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**AN ORDINANCE DEVELOPING, PROMOTING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING AN INTEGRATED URBAN AGRICULTURE IN PASIG CITY TO ADDRESS FOOD SECURITY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT CONCERNS AND LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, Article II, Sections 15 and 16 of the Philippine Constitution provide, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them," and "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature".

**WHEREAS**, the Republic of the Philippines is a State-Party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) which recognizes the right to adequate food and the fundamental human right to be free from hunger, which provides for the development or reform of agricultural systems to achieve the most efficient development and utilization of natural resources (Article 11, ICESCR).

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 1152, also known as the - Philippine Environment Code, stipulates that the environment shall be recognized as a vital concern of the government;

**WHEREAS**, RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, Book 1, Title 1, Chapter 1, Section 3 (i) states: "Local government units shall share with the national government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdiction, subject to the provisions of the Code and national policies.";

**WHEREAS**, RA 7160 also empowers the city local government to provide basic services in agriculture such as extension and on-site research services which includes dispersal and distribution of seedling materials for vegetable farm sites (Book 1, Title 1, Chapter 2, Sections 17.b.2.i. and 17.b.4)).

**WHEREAS**, based on the survey of the National Economic and Development Authority, Filipinos would demand healthier food products as they seek to stay healthy and boost their immune system under the new normal shifting to a more plant-based diet by lessening consumption of meat products and move toward fruit and vegetables;

**WHEREAS**, the Covid-19 pandemic is disrupting urban food systems worldwide, posing a number of challenges for cities and local governments that are obliged to deal with rapid changes in food availability, accessibility, and affordability, which strongly impact the food security and nutrition situation of urban populations;





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**WHEREAS**, government and policy-makers should put in place a sustainable urban agriculture program to ensure that the people will not run out of food, with or without a crisis and growing food in one's backyard is the most effective way, especially for food-poor families, to make sure that they will not go hungry during emergencies;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture has started its urban agriculture program or the (Plant, Plant, Plant Program) aimed at boosting local food production, particularly ensuring household food security, during the public health crisis by providing Filipino families, including city dwellers, who were affected by the Luzon-wide enhanced community quarantine, with adequate, accessible and affordable food, empowering urban residents to be self-reliant and enjoy a regular source of nutritious vegetables;

**WHEREAS**, a shift in government priorities for food production is not only urgently needed but would also change people's mind set through renewed interest and enthusiasm in urban farming and backyard gardening. The "New Normal" is a golden opportunity for urban agriculture to grow in the country through strengthened partnership;

**WHEREAS**, urban gardening and urban agriculture have already been considered as some of the strategies and approaches being undertaken by the city government in response to the impacts of extreme weather events brought about by climate change by providing and maintaining a green roof layered with soil and plants atop houses and buildings adds not only natural beauty to a landscape but also helps reduce the heat in the city and provides a roof garden habitat for insects, birds, and other wildlife;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF PASIG, IN SESSION DULY ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:**

**ARTICLE I. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 1. Short Title** – The Ordinance shall be known as the "Integrated Urban Agriculture Ordinance of Pasig City".

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy** - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to reaffirm the fundamental right of every person to adequate food and to be free from hunger. The achievement of self-sufficiency in food production and building climate resilient communities, reduce pollution of and damage to environment, save our natural resources is therefore adopted as primary state policy. Toward this end, key reforms for the development of modern, appropriate, cost effective and environmentally safe urban agriculture technologies are hereby encouraged in order to ensure the food security of the citizens which in the long run will protect life and advance the rights of all citizens to sufficient nutritional and healthy food, safe and sustainable food systems, livelihood and social equity in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.





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Urban agriculture is a key measure to avert and alleviate "food poverty", particularly among the urban poor and empower people to grow or produce their own food and part of the New Normal are pocket-parks and urban-farming zones in cities to ensure that residents have a stable supply of healthy food and allow them to earn additional income.

**SECTION 3. Objectives.** - To guide the implementation of this Ordinance, the practice of integrated urban agriculture shall adhere to the following objectives:

- a) To institutionalize and intensify food security and urban agriculture efforts in Pasig City, which consists of backyard food production programs by setting up of urban vegetable gardens including vacant idle lots and unused government land and turning them into green spaces towards healthy biodiversity;
- b) To step in the right direction to ensure that households have available food supply by educating city dwellers to produce healthy and nutritious food that would help them boost their immune systems and improve their well-being;
- c) To create greener spaces in the midst of the City curbing the increasing problem of air pollution and sustaining its livability;
- d) To adopt holistic approaches to tackle food loss and waste reduction, in an effort to facilitate access to food for all and particularly for vulnerable groups during the Covid-19 pandemic through the promotion of urban gardening/agriculture because poor people in urban areas are seriously affected not only by the spread of the virus itself but also by policies and measures to contain its spread; - unless effective programs are put into place to support their livelihoods;
- e) To encourage urban gardening /agriculture which in the long run will reduce the cost involving the long distance required to transport food, making healthier foods more readily available to the public, and provide more food stability within the City;
- f) To reduce the carbon footprint of the city thereby mitigating the impacts of climate change particularly flooding and extreme, enhance green landscape adding to the aesthetics of the city; much like planting native gardens and backyard habitats while roof gardens can complement wild areas by providing "stepping stones" for birds and other wildlife that depends on vegetation to survive even in high-rise urban settings;
- g) To support the Local Climate Change Action Plan and Ambitious City Promises of Pasig City in the areas of health, food security, urban gardening/agriculture and ecosystem/environmental stability;





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- h) To implement a new paradigm for senior living during the pandemic because seniors want to feel valued and useful just as much as young people, and urban agriculture is a way for seniors to stay physically active and remain mentally stimulated through enjoyable work at home in a supportive community;
- i) To integrate urban gardening/agriculture in the basic education of Edukasyong Pantahanan at Pangkabuhayan (EPP) and Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE) subjects in public and private schools and universities and cities.

**SECTION 4. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be understood as follows:

- a.) Agriculturist - a duly-licensed professional by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) who practices agriculture, is on the roster of agriculturist by the PRC, and has at least a bachelor's degree in agriculture or related fields.
- b.) Aquaculture - the practice of growing and breeding aquatic species in controlled water environments, including aquaponics.
- c.) Aquaponics - is the combination of growing fish and other aquatic animals with hydroponics in growing of plants in nutrients solutions.
- d.) Biodiversity - means the variability among living organisms from all sources, including, among others, terrestrial, marine, and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.
- e.) Biopesticides - are naturally occurring substances and microorganism that control pests.
- f.) Consumer groups - organized consumer groups patronizing and advocating urban agriculture products.
- g.) Container farming - The use of plant containers or pots, including recycled materials such as PET bottled, for vegetable farming.
- h.) Family Home Garden – is a set up where parents and kids work together to plant and care for a garden to grow their own fresh vegetables, fruits and aromatic herbs for their cooking needs and consumption. This also includes individuals who grow fruits, herbs and vegetables for his or her own consumption.
- i.) Food scaping - edible landscaping or front yard farming; public or private property used to grow food.





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- j.) Food garden - shall refer to the growing of any kind of plants that produces edible leaves, fruits or tubers actually consumed by the concerned family. May also include medicinal herbs and plants. Fruit trees and coconut trees are excluded within the context of a food garden.
- k.) Food security - ability of the individual, household and community to produce and/or access/acquire appropriate, abundant, nutritious and safe food on a regular basis using socially acceptable means.
- l.) Food systems - includes all processes involved in food including growing, harvesting, processing (or transforming or changing), packaging, transporting, marketing, consuming, and disposing of food and food packages. It also includes the inputs needed and outputs generated at each step
- m.) Green roof - refers to buildings, either residential or commercial, that have rooftops that are dedicated to plants and trees.
- n.) Hydroponics - the growing of plants in nutrient solutions.
- o.) Integrated Urban Agriculture - shall refer to the practice of cultivating, processing and distributing of food in, or around a village, town or city. Included in integrated urban agriculture are animal husbandry, aquaculture, agro-forestry and horticulture based on existing laws and ordinances.
- p.) Organic - refers to the particular farming and processing system, described in the standards and not in the classical chemical sense. The term "organic" is synonymous in other language to "biological" or "ecological". It is also a labelling term that denotes products considered based on the Philippine National Standards for Organic Agriculture (Organic Agriculture Act of 2010);
- q.) Planned Unit Development (PUD) - is a large, integrated development adhering to a comprehensive plan and located on a single tract of land or on two or more tracts of land that may be separated only by a street or other right-of-way.
- r.) Tree saplings - a young tree at least 3 feet high.
- s.) Urban gardening - shall refer to the gardening techniques or growing crops and ornamental plants in urban setting in small spaces which includes the use of small plots of plant, pots bottles, and recyclable materials.
- t.) Vacant space - is an empty and unoccupied lot or area that can be utilized for growing fruits, vegetables and aromatic herbs.
- u.) Vertical garden - green wall, a wall partially or fully covered with greenery that includes a growing medium such as soil.





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**ARTICLE II. USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OPEN SPACES**

**SECTION 5. Open spaces in subdivisions** - Available open spaces in all subdivisions, both turned over and not, within the city shall be primarily considered to be converted into urban gardens in close coordination with the concerned Homeowners' association officials. Concerned local government offices are hereby tasks to jointly do the proper coordination, handle community participation, execution of projects, monitoring and evaluation.

**SECTION 6. Open spaces in settlement sites** - Available open spaces in all settlement sites within the city shall be converted into foods cape urban garden in close coordination with the concerned Community Association officials. Concerned local government offices are hereby tasked to jointly do the proper coordination, handle community participation, execution of projects, monitoring and evaluation. Same foods cape urban agricultural gardens shall be implemented in all relocation sites outside Pasig City managed and implemented by the City.

**SECTION 7. Vacant lots and idle lands** - Privately-owned vacant lots/idle lands within the city whose owners have no development plan within the year of inquiry, shall be encouraged to convert their lots into urban agricultural farm, managed either solely by the landowner or by the City Government (as an urban demonstration farm), until such time that development on the lot shall commence.

Vacant lots and idle lands that will be converted to urban farms by the landowners are exempted from Idle Land Tax if they use the idle property for urban agriculture for a minimum period of three (3) years. The land should be productive and bear produce for public or personal consumption.

Minimum area requirements and criteria for the urban demonstration farm shall be set in the Implementing Rules and Regulations of this Ordinance prior to the farm management agreement between the City Government and the landowner.

**SECTION 8. Vacant rooftops** - Vacant building rooftops within the city whose owners have no development plans within the year of inquiry, shall also be considered in urban farming, provided that the use of such for farming purposes shall not affect the structural integrity of the building and shall be certified by the City Engineering Department prior to the establishment of the rooftop farm, managed either solely by the building owner or by the City Government (as an urban demonstration farm).

Vacant rooftops converted into urban farms that are being managed and supervised by the City Government as urban demonstration farms shall be entitled to a discount from the Real Property Tax of the building property based on the profit-sharing of the urban farm's net income between the City Government (as the farm manager) and the landowner.





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Minimum area requirements and criteria for the urban demonstration farm shall be set in the Implementing Rules and Regulation of this Ordinance prior to the farm management agreement between the City Government and the building owner.

**SECTION 9. Public Open Spaces** – Open spaces owned by the City Government of Pasig shall be converted into urban gardens. The development cost, operations and maintenance of these gardens shall be under the City Parks and Playground Office, with assistance from the Clean and Green Office and the City Environment and Natural Resources Office. Whenever possible, the willingness of the community where these open spaces are located shall be considered for possible adoption and turn-over to the community. Idle and/or abandoned government lots and buildings owned by either the national and local governments or available land resources in state universities and colleges shall be considered for growing crops and producing food using the said methods.

**SECTION 10. Establishment of Mandatory Food Urban Vegetable Garden.** The establishment of Food Urban Vegetable Garden shall be mandatory for the following residential, commercial, industrial, and land developments both new and existing, to promote local food production, respond to food security and sustainable consumption, to wit:

- a.) Commercial/Industrial Establishments/Subdivision Owner/Developer and Planned Unit Developer/ shall provide at least 5% Urban Vegetable Garden in the remaining open spaces covering a land development of at least 5,000 square meters
- b.) Officers of the Homeowner's Association shall provide at least 5% Urban Vegetable Garden in the remaining open spaces covering a land development of at least 5,000 square meters
- c.) Private Business Entities/Commercial/ Industrial Establishments occupying a Rooftop Area of at least 500 square meters shall provide a Rooftop Vegetable Garden with at least 5% of the total area of the remaining open space
- d.) Residential Unit Owners occupying an area of at least 500 square meters shall provide a Family Home Garden in the backyard or front yard at least 5% of the remaining open space
- e.) Residential Unit Owners occupying a Rooftop Area of at least 200 square meters shall provide a Family Home Rooftop Garden of at least 5% of the remaining open space





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**ARTICLE III. PARKS REDESIGN/TREE PLANTING**

**SECTION 11.** All existing parks and gardens developed by the City Government shall be subjected to redesign in consideration of the following:

- a) Green and quality public spaces
- b) Water conservation through the use of Rainwater Harvesting and Water Absorption Capacity (use grass paver)
- c) High Carbon Sequestration Potential based on Species or Types of Plants
- d) Soil Conservation and Protection of Soil Erosion
- e) Promotion of Urban Biodiversity
- f) Integration of Edible Landscaping

**SECTION 12.** All bases of existing trees planted in public places shall be planted in a gradual manner with either carabao grass or ornamentals that will not be harmful to the trees. Special protection for tree preservation shall be implemented. The development of new parks, playgrounds and pocket gardens shall consider the above-mentioned environment factors

**SECTION 13.** No soil exposure in Public Park and open spaces to prevent sources of erosion and suspended particulates. For this purpose, a massive carabao grass propagation and planting shall be done.

**SECTION 14.** Urban gardens shall be in the form of any of the following:

- a) Rooftop
- b) Window
- c) Vertical or wall
- d) Container farming
- e) Plots
- f) Hydroponics
- g) Air plant

**ARTICLE IV. INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS**

**SECTION 15.** Pasig City Urban Agriculture Oversight Committee (AGRICOM)

- a) The Committee shall have the following functions:
  - i. Formulate and develop a City Urban Agriculture Plan, in consultation with stakeholders.
  - ii. Provide oversight to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the City Urban Agriculture Plan.
  - iii. Enhanced urban agricultural practices in the entire City.
  - iv. Initiate programs and innovations that will further develop the efficiency and productivity of the urban farms by introducing the new technologies (including but not limited to hydroponics, aquaponics, vertical farming and digital agriculture). Promote data-driven food security governance and effective food system mechanism.





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- v. Identify and recommend urban community gardens and possible vertical farm sites to ensure food security;
- vi. Recommend criteria, standards, practices and urban agriculture technologies.
- vii. Develop incentive mechanism for the urban agriculture, in collaboration with the Barangays which may include but not limited to subsidies and incentives.
- viii. Design comprehensive programs for the success in the implementation of this ordinance through information, education, communication, and advocacy activities, and
- ix. Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the realization of the policies as well as the principles enunciated under this Ordinance.

b) **Composition:** The committee shall be composed of the following:

- i. The Mayor or his duly authorized representative who shall serve as Chairperson of the Council.
- ii. SP Committee Chairman on Ecology and Environment Protection, who shall serve as the Vice Chairperson of the committee;
- iii. The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer and/or his duly authorized representative;
- iv. The City Nutritionist under the City Health Department;
- v. The Clean and Green Officer;
- vi. Representative from Department of Education;
- vii. The City Parks and Playground Officer;
- viii. The Pasig City Livelihood Officer or representative;
- ix. The Pasig Negosyo Center representative;
- x. The Barangay Affairs Officer or representative;
- xi. Liga ng mga Barangay President or representative
- xii. SK Federation President or representative
- xiii. President of Pasig City Federation of Senior Citizens
- xiv. Representative from Pasig City Scholar
- xv. One (1) authorized representative from a private business engaged in urban agriculture for the past three (3) years.
- xvi. Two (2) authorized representative from Non-Government Organization (NGO) groups engaged in urban agriculture for the past three (3) years, and from the women's sector.
- xvii. One (1) duly licensed agriculturist by the Professional Regulations Commission who privately practises urban agriculture for the past three (3) years.
- xviii. Representative from Pasig City State University.
- xix. Representative from the Religious Sector, and
- xx. Mutya ng Pasig Mega Market Administrator or representative.





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c) **Secretariat.** The City Environment and Natural Resources Office shall serve as the Secretariat of the Committee and as such shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Ensure that the policies, programs and strategies provided for in this ordinance are properly implemented.
2. Coordinate with the various agencies composing the committee and other entities or associations engaged in activities covered in Ordinance.
3. Conduct necessary ocular inspections and evaluation of various sites and activities which have agricultural potential and recommend the same for development.
4. Monitor the implementation of the programs approved and adopted by the committee and render a quarterly report as required regularly.
5. Shall exercise such other related functions as may be assigned by the committee.

The Committee hereby created, may invite or tap representative of concerned government agencies (DTI, DA, DAR, DOST and others), organizations and enterprises for technical assistance or for coordination purposes from time to time, as may be appropriate or necessary. Technical standards must be followed such that DA, DOST and other pertinent agencies should increase research and development of appropriate technologies necessary in promoting integrated agriculture technologies.

**Section 16. CENRO as the Focal Office.** CENRO shall be the focal office that will provide logistic support, technical assistance, and shall ensure the proper and effective implementation of the provisions of this Urban Agriculture Ordinance.

**ARTICLE V. ACTIVE CITIZENS AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION**

**SECTION 17. Corporate Social Environment Responsibility.** As a social environment responsibility and for the purpose of engaging the commitment and participation of the different sectors of the Community towards Urban Gardening and Urban Agriculture.

- a) The CENRO and PIO shall develop an online platform of reporting, collating and documenting the participation of different departments and sectors in urban gardening/agriculture programs of the City.
- b) Individual and Corporate Social Environment Responsibility shall be encouraged to the following selected members of Pasig City stakeholders to promote leadership in food security, productivity and community cooperation.





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CLASSIFICATION	INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT RESPONSIBILITY
Public and private schools, universities and cooperatives	Establishment of urban gardens/urban agriculture methods applicable in size, location and capability
Private subdivisions and Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) less than 5,000 sqm lot area	
Pasig City scholar beneficiaries, public and private school students, senior citizens and city hall barangay employees and staff	Operation of home food gardens in their family homes
Urban garden enthusiasts/urban home farmers	Operation of home food gardens in their family homes

**SECTION 18. All elementary and secondary schools, - public and private -** state colleges and universities shall implement urban gardening/agriculture and include in its regular school curriculum its practical or on-hand application. For universities and colleges located in Pasig City, urban gardening or urban agriculture shall form part of the required period of time spent by the students in the National Service Training Program (NSTP). A plan therefore for the utilization or the maximizing space occupied by schools shall also be formulated specifically for urban gardening/agriculture. Instructional materials shall also be developed.

**SECTION 19. Participation of All Barangays.** -The 30 barangays shall be encouraged to initiate its own short, medium and long-term programs with specific budget allocation for urban agriculture programs.

**SECTION 20. Collaboration with the Private and Business Sector.** - The efforts of civil society organizations in promoting urban agriculture prior to the passage of this ordinance are recognized. All homeowners associations, neighbourhood associations and community associations and/or people's organizations are encouraged to participate in urban farming activities within their area of operations. The City shall grant necessary incentives for the benefits of the urban farming activities such as starter's kit. The City shall continue to encourage and support the participation of the private sector in the promotion, propagation, development and implementation from the garden producers to sustainable consumption. In recognition of the United Nation's Sustainable Development





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Goals, all business entities and commercial establishments must support the government in decreasing hunger and poverty; creating sustainable food production patterns and promoting the integration of environmental values in development through integration of urban agriculture and sustainable consumption in their business operation. Pasig City is projected to reduce climate change-related greenhouse gas emissions through reducing food production and distribution inputs. Furthermore, incorporating waste management, nutrient recycling and energy recycling in business operation of commercial establishments can be utilized through environmentally sustainable practices to meet the necessities of cities food production and food security.

**ARTICLE VI- PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES**

**SECTION 21. Promotion of Urban Gardening.** - The City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), Clean and Green Office and the City Parks and Playground Office, shall encourage, promote and support urban gardening practices all throughout the City. These projects and activities shall not be limited to the following:

- a.) The Engineering Department may require contractors to donate their empty paint buckets to the city. These buckets can be reused and distributed to barangays for use in the urban gardens.
- b.) Mandate all the City Hall units and offices to consolidate their organic waste to be converted into compost. Encourage city hall employees, barangay employees and residents to minimize food waste and practice proper waste segregation at all times.
- c.) Intensify awareness-raising to promote the program and reach more sectors in the city starting from each household or the operation of family home garden. Each family residing within the City of Pasig is hereby encouraged to establish their own urban garden consisting of at least three (3) varieties of vegetables. Within six (6) months from the effectivity of this Ordinance, all family homes are encouraged to have a visible urban food garden using urban agriculture methods such as container gardening made of recyclable materials provided that those who cannot afford to buy vegetable seeds and garden soil, the City and the corresponding barangay will cooperate each other to distribute said planting materials.
  1. Training and Mentoring on current technology and techniques for sustainable backyard and/or urban gardening such as but not limited to self-watering bottle gardening, backyard plot gardening, container gardening etc;
  2. Use of organic fertilizers and pesticides;
  3. Compliance with Solid Waste Management Disposal Ordinance;

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4. The Mutya ng Pasig Mega Market, all public and private markets as well as super markets shall encourage and facilitate the sale of organic vegetables from Pasig community urban farms and home gardens preferably within few kilometres distance

**SECTION 22. Idle Land Tax Exemption.** Idle lands that will be converted to urban farms by the land owners themselves are exempted from Idle Land Tax if they use the idle property for urban agriculture for a minimum period of three years. The Pasig City Urban Agriculture Oversight Committee created under this ordinance shall plan measures to ensure food security, in coordination with the City Assessor's Office, is tasked to issue a certification to qualified land owners prior to payment of Real Property Tax.

**SECTION 23. Community Urban Gardens.** - For the effective implementation of this Ordinance, the City, in coordination with all the 30 barangays, cooperatives, schools, universities, people's organizations and business establishments shall promote the establishment of urban community gardens which will serve as production centers, as well as demonstration farms and learning centers. These gardens shall build on and strengthen existing pilot gardens set up and managed by the City Environment and Natural Resources Office, Clean and Green Office, public and private schools, barangays and other urban agriculture practitioners.

**Section 24. LGU Commitment on Support Services to Community Gardens and Stay At Home Food Gardeners.** - There shall be support services provided to community garden farmers, who wish to engage in urban agriculture and vertical farming, from training, production, marketing and branding, including financial management and accounting, among other necessary skills to develop and products that will secure a market niche, including the practice of fair trade as well as ensure household level food security. These services shall not be limited to the following:

- a) Education – Continuous trainings, follow-up, hands-on consultations, field exposures, including research and development activities;
  1. Information Campaign- Advocacies of urban agriculture, permaculture and vertical farming could help urban cities to establish a sustainable and ecological farming system.
- b) Production – information of making and other access to farm inputs such as but not limited to compost fertilizers, inoculants and foliar such as effective micro-organism and other natural fermentations, nutrient solutions, pest control concoctions and fertilizers;
- c) Marketing – fair trade, pricing and available market outlets, including Mobile Markets and On-line Selling; assured markets should be created in order for urban farmers to sustain their food production and even go beyond household food security level with focus more on the demand and not supply lead; one way to create a market by requiring LGUs to source all the food requirements of its employees from its own farmer-residents or from a partner subdivision that has a community garden or home food garden or the City can kick-start providing their





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employees with healthy food packs every pay day or once a month, which includes fruits and vegetables directly sourced from their urban garden farmers. The city shall encourage the sale of organic farm produce by promoting it in the Mutya Ng Pasig Mega Market, city hall events, public market, public hospitals, barangay halls, carless weekend activity and the like.

- d) Sharing of proceeds - Proceeds from the fruits of the sponsored community gardens through the Corporate Environment Social Responsibility shall be divided amongst the beneficiaries and the actual participants in the project implementation which can be in the following manner: 50 per cent will go to the industrial partners or laborers, 25 percent to the capital partner and 25 percent will go to the city, barangay or private land owner as deemed applicable. Waiver of the proceeds in favor of poor families or project livelihood beneficiaries is also acceptable.

**SECTION 25. Capacity-Building.** - To sustain and broaden the base for the implementation of this Ordinance, there is hereby adopted a continuous effort, funded by at least twenty percent of the budget set aside for urban agriculture as identified, for capacity-building and training, including continuous research and development. Measures shall also be adopted to integrate urban agriculture and vertical farming in the primary, secondary and tertiary school curricula.

The government should also complement its urban agriculture program with proper consumer education on why they should produce certain types of foods and the benefits of various products.

**SECTION 26. Solid Waste Management.** - In accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, there shall be established a 10 year solid waste management plan, with particular emphasis on the management of agricultural wastes in the City, in order to generate compostable material for the urban agriculture practice that is established by this Ordinance. The covid-19 pandemic also puts a spotlight on one of the usually neglected problems of the country's food system: wastes and reducing food waste is also a vital component of urban agriculture as scraps could be turned into compost while other waste materials like plastic bottles could be utilized as gardening pots.

**SECTION 27. Watershed and Biodiversity Conservation and Rehabilitation.** - In accordance with existing laws, there shall be diversity and watershed conservation and rehabilitation to ensure the continuous provision of these ecological and biological services vital to urban agriculture and vertical farming.

**SECTION 28. Recognition of the Role of Women.** - The role of women in the practice of urban agriculture is recognized. Toward this end, measures shall be taken by the City to comply with its obligations to ensure a gender-fair and gender-balanced development along with support mechanisms to take into account the particular needs of women, from those who are child-bearing and girls of tender age, and the elderly women urban garden workers.





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**SECTION 29. Senior Citizens as Stay at Home Food Garden Champions.** - Do-it yourself Stay At Home Food Gardens would empower the senior residents of Pasig City by providing them with the space, skills and support to cultivate their own food supply and provide them with an income source to help fund other costs of living. Senior citizens can age in a comfortable environment that aids their mental and physical well-being through integrated urban farming and a better retirement living community. Seniors in the community will participate in gardening which is a highly therapeutic activity and growing their own vegetables at home, getting exercise and socializing while generating income such as aquaponic farming and container gardening using recyclable materials will divert their fears and be more productive amidst the present pandemic. The designs could become a model not only for sustainable senior living, but also for sustainable living for all generations including the millennial's promoting social inclusion, which has a strong influence on physical health and mental well-being.

**SECTION 30. Annual Celebration of the Urban Agriculture Festival** - A Festival shall be conducted during the Charter Anniversary celebration of the city each year for the purpose of promoting urban agriculture. The festival shall be the official venue in the giving of recognitions and awards for individuals or organizations engaged in urban agriculture as stipulated in this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE VII. ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING**

**SECTION 31. Incentives and Awards System.**- The City, in collaboration with the private sector and other government agencies shall establish and institutionalize incentives and Awards system for individuals and organizations engaged in urban agriculture, which may include the following components:

a) "Healthiest Family Home Food Garden" Contest in Every Purok/Barangay. There is hereby established a "Healthiest Family Home Food Garden Contest" in every barangay in the City of Pasig which shall be based on the following criteria:

- i. Cleanliness of surroundings
- ii. Food Garden Productivity
- iii. Solid Waste Management

b) There shall be a Healthy Family Home Food Garden Committee in every barangay which shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	Barangay Captain
Vice Chairman	Urban Agriculture Practitioner/Enthusiast in the barangay
	Barangay Councilor on Family, Women & Social Welfare
	Barangay Councilor on Health/Environment
	Barangay Staff in charge with health and environmental Concerns





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c) The City Technical Evaluation Committee composed of CENRO, Clean and Green Office, City Parks and Playground Office, City Nutritionist and Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee Chairperson on Ecology and Environment Protection shall perform the following powers and Functions:

- i. Formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this contest.
- ii. Determine the specific criteria and mechanism for determining the winning families.
- iii. Determine the prizes and incentives for the winners
- iv. Appoint additional members of the Evaluating Teams
- v. Design plans and projects for the sustainability of the program

d) Annual search and recognition and awards for model or Urban Garden Champions and community organizations practitioners at the barangay and City level;

e) The city shall establish and institutionalize an incentive and awards system to encourage the implementation of plans and programs by Barangays (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs), people's organizations (POs) schools, colleges and/ or universities and business establishments and cooperatives to promote and develop urban agriculture. These shall be in the form of financial and technical assistance for projects that promote and develop integrated urban agriculture. These shall be in the form of financial and agriculture. There shall likewise be annual awards for good and best practices by category: LGUs, NGOs, POs, business entities, schools and colleges and/or Universities.

**ARTICLE VIII. PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES**

**Section 32. Prohibited Acts and Penalties.** Fines and penalties shall be imposed on the violation of the following prohibited acts whether old or new buildings and land developments, to wit:

a.) Failure of a Commercial and Industrial Establishment/Subdivision Owner/Developer and Planned Unit Developer to Provide atleast 5% Urban Vegetable Garden in the Remaining Open Spaces covering a land development of atleast 5,000 square meters

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|----------------|---|---|
| First Offense  | - | Warning with Issuance of Citation Ticket and Compliance within 30 days      |
| Second Offense | - | A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) and Compliance within 30 days    |
| Third Offense  | - | A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) and Revocation of Business Permit |





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b.) Failure of the officers of the Homeowner's Association to Provide at least 5% Urban Vegetable Garden in the Remaining Open Spaces covering a land development of at least 5,000 square meters

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| First Offense  | - | Warning with Issuance of Citation Ticket and Compliance within 30 days         |
| Second Offense | - | A fine of Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) and Compliance within 30 days       |
| Third Offense  | - | A fine of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) Every Quarter for Succeeding Offense |

c.) Failure of a Private Business Entity/Commercial and Industrial Establishment occupying a Rooftop Area of at least 500 square meters to Provide a Rooftop Vegetable Garden with at least 5% of the total area of the Remaining Open Space

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| First Offense  | - | Warning with Issuance of Citation Ticket and Compliance within 30 days      |
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d.) Failure of a Residential Unit Owner occupying an area of at least 500 square meters to Provide a Family Home Garden in the backyard or front yard at least 5% of the Remaining Open Space

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| First Offense  | - | Warning with Issuance of Citation Ticket and Compliance within 30 days         |
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e.) Failure of a Residential Unit Owner occupying a Rooftop Area of at least 200 square meters to Provide a Family Home Rooftop Garden of at least 5% of the Remaining Open Space

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**SECTION 33. Monitoring and Enforcement Teams.** There shall be monitoring and enforcement team who shall conduct regular proactive and reactive rounds to ensure the compliance and apprehend violators of this ordinance. The City shall create composite teams for this purpose such as the Pasig City Task Force on Food Production and Food Security who shall be duly deputized by the City Mayor. The City Government through the Barangay Affairs Office, shall likewise organize community based monitoring and enforcement team at the barangay levels.

**ARTICLE IX. FUNDING AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 34. Funding Requirement.** - The City Government of Pasig shall appropriate an initial amount of 10 Million Pesos (PHP 10,000,000.00) for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, subject to an additional annual allocation of such amount as may be deemed necessary and requisite.

**SECTION 35. Implementing Guidelines.**- The implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance shall be formulated by CENRO, Clean and Green Office and City Parks and Playground Office within 120 days from the date of approval of this ordinance.

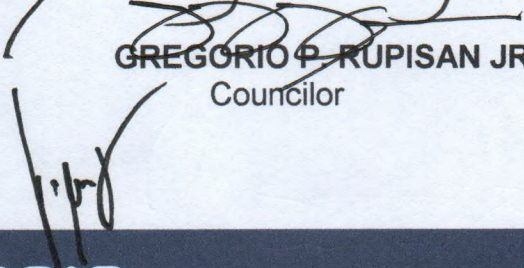
**SECTION 36. Separability Clause.**- If for any reasons, any section of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other sections which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 37. Repealing Clause.** -All ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly

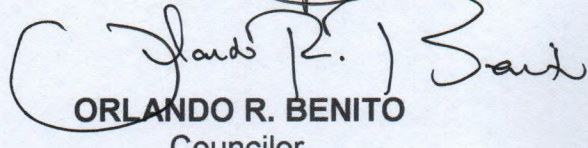
**SECTION 38. Effectivity Clause.** -This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED, this 28th day of January, 2021 at Pasig City.

  
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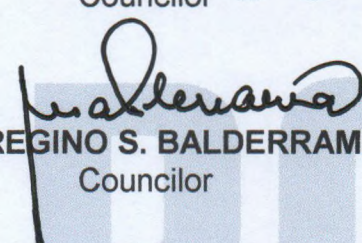
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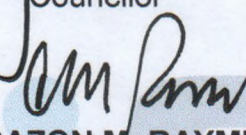
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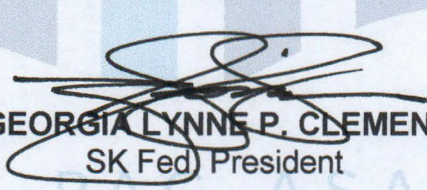
  
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