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PRESENT:

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| Vice Mayor Jan Marianne R. Fontelera | - Presiding Officer |
| Councilor Carolyn D. Sison | - Majority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Kelvin Theus O. Humilde | - Minority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Verna S. D. Rabago | - Assistant Majority Floor Leader |
| Councilor Joselito O. Fontelera | - Member |
| Councilor Raul B. Bacay | - Member |
| Councilor Dahlia M. de Leon | - Member |
| Councilor Oscar A. Boling, Sr. | - Member |
| Councilor Walter M. Macaiba | - Member |
| LBP Alex A. Recosana | - Ex-Officio Member |
| PPSKP Lovely V. Bernabe | - Ex-Officio Member |

ABSENT:

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| Councilor Apple Joy B. Tolentino | - On leave |
| Councilor Froebel A. Ranoy | - On leave |

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING INCENTIVES AND SUPPORTS TO FARMERS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS

Sponsor:
Councilor Walter M. Macaiba

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State to give the highest priority to the development of agriculture such that equitable distribution of benefits and opportunities is realized through the empowerment of small farmers. While the State recognizes the fact that the welfare and development of the small farmers is their primordial responsibility, the State shall provide the necessary support mechanism towards the attainment of their socioeconomic endeavors;

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a) (2) of the Local Government Code of 1991 provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod, as the legislative body of the city, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the city and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the city as provided for under Section 22 of the Code, and shall generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the development of plans, program objectives and priorities of the city, as provided for under Section 18 of the same Code, with particular attention to agro-industrial development and city-wide growth and progress;

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WHEREAS, by providing support and incentives to farmers in the city, LGU-City of Alaminos, Pangasinan can achieve its goals of improving lives, enhancing productivity, and attracting young generations to invest in agriculture;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Walter M. Macaiba, duly seconded by all members present

BE IT ENACTED, AS IT IS HEREBY **ENACTED**, BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THAT:

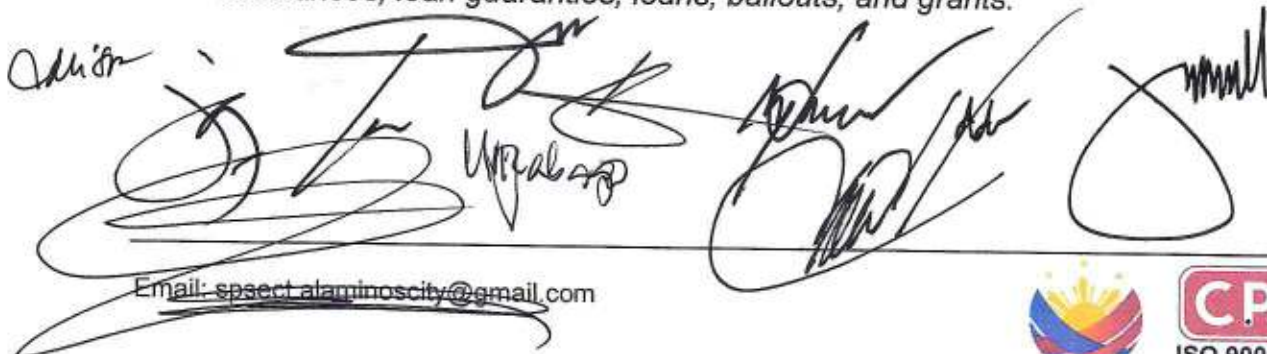
CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE. — This ordinance shall also be known as the “**Farmers’ Code of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan.**”

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. —

- a. Farmer – refers to a person who falls under any of the following categories: (i) a person who personally works or has been continuously engaged in agriculture or livestock breeding, or both, using land as their primary source of livelihood; (ii) a person who personally supervises agriculture or livestock breeding, or both, using land as their primary source of livelihood in a given year; (iii) a person who personally works or supervises agricultural or livestock-related business operations, investing capital to produce seasonal crops, horticultural crops, perennial crops, or engage in commercial livestock breeding using land; (iv) a person who participates in businesses related to agriculture or livestock breeding using land; (v) a person who produces and sells seedlings, seeds, livestock breeds, and offspring, using land for agriculture, livestock breeding, and related production activities.
- b. "Small farmer" refers to natural persons dependent on small-scale subsistence farming as their primary source of income and categorized as follows based on the nature of their products:
 - b.1 Vegetable farmers who are tilling land of 5,000 square meters and below;
 - b.2 Fruit growing farmers who are tilling land of 1 hectare and below;
 - b.3 Palay farmers who are tilling land of 2 hectares and below;
 - b.4 Corn farmers who are tilling land of 2 hectares and below.
- c. "Farmers' organization" refers to farmers' cooperatives, associations, or corporations duly registered with appropriate government agencies and which are composed primarily of small agricultural producers, farmers, farmworkers, and other agrarian reform beneficiaries who voluntarily join together to form business enterprises which they themselves own, control and patronize;
- d. Financial assistance *means monetary aid or help such as subsidies, tax allowances, loan guaranties, loans, bailouts, and grants.*

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- e. Incentive means something that incites or tends to incite to action or greater effort, as a reward offered for increased productivity
- f. "Small agricultural producer" refers to any self-employed individual who, by himself/herself or with his/her family, provides the primary labor requirement of his /her business enterprise or one who earns at least fifty percent (50%) of his gross income from the payment, proceeds or income of the labor he/she provides;
- g. "Pre-harvest facilities" include, but are not limited to, plows, harrows, tractors, rotavators and sprayers;
- h. "Postharvest facilities" include, but are not limited to, threshers, moisture meters, dryers, weighing scales, milling equipment, storage facilities, buying stations, market infrastructure and transportation facilities;
- i. Input subsidy refers to assistance extended by the Government to the farmers in terms of discounted prices of farm inputs such as fertilizer, pesticide and seed;
- j. "Farmworker" is a natural person who renders service value as an employee or laborer in an agricultural enterprise or farm regardless of whether his/her compensation is paid on a daily, weekly, monthly or pakyaw basis;
- k. "Upland farming" refers to planting of upland crops which usually require less water than other crops, as in non-irrigated and elevated farm areas;
- l. "Banks" collectively used, means the rural banks, cooperative banks, and private development banks as defined in paragraphs 17, 18 and 19, Sec. 3 of **this Act**;
- m. "Irrigated lands" are agricultural lands which are supported by irrigation services;
- n. "Non-irrigated lands" are agricultural lands which lack irrigation systems and are usually rainfed;
- o. "Cooperative" refers to a duly registered association of persons, with a common bond of interest, who have voluntarily joined together to achieve a lawful common social economic end, making equitable contributions to the capital required and accepting a fair share of the risks and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with universally accepted cooperative principles.
- p. "KADIWA" is a marketing initiative of DA, implemented through the Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance (AMAS), which seeks to empower the farming community by providing a direct and effective farm-to-consumer food supply chain;

SECTION 3. OBJECTIVES. — This Ordinance aims to:

- a. Provide incentives and supports to Alaminian farmers to encourage them to invest more in agriculture and recognize their sacrifices;
- b. Improve the lives of the farmers;
- c. Enhance productivity;
- d. Attract the young generations to invest in agriculture;
- e. Develop an agricultural system that protects and sustain the natural resources and promote farmers' welfare; and
- f. Ensure that the necessary government support is provided for the implementation of this Ordinance.

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CHAPTER II. FARMERS' ORGANIZATION

SECTION 4. RIGHT TO ORGANIZE. — The City recognizes the right of farmers to organize themselves to promote their welfare and advance or safeguard their interests. Towards this end, the City Government shall assist small farmers in establishing self-help organizations, such as farmers' cooperatives and associations. In particular, the Government shall encourage the formation of existing cooperatives among farmers in order to enable them to purchase inputs at lower cost and obtain fair prices for their produce.

CHAPTER III. INCENTIVES AND SUPPORTS TO FARMERS

SECTION 5. INCENTIVES. — The City Government shall provide the following incentives and supports to Alaminian farmers:

- a. Financial assistance, to be determined by the City Agriculture Office and approved by the City Mayor, shall be provided to small farmers every semester of the year.
- b. Incentives in the form of agricultural products shall be given to farmers before and during crop season.
- c. Insurance shall be provided to farmers. Insurance premium for each farmer shall be paid by the City.
- d. Loan assistance shall be provided by all banks within the territorial jurisdiction of the City to all farmers.

SECTION 6. REQUIREMENTS. — The requirements to avail of the foregoing incentives referred to in Section 5 shall be provided for in the IRR of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. PARTNERSHIP WITH INSURANCE COMPANY. — To effectively implement the insurance for farmers in the City as provided under Section 5, the City, through the City Mayor, may enter into memorandum of agreement with an insurance company of good standing that provides insurance to farmers.

CHAPTER IV. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

SECTION 8. TRAINING. — The City Government shall provide at least two (2) capability building trainings to all farmers in the City.

The City Government may partner with different national government agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), and cooperatives for the realization of these capability trainings.

SECTION 9. EDUCATION. — The City shall provide educational assistance to children of farmers in the City. For this reason, ten percent (10%) of the City's total scholars funded by the local government must be from farming families. Certification to this effect must come from the City Agriculture Office.



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CHAPTER V. MARKET ACCESS

SECTION 10. COOPERATIVE SUPPORT. — The City Government shall provide financial and technical assistance to farmer cooperatives that actively promote sustainable farming in the City.

The amount of financial assistance to be given to a cooperative, which is recommended by the City Agriculture Office and the City Cooperatives Development Office, shall be at the discretion of the City Mayor, subject to availability of funds.

SECTION 11. MARKETING ASSISTANCE. — The City must promote the Katuwang Sa Diwa at Gawa para sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita (KADIWA) to help farmers sell their agricultural goods at reasonable prices to consumers. For this reason, the City Government, upon establishment of its public market, must provide space to farmers so they can sell their products directly to consumers.

CHAPTER VI. FARMERS' RIGHTS AND THEIR OBLIGATIONS

SECTION 12. FARMERS' RIGHTS. — The farmers have the right to:

- (1) Conduct their activities in an atmosphere guaranteed by a support price program for certain agricultural commodities, such as rice and corn;
- (2) Participate in a market free from monopoly, cartel or any other situation which may suppress prices to their disadvantage;
- (3) Be covered by social security to serve as protection from events, such as calamities, death, sickness and disability;
- (4) Avail of credit at minimal interest rates and with a minimum of collateral requirements for their farm and basic household needs;
- (5) Avail of and distribute farm inputs and services;
- (6) Be heard and represented in the Government;
- (7) Be regularly informed of such vital information as market prices, government agricultural policies, market demands and farming practices;
- (8) Benefit from our country's natural resources under existing laws;
- (9) Pursue any appropriate education and skills development towards the improvement of their quality of life;
- (10) Eventually assume certain processing and marketing functions of government agencies; and
- (11) Avail of technical assistance from the appropriate government agency in the preparation of project feasibility studies in availing loans and other forms of government economic assistance.

SECTION 13. FARMERS' OBLIGATIONS. — The farmers shall:

- (1) Make use of their farmers' organizations, preferably cooperatives, in order to enhance their capabilities in production, processing, marketing and financing towards self-reliance;

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- (2) Aim for increased productivity through the use of recommended farm practices and quality inputs;
- (3) Comply with the terms and conditions stipulated in the availment of any form of assistance from the Government, financial institutions and non-government organizations to enable others to usually benefit from such assistance;
- (4) Adopt production and marketing strategies to avail of economies of scale, soil and climatic conditions, idle farm labor and innovative agricultural technology through crop zonification, diversification, home and backyard industries, farming systems and similar activities;
- (5) Through their cooperative, share with the consuming public the benefits derived from economies of scale, integration of processing and marketing activities and the application of better technology in the form of reasonable prices and superior quality of products;
- (6) Share in the delivery of public services by contributing available labor and material resources to activities such as the maintenance of irrigation canals, the construction of small water impounding projects, the establishment of buying stations and public markets, and the establishment of plant nurseries and seed-banks;
- (7) Exert efforts to meet local demand requirements to avert any shortage that may necessitate importation;
- (8) Participate in the conservation, protection and development of the national patrimony;
- (9) Promptly pay all applicable fees, license fees and taxes to the appropriate government agencies;
- (10) Participate in and contribute to government insurance and social security programs; and
- (11) Undertake self-help community development projects, such as cottage industries, backyard farming and other economic-enhancement projects.

CHAPTER VII. INFRASTRUCTURE AND FARM INPUTS

SECTION 14. PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT INPUTS AND SERVICES. — Consistent with the country's thrust for social entity and increased agricultural productivity, the City shall provide infrastructure support, access to farm inputs and services to the agriculture sector, particularly to small farmers based on their absorptive capacity. In the construction and maintenance of infrastructure projects, the City shall undertake this with the farmers' organizations for the purpose of utilizing locally available manpower and materials.

Every farmer shall be assisted in gaining access to, obtaining, owning or opening facilities necessary for pre- and postharvest activities, for support services, and for procurement and distribution of inputs through their farmers' organizations. It shall ensure that appropriate linkages with concerned national government agencies are established to ensure that such assistance is made available to all farmers.

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SECTION 15. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. — The City shall provide farm-to-market roads, feeder roads and bridges which will link the farms to the market. Priority shall be given to areas predominantly populated by small farmers and where agricultural productivity is relatively low.

To ensure accessibility of markets to farmers and thereby minimize product wastage, the City must give priority in its annual budget the construction of agricultural related projects, such as farm to market roads.

Thus, farmers' organizations shall participate in site identification, preparation, actual execution and maintenance of infrastructure projects especially in tapping available local manpower and materials.

SECTION 16. POSTHARVEST FACILITIES/SERVICES. — Every barangay which is predominantly agriculture-based shall be entitled to at least one (1) storage facility and a multipurpose pavement/plaza which can be used for various purposes, including drying of agricultural produce.

The storage facility can be managed by association or cooperative of farmers in the barangay.

These shall be located in the chosen barangay site or in any area to be approved by the sangguniang barangay, in consultation with the small farmers and farmers' organizations who shall provide the labor and other locally available materials for the construction and maintenance of the facilities. Priority shall be given to areas where no such facilities are available and predominantly populated by small farmers. The selected site shall, as much as practicable, be accessible by transportation and communication facilities and must be near the center of the barangay.

The farmers' organizations may collect reasonable fees for services rendered in connection with the use of such facilities; Provided, that the collections therefrom shall be used only for the maintenance, improvement and expansion of these facilities: provided, further, that an amount representing rental fees for the land shall be remitted to the barangay, where applicable.

SECTION 17. POSTHARVEST FACILITIES. — The City shall establish the necessary postharvest facilities such as rice mills, dryers, threshers, warehouses, cold storage and other facilities which are needed in the area. Such postharvest facilities shall be leased to farmers' organizations. Viable cooperatives shall have the option to buy such facilities from the City. Underutilized or non-operational postharvest facilities of the City shall be made available to farmers' organizations through lease or sale.

SECTION 18. MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE. — To assure farmers of markets for their produce, the City shall assist farmers' organizations in establishing and operating market infrastructure, facilities and equipment.

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SECTION 19. USE OF GOOD SEEDS AND PLANTING MATERIALS. — The City shall ensure that every farmer has equal opportunity to avail of, to produce and to market good seeds and planting materials recommended by the Department of Agriculture (DA) as capable of producing high-yielding, pest-and-disease resistant, and widely-adapted crops for irrigated, rainfed and upland areas. Farmers' organizations shall coordinate with the City and other concerned government agencies in ensuring that seeds and the means necessary to engage in the production and marketing of seeds suited to prevailing conditions in their respective communities are made available to small farmers.

To ensure the constant availability of appropriate and affordable seeds of recommended varieties, the City Agriculture Office and the Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Office (ABEO) shall extend all the necessary support needed to give the farmers the capability to undertake seed production and distribution services.

The City Agriculture Office and ABEO shall conduct information campaigns and accelerate dissemination of technology on the use, production and storage of quality seeds. It shall also provide seed quality control services to discourage the use of inferior seeds and other varieties.

SECTION 20. USE OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES. — The City together with the farmers shall encourage the use of fertilizers and pesticides which have an acceptable level of deleterious effects on the health and the environment. They shall also promote the use of organic fertilizer and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). In addition, they shall promote efficient and proper usage of fertilizer and pesticide, taking into consideration the characteristics of the soil and crop and thereby eliminate losses due to wasteful and improper application. The City shall support farmers' organizations in the trading of fertilizers and pesticides.

CHAPTER VIII. FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT

SECTION 21. AVAILABILITY OF FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT. — The City Agriculture Office and ABEO shall support activities to ensure the availability of farm machinery and equipment for the use of small farmers in both pre- and postharvest operations. For purposes of monitoring, all farm machinery and equipment must be registered with ABEO.

ABE shall support the farmers in acquiring their inventory of farm equipment. With the use of grants-in-aid, as well as other domestic and foreign funds, ABEO shall acquire and distribute to farmers' organizations farm equipment and machinery so as to increase their productive capabilities. The funding requirement for this undertaking shall be included in the annual budget of the City Agriculture Office.



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CHAPTER IX. WATER MANAGEMENT AND IRRIGATION FACILITIES

SECTION 22. WATER MANAGEMENT. — The City Government shall provide adequate support services that will address the development, management and conservation of water resources. The ABEO, in cooperation with National Irrigation Administration (NIA) and the Department of Agriculture, and with the participation of farmers' organizations, shall undertake the implementation of small water impounding projects which can provide supplemental irrigation and additional income from fish and duck raising, and at the same time minimize soil erosion, siltation and flooding. Training programs for small farmers on these subjects shall be provided.

Focus shall also be made on small irrigation systems which are more efficient, cost-effective and cheaper to establish. The design and construction of irrigation systems shall be based not only on economic rate of return but also on the sustainable use of these systems. Inefficient and underutilized irrigation systems shall be rehabilitated, improved and maintained.

To enhance the compatibility of environmental protection with sustained agricultural productivity, the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) shall adopt measures to promote conservation practices, such as reforestation, watershed management, anti-pollution programs and other similar measures. In addition, the City Agriculture Office shall implement specific measures to ensure that farming practices are not detrimental to the environment.

To ensure the protection of watersheds and availability of irrigation services in rainfed and upland farms, the CENRO shall, in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), strictly enforce conservation measures and provide for the restoration of the protective forest cover and stability of the country's critical watersheds. Farmer-beneficiaries shall be organized into irrigators' associations which shall be tapped by the CENRO to implement its community-based reforestation projects, particularly the development and management of watershed of the irrigation projects. To ensure the integration of irrigation delivery systems with other agriculture support services, there shall be close coordination between the NIA, DA and DENR through the city development councils.

The ABEO shall prepare for each barangay in the city, which is predominantly agriculture-based, parcellary maps identifying agricultural lands which can be reached by irrigation systems. In order to ensure the availability of irrigation services in areas with production potential, the City shall implement irrigation pump distribution programs particularly in areas predominantly populated by small farmers.



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CHAPTER X. Corporate and Cooperative Farming

SECTION 23. CORPORATE FARMING PROGRAM CONVERGENCE STRATEGY.

— The City must promote and support the Pangasinan's Corporate Farming Program Convergence Strategy which endeavors to demonstrate food production cost efficiency through a farm consolidation approach, increase production yield by optimum utilization of production inputs, farm machinery, and the adoption of a package of technologies (POT), and rekindle the Bayanihan spirit among agriculture stakeholders and farmer cooperative associations (FCAs).

SECTION 24. COOPERATIVE FARMING. — The City must promote and should devise schemes to establish cooperative farming whereby the cooperative will undertake to till the land after farmers have consolidated their land under the management of the cooperative.

To support this cooperative farming, the City shall allocate funds not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00) for cooperatives that will implement this kind of farming to make it sustainable.

Guidelines for the establishment of cooperative farming system shall be issued by the City Agriculture Office and the City Cooperatives Development Office in coordination with the committee on agriculture of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

CHAPTER XI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 25. FARMERS' BOARD. — There shall be a Farmers' Board to be created by the City Mayor that will oversee and monitor the implementation of this Ordinance. The Board shall conduct a quarterly meeting and supported by a secretariat that will come from the City Agriculture Office.

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION. — The City shall appropriate an initial amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P2,500,000.00) annually from the General Fund to implement this Ordinance. Thereafter, the City shall continue to allocate funds annually of not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P2,500,000.00).

SECTION 27. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, such judgment or action shall not affect or impair the other sections or provisions thereof.

SECTION 28. REPEALING CLAUSE. — All ordinances, executive orders, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.



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SECTION 29. EFFECTIVITY. — This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its posting in at least three conspicuous places and complete publication in a regular newspaper of general or local circulation.

APPROVED.....

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance consisting of eleven (11) pages including this page.


LUZ B. VALE
 Secretary

ATTESTED:



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03/27/2025
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