

PROVINCE OF LEYTE Palo, Leyte



# PROVINCIAL LEGAL OFFICE



2<sup>nd</sup> INDORSEMENT July 7, 2023



Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through the SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 33 S.2023-2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte, recommending for the declaration of its validity, pursuant to its power under Section 56 (C) of R.A. 7160, the same being to the opinion of the Provincial Legal Office, an exercise of the power essential to the promotion of the "General Welfare, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology", authorized under Section 16 of the Code and an act to "Protect the Environment", mandated under Section 447(1), (vi) of the Code.

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL

Asst. Provincial Legal Officer

# Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF LEYTE Palo, Leyte

# OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

1st INDORSEMENT 05 July 2023 April 9.6.23

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 33, S. 2023-2025 of the MUNICIPALITY OF VILLABA, LEYTE, entitled: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MARRIAGE APPLICANT TO PLANT AT LEAST FIVE (5) TREES SEEDLINGS BEFORE MARRIAGE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED.

FLORINDA JILL S. TYVICO Secretary to the Sanggunian



July 5, 2023

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN MEMBERS

New Provincial Government Complex Campetic, Palo, Leyte

Honorable Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members:



We respectfully transmit herewith Fifteen (15) copies of:

Municipal Ordinance No. 33, S-2023-2025 "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MARRIAGE APPLICANT TO PLANT AT LEAST FIVE (5) TREES SEEDLINGS BEFORE MARRIAGE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED" for review and approval.

God bless and more power.

Very truly yours,

MC QUIRIEP. UMPAD

Secretary to the \$angguniang Bayan



## **MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 33. S-2023-2025**



AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MARRIAGE APPLICANT TO PLANT AT LEAST (5) TREES SEEDLINGS BEFORE MARRIAGE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL **BE ISSUED** 

Authored by: Hon. NIEL ALBERT B. INOPIQUEZ

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 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 Municipal Government promotes a healthier ecosystem by combating the ill effects of global warming;

WHEREAS, to pervert irreversible consequences of human activities on the environment, the Municipal Government finds it imperative to make an urgent call upon the marriage applicants to plant trees before Marriage License/Certificate shall be issued;

NOW THEREFORE on motion by the Hon. Niel Albert B. Inopiquez duly seconded by Hon. Meriam P. Umpad, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Villaba, Leyte duly

assembled that;

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#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MARRIAGE APPLICANT TO PLANT AT LEAST FIVE (5) TREES SEEDLINGS BEFORE MARRIAGE LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED."

SECTION 2. PURPOSES/OBJECTIVES. The purpose of this ordinance is to mandate the new couple applicant to plant trees in order to:

- a). that all couple applicant shall be required to comply the tree planting of at least five
- (5) trees with pictures/videos showing the actual planting of the seedlings.
- b.) Combat the problem of the Municipality in times of calamities being identified as one of the flood zone municipality;
- c.) Help conserve and preserve mother nature for the present and future generations; and,
- d.) Instill in them the love and concern for the environment by planting trees.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. This Ordinance shall cover all individuals who intend to enter into marriage within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Villaba.

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 accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature and Republic Act No. 10176 or 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 ablebodied citizens of the Philippines, who are at least 12 years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year.

SECTION 5. 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 Municipal 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 written authorization for the marriage of two named people that is granted by a legally qualified government official or a legal document that is needed for a marriage.

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#### **IMPLEMENTING REGULATION**

#### **SECTION 6. REGULATIONS**

- 1. All couple applicant is required to comply the tree planting of at least five (5) trees with pictures/video showing the actual planting of the seedlings as a condition for the issuance of the marriage license or certificate.
- 2. Couple applicant who cannot comply with the requirement will not be given a marriage license/certificate.

## **SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES**

### A. Municipal Local Civil Registrar:

- 1. Provide a mechanism in the implementation of the ordinance to the couple applicant.
- 2. Provide a list of couples who secured marriage license and who complied with the ordinance; and,
- 3. Recommend improvements or innovations on the implementation of the ordinance.

## B. Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office:

- 1. Provide trees to be planted;
- 2. Identify the tree planting site;
- 3. Maintain a seedling nursery/seedling bank; where they could get their seedlings to be provided to those who would secure plant to be planted;
- 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; and
- 8. Coordinate with DENR, DA and DAR.

### C. Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs) of Villaba, Leyte

- 1. Enact rules and regulations mandated to protect the planted trees;
- 2. Maintain a Seedling Nursery/Seedling Bank;
- 3. Penalize any person who, directly or indirectly, cause damage/destroy the trees 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 by the couple applicant;
- 6. Encourage community participation in knowing their roles, duties and responsibilities;
- 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

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8. Assist the Municipal MENRO in monitoring and evaluation of trees planted in the identified areas.

SECTION 8. CERTIFICATIONS - the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office will then issue a certificate of compliance to the applicant as proof in accordance with Section 6, which will be submitted to the Office of the Civil Registrar along with the other requirements for the release or issuance of marriage license.

#### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

Section 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All other ordinances, resolutions, memoranda, orders and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for certain reasons some provisions of this Ordinance are found to be invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

This Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Bayan in its Regular Session on May 15, 2023.

Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

Sangguniang Bayań Member/Temporary Presiding Officer

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LNB President

NIEL ALBERT B. INOPIQUEZ

Sangguniang Bayan Member

MARIA N. ENEVOLDSEN Sangguniang Bayan Member

SK Federation President

APPROVED:

ENGR. CARLOS G. VEL

Municipal Mayor

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT NO.2, S-2023**

#### **Committee on Tourism and Development**

The committee on tourism development conducted a committee hearing last February 9, 2023 Thursday at the ABC Hall which was attended by the committee on Tourism and Development Chairwoman Hon. Julca Katrina Con-ui, Hon. Elly Maria Enevoldsen as member, 26 Barangay Captain, Mr. Madello Punong LCRO officer, Mr. Mark Luche the Tourism Officer, Mr. Jeremiah Lucanas MENRO Office. The committee hearing started at exactly 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon which was presided by Hon. Niel Albert Inopiquez. The Hon. Inopiquez discussed the propose ordinances in title "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MARRIAGE APPLICANT TO PLANT AT LEAST (5) TREES SEEDLINGS BEFORE MARRIAGE LICENSE/CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED." The purpose of this ordinance is to mandate the new couple applicant to plant trees in order that all couple applicant shall be required to comply the tree planting at least five (5) trees with pictures/videos showing the actual planting of the seedlings before issuing the marriage license/certificate. The couple applicant who cannot comply with the requirement will not be given a marriage license/certificate. The office of the Municipal Local Civil Registrar provides a mechanism in the implementation of the ordinance to the couple applicant, provide a list of couples who secured marriage license and who complied with the ordinance; and Recommend improvements or innovations on the implementation of the ordinance, while the office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office provide trees to be planted, identify the tree planting site, maintain a seedling nursery/seedling bank where they could get their seedlings to be provided, to those who secure plant to be planted, conduct of site assessment and area preparation of the tree growing site, conduct orientation program for the general information of the participants, conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation and provide status report, assist in the provision of the appropriate species for the tree growing activities; and Coordinate with DENR, DA and DAR and the Barangay Local Government Units (BLGU's) of Villaba, Leyte enact rules and regulations mandated to protect the planted trees, maintain a seedling nursery/seedling bank, penalize any person directly or indirectly cause damage/destroy the trees planted in their respective barangays, conduct monitoring, evaluation and protection of planted trees at the established site, participate in the actual conduct of planting activities by the couple applicant. Encourage community participation in knowing their roles, duties and responsibilities. Conduct monitoring of social development and management program of implementation to ensure environmental protection in the identified area where trees shall be planted, and assist the Municipal MENRO in monitoring and evaluation of trees planted in the identified areas. There is no more suggestion regarding the proposed ordinance. Hon. Eddison Franco of Barangay Balite move the adjournment of the Public hearing and seconded by Hon. Amilita Pelayo of Barangay San Francisco.

The committee hearing ended at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

HON, NIEL ALBERT B. INOPIQUEZ

Vice-Chairman on Tourism and Development

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Chairman on Jourism and Development

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# An Ordinance Requiring Marriage Applicant to Plant at Least Five (5) Trees Seedlings Before Marriage License or Certificate shall be issued

## FEBRUARY 9, 2023 @ ABC HALL Time: 1:00 PM

# ATTENDANCE SHEET

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# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

[FEBRUARY 1, 2023]

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MARRIAGE APPLICANT TO PLANT AT LEAST FIVE (5) TREES SEEDLINGS BEFORE MARRIAGE LICENSE OF CERTIFICATE SHALL BE ISSUED."

The Sangguniang Bayan is inviting all Punong Barangay, Municipal Registrar, MENRO, Municipal Tourism Officer all Punong Barangays and all concerned citizens to attend the Public Hearing on February 9, 2023, (1:00 pm) at Liga ng mga Barangay Hall.

MC QUIRIE P. UMPAD

Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



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(SGD)ENGR. CARLOS G. VELOSO
Municipal Mayor

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