

"Taytay Love Tree Ordinance"

D.O. # 2212-033

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE PLANTING OF TREES AS AN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT TO THE MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION IN THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, RIZAL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides in Article II, Section 16 thereof that: "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to balance and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act of 1999 specifies that "The state shall promote and protect the global environment to attain the sustainable development" and that "the State recognizes that a clean and healthy environment is for the good of all and should therefore, be concerned of all."

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Taytay emphasizes the value of trees and its importance in keeping the environmental balance and a healthy ecology as championed by the YES to Green Program of the Provincial Government of Rizal,

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit of Taytay recognizes that each person has a fundamental and absolute right to a healthful environment and that each one has a responsibility to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the same;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF TAYTAY THAT:

SECTION I. SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be referred to as the "Taytay Love Tree Ordinance"

SECTION II. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall cover all marriage license applications filed at the Local Civil Registrar's Office in the Municipality of Taytay, Rizal.

SECTION III. DEFINITION OF TERMS, as used in this Ordinance.

a. Local Civil Registrar (LCR) - The office and/or department at the Taytay Local Government Unit (LGU) responsible for the civil registration program and shall take charge of the following functions: develop plans and strategies and implement them upon approval of the Local Chief Executive, accept registrable documents and judicial decrees affecting the status of a person.

b. Local Government Unit (LGU) - refers to the Local Government Unit of Taytay, Rizal.

c. Marriage license - a document issued by the Local Civil Registrar to qualified marriage license applicants after proper compliance with the requirements set forth under Executive Order No. 209 or the Family Code of the Philippines.

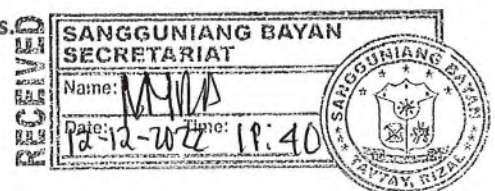
d. Marriage license applicants - any person within the age of majority who files an application for marriage license and who possesses all of the qualifications and none of the disqualifications for the purpose of contracting marriage with another person.

e. MENRO – Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Office of Taytay, Rizal

SECTION IV. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS. The following administrative provisions shall govern the implementation of this Ordinance, to wit:

a. All marriage license applicants in the Municipality of Taytay are required to plant a minimum of five (5) trees as a couple in an area designated by the Local Government Unit thru the MENRO or any Barangay LGU. It is, however, highly encouraged that more trees be planted in adherence to this ordinance.

b. Every tree planted shall be provided with a tree guard by the applicants.



c. The MENRO thru its secretariat or The Punong Barangay or in his absence the Barangay Chairperson on the Committee of Environment or Agriculture or in their absence any Barangay Kagawad present thru the Barangay Secretary shall issue a certification that the marriage license applicants have planted the sufficient number of trees in the designated barangay site or area with photos as proof.

d. Prior to tree planting, the marriage license applicants must attend a lecture on the importance of planting trees and how to properly plant them including key topics on solid waste management which subject matters shall be incorporated in the pre-marriage counseling (PMC) seminar to be conducted by the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO).

e. The trees shall be planted in either LGU-designated or barangay-designated areas.

f. Non-compliance to the provisions herein specified, shall be a ground for non-issuance of a marriage license by the Local Civil Registrar's Office to the marriage applicant.

SECTION V. TREE PLANTING SITE AREAS. The MENRO shall designate the tree planting sites for this purpose or it may direct the Barangay Captains concerned to identify the appropriate planting sites in their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION VI. SEEDLINGS. The applicants for marriage license may choose their own seedlings or request from the Taytay Municipal Agriculture Office free seedlings that they can use in compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION VII. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, all other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION VIII. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, local issuances or rules which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION IX. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and proper posting regulations.

