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Hon. Aureo Augusto Q. Nisce..... Vice-Governor / Presiding Officer

PRESENT:

Hon. Francisco "Kit" C. Ortega, Jr. Member
Hon. Jose Maria "Pepe" C. Ortega Member
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Hon. Nancy Corazon M. Bacurnay Member
Hon. Alfredo Pablo R. Ortega Member
Hon. Manuel "Mannix" R. Ortega, Jr. Member
Hon. Kenneth Paolo C. Tereng Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Victoria L. Aragon Member

ORDINANCE NO. 042-2013

REQUIRING THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO INCLUDE ONE-HALF CUP OF COOKED RICE IN THEIR MENU

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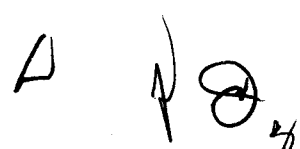
WHEREAS, the President of the Republic of the Philippines, His Excellency, Pres. Benigno Simeon C. Aquino, by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 494 has declared 2013 as the National Year of Rice (NYR 2013);

WHEREAS, NYR 2013 is a social marketing and advocacy campaign of the Department of Agriculture (DA) created in support to DA's Food Staples Sufficiency Program (FSSP);

WHEREAS, NYR 2013 aims to strategically use different media and to partner with different governmental instrumentalities, non-government organizations and the private sector to achieve, among others, the following outputs: healthier rice consumers, reduced rice wastage, and encouraging the general public to be responsible rice consumers;

WHEREAS, the data of the 2008 Food and Nutrition Research Institute show that Filipinos waste an average of two tablespoons of cooked rice or nine grams of uncooked rice daily;





WHEREAS, pieces of empirical evidence show that the availability of half-cup rice servings would minimize wastage especially within the food service industry;

WHEREAS, the "general welfare clause" as succinctly mentioned under Section 16, Title 1, Book I of Republic Act 7160 (Local Government Code of 1991), empowers local government units (LGU's) to enact and implement measure for the general well-being of their inhabitants. Its basis is the police power of the State as delegated to LGU's;

WHEREAS, cognizant and supportive to the lofty goals of the NYR 2013, the PROVINCE of LA UNION is very sincere in its effort to explore viable means that would facilitate the attainment of the said program;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN in session assembled, that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be entitled "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO INCLUDE ONE-HALF CUP OF COOKED RICE IN THEIR MENU".

Section 2. Definition of Terms.

- a. **Food Service Industry** refers to those business, institutions, and companies responsible for any meal prepared outside the home and thus, includes restaurants, schools, offices and hospital cafeterias, catering operations, fast-food chains and the like.
- b. **Half-cup of Cooked Rice** refers to one-half of 158 grams/cup or roughly 80 grams.
- c. **Province** refers to the Province of La Union.

Section 3. Coverage. All businesses, institutions, and companies responsible for any meal prepared outside the home which includes, but are not limited to, restaurants, schools, offices, hospital cafeterias, catering operations, and fast-food chains and other related food services shall include one-half cup of cooked rice in their regular menu and set its price at exactly half that of one cup.

Section 4. Implementation. The Provincial Governor, with due recommendation from the Provincial Health Officer, shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to ensure the proper implementation of the provisions of this ordinance within 90 days from its approval.

Section 5. Penalty. Any food service provider found violating this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. 1st Offense -Fine of PhP1,000.00
- b. 2nd Offense -Fine of PhP2,000.00.
- c. 3rd Offense and succeeding offenses -Fine of PhP3,000.00


Section 6. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, or inconsistent with any national law, other sections or provisions thereof, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


Section 8. Effectivity. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.


CARIDAD J. VILUAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


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APPROVED:


MANUEL C. ORTEGA
Governor