



**COMMITTEE REPORT  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FISHERIES**

Our committee received a referral concerning the following matters:

**Agenda No. 378 – City Ordinance No. 50, S. of 2022**, passed by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Balanga, Bataan, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND IMPLEMENTING THE 5-YEAR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERY MECHANIZATION PLAN (2023-2027) OF THE CITY OF BALANGA, BATAAN”.

Section 2 (a) of RA 10601, otherwise known as the “Agricultural and Fisheries Mechanization (AFMech) Law”, provides that the state shall promote the development and adoption of modern, appropriate and cost-effective and environmentally-safe agricultural and fisheries machinery and equipment to enhance farm productivity and efficiency in order to achieve food security and safety and increase farmers income.

The 5-Year Local Agricultural and Fishery Mechanization Plan (AFMech Plan) of the City of Balanga, Bataan was created to address, focus, and implement the contemporary practice in the sectors of agriculture, fishery, livestock, poultry production, and postharvest management.

**Agenda No. 381 - Ordinance No. 25, S. of 2022**, passed by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pilar, Bataan, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING, PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, BATAAN, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFORE, AND FOR THE PURPOSES.”

Republic Act 10068 otherwise known as the “Organic Agriculture Act of 2010” provides for the development and promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines. Section 2 thereof states that it is the policy of the State to promote, propagate, further develop and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines.

Towards this end, the Municipality of Pilar, Bataan shall promote organic agriculture as main agricultural practice in its jurisdiction and shall influence large-scale and monoculture agri-industries to integrate organic agriculture practices in their systems.

The committee after its deliberation held last September 28, 2022 finds the ordinances passed within the scope of the prescribed powers of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Balanga and Sangguniang Bayan of Pilar. We here by recommend to pass resolutions declaring the validity of Agenda Nos. 378 & 381 after rules are suspended.

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