**Tarragona**

“Tarragona” is not a native word. According to old folks, a Spanish missionary who travelled doing his mission from Caraga Parish named *Tarragona* after his hometown in Spain. Succeeding missionaries carried also the name Tarragona.

On June 18, 1966, this former barrio of Mati, was made a municipality by Republic Act 4755 covering the barrios of Tarragona, Tubaon, Ompao, Limot and Tagabakid, all of Mati. In addition the barrios of Cabagayan, Jovellar, Maganda and Tomoaong were created. However, on June 21, 1969, Republic Act 5925 amended R.A. 4755 returning Barrio Tagabakid to Mati and adding Barrio Dadong from Manay to Tarragona.

Alfredo Abayon, Sr., was appointed by the province as Officer-In-Charge of the new municipality. In 1966, Alejandro Soliven won the first election as mayor. He held his position for two terms and was succeeded by Rogelio Enriquez. His term was cut after the EDSA Revolution when Jesus Espinosa was installed as OIC Mayor but later he was reelected for three terms after which his wife, Aurora was elected for one term. Thereafter, brothers Samuel and Nestor Uy took the helm of the municipality.