



GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 17-55
Series of 2014

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY 26TH OF JULY AS
ARBOR DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN

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Be it Ordained by the 17th Legislative Council of Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay in its 42nd Regular Session, Assembled, that:

Section 1. **Title** – this Ordinance shall be known as "The Arbor Day Ordinance of 2014 of Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay".

Section 2. **Declaration of Policy** – It is the policy of the Municipality of Tungawan to protect and advance the right of its constituents to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the vital role and importance of trees in ecological stability is recognized. Hence, there is a need for a collaborated effort among the State, the Municipal Government of Tungawan and the local citizenry to combat the loss of our natural resources and rejuvenate our environment by undertaking municipal wide tree planting activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability;

Section 3. **Definition of Terms** – Whenever used in this Ordinance, the following shall refer to:

- (a) *Arbor Day* – refers to a one-day activity of tree planting and other forms of relevant activities held annually at fixed date identified by the Sangguniang Bayan;
- (b) *LGU Greening Plan* – refers to the LGU's contribution to EO No.26 or the National Greening Program (NGP), whereby specific activities relative but not limited to seedling production and tree planting are conducted;
- (c) *Planting of Trees* - refers to the planting of perennial plant, either fruit bearing tree or forest tree that grows to a height of several feet including mangrove;
- (d) *Maintenance of Tree* – refers to the nurturing of the seedlings after the planting until they are stabilized in the field;

Section 4. **Creation of Arbor Day Committee** – There shall be created an Arbor Day Committee to be chaired by the Municipal Mayor, with the following agencies, offices and stakeholders, whose responsibilities shall include but not limited to the following:



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(a) Sangguniang Bayan

- a.1. Enactment of an ordinance for the implementation, maintenance & sustainability of Arbor Day activities in the municipality;
- a.2. Appropriation of funds for tree planting activities;

(b) Municipal Environment and Natural Resources (MENRO)

- b.1. Preparation of LGU Greening Plan
- b.2. Establishment and maintenance of nursery
- b.3. Planting site identification, characterization and preparation
- b.4. Production of seeds and seedlings in coordination with the DENR, BPI, PCA and MAO
- b.5. Maintenance of planting site
- b.6. Social Mobilization
- b.7. Monitoring and Evaluation

(c) DepEd District Office & Secondary Schools Representative

- c.1. Information, Education and Communication
- c.2. Establishment of Schools Nursery
- c.3. Development and maintenance of schools mini-forest or schools green corner.
- c.4. Mobilization of students who are 12 years and above to join tree planting activity outside school premises.

(d) Municipal Local Government Operation Officer (MLGOO)

- d.1. Information, Education and Communication thru the LGU, LnB and SKF
- d.2. Social Mobilization
- d.3. Monitoring and Evaluation

(e) WMSU-ESU Tungawan

- e.1. Information, Education and Communication
- e.2. Establishment of school nursery
- e.3. Development of school mini-forest or school green corner
- e.4. Mobilization of all students to join tree planting activity outside the school premises

(f) Municipal Agriculturist Office

- f.1. Technical assistance in the preparation of LGU Greening Plan; establishment of nursery and seedling production;
- f.2. Social mobilization

(g) Municipal Engineering Office

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- g.1. Provision of transportation in the hauling of seedlings and volunteer planters; and
 - g.2. Assistance in the construction of access roads and trails to the planting site and the construction of tree guards
- (h) Philippine National Police (PNP)
- h.1. Clearing operation of Tree Planting Site for possible enemy threats
 - h.2. Area security during tree planting activity
 - h.3. Road security before, during and after the tree planting activity
- (i) Armed forces of the Philippines (AFP)
- i.1. Shall perform a support role to DILG in the implementation of Arbor Day or Tree Planting;
 - i.2. Shall support security and force protection effort of the local PNP during the conduct of Arbor Day or Tree Planting Day;
 - i.3. Shall conduct tree planting activities within the camp/base in support to the declaration of Arbor Day;
- (j) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
- j.1. Mobilization of the local CSOs in the municipality
 - j.2. Maintenance of planted trees;
 - j.3. Provision of logistic and/or services during the tree planting such as medical support among others;
- (k) Sangguniang Kabataan Federation (SKF)
- k.1. Information, Education and Communication
 - k.2. Mobilization of the youth sector;
- (l) Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB)
- l.1 Information, Education and communication
 - l.2 Mobilization of the Community
 - l.3 Establishment of Barangay nurseries
 - l.4. Maintenance of the planting site;
- (m) Media Associations
- m.1. Provision of public service announcements (PSAs) for the tree planting activity and related undertakings
 - m.2. Conduct of Radio/TV hosting for the Arbor Day Celebration
 - m.3. Media coverage of the actual tree planting;

Section 5. **Declaration of Arbor Day** - In pursuance with Section 4 of Republic Act No. 10176 otherwise known as the Arbor Day Act of 2012, it is hereby declared the 26th day of July as Arbor Day in the municipality. This will be a Public

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Working holiday to ensure the participation of the different sectors of society and such declaration may be embodied in the proclamation that the local chief executive is authorized to do under this ordinance; If such date falls on holiday, Saturday or Sunday, the conduct or implementation of the tree planting and other related undertakings may be held a day earlier or later as the case may be;

Section 6. **Funding** - There shall be a regular appropriation in the annual budget sufficient to implement and sustain this annual tree planting activity;

Section 7. **Supply and Distribution of Seedlings** - The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, in coordination with the DENR, BPI, PCA and the Municipal Agriculturist Office shall supply and distribute the seedlings for this Tree Planting Program;

Section 8. **Planting of Trees** - All able-bodied residents of the municipality, who are at least twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to plant and support the maintenance of one (1) tree every year. On the other hand, the municipal and barangay officials may be required to plant at least five (5) trees every Arbor Day;

Section 9. **Areas Covered by Tree Planting** - The Arbor Day Committee shall specify the area within the LGU 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;

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; and
- (d) Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner thereof;

Section 10. **Maintenance of Trees** - (a) The barangay officials which covers the planting site and a deputized non-government organization shall be responsible for the maintenance of trees. The Municipal Mayor may also designate caretakers in the said area in coordination with the concerned barangay. School administrators both in public and private schools shall be responsible in their respective school premises. On the other hand, maintenance of trees planted in private lands shall be governed by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA);

(b) The Sangguniang Bayan shall enact an enabling mechanism ensuring the protection, maintenance and preservation of the planted trees through an ordinance;

(c) The local office of the Bureau of Fire Protection in coordination with the Fire Volunteers shall conduct fire protection training as part of the maintenance of the planting site.

Section 11. **Monitoring and Evaluation** - The Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, in coordination with the CENRO/PENRO and MLGOO shall develop and adopt an appropriate monitoring system .



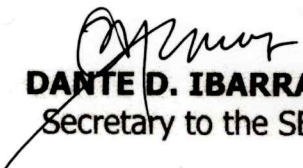
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Section 12. **Separability Clause** – If any provision of this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect;

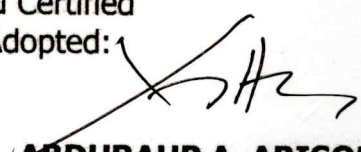
Section 13. **Repealing Clause** – All ordinances and other local issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly;

Section 14. **Effectivity** – This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval;

APPROVED and ORDAINED this 19th day of August 2014, at Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay;


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Secretary to the SB

Attested and Certified
to be Duly Adopted:


ABDURAUP A. ABISON
Municipal Vice Mayor
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Approved:


RANDY A. CLIMACO
Municipal Mayor

Date Signed: 10-21 20 14