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**Office of the Sangguniang Bayan**

**October 20, 2026**

**HONORABLE MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.**
Vice Governor and Presiding Officer
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**THROUGH :** **EDGAR G. PEREZ II, J.D.**
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**Dear Vice Governor Alameda:**

Pursuant to Section 56 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, we respectfully submit Three **(3) Original copies** of the following **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES**, all series of 2026, enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan during the 37th Regular Session held on October 13, 2026 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, for review and affirmation:

1. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-10 - AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING CURFEW HOURS FOR MINORS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

2. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-11 - AN ORDINANCE BANNING DRINKING OF LIQUOR AND INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

3. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-12 - AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ACT OF BEING TOPLESS OR HALF-NAKED IN PUBLIC PLACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL**

**JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

4. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-13 - AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF VIDEOKE MACHINES, AND OTHER AMPLIFIED AUDIO DEVICES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

5. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-14 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL-WIDE SYNCHRONIZED RODENT CONTROL PROGRAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "RAT BLANKETING PROGRAM," IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, PROVIDING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, COORDINATION, MONITORING, AND ENFORCEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

6. **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-15 - AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE OWNERS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR OCCUPANTS OF VACANT RICE FIELDS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS AND PROPER CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTIES, PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBILITIES, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

For your reference, attached are the following supporting documents:

1. Certificate of Public Hearing
2. Copies of Invitation Letters
3. Notices of Public Hearing posted in the Barangays and Public Transport Terminals
4. Attendance sheets of Public Hearing

We look forward to your favorable action on these legislative measures.

Very truly yours,

**ZELMA A. CABRERA-CASTRO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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**Office of the Sangguniang Bayan**
**13TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 37TH REGULAR SESSION[2026] OF THE 13TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TAGO, SURIGAO DEL SUR HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.**

**PRESENT:** **HONORABLE IRA MINETTE C. PIMENTEL**
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

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Honorable Noel L. Gualvez - Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Reynaldo G. Selades - Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Virginia P. Gomez - Sangguniang Bayan Member
Honorable Levie B. Moreno - Sangguniang Bayan Member

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER/S:**

Honorable Emmanuel P. Isiang - President, Liga ng mga Barangay
Honorable Jenebert L. Gaco - IP Mandatory Representative
Honorable Vince Dylan E. Curada - President, SK Federation

**ABSENT :** **NONE**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. LP-15[2026]**
Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE OWNERS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR OCCUPANTS OF VACANT RICE FIELDS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, SURIGAO DEL SUR, TO MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS AND PROPER CONDITION OF THEIR PROPERTIES, PROVIDING FOR RESPONSIBILITIES, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Authored by: Honorable Noel L. Gualvez
Co-Authored by: Honorable Leo L. Pagaran
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**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the **Local Government Code of 1991**, empowers local government units to promote the general welfare and protect the health, safety, and convenience of their constituents;

**WHEREAS**, vacant and unattended rice fields may become breeding and sheltering areas for rats, snakes, insects, and other pests, particularly when vegetation and weeds are allowed to grow excessively;

**WHEREAS**, improperly maintained vacant rice fields may likewise become receptacles for garbage, stagnant water, and other materials that may create sanitation, environmental, and public-health hazards;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Tago recognizes the importance of maintaining agricultural properties in a clean and orderly condition to protect surrounding households, agricultural lands, roads, waterways, and the general welfare of the community;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish clear responsibilities for the owners, administrators, or occupants of vacant rice fields and to encourage regular maintenance and proper management of such properties;

**NOW THEREFORE;**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**, in session duly assembled, that:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as the **"VACANT RICE FIELD CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAGO."**

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Tago to promote and maintain cleanliness, sanitation, environmental protection, and public safety within its territorial jurisdiction.

The Municipality shall require owners, administrators, or occupants of vacant rice fields to exercise reasonable care and proper maintenance of their properties to prevent the accumulation of garbage, excessive weed and vegetation growth, stagnant water, and conditions that may attract rodents and other pests.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE.** This Ordinance shall apply to all **vacant, idle, or temporarily unused rice fields** located within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Tago, Surigao del Sur.

It shall cover properties whether privately owned, leased, administered, or otherwise under the lawful control of an individual, family, corporation, cooperative, or other juridical entity.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

For purposes of this Ordinance:

A. **VACANT RICE FIELD** – refers to agricultural land intended or previously used for rice cultivation that is temporarily or continuously unused and has no active rice-growing operation at the time of inspection.

B. **OWNER** – refers to the registered owner or lawful proprietor of the property.

C. **ADMINISTRATOR/OCCUPANT** – refers to any person or entity lawfully entrusted with the management, possession, or use of the property.

D. **PROPER MAINTENANCE** – refers to reasonable measures undertaken to keep the property free from accumulated garbage, excessive weeds, uncontrolled vegetation, stagnant water, and other conditions that may constitute a nuisance or public-health concern.

E. **NUISANCE** – refers to any condition or activity that endangers or unreasonably interferes with the health, safety, peace, comfort, or convenience of the community, consistent with applicable law.

**SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPERTY OWNERS.** All owners, administrators, or lawful occupants of vacant rice fields shall be responsible for maintaining their properties in a reasonably clean, sanitary, and safe condition.

They shall undertake appropriate measures to:

a. Prevent the accumulation of garbage, plastics, discarded containers, and other solid waste;

b. Remove excessive weeds, grass, and other uncontrolled vegetation that may provide shelter for rats, snakes, insects, and other pests;

c. Prevent the property from becoming a breeding or sheltering ground for rodents and other disease-carrying pests;

d. Properly maintain existing drainage channels within their property, where applicable, to minimize unnecessary stagnant water;

e. Remove or properly manage discarded materials, equipment, containers, and other objects that may accumulate water or serve as pest habitats;

f. Prevent the burning or improper disposal of household, commercial, or agricultural waste on the property;

g. Maintain the boundaries of the property in a reasonably orderly condition, particularly where the property directly borders residential areas, roads, schools, public facilities, or other occupied properties; and

h. Undertake necessary corrective measures upon receipt of a notice from the Municipal Government or Barangay authorities.

**SECTION 6. PROHIBITION ON ILLEGAL DUMPING.** No person shall use a vacant rice field as a dumping ground for household waste, commercial waste, construction debris, plastics, discarded appliances, hazardous materials, or other refuse.

The owner, administrator, or occupant shall take reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized dumping on the property and shall report known instances of illegal dumping to the appropriate Barangay or Municipal authorities.

**SECTION 7. MAINTENANCE OF VEGETATION.** Owners or persons responsible for vacant rice fields shall regularly manage excessive vegetation within their properties.

Where the property borders residential areas, public roads, pathways, drainage systems, schools, or other public or occupied areas, vegetation shall be maintained in a manner that does not obstruct access, drainage, visibility, or create conditions conducive to pest infestation.

The Municipality shall recognize that agricultural land may naturally contain vegetation and shall not require unnecessary clearing that may cause soil erosion or other environmental harm.

**SECTION 8. RODENT AND PEST CONTROL.** Owners, administrators, or occupants shall undertake reasonable measures to prevent vacant rice fields from becoming breeding or sheltering areas for rats and other pests.

Where a significant rodent infestation is identified, the responsible owner or administrator shall coordinate with the Barangay and/or Municipal Health Office for appropriate and safe control measures.

Any use of rodenticides, pesticides, or other chemical control products shall comply with applicable national laws, regulations, safety requirements, and product instructions.

**SECTION 9. INSPECTION.** The Municipal Health Office, Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, Barangay officials, or other duly authorized personnel may conduct reasonable inspections of vacant rice fields for purposes of determining compliance with this Ordinance.

Inspection shall be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, particularly with respect to private property and the rights of property owners.

**SECTION 10. NOTICE OF VIOLATION.** When a vacant rice field is found to be in violation of this Ordinance, the responsible owner, administrator, or occupant shall be issued a **Written Notice of Violation and Compliance Order**.

The notice shall specify:

a. The condition or violation observed;
b. The corrective measures required;
c. The reasonable period within which compliance must be made; and
d. The applicable consequences of failure to comply.

The responsible person shall be given a reasonable opportunity to correct the violation before penalties are imposed, except when immediate action is necessary to address an imminent threat to public health or safety.

**SECTION 11. PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE.** The owner, administrator, or occupant shall correct the identified violation within **fifteen (15) calendar days** from receipt of the Notice of Violation, unless a different period is reasonably necessary due to the nature or extent of the required corrective action.

Upon written request and for justifiable reasons, the Municipal Government may grant a reasonable extension.

**SECTION 12. MUNICIPAL CLEAN-UP IN CASE OF NON-COMPLIANCE.** If the responsible owner, administrator, or occupant fails to undertake the required corrective measures within the prescribed period, the Municipality or Barangay may undertake or arrange the necessary clean-up or maintenance measures, subject to applicable laws, rules, regulations, and availability of resources.

Whenever legally permissible, the reasonable and documented cost incurred for such intervention may be charged to the responsible property owner or person in control of the property, without prejudice to the imposition of applicable penalties.

**SECTION 13. PENALTIES.** Any person who violates any mandatory provision of this Ordinance shall, upon proper notice and due process, be subject to the following penalties:

**First Offense:** Written warning and compliance order, with a period of fifteen (15) calendar days to correct the violation.

**Second Offense:** A fine of **Five Hundred Pesos (₱500.00)** and a compliance order requiring immediate corrective action.

**Third and Subsequent Offenses:** A fine of **One Thousand Pesos (₱1,000.00)** for each subsequent offense, without prejudice to other remedies available under applicable laws and ordinances.

Where the violation constitutes a separate offense under national law or another valid municipal ordinance, the appropriate penalty under such law or ordinance may likewise apply.

**SECTION 14. EXEMPTIONS.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall not be construed to penalize legitimate agricultural activities or ordinary agricultural conditions that do not constitute a sanitation, nuisance, environmental, or public-safety concern.

Temporary exemptions or reasonable extensions may be granted when the property is affected by:

a. Flooding, typhoon, or other natural disasters;
b. Force majeure;
c. Active agricultural operations or preparation for planting or harvesting;
d. Government-mandated agricultural activities; or
e. Other circumstances determined by the appropriate municipal office to constitute valid grounds.

**SECTION 15. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.** The Municipal Government, through the Municipal Health Office, Municipal Agriculture Office, Barangays, and other concerned offices, shall conduct information and education campaigns to inform property owners and the general public about:

a. Proper maintenance of vacant rice fields;
b. Rodent and pest prevention;
c. Proper solid-waste management;
d. Environmental sanitation;
e. Proper drainage and stagnant-water prevention; and
f. The provisions and requirements of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 16. RESPONSIBILITY OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS.** Barangay officials shall assist in the implementation of this Ordinance by:

a. Identifying vacant rice fields requiring attention;
b. Informing property owners of their responsibilities;
c. Coordinating with the Municipal Government regarding violations;
d. Assisting in community sanitation activities; and
e. Reporting persistent or serious violations to the appropriate Municipal Office.

**SECTION 17. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE.** The **Municipal Health Office**, in coordination with the **Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, Barangay Governments, and other concerned offices**, shall serve as the primary coordinating body for the implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 18. FUNDING.** Funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality, subject to the availability of funds and existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement laws, rules, and regulations.

**SECTION 19. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Municipal Mayor, through the appropriate municipal offices, may issue the necessary implementing rules and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, consistent with applicable national laws and regulations.

**SECTION 20. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 21. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, or other local issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 22. POSTING.** Posting shall be done in the bulletin boards at the entrance of the municipal hall, public transport terminals in Barangays Purisima, Victoria Crossing and Gamut, and in the Twenty Four (24) Barangays of this municipality not later than five (5) days after approval of the Municipal Mayor.

**SECTION 23. EFFECTIVITY.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon affirmation of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

**ENACTED** this 13th day of October, 2026, upon motion of Honorable Noel L. Gualvez, duly seconded by All Members Present.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

**ZELMA A. CABRERA-CASTRO**
Secretary to the Sanggunian

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

**IRA MINETTE C. PIMENTEL**
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

**APPROVED:**

**JELIO VAL C. LAURENTE**
Municipal Mayor

Date: October 20, 2026