



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
Municipality of Siayan



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SIAYAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON THE 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2012.

PRESENT:

Hon. Daisy A. Limbang, Presiding Officer,	Municipal Vice Mayor
Hon. Estrella S. Zapatos, Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore,	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Nilo T. Pollescas, Majority Floor Leader,	-do-
Hon. Liberato P. Nalzano,	-do-
Hon. Samuel G. Baculpo, Sr.,	-do-
Hon. Ephraim O. Melindo,	-do-
Hon. Raymund Jay P. Siasico,	-do-
Hon. Victoria S. Ko., Minority Floor Leader,	-do-
Hon. Norma R. Labastida,	-do-
Hon. Alberto J. Bongcawel, ABC President,	-do-
Hon. Jazel G. Limbang, SK Fed. President,	-do-

ABSENT:

None

**"MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 12-06
Series of 2012**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The National Greening Program of President Benigno S. Aquino III mandates the planting of "some 1.5 billion trees covering about 1.5 million hectares for a period of six (6) years from 2011 to 2016, in lands of the public domain" as embodied in Executive Order 26.

These lands include forestlands, mangrove and protected areas, ancestral domains, civil and military reservations, and urban areas.

The Municipal Government also has launched the *Environomics* Program which promotes environmental sustainability through rubber based farming while ensuring in the process the achievement of strategic directions adopted by the municipality to address and reduce poverty and improve the well being and quality of life of the people. In consonance with and albeit started earlier in the term of Mayor Flora L. Villarosa, the program seeks strengthening by promoting the public value of alignment on the thrusts by both the National and Municipal Governments in the preservation of the environment and its sustainability as well as to provide economic opportunities in the countryside.

It is therefore logical and fitting that an ordinance supporting the initiatives and policies to protect the environment and a moratorium on the cutting of trees within the jurisdiction of the municipality be imposed until 2016 or within the time frame of implementation of the National Greening Program of the national government.

This as we seek to earn carbon credits to later on translate to resources available for public investments in social, environmental and economic programs of the Municipality and to encourage the constituents to protect the environment together with our established twin cities and municipalities. Carbon credits once earned by a firm or legal entity can be a source of funds for relevant and responsive programs.

Clearly, this ordinance has sound, factual and legal basis.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte, in session assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING PROHIBITIONS IN THE CUTTING AND/OR PULLING OR UP-ROOTING OF GROWING TREES, ORNAMENTAL OR FRUIT AND FLOWER-BEARING TREES, PLANTED ALONG THE SIAYAN-DUMINGAG HIGHWAY AND ON ALL NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL, AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIAYAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF".

SECTION II. PROHIBITION: - It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons, agency or office whether government or service corporations, public or private, to cut, prune, pull or up-root any kind of growing trees, ornamental or fruit and flower-bearing trees, planted along the Siayan-Dumingag Highway and on all national, provincial, and municipal properties in the Municipality of Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte.

SECTION II. AUTHORITY TO CUT. Any person or group of persons, agency or office whether government or service corporations, public or private, is hereby authorized to cut or prune trees for whatever purposes, provided written permit from the Barangay Council in case in the barangay which has territorial jurisdiction over such plants and other pertinent documents required by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) of the Municipality of Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte and/or permits from the DENR or other concerned offices of the national government shall be secured.

SECTION III. PENALTY: Any person or group of persons violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of not more than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) or an imprisonment of not more than six (6) months or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court. Any subsequent violation committed against the provisions herein above mentioned shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00) and an imprisonment of not more than one (1) year for every subsequent violation committed.

SECTION IV. REPEALING/AMENDATORY CLAUSE: All ordinances, rules, regulations and resolutions in conflict with or inconsistent to the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVITY: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED this 22nd day of November, 2012.

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT
AS TO ITS PASSAGE:

DAISY A. LIMBANG
Municipal Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

WILFREDO Q. DOMPALES
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

APPROVED:

FLORA L. VILLAROSA
Municipal Mayor

Date: 12/6/2012