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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **2359**, S-2014

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING ALL BARANGAYS IN QUEZON CITY TO INCLUDE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THE PLANTING OF NATIVE TREES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION TO PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE AND TO PROVIDE WHOLESOME ENVIRONMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Councilor GIAN CARLO G. SOTTO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Anthony Peter D. Crisolago, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Lena Marie P. Juico, Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Estrella C. Valmocina, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jaime F. Borres, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Bayani V. Hipol, Julienne Alison Rae V. Medalla, Godofredo T. Liban II, Maritic Co-Pilar, Melencio "Bobby" T. Castelo, Jr., Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.

WHEREAS, trees and other woody vegetation in cities provide social amenities and various environmental and economic benefits including: improving air and water quality, reducing noise pollution, floods, preventing soil erosion, cooling urban heat islands, reducing the energy required to cool and heat buildings, and thereby increasing real estate values;

WHEREAS, native tree species are significant and preferable to exotic trees because they are better suited to the Philippine landscape and the wildlife that lives in it, and further, the planting of which lessens the danger of devastation that invasive plants and trees may bring on the landscape and forest;

WHEREAS, the planting of exotic and non-native trees and the introduction of invasive and destructive species has contributed to the decline of native flora and fauna;

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2011, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order No. 26, declaring the implementation of the National Greening Program as a government priority program to reduce poverty, promote food security, environmental stability, and biodiversity conservation and to enhance climate change mitigation and adaptation;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 26 mandates that all government agencies and institutions, including local governments, shall provide full support to the program, not only in terms of tree planting, but also in the production of quality seedlings, through mobilization of all government employees, and also students from Grade 5 to college level, to plant at least 10 tree seedlings each annually;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the National Greening Program of the Government and relevant environmental laws such as P.D. No. 1153, and to further encourage the citizenry's involvement in the realization of the same, there is a need to advocate an ecological revolution which shall take a holistic view in the rehabilitation and development of all open spaces, idle lands, private lands and other suitable areas by planting Native Trees.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This Ordinance shall be known as the "The Native Re-Greening Ordinance of Quezon City".

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY - It shall be the policy of the Quezon City Government to plant Native Trees and bring biodiversity back to our urban environment. /

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SECTION 3. NATIVE TREES – Native Trees are trees that grow naturally in the Philippines. The term shall include but is not limited to trees such as almon, apitong, guijo, kamagong, red and white lauan, molave, tindalo, and yakal.

SECTION 4. COVERAGE – The planting of Native trees shall cover all vacant spaces, idle lands, highways, city roads, river banks subdivision open spaces (Parks and Playground) to be identified by the Parks Development and Administration (PDAD) under the greening plan of the City, school campuses in accordance with the provisions of P.D. No. 953.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT – All barangay officials and Park Superintendents are hereby directed and deputized to monitor the planting of native trees in their respective areas of responsibility.

SECTION 6. INFORMATION CAMPAIGN – Upon enactment of this Ordinance, a grace period of three (3) months shall be applied for the conduct of massive information and educational campaign, after which the native tree planting shall be enforced.

SECTION 7. GUIDELINES – For purposes of effective implementation and proper compliance monitoring, an implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for this purpose shall be formulated by the implementing office in consultation and coordination with all stakeholders after the enactment of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE – The Parks Development and Administration Department is mandated to conduct the necessary study as to what kind of native trees that should be planted within the city. It is also tasked to implement the provisions of this ordinance and to promulgate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) thereof, including its system of compliance monitoring.


SECTION 9. APPLICABILITY CLAUSE – All matters relating to the impositions of this Ordinance shall be governed by pertinent provisions of existing laws and ordinances. *A*

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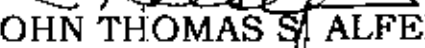
SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE – All existing Ordinances, Resolutions, local Executive Orders, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and superseded, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY – This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval and after its publication in a newspaper of City-wide circulation or posting thereof in conspicuous and accessible places in every barangay in the city, and in the bulletin board of the City Government.

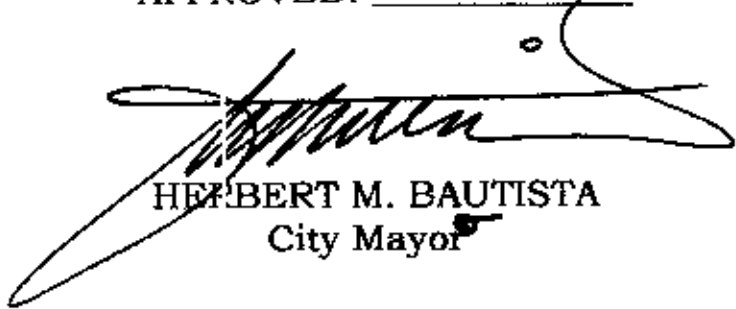
ENACTED: October 27, 2014.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

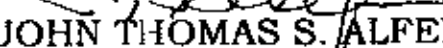

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept. Head III

APPROVED: _____


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on October 27, 2014 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on November 17, 2014.


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City Gov't Asst. Dept. Head III