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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH (12TH) SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 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. 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. Samantha Nicole A. Banasihan-Ortega	Ex-Officio Member/SK Federation President

ABSENT:

Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina	S.B. Member, Sick-Leave

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2524

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH EVERY SEPTEMBER AND ESTABLISHING THE MUNICIPAL BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, PROMOTING BAMBOO AS A SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, CLIMATE RESILIENCE, LIVELIHOOD, INNOVATION, CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 140, Series of 2020, declares the month of September of every year as **Philippine Bamboo Month** to highlight the importance of bamboo as a sustainable resource and promote its utilization in environmental conservation, livelihood generation, climate resilience, and national development;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, empowers local government units to enact measures that promote the general welfare, including the protection and enhancement of the environment, sustainable economic development, and the promotion of science, technology, and innovation for the benefit of their constituents;

WHEREAS, bamboo is a fast-growing, renewable, and environmentally sustainable resource that contributes significantly to ecological balance, watershed protection, carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, disaster risk reduction, and climate change mitigation, while providing livelihood and enterprise opportunities for local communities;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Los Baños, recognized as a center for science, technology, research, innovation, agriculture, and environmental stewardship, is strategically positioned to promote bamboo as a sustainable material for green infrastructure, landscaping, tourism, research, education, handicrafts, furniture, textile innovation, and local enterprise;

WHEREAS, the Municipality recognizes the importance of integrating bamboo into its environmental management, climate adaptation, municipal beautification, and local economic development programs to strengthen community resilience and promote sustainable development;

WHEREAS, the celebration of Philippine Bamboo Month presents an opportunity to increase public awareness, encourage community participation, strengthen partnerships among government agencies, academic institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector, and showcase innovations and best practices in bamboo production and utilization;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to institutionalize the annual celebration of Philippine Bamboo Month every September and establish a continuing Municipal Bamboo Development Program to ensure sustained policy support, coordinated implementation, and adequate funding for bamboo-related initiatives in the Municipality of Los Baños;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Muriel Laisa B. Dizon duly seconded by Councilor Aldous Amiel B. Perez and approved by the 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 the **"Los Baños Bamboo Month".**

SECTION 2. **DECLARATION OF POLICY.** It is the policy of the Municipality of Los Baños to promote sustainable development through the conservation, propagation, protection, and utilization of bamboo as a renewable and environmentally sustainable resource.

The Municipality recognizes bamboo as an important natural resource that contributes to ecological balance, climate change mitigation, disaster resilience, biodiversity conservation, livelihood generation, innovation, tourism, and local economic development. Consistent with the declaration of September as Philippine Bamboo Month, the Municipality shall institutionalize its annual observance and promote bamboo as a symbol of sustainable and inclusive development.

SECTION 3. **OBJECTIVES.** This Ordinance seeks to:

a. Institutionalize the annual celebration of Philippine Bamboo Month every September;
b. Promote bamboo planting, conservation, propagation, and sustainable utilization;
c. Encourage research, innovation, and technology transfer involving bamboo products and applications;
d. Support local bamboo growers, artisans, manufacturers, cooperatives, entrepreneurs, and micro, small and medium enterprises;
e. Integrate bamboo into municipal greening, landscaping, beautification, environmental protection, and climate resilience initiatives;
f. Promote bamboo as an eco-friendly material for appropriate public infrastructure, tourism, and community development;
g. Increase public awareness of the environmental, economic, cultural, and scientific value of bamboo; and
h. Strengthen collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, civil society organizations, and the private sector in advancing bamboo development.

SECTION 4. **DECLARATION OF PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH.** The Municipality of Los Baños, in lined with its national celebration, hereby institutionalizes the annual observance of **Philippine Bamboo Month every September**, through municipal programs, activities, and community participation.

SECTION 5. **MUNICIPAL BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.** A Municipal Bamboo Development Program, under the Office of the Municipal Agriculture, is hereby established to ensure year-round promotion and development of bamboo.

The Program shall include any of the following:

a. Bamboo propagation and nursery development;
b. Bamboo planting and reforestation projects;
c. Sustainable bamboo resource management;
d. Capacity-building and technical assistance for farmers and bamboo enterprises;
e. Research and innovation initiatives;
f. Product development and market promotion;
g. Public education and advocacy campaigns; and
h. Promotion of bamboo-based livelihood opportunities.

SECTION 6. **BAMBOO MONTH ACTIVITIES.** During the month of September, the Municipal Government shall conduct activities which may include:

a. Bamboo planting and reforestation drives;
b. Bamboo craft, furniture, textile, and product exhibits;
c. Trade fairs and livelihood fairs featuring bamboo products;
d. Educational seminars, lectures, forums, and workshops on bamboo innovation, sustainability, and enterprise development;
e. Technology demonstrations and exhibitions;
f. School-based contests, art competitions, research presentations, and awareness campaigns;
g. Cultural performances highlighting bamboo arts, music, architecture, and local traditions;
h. Municipal greening and beautification projects utilizing bamboo; and
i. Recognition and incentive programs for outstanding bamboo farmers, artisans, entrepreneurs, schools, barangays, organizations, and advocates.

SECTION 7. **BAMBOO IN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT.** The Municipality shall encourage the appropriate use of bamboo, where technically feasible and compliant with applicable standards, in:

a. Parks and open spaces;
b. Landscaping and streetscape development;
c. Waiting sheds, gazebos, boardwalks, and recreational facilities;
d. Tourism facilities;
e. Public furniture and decorative structures; and
f. Environmental rehabilitation and riverbank protection projects.

SECTION 8. **LEAD IMPLEMENTING OFFICE.** The Office of the Municipal Agriculture shall serve as the Lead Implementing Office in coordination with the Science, Technology & Innovation Council of Los Baños and other offices as required or necessary.

SECTION 9. **ANNUAL BAMBOO MONTH PLAN.** The Municipal Bamboo Development Committee shall prepare an Annual Bamboo Month Plan not later than June of each year, identifying priority activities, participating offices, partners, budgetary requirements, and expected outcomes.

SECTION 10. **APPROPRIATION.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included annually in the Municipal Budget, subject to existing budgeting, accounting, procurement, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

The Municipality may likewise receive, in trust, grants, donations, sponsorships, technical assistance, and in-kind contributions from government agencies, development partners, private entities, and other lawful sources.

SECTION 11. **IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Municipal Bamboo Development Committee shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 12. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 14. **EFFECTIVITY.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED : September 2, 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