

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
LUNGSOD NG BACOLOD
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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 404
April 6, 2006

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING EVERY APRIL 22 OF EVERY YEAR AS "EARTH DAY" IN BACOLOD CITY.

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 constitution provides: that the State shall protect and promote the right of the people to a balance and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, the City of Bacolod has witnessed how other local government units have suffered from the irreversible loss of flora and fauna and the disastrous and lasting economic and social effects of spoilage and destruction of our environment;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans heeded the call of Earth Day Founder, former US Senator Gaylord Nelson, by taking to the streets to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment, which eventually led to the creation of the United States Environment Protection Agency and the passage of the Clear Air, Clear Water and Endangered Species Act;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 1990, 200 million people from 141 countries were mobilized to lift the status of environmental issues, gave boost to recycling efforts worldwide, and help pave the way for the 1992 United Nations Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, which was reaffirmed by 2002 Johannesburg Summit;

WHEREAS, April 22, 2000 saw the coming together of 5,000 environmental groups and reached out hundreds of millions of people in 184 countries to create a big campaign on global warming and push for clean energy;

WHEREAS, the City of Bacolod particularly believes that local government, the civil society, and the private sector especially business and academe must realize that every citizen is responsible to take care and demand for the protection and preservation of the earth that we all live in as part of our inter-generational responsibility and our role as stewards of our environment therefore, recognizing need to forge a strong cooperation with the academe in partnership with national government with regards to this concern;

WHEREAS, as a highly-urbanized city, Bacolod should be aware and concerned of the effects of solid waste generation, and air and water pollution to our urban ecosystem which contribute to global warming and especially because Bacolod generates a substantial quantity of solid waste in our island.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacolod in regular session assembled that:

ARTICLE 1. SHORT TITLE. The title of this ordinance is "The Earth Day Ordinance of Bacolod City".

ARTICLE 2. COVERAGE. The City of Bacolod shall observe April 22 of every year as "Earth Day" in the city.

ARTICLE 3. GUIDELINES. To effectively and significantly mark the observance thereof, the following guidelines are set forth:

Section 1. The Sangguniang Panlungsod, by way of a resolution recommended by the Committee on Environment and Ecology in prior consultation with environmental groups or organization shall approve an annual theme or topic for every year at least a month before the observance of Earth Day in the city preferably in tune with the international earth day theme if relevant to local concerns.

Section 2. The approved themes shall be disseminated to all barangays in Bacolod City, media, schools and non-government environmental organizations or groups for their information as well as to encourage them to undertake activities at their own level to mark the observance of the Earth Day.

Section 3. The City Mayor shall lead all city employees to conduct a tree planting activity or clean-up drives and spearhead a consultation or symposia on environmental issues, and shall encourage private sector to do so.

Section 4. The City shall assist or support activities in partnership with the private sector relevant and pursuant to the annual theme.

Section 5. The City May cite or give commendations to entities whose activities are attuned or supportive of its environmental efforts on that day.

Section 6. The Environment and Natural Resources Officer (ENRO) of the city shall serve as coordinator or secretariat for the activities on that day.

Section 7. The City shall encourage energy efficiency measures within the offices of the local government.

Section 8. The City shall encourage and prioritize programs that promote the development of renewable energy and effective solid waste management system.

Section 9. The City shall encourage or promote urban organic farming and agriculture, the establishment of organic community gardens and all other environment friendly systems.

ARTICLE 4. FUNDING. The City shall allot a budget of at least TWENTY THOUSAND PESOS (P20,000.00) for activities in line with this Ordinance.

ARTICLE 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. Should any position of this ordinance be declared *ultra vires* or unconstitutional by competent authority, the remainder not so affected shall continue to be in full force and effect insofar as it is susceptible to enforcement and application.

ARTICLE 6. EFFECTIVITY. These Guidelines shall take effect upon the passage of this Ordinance in accordance to law.

CARRIED BY THE VOTE OF.


Affirmative:

Councilors: Greg G. Gasataya, Ana Marie V. Palermo, Lyndon P. Caña, Homer Q. Bais, Jocelle Batapa Sigue, Jude Thaddeus A. Sayson, Napoleon A. Cordova, Elmer T. Sy, Al Victor A. Espino, Catalino T. Alisbo, Reynold I. Iledan, Arturo V. Parreño, Marx Louie S. de la Rosa

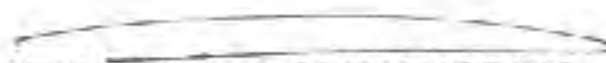
Negative: None.



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Absent : Councilor Dindo C. Ramos
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APPROVED: May 2, 2006


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