



Republic of the Philippines
MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

December 18, 2025

The Honorable
Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members
Thru: **Hon. Manuel O. Alameda**
Provincial Vice Governor
Tandag City



Sir:

Pursuant to pertinent provision of the Local Government Code of 1991, I have the honor to submit the herein approved ordinance by the Sangguniang Bayan of Cagwait, for your review and approval, to wit:

ORD. NO. 37-25 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9729, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT OF 2009, MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO GOVERNMENT POLICY FORMULATION, ESTABLISHING THE FRAME WORK GOVERNMENT POLICY FORMULATION, ESTABLISHING THE FRAME WORK STRATEGY AND PROGRAMS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, CREATING THE CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SURIGAO DEL SUR.

Hoping for your favorable consideration and appropriate action.

Attached herewith:

- Certificate of Posting and Publication,

Very truly yours,


ALAN A. CABRERA
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION

This is to certify that, in compliance to Section 59 of RA 7160; Article 113, IRR of R.A. No. 7160, copy of approved Ordinance titled hereunder was properly posted and published in three conspicuous places in the municipality.

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ALAN A. CABRERA

Secretary to the Sanggunian

Refer To: Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation



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Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 39th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SURIGAO DEL SUR, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON OCTOBER 28, 2025:

PRESENT:

Hon. Armando P. Reyes ----- SB Member
(Temporary Presiding Officer)

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Hon. Arthur M. Sanchez	Hon. Guardiano C. Lozada
Hon. Amelito E. Estrada	Hon. Angelyn P. Prado
Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc	

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OFFICIAL ON ACTING :

Hon. Melchie C. Tuscano ----- Municipal Vice Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 37-25



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BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan in the Municipality of Cagwait, Province of Surigao del Sur in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall otherwise known as the "CAGWAIT CLIMATE CHANGE (3Cs) ORDINANCE OF 2025".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the State to afford full protection and the advancement of the right of the people to a healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. In this light, the State has adopted the Philippine Agenda 21 framework, which espouses sustainable development, to fulfill human needs while maintaining the quality of the natural environment for present and future generations.

Toward this end, the State adopts the principle of protecting the climate system for the benefit of mankind on the basis of climate justice or common but differentiated responsibilities and the precautionary principle to guide decision-making risk management. As a party to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the State adopts the ultimate objectives of the Convention which is the stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate change system which should be achieved within a time frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner. As a party to the Hyogo Framework for Action, the State likewise adopts the strategic goals in order to build national and local resilience to climate change-related disasters.



Recognizing the vulnerability of the Philippine Archipelago, and its local communities, particularly the poor, women and children to potential dangerous consequences of climate change such as rising seas, changing landscapes, increasing frequency and/or severity of droughts, fires, floods and storms, climate-related illness and diseases, damage to ecosystem, biodiversity loss that affect the country's environment, culture and economy, the State shall cooperate with the global community in the resolution of climate change issues, including disaster risk reduction.

It shall be the policy of the State to enjoin the participation of national and local governments, business, non-government organizations, local communities and the public to prevent and reduce the adverse impacts of climate change and, at the same time, maximize the benefits of climate change. It shall also be the policy of the State to incorporate a gender-sensitive, pro-children and pro-poor perspective in all climate change and renewable energy efforts, plans and programs. In view thereof, the State shall strengthen, integrate, consolidate and institutionalize government initiatives to achieve coordination in the implementation of plans and to address climate change in the context of sustainable development.

Further recognizing that climate change and disaster risk reduction are closely interrelated and effective disaster risk reduction will enhance climate change adaptive capacity, the State shall integrate disaster risk reduction into climate change programs and initiatives.

Cognizant of the need to ensure that national and sub-national government policies, plans, programs and projects are founded upon sound environmental considerations policies, plans, programs and projects are founded upon sound environmental consideration and the principle of sustainable development, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to systematically integrate the concept of climate change in various phases of policy formulation, development plans, poverty reduction strategies and other development tools and techniques by all agencies and instrumentalities of the government.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall have the corresponding meanings:

- a) **Adaptation** – refers to the adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli of their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities;
- b) **Adaptive Capacity** – refers to the ability of ecological, social or economic systems to adjust to climate change including climate variability and extremes, to moderate or offset potential damages and to take advantage of associated opportunities with changes in climate or to cope with the consequences thereof;
- c) **Anthropogenic Causes** – refer to causes resulting from human activities or produced by human beings;
- d) **Climate Change** – refers to a change in climate that can be identified by changes in the mean and/or variability of its properties and that persists for an extended period typically decades or longer, whether due to natural variability or as a result of human activity;
- e) **Climate Variability** – refers to the variations in the average state and in other statistics of the climate on all temporal and spatial scales beyond that of individual weather events;
- f) **Climate Risk** – refers to the product of climate and related hazards working over the vulnerability of human and natural ecosystems;
- g) **Disaster** – refers to a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts which exceed the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources;
- h) **Disaster Risk Reduction** – refers to the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematic efforts to analyze and manage the causal factors of disasters, including through reduced exposure to hazards, lessened vulnerability of people and property, wise management of land and the environment and improved preparedness for adverse events;

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- i) **Gender Mainstreaming** – refers to the strategy for making women's as well as men's concerns and experiences an integral dimension of the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies and programs in all political, economic and societal spheres so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated. It is the process of assessing the implications for women and men of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programs in all areas and at all levels;
- j) **Global Warming** – refers to the increase in the average temperature of the Earth's near surface air and oceans that is associated with the increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere;
- k) **Greenhouse Effect** – refers to the process by which the absorption of infrared radiation by the atmosphere warms the Earth;
- l) **Green House Gases (GHG)** – refers to constituents of the atmosphere that contribute to the greenhouse effect including, but not limited to, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydro-fluorocarbons, per-fluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride;
- m) **Mainstreaming** – refers to the integration of policies and measures that address climate change into development planning and sectoral decision-making;
- n) **Mitigation** – in the context of climate change, refers to human intervention to address anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of all GHG, including ozone depleting substances and their substitutes;
- o) **Mitigation Potential** – shall refer to the scale of GHG reductions that could be made relative to emission baseline for a given level of carbon price (expressed in cost per unit of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions avoided or reduced);
- p) **Sea Level Rise** – refers to an increase in sea level, which may be influenced by factors like global warming through expansion of seawater as the oceans warm and melting of ice over land and local factors such as land subsidence;
- q) **Vulnerability** – refers to the degree to which a system is susceptible to, or unable to cope with, adverse effects of climate change, including climate variability and extremes. Vulnerability is a function of the character, magnitude and rate of climate change and variation to which a system is exposed, its sensitivity and its adaptive capacity.

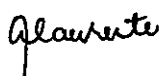
SECTION 4. Creation of the Climate Change Committee. There is hereby established a Climate Change Committee, herein referred to as the Committee.

The Committee shall be the solely policy-making body of the municipal government, which shall be tasked to coordinate, monitor and evaluate the programs and action plans of the LFU relating to climate change pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Composition of the Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	- Chair, SB Committee on Environment Protection
Vice Chairperson	- MENRO
Members	- Municipal Agriculturist
	- MDRRMO
	- MPDC
	- MSWDO
	- Municipal Budget Officer
	- Municipal Engineer
	- MLGOO
	- President, Liga ng mga Barangay
	- Representative from the Academe
	- Representative from the Private Sector
	- Representative from NGOs

Head Secretariat - MDRRMO







SECTION 6. Meetings. The Climate Change Committee shall meet twice a year or as often as may deemed necessary by the Chairperson. The Chairperson may likewise call upon other government agencies for the proper implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. Powers and Functions. The Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- a) Ensure the mainstreaming of climate change in synergy with disaster risk reduction into the municipal, sectoral and local development plans and programs;
- b) Coordinate and synchronized climate change programs of the municipal government agencies;
- c) Formulate a Framework Strategy on Climate Change to serve as the basis for a program for climate change planning, research and development, extension and monitoring of activities on climate change;
- d) Exercise policy coordination to ensure the attainment of goals set in the framework strategy and program on climate change;
- e) Recommend legislation, policies, strategies, programs on and appropriations for climate change adaptation and mitigation and other related activities;
- f) Recommend key development investments in climate-sensitive sectors such as water resources, agriculture, forestry, coastal and marine resources, health and infrastructure to ensure the achievement of national sustainable development goals;
- g) Create an enabling environment for the design of relevant and appropriate risk-sharing and risk-transfer instruments;
- h) Create an enabling environment that shall promote broader multi-stakeholder participation and integrate climate change mitigation and adaptation;
- i) Formulate strategies on mitigating GHG and other anthropogenic causes of climate change;
- j) Formulate and update guidelines for determining vulnerability to climate change impacts and adaptation assessments and facilitate the provisions of technical assistance for their implementation and monitoring;
- k) The Municipal Government shall coordinate with private entities to address vulnerability to climate change impacts of the municipality;
- l) Facilitate capacity building for local adaptation planning, implementation and monitoring of climate change initiatives in vulnerable communities and areas;
- m) Promote and provide technical and financial support to local research and development programs and projects in vulnerable communities and areas;
- n) Oversee the dissemination of information on climate change, local vulnerabilities and risks, relevant laws and protocols and adaptation and mitigation measures;
- o) Coordinate and establish a close partnership with the Municipal Disaster Coordination Council in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness in reducing the people's vulnerability to climate-related disasters.

SECTION 8. Panel of Technical Experts. The Committee shall constitute a panel of technical experts consisting of practitioners in disciplines that are related to climate change, including disaster risk reduction.

The panel shall provide technical advice to the Committee in climate science, technologies and best practices for risk assessments and enhancement of adaptive capacity of vulnerable human settlements to potential impacts of climate changes.

The Committee shall set the qualifications and compensation for the technical experts. They shall provide resource for the operations and activities of the panel.



SECTION 9. Framework Strategy and Program on Climate Change. The Committee shall, within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance, formulate a Framework Strategy on Climate Change. The Framework shall serve as the basis for a program for climate change planning, research and development, extension and monitoring of activities to protect vulnerable communities from the adverse effects of climate change.

Framework shall be formulated based on climate change vulnerabilities, specific adaptation needs and mitigation potential and in accordance with the international agreements.

The Framework shall be reviewed every three (3) years, or as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION 10. Components of the Framework Strategy and program on Climate Change. The Framework shall include, but not limited to, the following components:

- a) Municipal priorities;
- b) Impact, vulnerability and adaptation assessments;
- c) Policy formulation;
- d) Compliance with international commitments;
- e) Research and Development;
- f) Database development and management;
- g) Academic programs, capability building and mainstreaming;
- h) Advocacy and information dissemination;
- i) Monitoring and evaluation; and
- j) Gender mainstreaming.

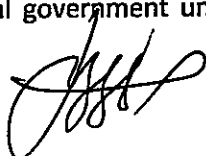
SECTION 11. Components of Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP). The Committee shall review and update the Local Climate Change Action Plan in accordance with the Framework within one (1) year after the formulation of the LCCAP. The LCCAP shall include, but not limited to, the following components:

- a) Assessment of the local impact of climate change;
- b) The identification of the most vulnerable communities/areas, including ecosystems to the impact of climate change, variability and extremes;
- c) The identification of differential impacts of climate change on men, women and children;
- d) The assessment and management of risk and vulnerability;
- e) The identification of GHG mitigation potentials; and
- f) The identification of options, prioritization of appropriate adaptation measures for joint projects of national and local governments.

SECTION 12. Local Climate Change Action Plan. The Municipal Government shall be the frontline agency in the formulation, planning and implementation of climate change action plans, consistent with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Framework, the National Climate Change Action Plan.

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Barangays shall be directly involved with municipal government in prioritizing climate change issues and in identifying and implementing best practices and other solutions. The Municipal Government shall consider climate change adaptation as one of their regular functions. Provincial Government shall provide technical assistance, enforcement and information management in support of municipal climate change action plans. Inter-local government unit collaboration shall be maximized in the conduct of climate-related activities.



The Municipal Government shall regularly update respective action plans to reflect changing social, economic, and environmental conditions and emerging issues. The MLGU shall furnish the Committee with copies of their action plans and all subsequent amendments, modifications and revisions thereof within one (1) month from their adoption. The MLGU shall mobilize and allocate necessary personnel, resources and logistics to effectively implement respective action plans.

It shall be the responsibility of the national government to extend technical and financial assistance to the local government units (LGUs) for the accomplishment of their Local Climate Change Action Plan.

The Municipal Government is hereby authorized to appropriate and use the amount from its National Tax Allotment (NTA) specifically the Five (5%) Percent Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (LDRRMF) necessary to implement said local plan activity.

SECTION 13. Role of the National Government Agencies. To ensure the effective implementation of the framework strategy and program on climate change, concerned agencies shall perform the following functions:

- a) The Department of Education (DepEd) shall integrate climate change into the primary and secondary education curricula and/or subjects, such as, but not limited to, science, biology, sibika, history, including textbooks, primers and other educational materials, basic climate change principles and concepts.
- b) The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Local Government Academy (LGA) shall facilitate the development and provision of a training program for LGUs in climate change. The training program shall include socio-economic, geophysical, policy and other content necessary to address the prevailing and forecasted conditions and risks of particular LGUs. It shall likewise focus on women and children, especially in the rural areas, since they are the most vulnerable.
- c) The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall oversee the establishment and maintenance of a climate change information management system and network, including on climate change risks, activities and investments, in collaboration with other concerned national government agencies, institutions and LGUs.
- d) The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) shall review international agreements related to climate change and make the necessary recommendations for ratification and compliance by the government on matters pertaining thereto.
- e) The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) shall disseminate information on climate change, local vulnerabilities and risk, relevant laws and protocols and adaptation and mitigation measures; and
- f) Government Financial Institutions (GFIs) shall, any provision in their respective charters to the contrary notwithstanding, provide preferential financial packages for climate change-related projects. The Climate Change Committee shall evaluate, recommend the approval of loans and monitor the use of said funds of LGUs.

SECTION 14. Coordination with Various Sectors. In the development and implementation of the Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP), the Committee shall coordinate with the non-government organizations *NGOs), civic organizations, academe, people's organizations, the private and corporate sectors and other concerned stakeholder groups.

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SECTION 15. Authority to Receive Donations and/or Grants. The Committee is hereby authorized to accept grants, contributions, donations, endowments, bequests, or gifts in cash, or in kind from local and national sources in support of the development and implementation of climate change programs and plans. Provided, further, that such donations shall not be used to fund personal services expenditures and other operating expenses of the Committee.

SECTION 16. Separability Clause. Should any provision of this Ordinance be subsequently declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected by such declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 17. Repealing Clause. Any Ordinance or parts of the previous ordinances that are in conflict or inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, amended, revised or modified accordingly.

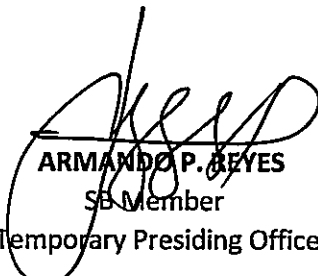
SECTION 18. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the approval by the Municipal Mayor and posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places in the municipality.

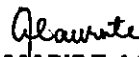
Adopted and approved this 28th day of October 2025 authored by Hon. Guardian C. Lozada and co-authored by Hon. Angelyn P. Prado and Hon. Amelito E. Estrada.

Unanimously Approved

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

ATTESTED:


ARMANDO P. REYES
SB Member
Temporary Presiding Officer


ESTELA MARIE T. LAURENTE
Records Officer II
OIC-Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:


GLENN G. BATIANCILA, REE
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: _____