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Province of Pangasinan

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ASINGAN, PANGASINAN HELD ON JULY 10, 2023 AT THE ASINGAN GOVERNMENT CENTER SESSION HALL

**PRESENT:**

1. Hon. Heidee L. Ganigan-Chua	Municipal Vice Mayor Presiding Officer
2. Hon. Athena Ira G. Chua	Sangguniang Bayan Member
3. Hon. Marivic S. Robeniol	Sangguniang Bayan Member
4. Hon. Johnny Mar A. Carig	Sangguniang Bayan Member
5. Hon. Joselito V. Viray	Sangguniang Bayan Member
6. Hon. Mel F. Lopez	Sangguniang Bayan Member
7. Hon. Melchor J. Cardinez, Sr.	Sangguniang Bayan Member
8. Hon. Virgilio I. Amistad	Sangguniang Bayan Member
9. Hon. Julio P. Dayag	Sangguniang Bayan Member
10. Hon. Leticia R. Dollente	Sangguniang Bayan Member/Liga President
11. Hon. Fiel Xymond R. Cardinez	Sangguniang Bayan Member/PPSK President

**ABSENT:** None

**Sponsored by: SB Member Mel F. Lopez**  
**Co-Sponsored by: SB Member Johnny Mar A. Carig**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

WHEREAS, Article II Section 16 of the Constitution 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, Section 17 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates LGUs to provide for the "implementation of community-based forestry projects which include integrated social forestry programs and similar projects; management and control of communal forests with an area not exceeding fifty (50) square kilometers; establishment of tree parks, greenbelts, and similar forest development projects" (ii)... "Municipal buildings, cultural centers, public parks including freedom parks, playgrounds and other sports facilities and equipment, and other similar facilities" (vii);

WHEREAS, Section 3-A of RA No. 5752, amending RA No. 2264 or the Local Autonomy Act, mandates local government units to "establish, develop and maintain a permanent forest, tree parks or watershed within public land owned by such municipality or city with an aggregate size equivalent to at least two percent of its entire area";

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WHEREAS, the establishment of green spaces such as parks play a crucial role in environmental protection by acting as pollution filter and provide biodiversity enrichment, air and water quality and moisture retention, thereby cooling the environment that mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change. Green spaces also serve as recreational spaces, destination tourism, and improve health and wellness and social cohesion in the community;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish and preserve national and public parks and green spaces to promote health and well-being of the citizenry, protect and preserve the local environment, and boost tourism activities that will benefit people through livelihood and employment generation;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of SB Member Mel F. Lopez, duly seconded by SB Members Johnny Mar A. Carig, Marivic S. Robeniol, Athena Ira G. Chua, it was,

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to approve the following Ordinance, to wit:

**ORDINANCE NO. 8  
SERIES 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, DEVELOPMENT CONSERVATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SUCH AS PUBLIC PARKS, PLAZAS AND OPEN SPACES DEVOTED FOR PUBLIC USE, REGULATING THEIR USE, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Asingan in session assembled:

**CHAPTER I  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**ARTICLE A. TITLE AND GENERAL POLICY**

Section 1. SHORT TITLE – This Ordinance shall be known as the “Municipal Parks and Green Spaces Development and Conservation Ordinance of the Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan”.

Section 2. POLICY DECLARATION – The Municipality of Asingan, Pangasinan endeavors to protect and maintain the health and well-being of the Filipino people, through the establishment and preservation of parks and open spaces.

Section 3. PURPOSE – It is hereby declared the purpose of the municipality to harmonize the provisions of Republic Act 5752, Republic Act 826, and other laws, rules and regulations on parks and green spaces development and maintenance, and the Local Government Code of 1991 on the promotion of general welfare of its constituents.

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**ARTICLE B. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Green Space – land that is partly or completely covered with grass, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation.
- b. Monument, shrine, edifice, landmark – are structures or sites that honor illustrious persons or commemorate events of historical significance.
- c. Open Space – an area reserved exclusively for parks, playgrounds, recreational uses, schools, roads, places of worship, hospitals, health centers, barangay centers and other similar facilities and amenities. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it is any open piece of land that is undeveloped (has no buildings or other built structures) and is accessible to the public.
- d. Public Park – a public playground, recreation center, or area created, established, designated, maintained, provided or set aside by the local government for the purposes of public rest, play, recreation, enjoyment, or assembly, and all facilities and structure located thereon.
- e. Public Plaza – a public square or open space in the town where the public may spend its leisure in a relaxed manner and where civic and other communal activities of the town can be held.
- f. Vandalism – the malicious and deliberate defacement of somebody else's property; the act of vandalism is a willful act that damage or deface property/structure or symbol belonging to another person or to the public.

Section 4. MUNICIPAL PARKS AND GREEN SPACES IN ASINGAN – The following areas are hereby designated as Municipal Parks and are considered green spaces for public use:

- i. Public Plaza
- ii. People's Park
- iii. Children's Park
- iv. Public Auditorium
- v. Danggay Garden and Fountain
- vi. Other public and open spaces deemed by the local government

The Sangguniang through an ordinance may temporarily repurpose the use of said municipal parks and green spaces for community festivals, educational, artistic, and cultural activities, and other celebration and events.

**Section 5. OPERATING POLICY**

- a. Park Hours – The Municipal parks and green spaces shall be open for public use daily from 5:00 in the morning to 8:00 in the evening, unless the duration is extended.

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- b. Closure of municipal parks – any part of the public parks may be declared closed to the public by the Local Chief Executive at any time, for purposes that area necessary and reasonable such as but not limited to pruning in preparation for typhoon; construction, upgrading and improvement, and area maintenance.
- c. Authority for use of facilities – the herein designated parks and spaces shall not be used or occupied for any purpose other than for ornament and recreation, public gatherings is first secured from the local government.
- d. Clean up by permittee – any group permitted to use the parks and green spaces shall be responsible for the cleanliness and orderliness during and after the activity.

**Section 6. SPECIAL PROVISION**

- a. Conduct of public assemblies – pursuant to batas Pambansa Blg. 880, any person or group of persons organizing public assemblies are allowed to use the public parks and open spaces herein enumerated without securing permit from the local government, provided, however, that the LGU is informed prior the conduct for the purpose of peace and order and public safety.
- b. Temporary putting up booths, stalls, stands, exhibits, or cart is hereby allowed for LGU-sanctioned and sponsored activities during special occasions such as Asingan Kankanen Festival, Paskuhang Asingan, community festivals, educational, artistic and cultural activities, trade fairs, and other celebrations and events. Provided, that permits, clearances, or enactments are in place whenever applicable.
- c. Ambulant and itinerant vendors may be allowed to operate around the premises, provided they pay Ten Pesos per square meter (Php10.00 per sq.m.) of actual area occupied for the exercise of their occupation. Provided further, that no permanent or semi-permanent structure or stall is installed or constructed within the municipal parks and green spaces.

**Section 7. REGULATED ACTS** – The following acts constitute a violation of this Ordinance, to wit:

- a. Committing any form of undesirable act such as graffiti, spray-painting, marking or inscribing any word, slogan, caricature, drawing, mark, symbol on the monument, shrines, landmarks, or structure installed, placed, or found in public parks.
- b. Performing or attempting to perform acts that tend to offend or violate public morals and customs.
- c. Smoking cigarettes, ecigarettes (vaping), drinking liquor, wine or other alcoholic beverages, roaming around and/or using park facilities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substance.
- d. Putting of anything that will obstruct or cover the view of the monument, shrine or landmark or anything extraneous or unrelated to its purpose, such as but not limited to any kind of structures, fixtures, streamers, or buntings.
- e. Affixing, posting up, or displaying in designated parks any ads, signboard, streamer, bill, or notice without the expressed consent by or permit from the local government.
- f. Cutting, destroying, affixing on, or causing the removal or transfer of trees, shrubs or other ornamental plants and biotic component present.
- g. Removing misusing, or damaging structures, amenities, fixtures and equipment locate thereon.

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- h. Improper waste disposal or indiscriminate dumping of foreign materials such as but not limited to residuals, electronic waste, and hazardous waste.
- i. Parking or driving of motorized vehicle inside the municipal parks and green spaces.

Section 8. PENAL PROVISIONS – Any person or entity found guilty of any of the regulated acts herein defined in this Ordinance shall be penalized with:

1 <sup>st</sup> Offense:	a fine of Php1,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense:	a fine of Php1,500.00 and written warning
3 <sup>rd</sup> and Succeeding Offenses:	a fine of Php2,000.00 or fifteen (15) days imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court.

Any person apprehended for violation of this Ordinance who does not wish to contest the violation and is willing to pay voluntarily the penalty imposed upon him/her prior to the filing of formal complaint shall be allowed to pay said fine with the Treasurer's Office to avoid being prosecuted.

Section 9. LOCAL PUBLIC PARKS COMMITTEE – The Committee is hereby created with the following composition:

- a. The Local Chief Executive as the Chairperson;
- b. The Municipal Vice Mayor as the Vice Chairperson;
- c. Municipal Environment and natural Resources Officer as Focal Person/ Senior Environmental Management Specialist/MENRO Designated;
- d. Sangguniang Bayan on Environmental Protection as member;
- e. Sangguniang Bayan on Tourism as member;
- f. Sangguniang Bayan on Public Works, Public Utilities and Facilities as member;
- g. Liga ng mga Barangay President as member;
- h. Pambansang Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan (PPSK) President as member;
- i. Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator as member;
- j. Municipal Engineer as member;
- k. Municipal Agriculturist as member;
- l. Municipal Budget Officer as member;
- m. Municipal Tourism Officer as member;
- n. Two (2) Representatives from the academe;
- o. Representative from the Civil Society Organization;
- p. Representative from the Private Sector;
- q. Other representative(s) deemed necessary for the effective performance of the Committee's functions.

The Local Public Parks Committee shall meet quarterly, or as frequently as may be deemed necessary by its Chairperson.

Section 10. POWERS AND FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE -The committee shall primarily be responsible in coordinating the establishment, development, conservation, and management of existing and proposed green spaces in the municipality, specifically:

- a. Formulate the Parks and Green Space Development and Conservation Plan of the municipality;

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- b. Ensure complementation of local efforts for the establishment, development, conservation, and management of municipal parks and green spaces with the State policy;
- c. Spearhead the identification and designation of municipal lands for public parks and open spaces with due consultation with concerned groups and entities;
- d. Propose policies, plans, programs, and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Ordinance and similar initiatives;
- e. Coordinates, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of programs, projects and activities in furtherance of parks and green space development and conservation in the municipality; and
- f. Carry out all other function, characteristic of local special bodies of similar mandate.

**Section 11. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

- a. Management – The municipal parks, plazas, and green spaces shall be managed by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), whose functions include the evaluation and inventory of the parks and green and open spaces, overseeing the cleanliness and maintenance, recommendation of programs, projects, and guidelines for establishment, development, conservation, and management, and enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance.
- b. Senior Environmental Management Specialist/Designate/MENRO – Submit status report to the Local Chief Executive copy furnished the Sangguniang Bayan within one (1) month upon the effectivity of this Ordinance and shall submit monitoring report every quarter thereafter.
- c. Bantay Pangkalikasan – The Local Chief Executive shall deputize personnel from the LGU, the barangays, schools, civil society organizations, and volunteers to carry out the enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance, to be coordinated and managed by the Designate MENRO/Senior Environmental Management Specialist.

Section 12. APPROPRIATIONS – There shall be an annual budget of One Million Pesos (Php1,000,000.00) intended for the maintenance, development, management, and conservation of the municipal parks and plaza to be taken from the General Fund.

Additional funding may also be accessed from the Restoration Fund as aid to municipalities for the establishment, development, and maintenance of municipal forest pursuant to Republic Act No. 5752, otherwise known as "An Act Providing for the Establishment of Municipal and City Forests, Tree Parks, or Watersheds, amending for the Purpose Republic Act Numbered Twenty Two Hundred Sixty Four, Otherwise known as the "Local Autonomy Act".

Section 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 14. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rules or regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

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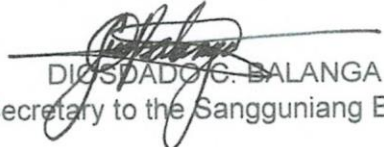
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Section 15. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is published in the newspaper of general circulation.

"APPROVED Unanimously".


Date Approved – July 10, 2023


I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

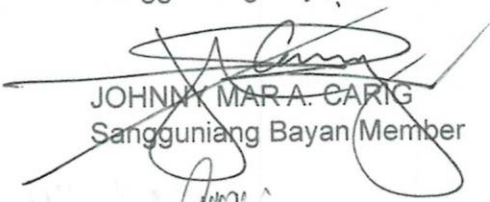
  
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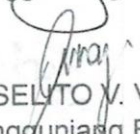
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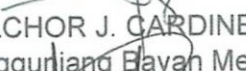
  
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