

Ordinance No. NC- 69, S-88

ORDINANCE
REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES, PROHIBITING ITS
DESTRUCTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilor Alberto M.
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WHEREAS, plants and trees are necessary to maintain and preserve the ecological balance of the community;

WHEREAS, the erosion of rivers and creeks can best be prevented by the planting of trees along its banks;

WHEREAS, the planting of trees along roads and open spaces provides beauty, shade and healthful climate for the community;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Quezon City in session assembled:

Section 1. The following shall plant trees in accordance with the provisions of PD 935;

a. Every person who owns land adjoining an existing river or creek, shall plant trees extending at least five meters on his land adjoining the edge of the bank of the river or creek.

b. Every owner of an existing subdivision shall plant trees in the open spaces required to be reserved for the common use and enjoyment of the owners of the lots therein as well as along all roads and service streets.

Section 2. The planting of fruit-bearing trees of economic value shall be the center of activities during the celebration of "Arbor Week" in Quezon City on August 24, of every year as per City Council Resolution No. 130, S-88 particularly along the main thoroughfares, open spaces, parks and playgrounds within the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

Section 3. At the Barangay level, all Barangay Officials and school authorities including officers and members of PTA shall be the prime movers in pursuing the objective of celebration, by implementing tree planting projects and giving instructions and guidance to school children-participants, and infusing in their minds the significance and importance of planting trees to one's environment.