual Investment Plans.

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SECTION 19. ***Establishment of Barangay Community and Household Gardens.*** In compliance to the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2023-001 on the implementation of the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) sa Barangay Project, all barangays in Muntinlupa City are enjoined to set-up and operate their barangay community gardens. A barangay community garden should have at least a minimum of two hundred (200) square meters of land area, or its equivalent in several patches of land, and should be primarily operated and cultivated by the barangay.

The Barangays and the City Government, through the City Nutrition Council, shall likewise conduct advocacy campaigns or awareness raising activities to encourage their residents to set-up their family vegetable garden and/or plant fruit-bearing trees in their respective properties.

ARTICLE IX
FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 20. ***Separability Clause*** - Any provision or portion of this Ordinance found to be violative of the Constitution or invalid shall not impair the other provisions or parts thereof which shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 21. ***Repealing Clause*** - Ordinances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 22. ***Effectivity Clause*** - This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

ENACTED, by the ***10th Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa*** this **28th** day of **November, 2023,** on its **73rd Regular Session**.

CONCURRED:

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing **Ordinance.**

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