

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Ilocos Norte  
Municipality of Batac

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Introduced by: HON. SALVADOR F. CASTRO

ORDINANCE NO. 05, S. 1993

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE INDISCRIMINATE OR DESTRUCTIVE  
CUTTING OF TREES AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION  
THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of BATAC, Ilocos Norte  
that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RA 7160 otherwise known as  
the Local Government Code of 1991, the pertinent provision of which is  
Section 447, par 1, (VI) empowering the Sangguniang Bayan to enact  
measures to protect the environment, the indiscriminate cutting of trees  
within the municipality is hereby prohibited;

Section 1. Indiscriminate or destructive cutting of trees shall mean  
the cutting of more than five (5) trees of any kind or less  
than five (5) trees if in the opinion of the Sangguniang  
Barangay concerned, such will result in an ecological im-  
balance;

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to cut trees as defined  
in the preceding Section within the Municipality;

Section 3. Any person violating this Ordinance shall suffer the penalty  
of a fine of not less than ONE THOUSAND (P1,000.00) PESOS nor  
more than TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (P2,500.00) PESOS or im-  
prisonment of not less than one (1) month or more than six  
(6) months of both fine and imprisonment at the discretion  
of the court;

In addition, the chainsaw or any instrument of cutting used  
in violation of this Ordinance shall be forfeited in favor  
of the Municipal Government. The court shall further order  
the confiscation in favor of the Municipal Government the  
trees cut;

Section 4. The proceeds of the fine and the cut trees confiscated shall  
be shared equally by the Barangay concerned and the Municipal  
Government;

Section 5. For this purpose, the Barangay Officials are hereby tasked  
to share in the responsibility of implementing this ordinance  
in their respective Barangays and of preventing violations of  
this ordinance by requiring that all trees cut in their respec-  
tive jurisdiction shall also need a permit from the Sangguniang  
Barangay;

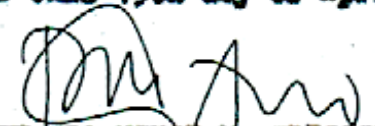
Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect the day following its publica-  
tion or posting whichever occurs later.

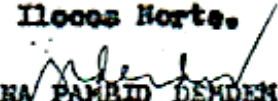
Voting on the foregoing Ordinance were as follows:

Ayes : SB Members Caluya, Saguiguit, Castro, Abellon,  
Mangalit, Rodrigo, Querol, Malupta and Pasetes.  
Nays : None  
Abstention : None

ENACTED this 19th day of April, 1993, in Batac, Ilocos Norte.

ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. DA VINCI M. CRISOSTOMO  
Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

  
RIZALINA PAMBO DENDEN  
CIC, Municipal Secretary

APPROVED:

ATTY. JESUS R. MALUPTA, SR.  
Municipal Mayor

Date: 21-04-93