



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA  
MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BACOLOR, HELD ON MARCH 3, 2021, SB SESSION HALL, POBLACION, BACOLOR, PAMPANGA

**PRESENT:**

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PPSK President/Ex Officio Member

**ABSENT:**

None

**Ordinance No. 03, S-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS “ARBOR DAY” IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PAMPANGA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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<b>Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hon. Ener C. Lampa - Chairman, Committee on Environment</b>
	<b>Hon. Ariel C. Sta. Cruz – Chairman, Committee on Agriculture</b>

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**WHEREAS**, the second largest volcanic eruption in this century was when Mt. Pinatubo erupted in June 15, 1991, where it had caused significant global environmental effects;

**WHEREAS**, in October 1, 1995, over 20 feet of lahar from the slopes of Mt. Pinatubo buried the entire barangay of Cabalantian among many others, killing hundreds of people, 18 out of 21 barangays of Bacolor were buried;

**WHEREAS**, the possibility and potential threat of the occurrence of lethal lahar during extreme rainfall cannot be underestimated;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Bacolor in its desire to diminish the unfavorable effects of climate change and protect its people and its entire territorial jurisdiction on the possible treat of lahar and revive its damaged environment, hereby adopts R.A. 10176 “ An Act reviving the observance of Arbor Day by authorizing the Local Government Units (LGU’s) the responsibilities for the celebrating the day for tree planting as an annual event” which was signed and approved by His Excellency Benigno S. Aquino III last September 12, 2012”;

**WHEREAS**, one positive result of the lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic is gardening of plants and growing of vegetables in one’s home yard;

**WHEREAS**, to adapt to the “NEW NORMAL” established by the government, now is the perfect time to institutionalize our people’s interest in gardening, tree and vegetable planting, thus developing innovation and creativity in home yard farming and community greening;

**WHEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacolor, Pampanga, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be otherwise known as “**GREENING ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PAMPANGA**”.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.**

- 2.1 To support Philippine Agenda 21 vision of reducing poverty and maintain ecological integrity.
- 2.2 To create greener spaces in the municipality thus curbing the threat of lahar, pollution and other risks brought about by the climate change.
- 2.3 To encourage home-based agriculture whose effects are reduced cost of farm produce, availability of healthier foods and food stability.



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- 2.4 To enhance green landscape adding to the aesthetics of the municipality.
- 2.5 To enhance productivity by using idle lots and open spaces by transforming them into green spaces.
- 2.6 To help reduce poverty by encouraging self-sustaining programs such as backyard to table food programs thereby encouraging residents to grow organic produce in the comforts of their homes.

The local Government of Bacolor adheres to the policy of the state under Proclamation No. 643 which amended Proclamation No. 396 that encourages the **“ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT- OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, PRIVATED SECTOR, SCHOOLS, CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS AND THE CITIZENRY IN TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY AND DECLARING JUNE 25, 2003 AS PHILLIPPINES ARBOR DAY”**, to combat our deteriorating resources, damaged environment and shield from the possible lahar treat, we protect and advance the right of the people to a balance ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature by conducting a tree planting activity in our municipality and provide effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability.

**SECTION 3. DECLARATION OF ARBOR DAY** - It is hereby declared that every 1<sup>st</sup> day of October of every year as “Arbor Day” in the Municipality of Bacolor, Pampanga. The said day will also be declared as Public Working Holiday in order to ensure the participation of the government employees and different sectors in our municipality.

**SECTION 4. CREATION OF COMMITTEE** – A GREENING OF BACOLOR COMMITTEE is hereby created that shall be responsible for the municipal wide management of tree planting, gardening and greening activities in the municipality as well as programs for beautification.

There is hereby created an Arbor Day Committee (ADC) to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of this ordinance. The ADC shall be composed of the following:

Chairman	-	Municipal Mayor
Vice- Chairman	-	Municipal Vice Mayor
Members	-	SB Committee on Environment
	-	SB Committee on Agriculture
	-	Municipal Agriculturist
	-	MSWDO
	-	School Heads, public & private (all levels)
	-	Liga ng mga Barangay President
	-	SK Fed President
	-	DILG-MLGOO
	-	PNP
	-	BFP
	-	NGOs
Secretariat	-	MENRO

### SECTION 5. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Formulate and develop the Municipal Greening Plan in consultation with stakeholders and oversee its implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
  - 1.1 To specify or identify the area where to plant trees.
  - 1.2 To coordinate the program to the different stakeholders.
  - 1.3 To provide the seeds and identify the kind and variety of plants to be used for tree planting.
  - 1.4 To ensure the maintenance and sustainability of the planted trees.
2. Supervise the municipal Tree planting and vegetation practices.
3. Conduct information dissemination, community awareness and advocacy activities in support of the Municipal Greening Plan to succeed.
4. Provide on a regular basis, incentives for outstanding GREEN barangays, schools and other participants.

**SECTION 6. FUNDING.** The Municipal Government shall ensure appropriation of funds under the General Fund for this purpose subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.



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**SECTION 7. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDLINGS.** The Municipal Agriculturist shall be responsible in the supply and distribution of seedlings for the tree planting and home-based gardening program of the Municipality.

**SECTION 8. PLANTING OF TREES.** All able-bodied citizens residing in the Municipality, who are at least Twelve (12) years of age, shall be encouraged to plant one (1) tree every year.

**SECTION 9. AREAS COVERED BY TREE PLANTING AND GARDENING.** The Greening of Bacolor Committee shall specify the area within the Municipality to be planted with trees and utilized for gardening or growing of plants and vegetables. For tree planting, the Committee shall encourage the use of the endemic or indigenous species.

The tree planting and gardening or growing of plants and vegetables activities shall be done in any of the following areas after consulting the owners:

- Open spaces in public schools and Child Development Centers or Day Cares;
- Open spaces in private schools;
- Idle or vacant private lands;
- Public open spaces

**SECTION 10. BARANGAY PARTICIPATION.** The 21 barangays with their respective Sangguniang Kabataan shall be mandated to initiate its greening program with specific budget allocation in their Annual Barangay Youth Investment Plan (ABYIP).

**SECTION 11. MAINTENANCE OF TREES AND PLANTS.** The barangay officials and deputized non-governmental organizations shall be responsible for the maintenance of such trees and plants.

**SECTION 12. SUPPLEMENTARY CLAUSE.** On matters not provided in this Ordinance, any applicable laws and their corresponding implementing rules and regulations, executive orders and relevant issuances therefore shall be applied in a supplemental manner.

**SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration.

**SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All existing ordinances and resolutions found to be inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


**SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

**APPROVED.**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ATTESTED:

  
**HON. WILFREDO H. BALINGIT**  
Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice Mayor

  
**VICENTA PAGCU-PINEDA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

  
**HON. EDUARDO G. DATU, GEO.,MPM**  
Municipal Mayor