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Province of Eastern Samar
MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN



-OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-

12th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Ordinance No. 038, Series of 2025

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE "BASURA MO, BUGAS MO PROGRAM,"
PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Sponsor: Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources
(Chairman: Hon. Floriano G. Bagro, Jr.)

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that 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, Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as the "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000," declares it a policy of the State to adopt a systematic, comprehensive, and ecological solid waste management program which shall, among other things, ensure the protection of public health and the environment;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Guiuan, a coastal community rich in marine and aquatic resources, faces a significant threat from plastic pollution, which degrades its coastal ecosystems, harms marine life, and adversely affects the livelihood of its residents;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of single-use plastics and other residual wastes requires an innovative, community-based approach to waste reduction, collection, and recycling, thereby minimizing the volume of waste that ends up in the municipal eco waste center and park and in the natural environment;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Guiuan recognizes the need to institutionalize a program that not only addresses the environmental challenges of plastic waste but also provides a tangible incentive to encourage active and sustained community participation;

WHEREAS, the "Basura Mo, Bugas Mo Program" serves the dual purpose of promoting environmental stewardship and providing a form of social assistance by converting collected plastic waste into a staple food commodity for participating residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Guiuan, in session duly assembled, that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "**Basura Mo, Bugas Mo Program Ordinance of Guiuan.**"

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It is hereby declared the policy of the Municipality of Guiuan to promote ecological balance, protect its marine resources, and foster a culture of shared responsibility in solid waste management. The municipality shall adopt innovative

and sustainable mechanisms to reduce waste, encourage recycling, and ensure the active involvement of all sectors of the community.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. Program – Refers to the "Basura Mo, Bugas Mo Program" established under this Ordinance.
- b. Soft Plastic Wastes – Refers to post-consumer, non-rigid plastic materials, including but not limited to plastic wrappers, cellophane, plastic sando bags, plastic sachets, bubble wrap, plastic parcel packaging, and other materials of a similar nature, as may be determined by the implementing office.
- c. Pre-cleaned and Dry – Refers to the condition of the soft plastic wastes, which must be free from food residue, liquid, soil, and other contaminants, and must be completely dry upon submission.
- d. Participant – Refers to any resident, household, junk shop, school, private or public organization, or any other entity within the territorial jurisdiction of Guiuan who participates in the Program.
- e. Implementing Office – Refers to the Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Office, designated as the lead agency for the implementation of this Program.

Section 4. Coverage. This Ordinance shall apply to all residents, households, schools, private and public organizations, junk shops, and other entities within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Guiuan who voluntarily participate in the Program. Only pre-cleaned and dry soft plastic wastes generated within the Municipality of Guiuan shall be accepted for exchange under this Program. Wastes originating from outside the municipality are strictly prohibited.

Section 5. Establishment of the "Basura Mo, Bugas Mo Program." There is hereby established the "Basura Mo, Bugas Mo Program," which shall incentivize the collection of soft plastic wastes by exchanging them for rice, thereby reducing plastic pollution and promoting community-led environmental action.

Section 6. Program Mechanics and Guidelines. The Program shall be implemented in accordance with the following mechanics:

- a. Exchange Rate. One (1) kilogram of eligible soft plastic wastes may be exchanged for one (1) kilogram of rice. This rate may be subject to review and adjustment by the implementing office, with the approval of the Municipal Mayor, based on prevailing market prices of rice and the operational needs of the Program.
- b. Eligible Materials. Only pre-cleaned and dry soft plastic wastes, as defined in Section 3(b) of this Ordinance, shall be accepted.
- c. Schedule and Venue. The exchange of wastes for rice shall be conducted every Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Municipal General Services Office, located at the Ground Floor of the Guiuan Municipal Building, or at other designated collection points as may be announced by the implementing office. No exchange shall be conducted on days declared as official holidays.
- d. Processing of Collected Wastes. All collected soft plastic wastes shall be properly recorded, weighed, and turned over to the designated municipal recycling facility for processing into useful products, such as but not limited to plastic armchairs and eco-bricks.

Section 7. Lead Implementing Office and its Functions. The Municipal Environmental and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) shall be the lead implementing office of this Program. It shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. Spearhead the overall implementation, management, and monitoring of the Program.
- b. Procure the necessary rice supply in accordance with government procurement laws.
- c. Ensure the proper weighing, recording, and storage of collected plastic wastes.
- d. Conduct a sustained Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign to promote the Program.
- e. Submit a quarterly report to the Office of the Municipal Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan on the status of the Program's implementation.
- f. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign. The MENRO, in coordination with the GSO and the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation, shall develop and implement a comprehensive IEC campaign to ensure maximum public awareness and participation in the Program.
- g. Inspect and validate submitted plastic wastes to determine their eligibility under the program, including verifying that the materials conform to the accepted types of plastics and ensuring that no foreign objects, contaminants, or substances are added to increase weight. The Implementing Office shall have the authority to reject any submitted materials found to be ineligible or non-compliant with program standards.

Section 8. Funding and Appropriation. An initial amount of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (₱100,000.00) shall be appropriated from the General Fund of the Municipality of Guiuan, specifically under the MOOE of the MENRO to cover the initial operational expenses of the Program, including the procurement of rice. Thereafter, a sufficient amount shall be included annually in the municipal budget to ensure the continuous and sustainable implementation of this Program.

Section 9. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Office of the Municipal Mayor shall issue the necessary Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) to ensure the effective execution of its provisions.

Section 10. Separability Clause. If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, orders, and decrees or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

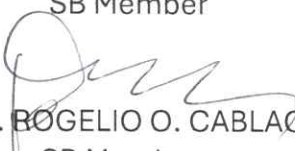
Section 12. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation or its posting in at least three (3) conspicuous public places within the Municipality of Guiuan.

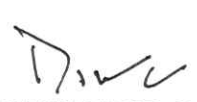
ENACTED AND APPROVED: December 17, 2025, at Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

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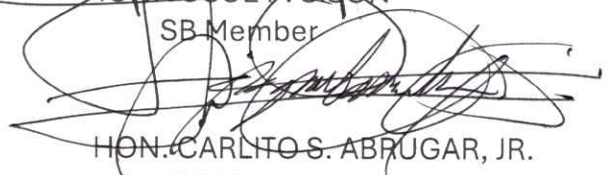
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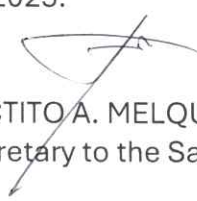

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I certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sanggunian during its 25th regular session held on December 17, 2025:


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