



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF SORSOGON  
MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT

## Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUBAT, SORSOGON, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. Sixto F. Estareja	- Municipal Vice Mayor, P.O.
Hon. John Paul E. Erlano	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Cesar D. Esperida, Jr.	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Danilo E. Enaje	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Kenneth D. Escandor	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Anthony C. Callos	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Valentin A. Pura IV	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Aiza E. Encinares	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Ramon E. Entico	- Member, Sanggunian Bayan
Hon. Arnel E. Billones	- Acting Liga President

ABSENT: N O N E

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### MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2018 - 001

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE "PLANT TREES, SAVE THE EARTH PROGRAM" OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND DECLARING THE FIFTH DAY OF JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS ARBOR DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT, SORSOGON AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUBAT IN SESSION ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be known and cited as the " PLANT TREES, SAVE THE EARTH ORDINANCE" OF THE MUNICIPALITY GUBAT.

## Section 2. Local Policy.

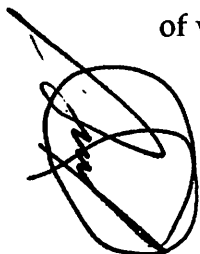
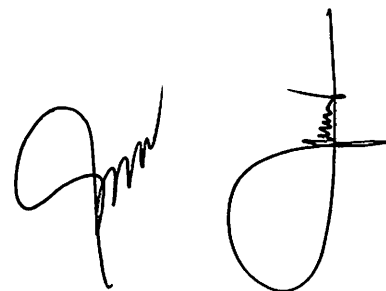
- a) The Municipality abides to the global calls to actively campaign or advocate, continue to initiate, realize and implement tree planting activities. Relative thereto, the Municipality shall observe all international environmental laws and/or treaties signed by the Philippine Government.
- b) Enforce environment laws, ordinances, policies and rules & regulations which protect, preserve & sustain the environment.
- c) The Municipality shall implement the clean & green program. Along this policy, all barangays are mandated to do their own tree planting activities by beautifying their own jurisdiction through greening street shoulders and home yards of trees, flowers or herbs.
- d) Vacant lots are hereby designated also as areas for the planting of trees, flowers or herbs.
- e) To preserve & maintain the hygienic and sanitary condition of Municipality's human settlement or relocation areas, its roads/street shoulders, including open spaces shall be considered for the greening of trees, fruit trees, flowers or herbs under this Ordinance,
- f) The Municipality may also enter into an agreement or MOA and/or usufruct with any private or juridical person for the tree planting program/project, especially for the creation or establishment of an urban forest where seedlings acquired thru this ordinance shall be planted.
- g) The Municipality recognizes the role of the youth and students in their civic and environmental participation, especially for continuing greening of Municipal streets/roads shoulders, including open spaces & for the establishment of a green-belt areas along schools.
- h) The Municipality shall harness Municipal scholars/summer-jobber students and all the Gubatnons 12 years and above for sustainable tree planting programs and/or projects.

## Section 3. Definition of Terms.

- a) Arbor Day-refers to a one day activity of tree planting and other forms of relevant activities held annually at fixed date identified by the Municipality.
- b) LGU Greening Plan- refers to the LGU's contribution to EO 26 series of 2011 or the National Greening Program (NGP) whereby specific activities relative but not limited to seedling production and tree planting are conducted.
- c) Planting of tree- refers to the planting of perennial plant, either fruit bearing tree or forest tree that grows to a height of several feet including mangrove.
- d) Maintenance of Tree- refers to nurturing of the seedlings after the planting until they are stabilized in the field.

Section 4. Creation of Arbor Day Committee. As mandated by REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10176 or the "Arbor Day Act of 2012" in implementing the intents of this act, there shall be created in the Municipality of Gubat an Arbor Day Committee, the composition of which shall be as follows:

Chairman: Municipal Mayor  
Vice Chairman: Municipal Vice Mayor

**Members:**

- a) SB Chairman on Committee on Environmental Protection, Health and Sanitation
- b) Municipal Agricultural Officer
- c) District Supervisors, Department of Education
- d) MENRO-Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer
- e) School Principals (public and private)
- f) Municipal Local Government Operation Officer
- g) Municipal Engineer
- h) Chief of Police
- i) Liga ng mga Barangay President
- j) Two (2) Representatives from the NGO
- k) Tricycle Drivers Association
- l) Such other members as the Local Chief Executive may deem it necessary.

**Section 5. Functions of the Arbor Day Committee. The following are the functions of the Committee:**

**Formulate plans and programs necessary to achieve the intent of this ordinance;**

- a) Preparation of LGU Greening Plan
- b) Establishment and maintenance of nursery
- c) Planting site identification, characterization and preparation
- d) Maintenance of planting site
- e) Information, Education and Communication
- f) Mobilization of all the schools and the 42 barangays of the Municipality to participate in the planting program.
- g) Mobilization of all students who are 12 years and above to join the tree planting activity outside school premises
- h) Monitoring and evaluation
- i) Such other functions as the Local Chief Executive or the Committee may deem necessary.

**Section 6. Proclamation of Arbor Day. The Arbor Day Celebration shall be done every fifth day of June of every year.**

**Section. 7.-Tree Planting Months. . For effective tree planting activities the Municipality hereby declares months of June, July, August & September as the tree planting months of every year, which shall kick-off from the declared Arbor day of the Municipality which is the fifth day of June.**

**Section 8. Planting of Trees. All able-bodied citizens of the Philippines residing in the Municipality, who are at least Twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year.**

**Section 9. Participation of the Scholars/summer jobbers- Municipal scholars/summer-jobber students however, shall, upon the supervision of the Municipal Agriculture Office shall plant at least ten (10) seedlings every year.**

**Section 10. Supply and Distribution of Seedlings. The Municipal Agricultural Office shall be responsible in the supply and distribution of seedlings for the tree planting program of the Municipality. They shall coordinate with the Bureau of Plant Industry**

(BPI) and the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) to assure adequate supplies of seedlings.

**Section 11. Gift of Trees Project** In addition to the arbor day and the tree planting months declaration, the Municipal Government through the Municipal Agriculture Office shall manage the Gift of Trees Project of the Municipality. This is done through honouring friends and loved ones with the gift of trees through the purchase of tree gifts from the Municipal office. The plant a tree gift will support reforestation efforts in designated locations. This planting a tree in someone's name is a unique and green gift for events such as birthdays, holidays, graduations, weddings, new births, anniversaries, or any special occasion. Through this, people can give tribute to their friends and loved ones while replanting the town's forests and lands. A tree planted in someone's memory is a living tribute that benefits present and future generations, and is perhaps the most fitting memorial gift of all. The memorial trees planted in forests, private homes and others will be honourable monuments and active participants in our natures' condition for decades to come. Through this, people may make contributions to municipal reforestation efforts, and send or receive a personalized commemorative card - in memory or honor of a friend or loved one, in celebration of a life event, or simply to give the green gift of trees. If the tree planting is a gift, the municipality shall stamp and mail the gift recipient a personalized commemorative card notifying them of the gift and the associated tree planting.

**Section 12. Adopt a Tree Project.** The purpose is to allow individuals or groups to voluntary contribute funds directly to the Municipal Office for tree planting on designated places as a positive and personal step toward improving the environment. The contributed funds are used exclusively for acquiring seedlings and to cover the cost of planting trees. The Municipal government through the committees formed will take care of the trees as part of their normal reforestation activities. To commemorate the contribution or donation, the Municipality shall provide a certificate either to the donor or to another party named by the donor.

**Section 13. Areas Covered by Tree Planting.** The Arbor Day Committee shall specify the area within the Municipality to be planted or reforested. If the area to be planted or reforested is a protected area or a protection forest, the Committee shall encourage the use of the endemic or indigenous species during the observance of the Arbor Day designated by the municipality. The Committee shall also determine the right tree and the right place for planting in the Adopt a Tree and Gift of Trees program. The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

- a. Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school premises;
- b. Idle or vacant public lands;
- c. Public parks in rural areas;
- d. Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner thereof;
- e. Coastal areas that need mangrove forests.

**Section 14. Maintenance of Trees.** The barangay which covers the planting site and a deputized non-governmental organization shall be responsible for the maintenance of trees. The Municipality may also designate caretakers in the said area in coordination with the concerned barangays. School administrators, both in public and private schools

shall be responsible in their respective school premises. In case of trees planted within private yards, the homeowner is responsible for planting, watering and maintaining the tree and enjoying the benefits as it grows. On the other hand maintenance of trees in other private lands shall be governed by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as determined by the Committee.

Section 15. Information and Monitoring. For information and monitoring purposes, all concerned agencies, department, and institutions shall submit to the Committee their accomplishment in relation to the Arbor Day Celebration, tree planting months activities, scholars and summer jobber tree planting accomplishments, gift of trees and adopt a tree program of the municipality. The Municipal Agriculture Office shall issue pertinent certification to the Municipal Scholars and the summer jobber students upon their completion of the no. of trees planted required under this ordinance.

Section 16. Community Participation. The local government agencies, private sectors and civil society groups, schools - be it public or private in the Municipality of Gubat are hereby enjoined to participate in the "PLANT TREES, SAVE THE EARTH PROGRAM" of the Municipality ,and thereof, may display streamers, placards, or any printed materials to give significance for the Arbor Day and the continuous tree planting activities.

Section 17. Funding. .- Such funds as may be necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be appropriated by the municipality either in the annual budget or any of its supplemental budgets for this year and for the succeeding years.

Section 18. Implementing Rules and Regulations.- The Arbor Day Committee shall promulgate such rules and regulations, with the approval of the Municipal Mayor, as are necessary to ensure the effective implementation of this Ordinance thirty (60) days after the approval of this Ordinance.

Section 19. Separability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect.


Section 20. Repealing Clause. All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders or regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 21. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

UNANIMOUSLY ORDAINED AND APPROVED.

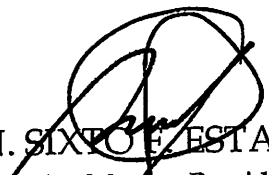
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I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE  
CORRECTNESS OF THE FOREGOING:

  
JOEY P. ENAJE  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan



*Attested by:*



HON. SIXTO E. ESTAREJA  
*Municipal Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer*

*Approved by:*



HON. SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO  
*Municipal Mayor*

