

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG ORMOC

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
THIRTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD
AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL,
ORMOC CITY HALL BUILDING
ON JUNE 08, 2015 IN LIEU OF
JUNE 11, 2015

PRESENT:

Hon. Leo Carmelo L. Locsin, Jr.	Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Rolando M. Villasencio,	SP Member, Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr.,	SP Member
Hon. Antonio M. Codilla,	SP Member
Hon. Vincent L. Rama,	SP Member
Hon. Pedro Godiardo P. Ebcas,	SP Member
Hon. Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga,	SP Member
Hon. John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II,	SP Member
Hon. Mariano Y. Corro,	Ex-Officio SP Member
Chapter President, Liga ng mga Barangay ng Ormoc	

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Tomas R. Serafica,	(O.B. - Cebu City),
	SP Member, Asst. Majority Floor Leader
Hon. Mario M. Rodriguez	(O.B. - Cebu City),
	SP Member, Presiding Officer "Pro-Tempore"
Hon. Ruben R. Capahi,	(O.B. - Davao City),
	SP Member, Asst. Minority Floor Leader

PREFATORY STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Constitution declares as a matter of State policy the protection and advancement of the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature and towards this end, the immense importance of the planting and cultivation of trees is greatly recognized;

WHEREAS, past executive proclamations and legislative enactments of national origin have been promulgated as a collective State response to an ecological and environmental responsibility that is of a magnitude that transcends eras and generations;

WHEREAS, recent and highly notable among these fiats are Executive Order No. 26, Series of 2011 issued by His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III, declaring an interdepartmental convergence initiative for a National Greening Program, and Republic Act No. 10176, otherwise known as the "Arbor Day Act of 2012";

WHEREAS, the R.A. No. 10176 aims to revive the observance of Arbor Day by delegating unto local government units the responsibility of celebrating the day as tree planting which shall be an annual event, and which, theretofore, confers effectively upon the City of Ormoc the duty of collaboratively bonding within her territory the public and private sectors in addressing the depletion of natural resources and rejuvenating the environment thru intensive tree planting activities complemented by the integration and employment of effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability;

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WHEREAS, as a means of effective and firm response to the said State policy, this Sanggunian indeed finds it imperative to pass the necessary Arbor Day legislation for the purpose of not only lending full support to the program's noble aims but also as means of further fortifying the same thru its institutionalization into the City's regular local programs milieu;

WHEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, on joint motion of the following Sangguniang Panlungsod Members: Hon. Benjamin S. Pongos, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Laws and Ordinances; Hon. Vincent L. Rama, Chairman, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and Hon. Pedro Godiardo P. Ebcas, Chairman, Committee on Public Safety, severally seconded by Honorable SP Members Rolando M. Villasencio, Antonio M. Codilla, Eusebio Gerardo S. Penserga, John Eulalio Nepomuceno O. Aparis II and Mariano Y. Corro; be it

RESOLVED, to enact:

ORDINANCE NO. 012

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AND INSTITUTIONALIZING EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF AUGUST OF EVERY YEAR AS ORMOC CITY ARBOR DAY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Be it Ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc that:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "Arbor Day Ordinance of Ormoc City".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS - Whenever used herein the following terms shall have the following meaning:

- a) "Arbor Day" is a one-day activity of tree planting and other forms of relevant or related activities that is declared as such by proclamation by the City Mayor by virtue of this Ordinance.
- b) "Committee" shall refer to the City Arbor Day Committee created in accordance with R.A. No. 10176.
- c) "Tree Planting" shall refer to the act of planting perennial trees, either fruit-bearing or forest, that grow to a height of several feet. The term shall also include mangroves.
- d) "Maintenance of Tree" shall refer to the act of nurturing and caring for the seedlings after the planting up to a point when they become strong, sturdy and stabilized in the field.

SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF LOCAL POLICY -In consonance with the relevant State policy, the City also declares it a policy to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature thru the recognition of the vital role and importance of trees in ecological stability, and the collaboration of the public and private sectors to address the depletion of natural resources and achieve the rejuvenation of the environment, particularly by intensive tree planting activities accompanied with employment of measures for their maintenance and sustainability.



SECTION 4. DECLARATION OF ORMOC CITY ARBOR DAY -Every third Friday of the month of August of every year is hereby declared as "Ormoc City Arbor Day" which shall also be declared by proclamation of the City Mayor as a public working holiday in the City in order to ensure the full participation of the different sectors of society; provided, that if such third Friday falls on a holiday, then it shall be moved to the nearest preceding day which is not a holiday.

SECTION 5. CREATION OF THE CITY ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE - There shall be created in the City an Arbor Day Celebration Committee, the composition of which shall be selected by the City Mayor in accordance with the guidelines provided in R.A. 10176. The Committee shall be primarily tasked in implementing the full intents of this R.A. 10176 and this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. FUNDING -The expenditures to fully implement or cover the intents of this Ordinance for Calendar Year 2015 shall be appropriated through a Supplemental Budget from the General Fund, or from any available fund source from the City Treasury.

The annual appropriation necessary to fully implement or cover the intents of this Ordinance thereafter shall be included in the yearly appropriations under the Office of the City Mayor from the General Fund of the Ormoc City Government.

SECTION 7. INFORMATION AND MONITORING - For information, monitoring and coordination purposes, all concerned officials, offices, departments, the concerned barangays and other stakeholders shall submit to the Committee their accomplishment in relation to the Arbor Day Celebration in coordination with the City Agriculture Office (CAO).

SECTION 8. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDLINGS - The CAO and the City Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) in coordination with the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) local office shall be responsible in the supply and distribution of seedlings for the tree planting intents of this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. PLANTING OF TREES - All able-bodied residents of the City, who are at least Twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year.

SECTION 10. AREAS COVERED BY TREE PLANTING - The Committee shall specify the area within the City to be planted or reforested. If the area to be planted or reforested is a protected area or a protection forest, the Committee shall encourage the use of endemic or indigenous species during the observance of the Arbor Day designated by the City.

The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

- a) Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school premises;
- b) Idle or vacant public lands;
- c) Public parks in urban and rural areas; and
- d) Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner thereof.

SECTION 11. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS - The Committee may issue such implementing rules and regulations as it deems necessary to aid in the orderly implementation of this Ordinance.



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SECTION 12. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE - The pertinent relevant provisions of RA 10176 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be considered as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE - In case any provision of this Ordinance or any part hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.


SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders or regulations and other local issuances inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE -This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and compliance with the publication requirements.

ENACTED, June 08, 2015.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that copies of this ordinance be furnished each to the Honorable City Mayor Edward C. Codilla; the City Administrator; the City Legal Officer; the City Budget Officer; the City Accountant; the City Treasurer; the City Auditor; the City Environment & Natural Resources Division (ENRD); the City Agriculture Office; the Public Affairs Information and Assistance Division (PAIAD); the Ormoc City Schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Marissa S. Magan; the City Director - DILG, Ormoc City; and other offices concerned.


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


JOEL S. DUERO
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED:


LEO CARMELO L. LOCSIN, JR.
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


EDWARD C. CODILLA
City Mayor
JUN 15 2015
(Date)