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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH (39th) REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON MAY 11, 2026 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL, NATIONAL HIGHWAY, BRGY. TIMUGAN, LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA.

PRESENT:

Hon. Marlo PJ A. Alipon	Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member
Hon. Aldous Amiel B. Perez	S.B. Member
Hon. Muriel Laisa B. Dizon	S.B. Member
Hon. Leren Mae M. Bautista	S.B. Member
Hon. Benedicto S. Alborida	S.B. Member
Hon. Rand Edouard R. De Jesus	S.B. Member
Hon. Myla E. Alinsunurin	S.B. Member
Hon. Jay G. Rolusta	S.B. Member
Hon. Gaudencio P. Macatangay	Ex-Officio Member/Liga President
Hon. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President

ABSENT:

None

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2489

AN ORDINANCE STRENGTHENING THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING OF RA 8172, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS AN ACT PROMOTING SALT IODIZATION NATIONWIDE (ASIN) AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS.

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WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, and those necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, including the promotion of the general welfare of its inhabitants;

WHEREAS, Section 17 of the same law mandates local government units to provide basic services and facilities, including health services, nutrition programs, and other services necessary to improve public health and welfare;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8172, otherwise known as the Act Promoting Salt Iodization Nationwide, declares it a policy of the State to promote the health of the people, maintain an effective food regulatory system, and provide the population, especially women and children, with proper nutrition through the prevention and control of micronutrient malnutrition, particularly iodine deficiency disorders;

WHEREAS, the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 8172 specifically recognize the role of local government units, through their local health officers, nutritionist-dietitians, and sanitary inspectors, in regularly monitoring the quality of food-grade salt sold,

distributed, and served within their territorial jurisdiction to ensure compliance with national standards on salt iodization;

WHEREAS, iodine deficiency remains a public health concern that may lead to goiter, impaired physical growth, reduced learning capacity, maternal and birth complications, and other preventable health conditions, particularly among infants, children, adolescents, and pregnant women;

WHEREAS, ensuring the availability, accessibility, and use of adequately iodized salt in households, food establishments, schools, public markets, and other business establishments within the Municipality of Los Baños is necessary to strengthen nutrition outcomes and safeguard public health;

WHEREAS, there is a need to institutionalize a local mechanism for monitoring compliance, conducting public information campaigns, coordinating enforcement efforts, and strengthening inter-agency collaboration among concerned municipal offices, barangays, schools, civil society organizations, and private stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Muriel Laisa B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Rand Edouard R. De Jesus, and approved by all councilors present;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. **TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known as "Strengthening the ASIN Law and Organizing Municipal Government of Los Baños Bantay Asin Task Force."

SECTION 2. **DECLARATION OF POLICY**. It is a declared policy of the local government unit (LGU) to promote the health of the people, to maintain an effective food regulatory system, and to provide the entire population, especially women and children with proper nutrition. For this purpose, this local government unit shall promote food fortification to combat micronutrient malnutrition, particularly iodine deficiency disorders, as a priority health and nutrition program.

Further, Republic Act No. 8172 or the Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN), enacted into law in 1995, requires the iodization of all salt for human and animal consumption. Specific reference to LGUs in RA 8172 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) are as follows:

a. IRR Rule VI. Section 2. Roles. To require LGUs, through their health officers and nutritionist-dietitians, or in their absence, through their sanitary inspectors, to check and monitor regularly the quality of food-grade salt being sold in their market in order to ascertain that such salt is properly iodized;

b. Section 5.c. Applicability. All food outlets, restaurants and stores are hereby required to make available to customers only iodized salt in their establishment upon effectivity of this Act. These establishments

shall be monitored with the help of LGUs through its health officers and nutritionist-dietitians, or in their absence, the sanitary inspectors, to check and monitor regularly the quality of food-grade salt being sold or served in such establishments.

SECTION 3. **PURPOSES**. This Ordinance aims to strictly implement and monitor the distribution, sale, and use of adequately-iodized salt and organize an iodized salt monitoring team in the Municipality of Los Baños.

SECTION 4. **DEFINITION OF TERMS**. For purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms and phrase shall mean:

a. Adequately-iodized salt – ordinary salt with fortificant potassium iodate (KIO3) and/or potassium iodide (KI) added consistent with the level of iodine prescribed by Food and Drug Administration (FDA), which at present is 30-70 mg/kg of iodine and could be modified in the future
b. Bantay Asin Task Force (BATF) – a multi-sectoral working group organized at regional and local levels, with members from different government agencies and non- government organizations, which is responsible for the implementation of activities related to the Salt Iodization Program
c. Food fortification – refers to the addition of nutrients to processed foods at levels above the natural state
d. Food-grade salt – refers to salt for human and animal consumption as distinguished from industrial salt; food-grade salt should be adequately iodized salt
e. Food manufacturer – refers to establishments engaged in any and all operations involved in the production of food products including preparation, processing, filling, packaging, repacking, altering, finishing, and labelling with the end in view of its storage, sale, or distribution. The business or enterprise of manufacturing or processing food using adequately iodized salt in its products
f. Food service establishment – refers to hotels, restaurants, carinderias, catering firms, hospitals and related health facilities and institutions, canteens, food chains, street food outlets, and other similar outlets that serve or sell food to consumers
g. Importer – one who buys salt outside the country either food-grade or for industrial use
h. Iodine deficiency disorders – a broad spectrum of manifestations resulting from insufficient stores of iodine in the body, which leads to maternal and birth abnormalities, and the reduction of intellectual and physical capacity affecting one who is iodine deficient and may manifest as miscarriage or stillbirth among pregnant women, goiter, mental retardation, physical and mental defects, or cretinism
i. Iodized salt outlets – refers to department stores, shops, supermarkets, groceries, mini-marts, drug stores, sari-sari stores, wet markets and

other points of purchase that sell wholesale or retail iodized salt to consumers

j. Industrial salt – refers to salt used in the treatment, processing and/or manufacture of non-food commercial products, this salt need not be iodized
k. Micronutrient malnutrition – a disorder resulting from deficiencies in vitamin A, iron, iodine and other micronutrients that the body needs in minute quantities every day
l. Salt industry – refers to the business sector engaged in the production, distribution, trading, retailing and importation of salt
m. Salt iodization – the addition of iodine to salt intended for human and animal consumption in accordance with the specifications as to form, fortificant, method, manner, and composition as may be prescribed by FDA. Salt iodization continues to be the most efficient and effective strategy to prevent iodine deficiency.
n. Salt manufacturer – refers to establishments engaged in all operations involved in the importation or production of salt including preparation, processing, formulating, filling, packaging, repacking, altering, finishing and labelling with the end in view of its storage, sale, or distribution
o. Trader – refers to establishments engaged in buying and selling of food-grade salt by wholesale or retail
p. WYD method – refers to the salt testing method that quantitatively measures iodine content of salt. It uses an instrument called WYD Iodine Checker which, together with WYD solutions, quantitatively measures the salt iodine content based on a colorimetric method.

SECTION 5. COVERAGE. The following establishments are covered by this Ordinance:

a. Entire salt industry including salt producers, manufacturers, re-packers, importers, traders, distributors, and retailers;
b. All food service establishments where food is being served or sold;
c. All food manufacturers or processors using iodized salt in their manufacturing processes; and
d. All iodized salt outlets which sell wholesale or retail iodized salt to consumers.

SECTION 6. ORGANIZATION AND COMPOSITION OF LOS BAÑOS BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE. The LOS BAÑOS BATF is hereby organized with the following composition:

Chairperson:	Municipal Health Officer
Co-chairperson:	Market Administrator

Members : Sanitary Inspector

Municipal Nutrition Action Officer

Barangay Nutrition Scholars

Representative from Business Permit and Licensing Office

School Health Coordinators

CSO representative

**The composition is suggested and may be adapted to situation of municipality/city, i.e. may include representatives from government agencies and non-government organizations.*

SECTION 7. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE LOS BAÑOS BANTAY ASIN TASK FORCE

a. Disseminate information on the health benefits of using adequately iodized salt;
b. Collect and test using the WYD method, or other quantitative or semi-quantitative methods, the salts sold in public markets, groceries, supermarkets, *sari-sari* stores, food establishments, including school canteens, and salt from wholesalers, retailers and other major salt suppliers, at least twice a year to determine iodine level;
c. Submit all salt testing results and findings, including records of violations to the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force, Office of the Mayor, and the Food and Drug Administration Regional Office; and
d. Monitor action on reports of salt testing results and pursue needed action for resolution.

SECTION 8. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

a. Salt producers/manufacturers shall register with FDA and ensure that the food-grade salts they produce/manufacture are adequately-iodized.
b. All food service establishments and iodized salt outlets in this municipality/city are hereby required to make available to customers only adequately-iodized salt in their establishment.
c. All food manufacturers or processors using food-grade salt are also required to use adequately- iodized salt in the processing of their products provided that the use of iodized salt shall not prejudice the quality and safety of their products.
d. The benefits of the use of iodized salt shall be disseminated and promoted through organized, systematic and effective information campaigns which shall involve major sectors of the community to be spearheaded by the Municipal Health Office.

e. This local government unit, through its Bantay Asin Task Force, shall check and monitor the quality of food-grade salt being produced, sold or served in such establishments, at least twice a year.

f. The Municipal Health Office shall establish and maintain a list of all salt manufacturers, importers, re-packers, traders, and distributors within its territorial jurisdiction. A list of salt manufacturers, importers, re-packers, traders, and distributors in every province shall be submitted to Regional FDA once a year, which shall maintain an updated registry of salt producers/manufacturers and shall monitor compliance with the salt iodization program. The list shall reflect the following information per salt manufacturer, importer, re-packer, trader, or distributor:

1. Name and address of company and/or owner/producer/importer or distributor;
2. Location of salt production site (sitios/barangay) or warehouse;
3. Annual production capacity (in metric tons) or importation;
4. Types of salt produced/imported or distributed:
    i. Food-grade salt (course or fine)
    ii. Iodized salt
    iii. Non-iodized salt (industrial)
5. Distribution channels (specify), such as:
    i. Direct selling to consumers within the municipality
    ii. Traders within the municipality
    iii. Traders from other municipality
    iv. Food manufacturers within the municipality
    v. Food manufacturers outside the municipality

SECTION 9. **PENAL PROVISION** – Any person who violates Section 8 of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

a. For iodized salt outlets, salt trader, food manufacturer and food service establishment:
    1. First Offense – Reprimand letter or written warning from the Municipal Health Office
    2. Second Offense – The offender shall, upon conviction by the Court, pay a fine subject to the court's ruling.
    3. Third and Final Offense – The offender shall, upon conviction by the Court, pay a fine subject to the court's ruling or imprisonment of thirty (30) days, and revocation of Mayor's permit/business license at the discretion of the Court.

b. For salt manufacturer and distributor
    1. First Offense – Reprimand letter or written warning from the Municipal Health Office
    2. Second Offense – The offender shall, upon conviction by the Court, pay a fine subject to court's ruling.
    3. Third and Final Offense – The offender shall, upon conviction by the Court, pay a fine subject to court's ruling or an imprisonment of thirty days (30) or both such fine and imprisonment, and revocation of Mayor's permit/business license at the discretion of the Court.

**In cases where the LGU finds a probable violation of the RA 8172 or its revised implementing rules and regulations, the LGU shall conduct an investigation to determine if sanctions are imposable. After notice and hearing, the LGU shall issue a recommendatory resolution to the Regional FDA through the Regional Bantay Asin Task Force. If such resolution is confirmed, the LGU shall execute and impose the appropriate administrative sanctions. The LGU is authorized to impose administrative fine which shall be in the amount of not less than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000.00), after notice and hearing for violation of any of the provisions of the ASIN Law and its amended revised implementing rules and regulations.*

SECTION 10. **COMPROMISED AGREEMENT OR OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT.** The Municipal Mayor is hereby authorized to carry out an out-of-court settlement provided that a violator shall pay an amount subject to the Mayor's discretion for a compromised settlement fee such that his Mayor's permit/business license shall not be revoked.

SECTION 11. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected or impaired by such declaration and shall remain valid and enforceable.

SECTION 12. **REPEALING CLAUSE**. All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. **EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE**. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval and review of the Sangguniang Bayan.

ENACTED : May 11, 2026

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted Ordinance.

DONA T. ALBORIDA - DIZON
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

CERTIFIED ENACTED:

HON. MARLO PJ A. ALIPON, MPA, REE, RMP
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. NEIL ANDREW N. NOCON
Municipal Mayor