EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23
Series of 2018

AN ORDER CREATING THE RICE SUPPLY AND PRICE MONITORING COMMITTEE, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;

WHEREAS, section 2 of Republic Act 7581, otherwise known as “Price Act” provides that it is the policy of the State to ensure the availability of basic necessities and prime commodities at reasonable prices at all times without denying legitimate business a fair return on investment.

WHEREAS, due to the recent rice shortage issues in various Philippine cities, there is a need to create a body to protect our City from experiencing the same predicament;

WHEREAS, there is need to create a rice supply and price monitoring committee to ensure stability in the price of rice and avoid the negative effects caused by uncontrolled and unmonitored price increase of rice in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SARA Z. DUTERTE, City Mayor, this City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF THE RICE SUPPLY AND PRICE MONITORING COMMITTEE. There shall be created a Rice Supply and Price Monitoring Committee which will properly regulate and ensure that the price of rice in the City would be just, reasonable and affordable. The said Committee shall be composed of the following:

CHAIRPERSON : City Mayor or her Duly Appointed Representative

MEMBERS :
Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture and Food, SP
Business Bureau
City Economic Enterprise
City Agriculture Office
DTI – Regional Office
Department of Agriculture – Regional Office
SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The Committee shall:

A. To conduct study, analysis and evaluation on the causes of price fluctuations of Rice within the City;
B. To recommend measures to address unwarranted rice price increase and supply shortages;
C. Regular monitoring and inspection of public and private market, stores, as well as rice warehouses;
D. Activate Hotlines and Consumers Complaints Desks;
E. Deputize Barangay Officials and NGOs to monitor abnormal rice price increases;
F. Actively coordinate with other appropriate government agencies to prevent unwarranted rice price increases and hoarding of rice;
G. Perform such other functions analogous to the foregoing or as may be directed by the City Mayor.

SECTION 3. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP AND SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. - There shall be created a Technical Working Group to assist the Committee in the discharge of its functions whose composition shall be determined by the members of the Committee.

SECTION 4. FUNDING. All costs pertaining to the operation of the Task Force shall be taken from the available funds of the City Government of Davao subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE. - All previous Executive Orders inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Davao, Philippines, this \underline{13 SEP 2018}.

Attested by:

ATTY. ZULEIKA T. LOPEZ
City Administrator

\underline{Agri 9/18/18}