



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:

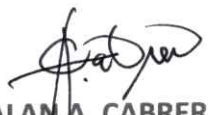


Pursuant to pertinent provision of the Local Government Code of 1991, I have the honor to submit the herein approved ordinance by the Sangguniang Bayan of Cagwait, for your review and approval, to wit:

ORD. NO. 40-25 – An Ordinance declaring the last week of August as the Coconut Industry Week Celebration in the Municipality of Cagwait, Province of Surigao del Sur establishing a Municipal Council and providing funds thereof and for other purposes.

Hoping for your favorable consideration and appropriate action.

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.

ORD. NO. 40-25 – AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST AS THE COCONUT INDUSTRY WEEK CELEBRATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SURIGAO DEL SUR ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF ANF FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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ALAN A. CABRERA

Secretary to the Sanggunian

Refer to: Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries



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BAYAN NG CAGWAIT

Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 43RD REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, SURIGAO DEL SUR, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 25, 2025:

PRESENT:

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

REGULAR SANGGUNIANG BAYAN MEMBERS:

Hon. Joanne Socorro L. Ubongen	Hon. Joel E. Bayogbog, CE
Hon. Arthur M. Sanchez	Hon. Guardiano C. Lozada
Hon. Amelito E. Estrada	Hon. Angelyn P. Prado
Hon. Rogen P. Tabugoc	



EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Hon. Bernard V. Loma ----- LnB Fed. Pres./SB Member
Hon. Princess Chewon C. Park ----- SK Fed. Pres./SB Member

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 40-25

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST AS THE COCONUT INDUSTRY WEEK CELEBRATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAGWAIT, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL COCONUT COUNCIL AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, proclamation no. 241, series of 1967 was issued to designate the period from August 12- 19, 1967 as the Coconut industry Week. This proclamation acknowledges the significant contributions of the coconut industry in the Filipino economy, as it provide millions of livelihood opportunities for Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Philippines Coconut Authority (CPA) was established by Presidential Decree 232 on June 30, 1973 which regulates coconut production and distribution. The PCA recognizes the important role that coconut plays in the national economy and, as such, it introduced the aforementioned weeklong celebration to honor and recognize its contributions;

WHEREAS, proclamation no. 142, Series of 1987 was issued to officially recognized the period from August 24 – 30, 1987 and every year thereafter as National Coconut Week. The Proclamation recognizes the vital role of coconut farming in the economy and promotes sustainable development in the coconut industry;

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WHEREAS, Republic Act no. 11524, entitled "Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act," provides that it is the policy of the State to consolidate the benefits due to coconut farmers especially the poor and marginalized, under various statutes and expedite the delivery thereof to attain increased incomes for coconut farmers, alleviate poverty and achieve social equality;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10593, which is the amended version of Republic Act No. 8048, otherwise known as the "Coconut Preservation Act of 1995", provides that, since the importance of the coconut industry in nation-building is one of the principal industries and one of the largest income earners of the country, it becomes mandatory for the Government to step in and regulate the unabated and indiscriminate cutting of the coconut trees, as well as to promote the growth of the industry by embarking on a sustainable and efficient replanting programs;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 1468, Series of 1987, entitled "Revised Coconut Industry Code", states that it is the policy of the State to promote the rapid integrated development and growth of the coconut farmers become direct participants in and beneficiaries of, such development and growth;

NOW THEREFORE:

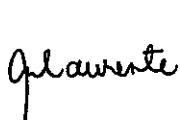
BE IT ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Cagwait, Province of the Surigao del Sur in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as "*Cagwait Coconut Week Celebration Ordinance of 2025*"

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. The Municipal Government of Cagwait supports the sustainable development of coconut farming in the municipality by empowering coconut farmers and industry stakeholders through various initiatives. This Ordinance aims to create more opportunities to coconut farmers to improve their livelihood and contribute to the growth of the local economy.

SECTION 3. Objectives. This Ordinance shall have the following objectives:

- a) Collaborate with private and public partners and provides resources to increase the production and yield of coconuts;
- b) Provide training and essential resources to coconut farmers and industry stakeholders to significantly improve their techniques and yield. This can lead to better socio-economic conditions for coconut farmers;
- c) Implement Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and innovative processing techniques to improve the quality of coconut products and ultimately boost the industry;
- d) Host a Municipal Coconut Congress to develop a platform that links coconut farmers and industry stakeholders with buyers and investors where they can advertise their products, equipment and services. The platform could also provide investment opportunities to support sustainable farming practices and local economies while giving consumers access to high-quality coconut products; and
- e) Pay tribute to the important role played by the coconut industry in shaping agricultural economy of the Municipality of Cagwait, and further recognize their hard work in preserving the rich cultural heritage of coconut farming.







SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a) Coconut – shall refer to the edible fruit of the coconut palm (*Cocos Nucifera*), a tree of the palm family;
- b) Coconut Industry – shall refer to the activities concerned with processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods and by-products derived from coconut and coconut trees;
- c) Coconut Products – shall refer to products derived from coconut trees which include but are not limited to the following:
 - i. Copra – refers to the dried kernel of the coconut fruit;
 - ii. Coconut Oil – refers to the oil extracted from copra;
 - iii. Coconut Water – refers to the clear liquid found inside young green coconuts;
 - iv. Coir – refers to the fibrous material extracted from the husk of the coconut;
 - v. Coconut sugar – refers to the sap of the coconut flower, also known as palm sugar;
 - vi. Coconut Cabbage (Ubod) – refers to the bud of the coconut;
 - vii. Coconut Peat – refers to the short spongy fibers and dust which is a by-product in the processing of husk;
 - viii. Coconut Vinegar – refers to the liquid derived from
 - ix. Fermented coconut water;
 - x. Coconut wine – refers to the liquid resulting from the fermentation of coconut sap;
- d) Coconut Tree – shall refers to the tall pinnate-leaved palm bearing a large edible fruit called the coconut, otherwise known as the coconut palm (*Cocos Nucifera*).
- e) Industry Stakeholder – refers to person or entitles who have an interest in the coconut industry and/or contribute to its growth and development. These include but are not limited to coconut farmers, coconut plantation owners, coconut industrial entrepreneurs and manufacturers and coconut traders, sellers, researchers and logisticians.

SECTION 5. Scope. This Municipal Ordinance shall involve all barangay within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Cagwait, this province.

SECTION 6. Schedule. The Municipal Coconut Week Celebration shall be held on the last week of August of every year.

SECTION 7. Programs, projects and Activities. The Municipal Coconut Week Celebration shall feature a variety of activities, programs and projects within the week to celebrate. This may include, but are not limited to:

- a) Plan and execute a coconut tree-planting activity;
- b) Host capability-building training sessions for coconut producer/farmers and industry stakeholders to enhance their culture orientation and entrepreneurship skills;
- c) Coconut lectures and webinars to discuss research and development in the coconut industry, such as coconut processing Technologies, Fertilization and Management of coconut, Promotion and Marketing of Products and others;
- d) Hold exhibits of coconut products, programs, project, equipment, machinery and facilities;
- e) Create a coconut nursery and compose a detailed presentation on the best practices for managing and growing coconut trees. The presentation should cover the process of germinating coconut seed, planting the germinated coconut in the soil. Maintaining and fertilizing coconut trees and harvesting coconut fruits and other parts;

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- f) Recognize and reward the municipality's best industry stakeholders through cash and/or incentives, awards and recognitions; and
- g) Organize seminars for agriculture, crop science for senior high school students.

SECTION 8. Creation Municipal Coconut Industry Council MCIC). To ensure the implementation of this Ordinance, the Municipal Coconut Industry Council is hereby created, which shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	: Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairperson	: Municipal Agriculturist
Members	: Chairperson, SB Committee on Agriculture
	: Municipal Administrator
	: Head, Local Economic Devt. & Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO)
	: Municipal Tourism Officer
	: MPDC
	: MENRO
	: President, Liga ng mga Barangay (Municipal)
	: Municipal Public Information and Community Affairs Office-Designate
	: Representative, DA – Provincial Office
	: Representative, PCA – Provincial Office
	: Representative, MAFC
	: Representative, Municipal Coconut Farmers Organization

The Municipal Coconut Industry Council shall be under the direct supervision and control of the office of the Municipal Mayor and shall be responsible for establishing systems in creating and maintaining records.

SECTION 9. Powers, Duties and Functions of the MCIC. The MCIC shall have the following powers. Duties and functions:

- a) Formulate and institute policies and programs in the pursuit of achieving the objectives enumerated in Section 3 of this Ordinance;
- b) Create and establish systems to ensure the effective implementation of its policies;
- c) Create activities, programs and project relative to the organization and Launching of the Municipal Coconut Industry Week and oversee the implementation thereof; and
- d) Perform other duties and functions as may be required for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 10. Administrative Obligations. The Municipal Agriculturist Office, the Municipal Tourism Office and the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office, in coordination with the Liga ng mga Barangay, shall lead for the conduct of activities, programs and projects during the municipal coconut week Celebration.

SECTION 11. Funding. The Municipal Government of Cagwait shall allocate an initial fund in the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) to operate the activities, programs and projects during the afore-mentioned celebration. For succeeding years, the Municipal Agriculturist Office shall incorporate in its annual budget or supplemental budget, the funds needed is implementing this Ordinance.



SECTION 12. Implementing rules and Regulations (IRR). The Municipal Agriculturist Office, the Municipal Tourism Office and the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office, in coordination with the Municipal Administrator’s Office within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Ordinance, shall convene and formulate the IRR of the subject Ordinance.

SECTION 13. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain valid and effective.

SECTION 14. Repealing Clause. All other orders and issuances, as well as pertinent rules and regulations thereof, which are inconsistent with any provisions in this Ordinance are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 15. Effectively. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately

Adopted and approved this 25th day of November 2025 authored by Hon. Guardiano C. Lozada and co-authored by Hon. Arthur M. Sanchez.

Unanimously Approved

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


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

ATTESTED:


ARMANDITO P. REYES
SB Member
Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


GLENN G. BATIANCILA, REE
Municipal Mayor

Date of Approval: 12/18/2025