



Republic of the Philippines
 PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN
 City of Tuguegarao
EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 14th REGULAR SESSION
 OF THE EIGHTH CITY COUNCIL OF TUGUEGARAO CITY, CAGAYAN
 HELD ON OCTOBER 07, 2019, 9:00 A.M., MONDAY,
 AT THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL

PRESENT:

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| Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II | City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer |
| Hon. Imogen Claire M. Callangan | Sangguniang Panlungsod Member |
| Hon. Gilbert S. Labang | -do- |
| Hon. Danilo L. Baccay | -do- |
| Hon. Ronald S. Ortiz | -do- |
| Hon. Arnel T. Arugay | -do- |
| Hon. Mary Marjorie P. Martin-Chan | -do- |
| Hon. Winnoco R. Abraham | -do- |
| Hon. Grace B. Arago | -do- |
| Hon. Raymund P. Guzman | -do- |
| Hon. Karina S. Gauani | -do- |
| Hon. Victor Herbert N. Perez | -do- |
| Hon. Gil G. Pagulayan | Ex Officio Member |
| Hon. Karen L. Taguinod | Ex Officio Member |



ABSENT:

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| Hon. Maila Rosario T. Que | Sangguniang Panlungsod Member (on Sick Leave) |
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 041-08-2019

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE PLANTING OF TREES BY WOULD-BE COUPLES BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF THEIR MARRIAGE LICENSE, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR GRADUATION, THOSE WHO REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TUGUEGARAO CITY GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS, APPLICANTS FOR FRANCHISE RENEWAL AND THOSE WHO SECURE CSWD/BARANGAY CERTIFICATES OF INDIGENCY

Sponsor: **Hon. Bienvenido C. De Guzman II**

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the Constitution of the Philippines 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, pursuant to the above provision, Republic Act No. 10176, "*An Act Reviving the Observance of Arbor Day by Authorizing the Local Government Units the Responsibilities for Celebrating the Day for Tree Planting as an Annual Event*", mandates that all able-bodied citizens of the Philippines, who are at least 12 years old of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection and conservation of the country's environment and natural resources for the enjoyment of the present and future generations;

WHEREAS, in response to the above policy, the Tuguegarao City Government promotes a healthier ecosystem by combat.ing the ill effects of global warming, more so that it is one of the hottest cities in the country and considering that it is a flood prone area;

WHEREAS, to prevent irreversible consequences of human activities on the environment, the Eighth City Council finds it imperative to make an urgent call upon the Tuguegaraoeños to plant trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Eighth City Council in session assembled to enact:

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as “*An Ordinance Mandating the Planting of Trees by Would-Be Couples Before the Issuance of their Marriage License, Senior High School Students as a Pre-Requisite for Graduation, Those who Request for Financial Assistance, Tuguegarao City Government Scholars, Applicants for Franchise Renewal and Those who Secure CSWD/Barangay Certificates of Indigency.*”

SECTION 2. PURPOSES/OBJECTIVES. The purpose of this ordinance is to mandate the would-be couples and senior high school graduating students, those who request for financial assistance, Tuguegarao City Government scholars, applicants for franchise renewal and those who secure CSWD/Barangay Certificates of Indigency to plant trees in order to:

- a. Combat the problem of the Tuguegarao City in times of floods during calamities being identified as one of the hottest cities in the country;
- b. Help conserve and preserve mother nature for the present and future generations; and,
- c. Instill in them the love and concern for the environment by planting trees.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. This Ordinance shall govern the process and procedure on the planting of trees in the city by would-be couples and senior high graduating students, those who request for financial assistance, Tuguegarao City Government scholars, applicants for franchise renewal and those who secure CSWD/Barangay Certificates of Indigency.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is pursuant to Article II, Section 16 of the Constitution of the Philippines which 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* and Republic Act No. 10176, *An Act Reviving the Observance of Arbor Day by Authorizing the Local Government Units the Responsibilities for Celebrating the Day for Tree Planting as an Annual Event* which mandates that all able-bodied citizens of the Philippines, who are at least 12 years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year.

SECTION 5. COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall cover those resident would-be couples in Tuguegarao City and those graduating senior high school students who are required to plant trees as a mandatory pre-requisite for the issuance of marriage license and their graduation, respectively, those who request for financial assistance, Tuguegarao City Government scholars, applicants for franchise renewal and those who secure CSWD/Barangay Certificates of Indigency. Said trees shall be their living legacy to the environment and to future generations of Filipinos.

CHAPTER 2

DEFINITION OF TERMS

SECTION 6. DEFINITION OF TERMS. The following terms shall be defined as indicated herein when used in this ordinance:

1. **Tree** – any tree as recommended by the City Environment and Natural Resources Office and Department of Environment and Natural Resources
2. **Balanced and healthful ecology** – a term describing how the ecosystem is organized in a state of stability where species co-exist with other species and with their environment
3. **Ecosystem** – a system or a group of interconnected elements, formed by the interaction of a community of organization with their environment
4. **Global warming** – an increase in the earth’s average atmospheric temperature that causes changes in climate and that may result from the greenhouse effect



5. **Marriage license** – a legal document that is needed for a marriage to occur
6. **Senior high school students** – grade 12 students studying in any private or public school in the city
7. **Greening master plan** – seeks to define comprehensively the greening framework of an area by studying into its characteristics and particular needs as well as providing a guide to planning design and implementation of works

CHAPTER 3

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF OFFICES INVOLVED, CREATION OF COMMITTEES WITH FUNCTIONS

SECTION 7. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The following are the powers and functions of the office/units involved in the implementation of the ordinance:

- A. Office of the City Mayor through the Office of the City Environment and Natural Resources Office
 1. Provide trees to be planted;
 2. Identify the tree planting site;
 3. Maintain a seedling nursery/seedling bank;
 4. Conduct of site assessment and area preparation of the tree growing site;
 5. Conduct orientation program for the general information of the participants;
 6. Conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation and provide status report;
 7. Assist in the provision of the appropriate species for the tree growing activities;
 8. Develop a Greening Master Plan; and,
 9. Coordinate with DENR, DA and DAR.
- B. Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs) of Tuguegarao City
 1. Enact rules and regulations mandated to protect the planted trees;
 2. Maintain a Seedling Nursery/Seedling Bank where they could get their seedlings to be provided to those who would secure certificates;
 3. Penalize any person directly or indirectly damage/destroy the trees to be planted in their respective barangays;
 4. Conduct monitoring, evaluation and protection of planted trees at the established site;
 5. Participate in the actual conduct of planting activities;
 6. Encourage community participation in knowing their roles, duties and responsibilities by conducting a seminar for environment protection;
 7. Conduct monitoring of social development and management program of implementation to ensure environmental protection in the identified area where trees shall be planted; and,
 8. Assist the City ENRO in monitoring and evaluation of trees planted in the identified areas.
- C. Department of Education (DepEd) through the Division Office of Tuguegarao City in coordination with the principals of the different schools in the city
 1. Identify areas to be planted trees;
 2. Facilitate the conduct of tree planting;
 3. Ensure the maintenance and nourishment of the planted trees;
 4. Provide a mechanism on how to implement the ordinance to the graduating senior high school students;
 5. Provide a list of graduating senior high students who complied with the ordinance at the end of the year;
 6. Participate in the planning activities of the Tuguegarao City Government and will continuously suggest ideas pertaining to the improvement of the implementation of this ordinance; and,
 7. Include in their Student Manuals the requirement on tree planting.
- D. City Local Civil Registrar
 1. Provide a mechanism in the implementation of the ordinance to would-be couples;



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2. Provide a list of couples who secured marriage license and who complied with the ordinance at the end of each year; and,
3. Recommend improvements or innovations on the implementation of the ordinance.

SECTION 8. CREATION OF COMMITTEE. There shall be created a Working Committee for this ordinance who shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	-	City Mayor
Vice Chairperson	-	City Vice Mayor
Assistant Chairpersons	-	Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairperson, Committee on Climate Change, Environmental Protection and Ecology Department Head of City Environment and Natural Resources

Members:

- a. City Local Civil Registrar
- b. Punong Barangays of the 49 Barangays of Tuguegarao City
- c. Superintendent of the Division of Tuguegarao City
- d. Principals of the different senior high schools in Tuguegarao City

SECTION 9. FUNCTIONS OF THE WORKING COMMITTEE. The functions of the working committee shall be as follows:

1. Oversee the implementation of the Ordinance.
2. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Ordinance.
3. Conduct and attend regularly all meetings of the committee and participate actively in all deliberations about this Ordinance.
4. Continuously recommend improvements or innovations in the implementation of the Ordinance.

CHAPTER 4

BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 10. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS. The Tuguegarao City Government shall allocate funds under the City Environment and Natural Resources Office for the implementation of this Ordinance.

CHAPTER 5

FINAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be issued by the Local Chief Executive within thirty (30) days upon the final consideration and approval of this Ordinance by the Eighth City Council.

SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provisions of this Ordinance shall be unconstitutional or invalid for whatever reasons, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances and other enacted city legislative measures in connection herewith which are inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

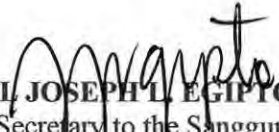
SECTION 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

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




I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:


JOEL JOSEPH L. EGIPITO, Ph.D. 100919
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:


HON. BIENVENIDO C. DE GUZMAN II
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
Date: 10/5/19

APPROVED:


HON. ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor
Date: 10/7/19

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