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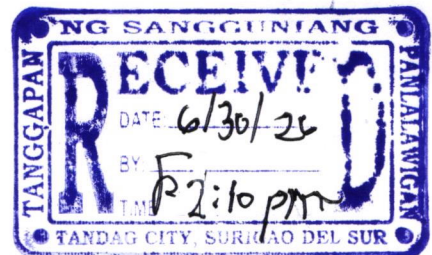
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Tandag City

THRU: EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Surigao del Sur

Dear Hon. Members,

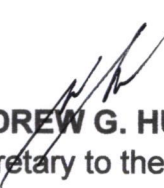
Greetings!



Submitting herewith are the copies of **ORDINANCE NO.05-2026** entitled: "AN ORDINANCE TO AID IN THE OPTIMIZATION OF THE USE OF ICTS IN RICE FARMING, BY INSTATING INFOMEDIARIES IN MUNICIPAL AGRICULTURE OFFICES, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR." for your review and confirmation.

Thank you and God Bless.

Respectfully yours,


ANDREW G. HUELMA, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

WHEREAS, there is a need to aid the older farmers in the use of ICTs by mobilizing the tech-savvy youth as information mediators or infomediaries, as shown by the Infomediary Campaign of DA-PhilRice;

WHEREAS, one of the key priorities of the Republic Act No 10618, also known as the "Rural Farm Schools Act", is the teaching of agri-fisheries among young people;

WHEREAS, engaging the youth in agricultural endeavors is a way to promote agriculture and potentially usher in a younger generation of farmers to strengthen food security and sustainability;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish alternative communication pathways given the inadequate number of agricultural extension workers;

WHEREAS, mobilizing infomediaries would mena better access to rice-related and rice-based information among farmers, which would translate to increased chances of boosting agricultural production, by extension, and income;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Cantilan, in session duly assembled, that:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "ICT Optimization Through Youth Informediaries in Rice-Farming Communities Ordinance of 2026".

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipal Government of Cantilan to optimize the use of ICT in rice farming by employing youth infomediaries on the on-the-job training (OJT) basis, I.e., for a period of assigning them in the municipal agricultural offices (MAOs) to assist rice farmers in accessing information through various ICTs available.

SECTION 3. Designation of Infomediaries in-charge. Infomediaries to be employed may come from the following:

- a. K to 12 graduates with agricultural background
- b. Students of state universities and colleges with agriculture and related courses
- c. Youth organizations of Cantilan

SECTION 4. Entitlements and Responsibilities of Infomediaries. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the infomediaries shall have the following responsibilities and entitlements:

- a. Infomediaries shall assist rice farmers in accessing information and introduce them to available ICTs, with the overall goal to help them get comfortable and familiar with using various ICTs themselves;
- b. Infomediaries shall regularly report to supervisors with a weekly or bi-monthly accomplishment report;
- c. Infomediaries shall regularly attend trianings on new agricultural ICTs developed/launched;
- d. Infomediaries shall work under the supervision of an asssigned MAO staff or agrcultural extension worker, to whom he or she will report to;
- e. Scope of work shall be guided by monthly targets as agreed upon with the direct superviosr;
- f. Infomediaries shall be assigned a certain area based on need for infomediaries or based on existing rice-farming community that the infomediary is part of (e.g., if infomediary has farmer parents or neighbors);
- g. Infomediaries shall be provided a monthly stipend for food, transportation, and communication allowance;
- h. Infomediaries shall be awarded a certificate upon completion of on-the-job training.

Prior to deployment, new infomediaries must complete and pass a training facilitated by the MAO on basic rice farming knowledge , ICT use, and proper conduct of field works to ensure that the infomediaries can properly serve the farmers.

SECTION 5. Capacitating the MAO and AEWs. Personnel of the MAO and AEWs assigned by the Municipal Agriculturist (MA) shall serve as supervisor and mentor of the infomediaries. For this purpose, the MAO personnel and the AEWs shall also undergo capacity-building activities on ICT use and shall remain updated on the latest ICTs in farming. The MAO may coordinate with relevant organizations for resource persons in the remaining programs and for ICT updates for its staff members and the AEWs.

SECTION 6. Funding allocation. The Municipal Agriculture Office of Cantilan, Surigao del Sur is tasked to allocate 0.1% of its annual budget to realize the interventions set forth.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts thereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances, resolutions, local executive issuances, and/or administrative rules and regulations inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

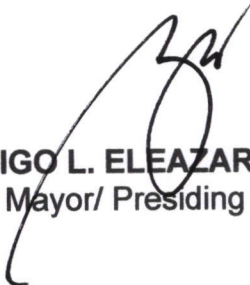
SECTION 9. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect after compliance with the publication and posting requirements as provided under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991

ENACTED this 9th day of March 2026 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur.

I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance that was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during its regular session held on the 9th day of March 2026.


ANDREW G. HUELMA, J.D.
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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


RODRIGO L. ELEAZAR
Municipal Vice Mayor/ Presiding Officer

APPROVED: _____

PHILIP A. PICHAY
Municipal Mayor