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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE 8<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL ON JANUARY 17, 2017.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-003**  
Series of 2017

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PRODUCTION, HARVESTING AND MARKETING OF GUIMARAS MANGO FRUITS**

Be it ordained by the 8<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Guimaras in Session duly assembled that:

**Section 1. Title-** This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PRODUCTION, HARVESTING AND MARKETING OF GUIMARAS MANGO FRUITS".

**Section 2. Objectives-** The enactment of this ordinance is based on the following objectives:

1. To strictly regulate the production, harvesting and marketing of Guimaras Mango fruits in order to maintain its renowned quality.
2. To support the advocacy campaign of the province as the source and leading producer of the sweetest mango fruits in the world.
3. To enhance the Agri-Tourism industry of the province through a sustainable production of world class mango fruits.

**Section 3. Declaration of Policy-** it is hereby declared as the policy of the Province of Guimaras to maintain its identity as the leading producer of the sweetest mango fruits in the world, hence, all mango stakeholders are hereby enjoined to strictly follow and adhere to the provisions of this Ordinance.

**Section 4. Scope and Coverage**- This ordinance shall apply to all stakeholders engaged in the production, harvesting and marketing of Guimaras mango fruits.

**Section 5. Definition of Terms**- As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall be defined as follows:

1. **Mango Fruit Producer**- a person who is engaged in the production of mango fruits.
2. **Anthrachnose**- any of numerous destructive plant diseases caused by imperfect fungi.
3. **Refractometer**- an instrument for measuring refractive indices sugar Content.
4. **Flower Induction**- a method of enhancing or inducing the mango tree to flower by spraying water solution containing Potassium Nitrate (KNO<sub>3</sub>) and other flower inducing compounds.
5. **Contractor**- is a person engaged in the contractual basis of mango fruit production with the mango grower. He provides the needed capital and gets a bigger share in the harvest depending on their sharing agreement.
6. **Mango Stakeholders**- are mango industry players such as mango growers, contractors, producers, traders, retailers, sellers, processors and consumers.
7. **Table Ripe**- mango fruits that meet the characteristics of mature fruits normally 8 to 10 days after harvest. The skin and flesh maintain an alluring golden yellow color.
8. **Floatation Method**- is a method of separating mature mango fruits from immature ones by dipping them at 1% salt solution. Fruits that sink at the bottom of the container are considered mature while fruits that float are immature.
9. **Hot Water Treatment (HWT)** - is a post-harvest treatment of mango fruits to control diseases such as Anthracnose and Stem-end rot, when treated within 24 hours after harvest with the protocol of 52C for 5 to 10 minutes.
10. **TSS brix reading**- The quickest and accurate way of determining the total soluble solid or sugar content of the fruit with the use of Refractometer.
11. **Potassium Nitrate**- a white crystalline compound commonly used by mango producers to induce flowering of mango.

**Section 6. Regulatory Provisions**- The production, harvesting and marketing of Guimaras mango fruits are hereby strictly regulated as follows:

1. Within 15 to 20 days after application of mango flower inducers, the mango fruit producer shall register with the Punong Barangay or his authorized representative where the mango trees are located providing the following data and informations:



- a. Name and address of the producer/s
  - b. Location of the mango trees induced
  - c. Date of the application of flower inducer
  - d. Number of mango trees that flowered
2. Within 60 to 70 days after flower induction, the producer shall report to the same Punong Barangay the total number of fruits bagged.
  3. Within 5 to 10 days after the producer has submitted the total number of fruits bagged, the Punong Barangay shall consolidate all data and informations provided by the producer and submit the same to the Municipal Agricultural Officer for submission to the Provincial Agriculturist for record and reference purposes.
  4. Prior to harvesting, all stakeholders engaged in trading and marketing of Guimaras mango fruits, shall secure a Certificate of Mango Registration (CMR) from the Punong Barangay and be ready to present it to the Task Force Golden Fruit for inspection. The CMR serves as genuine proof that the harvested mango fruits have met the characteristics and age requirements of mature fruits.
  5. All newly harvested mango fruits shall be subjected to Floatation Method to further check their maturity.
  6. To ensure that the harvested mango fruits are free from post harvest diseases such as but not limited to Anthracnose and Stem-end rot, all traders selling mango fruits are required to have the fruits treated under Hot Water Treatment using the facility provided to Guimaras Mango Growers and Producers Development Cooperative located at Mango Packing House, BPI-GNCPRC, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras.
  7. Traders, retailers and all those engaged in selling and marketing of Guimaras Mango Fruit shall register their trade with the Department of Trade and Industry at DTI Office, San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras.

**Section 7. Creation of Task Force-** for effective implementation of this Ordinance to ensure that Guimaras mango fruits sold within the province as well as for export are harvested at the right age of maturity as specified in this Ordinance, the provincial Governor is hereby authorized to create a Task Force to be known as Task Force Golden Fruit (TFGF).

**Section 8. Composition of Task Force Golden Fruit**

Action Officer: To be designated by the Governor

Members:

- Provincial Agricultural Officer
- S.P Member, Chair Committee on Agriculture
- Five (5) Municipal Agricultural Officers
- President, Guimaras Mango Growers and Producers Development Cooperative
- Head, DTI- Guimaras
- Head, Guimaras National Crop Research Development and Production Support Center
- Representative, Guimaras Police Provincial Office

### **Section 9. Functions of Task Force Golden Fruit**

1. Formulate policies in the implementation of this Ordinance.
2. Conduct periodic inspection, monitoring and fruit evaluation to determine TSS brix reading of mango fruits sold in different fruit stands in the province as well as fruits being shipped outside and issue a Certification that it has passed the quality standard.
3. Bring along a Refractometer at all times.
4. Apprehend and file appropriate charges against violators of this Ordinance
5. Provide technical assistance, advocacy campaign and information disseminations to all mango stakeholders.
6. Render periodic reports to the Governor relative to the implementation of this Ordinance.

**Section 10. Prohibited Acts**- The following prohibited acts are punishable under this Ordinance:

1. Harvesting of mango fruits below 115 days of age after flower induction.
2. Harvesting of mango fruits without securing a Certificate of Mango Registration (CMR) from the Punong Barangay.
3. Selling of mango fruits with TSS brix reading below 16 degrees.
4. Harvesting/selling of mango fruits for special purpose without certification from the Punong Barangay.

### **Section 11. Exemptions to Prohibited Acts**

- First Exemption- when harvesting for special purpose such as: for kilawin and pickling, provided the owner, producer or contractor shall secure a certification from the Punong Barangay identifying the target market which quantity shall not exceed 500 kgs.
- Second Exemption- when the mango fruits were damaged by a typhoon, provided that the mango owner, producer or contractor shall secure a certification from the Punong Barangay specifying the age of the fruit and the estimated quantity. Disposal of the fruits shall be discretionary on the part of the owner.

**Section 12. Penal Clause**- Any person found violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be meted out with the following fines/penalties:

First Offense ----- ₱1,000.00

Second Offense ----- ₱2,000.00

Third Offense ----- ₱3,000.00 and/ or imprisonment of not to exceed one (1) month or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

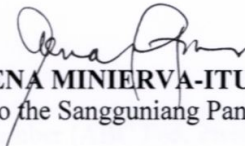


**Section 13. Separability Clause**- If any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or unlawful by the court, or suspended or revoked by competent authorities, all other provisions not otherwise affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.


**Section 14. Repealing Clause**- Any Ordinance contrary or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

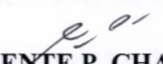
**Section 15. Effectivity Clause**- This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in local newspaper of general circulation and posting in conspicuous places in the five (5) municipalities in the province of Guimaras.

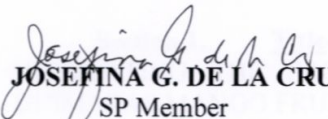
I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance which was duly enacted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Guimaras during its regular session on January 17, 2017.


  
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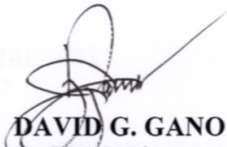
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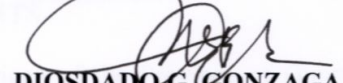
  
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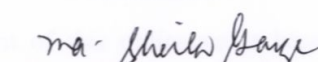
  
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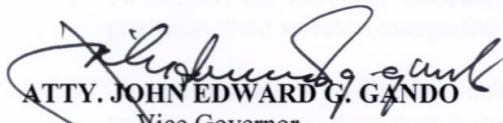
  
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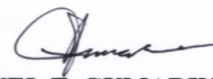
  
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