



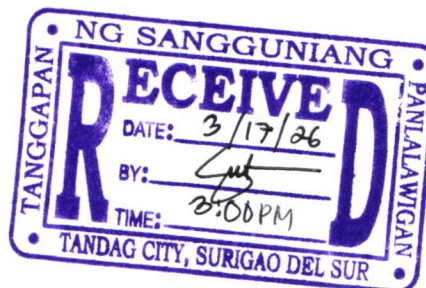
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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

March 16, 2026

MR. EDGAR G. PEREZ II, LLB
Provincial Secretary
Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Tandag City, Surigao del Sur



Sir:

Greetings of peace and goodwill!

We are forwarding herewith **Ordinance No. 12, Series of 2026** entitled “An Ordinance Institutionalizing the Balanced Fertilization Strategy Through Extension Service Mainstreaming for Sustainable Rice Production in the Municipality of Carrascal, and Providing Funds Therefor.”

Its contents are self-explanatory, and the foregoing is duly transmitted for your review, evaluation, and appropriate action.

We trust that this will merit your kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

CHESTER A. AZARCON
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 28TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF CARRASCAL, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2026 AT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

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SB Member
Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

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	Hon. Keith Vincent P. Pimentel	-	SB Member

ORDINANCE NO. 12, SERIES OF 2026

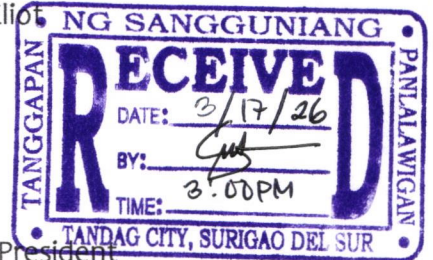
“AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALANCED FERTILIZATION STRATEGY THROUGH EXTENSION SERVICE MAINSTREAMING FOR SUSTAINABLE RICE PRODUCTION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARRASCAL, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

INTRODUCED BY:
HONORABLE CHITO O. ELIOT

“WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 1071, Series of 1997 and the Department of Agriculture Memorandum Circular No. 20, Series of 2020 support the adoption of balanced fertilization as a strategy to enhance crop production, sustain soil and crop productivity, and increase the income of rice farmers;

“WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture aims to institutionalize the combined use of organic and inorganic fertilizers and other strategies to maximize the potential of farmlands while conserving soil structure and fertility through the Balanced Fertilization Strategy (BFS) Program;

M.O. NO. 12, SERIES OF 2026 – AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BALANCED FERTILIZATION STRATEGY THROUGH EXTENSION SERVICE MAINSTREAMING FOR SUSTAINABLE RICE PRODUCTION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARRASCAL, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.



“WHEREAS, a long-term study of the Philippine Rice Research Institute shows that the continuous combined application of organic and inorganic fertilizers produces comparable grain yield and maintains better soil productivity and functionality relative to the application of either inorganic or organic fertilizer alone;

“WHEREAS, official data from the Philippine Statistics Authority shows that fertilizer cost comprises the largest part of the material input costs in rice farming, contributing to the high production cost of rice farmers;

“WHEREAS, the use of farm wastes as organic fertilizer can help lower the production cost of rice farmers by reducing their reliance on and procurement cost of inorganic fertilizers, resulting in better income for rice farmers;

“WHEREAS, in support of the directives and efforts of the national government through the Department of Agriculture and its attached agencies, and as a measure to sustainably produce rice that will benefit farmers and the environment in the long term, the Municipal Government of Carrascal promotes the adoption of the Balanced Fertilization Strategy in rice production;

“ NOW THEREFORE ”

BE IT ENACTED, as it is hereby enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Carrascal, Surigao del Sur, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the *“Balanced Fertilization Strategy Mainstreaming for Sustainable Rice Production Ordinance of 2026.”*

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipal Government of Carrascal to promote and establish as practice balanced fertilization through the mainstreaming of combined application of organic and inorganic fertilizers following the principle of using the right element, amount, and timing of application and other strategies in extension services provided to rice farmers to sustainably produce rice, enhance soil health and productivity, maintain soil fertility, and reduce fertilizer cost in rice production.

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

- a. *Balanced Fertilization Strategy* – refers to the application of plant nutrients in optimum quantities in the right proportion through appropriate methods at the time suited for a specific crop and agro-climatic condition that leads to soil health building;
- b. *Biofertilizer* – refers to microbial inoculants containing active strains of bacteria, actinomycetes, algae and fungi useful in biological activities such as nitrogen fixation, decomposition of organic residues, and solubilization of essential nutrients such as phosphorus;
- c. *Biostimulant* – refers to any substance or microorganism applied to plants or soil that enhances physiological processes, nutrient efficiency, abiotic stress tolerance, or crop quality regardless of nutrient content.
- d. *Extension Services* – refers to the provision of training, information and support services by government and non-government organizations to improve the technical, business, or social capabilities of farmers.

- e. *Inorganic Fertilizer* – refers to fertilizer products whose major nutrients (NPK) are supplied by inorganic or synthetic compounds and may contain primary, secondary, and micronutrients.
- f. *Organic Fertilizer* – refers to any product in solid or liquid form of plant or animal origin that has undergone substantial decomposition and can supply available nutrients to plants.

SECTION 4. Responsibilities of the Municipal Agriculturist. The Municipal Agriculturist shall serve as the focal person to ensure the proper integration of the Balanced Fertilization Strategy in extension services delivered to rice farmers. The Municipal Agriculturist shall:

- a. Facilitate the development of site-specific nutrient recommendations through soil analysis or consultation with agencies such as the Bureau of Soils and Water Management and the Philippine Rice Research Institute;
- b. Facilitate the development of a training module on Balanced Fertilization Strategy in consultation with relevant agencies;
- c. Assign or hire Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) who will serve as technical personnel to rice farmers;
- d. Organize and conduct learning sessions and assessments with AEWs prior to deployment;
- e. Conduct inspections and monitoring of training programs conducted by AEWs;
- f. Facilitate the formulation and implementation of strategies to mainstream BFS in extension services;
- g. Perform other functions necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Training Curriculum on Balanced Fertilization. The training module guiding the extension services to AEWs and rice farmers shall include but not be limited to:

- 1. Benefits of organic fertilizers, biofertilizers, and biostimulants in rice production;
- 2. Proper use of decision-support tools such as Minus One Element Technique (MOET), Leaf Color Chart (LCC), and Rice Crop Manager (RCM);
- 3. Determination of proper combinations of inorganic and organic fertilizers based on nutrient recommendations;
- 4. Utilization of farm wastes and indigenous materials such as rice straw and chicken manure;
- 5. Rice integrated crop management technologies based on research institutions and government recommendations.

The training module may be updated or modified upon the discretion and approval of the Municipal Agriculturist.

SECTION 6. Capacity-Building of Agricultural Extension Workers. Selected AEWs shall undergo training and assessment on balanced fertilization to ensure their competence before conducting training for farmers. They may also participate in other seminars and capacity-building activities to enhance their knowledge and skills.

SECTION 7. Extension Service Provision. Only trained AEWs or authorized representatives permitted by the Municipal Agriculture Office shall provide extension services on Balanced Fertilization Strategy to rice farmers. Any training or technology demonstration conducted by third-party organizations must be coordinated with the Municipal Agriculture Office.

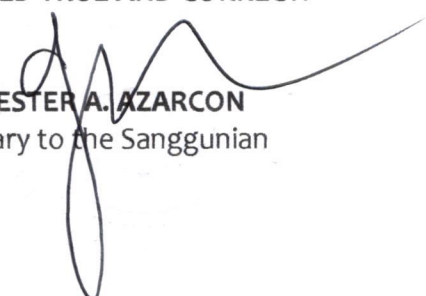
SECTION 8. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, executive issuances, and administrative rules inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

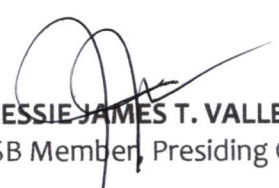
SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Carrascal.

DONE this 16th day of February 2026 at Carrascal, Surigao del Sur.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


CHESTER A. AZARCON
Secretary to the Sanggunian

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**


JESSIE JAMES T. VALLE
SB Member, Presiding Officer Pro Tempore

APPROVED:

JOSEPH L. URGEL
Municipal Mayor