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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 79th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11th SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF ISABELA HELD AT PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, ILAGAN CITY, ISABELA ON MARCH 26, 2024.

PRESENT:

ED CHRISTIAN S. GO	Member (2nd District) & Presiding Officer Protempore
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CATHERINE JOY L. LEGASPI	Member, SK Federation President
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MARGARETTE U. CHIN	Member, Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative
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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-11

Series of 2024

A RESOLUTION UPHOLDING THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-004-A OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ECHAGUE, ISABELA ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS OF LAND FROM AGRICULTURAL LOT TO COMMERCIAL LOT CONTAINING A TOTAL AREA OF 587,764 SQ. MTS. MORE OR LESS COVERED AND EMBRACED BY TCT NO. 165-2018000425, TCT NO. 165-2018000426, TCT NO. 165-2018000427, TCT NO. 165-2018001962, TCT NO. 165-2018001963, TCT NO. 165-2021003002, TCT NO. 165-2017003501, TCT NO. 165-2017003502, TCT NO. 165-2017003503, TCT NO. 165-2017003506, TCT NO. 165-2017003507, AND TCT NO. 165-2017003508, SITUATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ECHAGUE, PROVINCE OF ISABELA REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF FARMON-AGRI-COMMUNITY CORP., REPRESENTED BY SPS. TEODULO O. OTOMAN AND JEAN ASIROT-OTOMAN FOR THE PROPOSED SOLAR POWER PLANT"

Sponsor: HON. ED CHRISTIAN S. GO

Member, Committee on Housing, Subdv. & Land Use Classification

WHEREAS, Section 20 (a) of R. A. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 grants a municipality the power to authorize the reclassification of agricultural lands into a residential, commercial or industrial purposes and was more specifically stated as follows:

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

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"A city or municipality may, through an ordinance passed by the Sanggunian after conducting public hearings for the purpose, authorize the reclassification of agricultural lands and provide for the manner of their utilization or disposition in the following cases: (1) when the land ceases to be economically feasible and sound for agricultural purposes as determined by the Department of Agriculture or (2) where the land shall have substantially greater economic value for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, as determined by the Sanggunian concerned: Provided, That such reclassification shall be limited to the following percentage of the total agricultural land area at the time of the passage of the ordinance";

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2023-004-A was enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Echague, Isabela, reclassifying several parcels of land covered under Transfer Certificate of Title No. 165-2018000425, TCT No. 165-2018000426, TCT No. 165-2018000427, TCT No. 165-2018001962, TCT No. 165-2018001963, TCT No. 165-2021003002, TCT No. 165-2017003501, TCT No. 165-2017003502, TCT No. 165-2017003503, TCT No. 165-2017003506, TCT No. 165-2017003507, and TCT No. 165-2017003508;

WHEREAS, the subject properties are located in the following Barangays: San Manuel, San Antonio Minit, Atelan, Garit, and Garit Norte, Echague, Isabela. It comprises an aggregate lot area of 587,764 square meters, more or less from Agricultural to Commercial purpose;

WHEREAS, under MC No. 54, Series of 1993, Section 3, *"All ordinances authorizing the reclassification of agricultural lands shall be subject to the review and approval by the province in the case of component city or municipality";*

WHEREAS, having been authorized to review ordinances reclassifying agricultural lands under the abovesaid Memorandum Circular, the Committee on Housing, Subdivision and Land Use Classification conducted a thorough review of Ordinance No. 2023-004-A and finds the same to be in consonance to the mandate of the Sangguniang Bayan pursuant to Section 20 of R.A. No. 7160. Thus, said ordinance is within the purview of the powers conferred by law to their Sangguniang Bayan;

WHEREAS, the Committee recommended to the Body to uphold the validity of Ordinance No. 2023-004-A of the Municipality of Echague, Isabela;

NOW THEREFORE, above premises considered, upon motion of **HON. ED CHRISTIAN S. GO**, duly approved and seconded in a session duly assembled, it was –

RESOLVED, AS IT HEREBY RESOLVES, to pass **A RESOLUTION UPHOLDING THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-004-A OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ECHAGUE, ISABELA ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS OF LAND FROM AGRICULTURAL LOT TO COMMERCIAL LOT CONTAINING A TOTAL AREA OF 587,764 SQ. MTS. MORE OR LESS COVERED AND EMBRACED BY TCT NO. 165-2018000425, TCT NO. 165-2018000426, TCT NO. 165-2018000427, TCT NO. 165-2018001962, TCT NO. 165-2018001963, TCT NO. 165-2021003002, TCT NO. 165-**

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Echague, Isabela, through the Municipal Vice-Mayor, Hon. Allan P. Tupong, for their information and guidance.

Approved and Adopted, March 26, 2024.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS
of the foregoing Resolution:**

ATTY. FRANCIS JAMES E. MEER
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlalawigan

ATTESTED:

ED CHRISTIAN S. GO
Presiding Officer Protempore