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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 15TH DAY OF JULY 2024.**

PRESENT:

Hon. Josecor S. Gepolongca, Presiding Officer	Municipal Vice Mayor
Hon. Raul P. Dominise, Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore	Sang. Bayan Member
Hon. Daisy A. Limbang, Majority Floor Leader	-do-
Hon. Wilfredo A. Siasico, Asst. Majority Floor Leader	-do-
Hon. Rey L. Anugon	-do-
Hon. Roel J. Fabiran,	-do-
Hon. Wencito B. Intoy,	-do-
Hon. Billynel C. Catig,	-do-
Hon. Estrella S. Zapatos, Minority Floor Leader	-do-
Hon. Maria Gina Z. Atay, LIGA President	-do-
Hon. Dave F. Labadlabad, SK Fed. President	-do-
Hon. Johnny C. Anugon, Sr. IPMR	-do-

ABSENT:

None

PREFATORY STATEMENT

Whereas, Presidential Decree 953 is requiring the planting of trees in certain places and penalizing unauthorized cutting, destruction, damaging and injuring of certain trees, plants and vegetation.

In compliance of the aforementioned law, the local government unit of this municipality had planted various trees (Mahogany) within the municipal government site, along the national highway and in the municipal streets sometimes on the year 1990's.

Whereas, despite of the prohibition of cutting the trees provided in PD 953, there are some instances that a certain planted trees need to be cutted particularly those hazardous trees, likewise, owners opted to cut for personal consumption and commercial purposes.

In relation thereto, by the powers, duties and functions provided under RA 7160 known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Sangguniang Bayan of this municipality had enacted Municipal Ordinance No, 20-09, Series of 2020, dated February 3, 2020 entitled, AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE CUTTING, HARVESTING, REPLANTING OF TREES AND TRANSPORT OF LUMBERS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIAYAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PENALIZING ANY VIOLATORS THEREOF".

Whereas, Section VIII of the Ordinance (Ord. No, 20-09) also provides the disposition of cutted hazardous trees, as stated:

1. For public places, all trees cut and parts thereof shall be turned-over to the Local Government of Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte for proper disposition.

2. For trees cut inside the private places, this shall belong to the land owner. However, in case of transporting, necessary documents enumerated in Section VI of Municipal Ordinance No. 20-09 shall be complied.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan had observed various cutting of planted trees along the municipal streets, out of their knowledge whether it was really a hazardous one or not and the lumbers were not properly accounted where it goes, hence this enactment.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled:

"MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 24-06
Series of 2024

SECTION I. TITLE. This shall be known as **"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISPOSITION OF CUTTED HAZARDOUS TREES OWNED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF SIAYAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PENALIZING ANY VIOLATIONS THEREOF AMENDING SECTION VIII OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 20-09, SERIES OF 2020"**.

SECTION II. OBJECTIVES – The objectives of this ordinance are as follows:

1. To determine whether the trees subject for cutting are really hazardous.
2. To account all sawn lumbers derive from the cutted hazardous trees.
3. To organize Inspectorate Team and designate scaler and property custodian for proper scaling and accounting of lumbers.

SECTION III. SCOPE AND COVERAGE. This ordinance shall be covered to all planted trees within the local government lot, along the national highway and municipal streets.

SECTION IV. PROHIBITIONS. Cutting of planted trees owned by the local government unit of this municipality is strictly prohibited unless on the following circumstances.

1. Such trees have been determined to pose danger/hazardous to life and property.
2. Those trees that affects the electric power line of ZANECO.

SECTION V. INSPECTORATE TEAM. There shall be created an Inspectorate team to determine and verify whether the trees are really hazardous. The team will commend to cut even without application or request from the affected residents, compose of the following personnel:

Mr. Xavier M. Indiape – Team Leader
Members:

Atty. Crisologo A. Decierdo – Administrator
Ms. Ma. Sheila D. Yee – LDRMO III
Ms. Irene H. Reluya – MGSO
Engr. Ninjulsive A. Galit – Municipal Engineer
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SECTION VI. DESIGNATION OF SCALER AND PROPERTY CUSTODIAN. Upon cutting the hazardous trees, the Municipal Engineering Office through the Municipal Engineer shall scale the total board feet of the lumbers produce and the lumbers shall be turned-over to the Municipal General Services Office (MGSO) being the property custodian of the LGU for proper disposition

SECTION VII. CUTTING OF HAZARDOUS TREES. The local government unit through the personnel of the Municipal Engineering Office and Municipal Risk Reduction Management Office (MDRRMO) shall be responsible for the cutting of trees, however, the employees concerned has no capacity to cut, the LGU will hire/contract a chain saw operator to initiate the cutting of hazardous trees.

SECTION VIII. ADMINSTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

- a) The request of any person, affected residents and somebody concern citizens for the cutting of a certain hazardous trees in form of letter or in person shall be made before the Office of the Municipal Mayor.
- b) The Municipal Mayor upon receiving the request shall inform the Inspectorate Team through the Team Leader to facilitate its request.
- c) The Team Leader shall then inform the members to conduct inspection and validation whether it is a hazardous tree.
- d) The cost/expenses of cutting the trees shall be borne by the requesting party, however, he/she never owned the lumbers.

SECTION IX. PENAL PROVISION. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be penalized of the following offenses:

- 1st Offense P1,000.00
- 2nd and subsequent offense 2,000.00
- Imprisonment of 30 days but not more than sixty (60) days or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Honorable Court.

SECTION X. REPEALING CLAUSE. The provision of the previous ordinances or other local issuances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION XI. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such parts or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION XII. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and publication in the official gazette of local circulation.

Enacted this 15th day of July 2024

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



WILFREDO Q. DOMPALES
Sangguniang Bayan Secretary

**CERTIFIED CORRECT
AS TO ITS PASSAGE:**



ATTY. JOSECOR S. GEPOLONGCA
Municipal Vice Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

APPROVED:



ALBERTO J. BONGCAWEL
Municipal Mayor