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**PRESENT:**

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| <b>Vice Mayor Jose Antonio Miguel Y. Perez</b> | - <b>Presiding Officer</b>      |
| Councilor Apolonia G. Bacay                    | - Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore |
| Councilor Cirilo B. Radoc                      | - Majority Floor Leader         |
| Councilor Oscar A. Boling                      | - Minority Floor Leader         |
| Councilor Carolyn D. Sison                     | - Member                        |
| Councilor Michelle S. Segundera                | - Member                        |
| Councilor Joselito O. Fontelera                | - Member                        |
| Councilor Verna S. D. Rabago                   | - Member                        |
| Councilor Froebel A. Ranoy                     | - Member                        |
| Councilor Dahlia M. de Leon                    | - Member                        |
| Councilor Alfred Felix E. de Castro            | - Member                        |
| LBP Raul B. Bacay                              | - Ex-Officio Member             |
| PPSKP Lovely V. Bernabe                        | - Ex-Officio Member             |

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**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN AND REQUIRING ALL CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, COOPERATIVES, PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS TO PLANT SEEDLINGS AS PART OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**Author: Vice Mayor Jose Antonio Miguel Y. Perez**  
**Sponsor: Councilor Michelle S. Segundera**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State "to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the vital role and importance of trees in ecological stability is recognized. Hence, there is a need for a collaborated effort between the State and its citizenry to combat the loss of our natural resources and rejuvenate our environment by undertaking nationwide tree planting activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability;"

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 26, series of 2011, of then President, Benigno Aquino III mandates the National Greening Program (NGP) to fully rehabilitate the country's denuded lands and further enhanced Executive Order No. 23, series of 2011, thru the convergence initiative of various identified agencies;

**WHEREAS**, Section 4 of Republic Act 10176, series of 2011, mandates that all provinces, cities and municipalities with their component barangays are required to revive, by appropriate proclamation of their respective local chief executives, an Arbor Day at an appropriate fixed date every calendar year as shall be deemed suitable according to the proper time and season for planting trees in the respective provinces and their respective component municipalities or cities concerned;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure the success of tree planting, Section 8 of the same Act mandates that all able-bodied citizens of the Philippines, who are at least twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year;

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**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 2010-73 of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Alaminos City, Pangasinan declared the 25th day of July every year as the "Agew na Katauelan (Forest Day);"

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code or RA 7160 mandates that Civil Society Organizations (CSO), People's Organizations (POs), Cooperatives, Non-government Organizations (NGOs) and other groups be made as active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy, and to directly involve them in the plans, programs, projects or activities of the local government unit;

**WHEREAS**, being partners of the local government, these aggrupations are enjoined to be the prime movers, not only in local development, but also in environmental conservation, protection and preservation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, on motion of Councilor Michelle S. Segundera, duly seconded by Councilor Cirilo B. Radoc, Councilor Carolyn D. Sison, Councilor Dahlia M. de Leon, Councilor Apolonia G. Bacay, LBP Raul B. Bacay and PPSKP Lovely V. Bernabe,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED**, that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** — This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF ALAMINOS, PANGASINAN AND REQUIRING ALL CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, COOPERATIVES, PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS TO PLANT SEEDLINGS AS PART OF COMMUNITY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY."

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** — When used in this Ordinance,

- a. **Accreditation** – refers to the process of granting authorization, within 60 days from the organization of the newly elected Sanggunian, to an organization for purposes of representation to a local special body. An organization may still be accredited after the prescribed 60-day period for other purposes, such as participation in local government programs.
- b. **Arbor Day** – refers to an appropriate fixed date every calendar year as shall be deemed suitable according to the proper time and season for planting trees.
- c. **Business Group** – refers to a non-stock corporation composed of businesses in the same industry established to pursue the interest of the industry. Chambers of commerce and industry associations fall in this category.
- d. **Civil Society Organization** – refers to a non-state and non-profit association that works to improve society and the human condition. Basic types of CSOs include non-governmental organization, civic organization, cooperative, social movement, professional group, and business group. In this Ordinance, the terms "CSO" and "organization" are used interchangeably.
- e. **Cooperative** – refers to an autonomous and duly registered association of persons with a common bond of interests who have voluntarily joined together to achieve their social, economic, and cultural needs and aspirations by making equitable contributions to the capital required, patronizing their products and services and accepting a fair share of risks and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with the universally accepted cooperative principles.

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- f. **Non-Governmental Organization** – refers to a non-stock, non-profit organization that works with different sectors and communities, promoting their general welfare and development, provides a wide range of services for people’s organization and tends to operate with full time staff. Social development organizations, foundations, and independent research institutions fall in this category.
- g. **People’s Organization** – refers to an association of residents in a barangay, or barangays, established to promote public interest and with an identifiable leadership structure and membership. People’s organizations are often formed among the disadvantaged sectors of society, such as the farmer-peasant, artisanal fisher folk, workers in the formal sector and migrant workers, workers in the informal sector, indigenous people and cultural communities, women, differently-abled persons, senior citizens, victims of calamities and disasters, youth and students, children, and urban poor.
- h. **Professional Group** – refers to a duly incorporated non-stock corporation of registered professionals established for the benefit and welfare of the professionals of one discipline, for the advancement of the profession itself and for the other professional ends.
- i. **Recognized Organization** – refers to an organization allowed by the Sanggunian to participate in a local special body for purposes of meeting the minimum requirements for membership. An organization may only be recognized if it meets all the criteria except for registration.
- j. **Registered or Accredited Organization** – refers to an organization that obtains registration from the Securities and Exchange Commission, Cooperative Development Authority, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agrarian Reform, National Housing Authority, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board or any other national government agency that is empowered by law or policy to accredit or register such organization.
- k. **Registration** – refers to the process of seeking membership/ inclusion of an organization for purposes of participation in local government programs.

**SECTION 3. LOCAL POLICY. —**

- a. The City abides by the global call to actively campaign or advocate, continue to initiate, realize and implement tree planting activities. Relative thereto, the City shall observe all international environmental laws and/or treaties signed by the Philippine Government.
- b. The City shall implement a clean & green program. Along this policy, all barangays are mandated to do their own tree planting activities within their areas of through greening of street shoulders with trees, flowers or herbs.
- c. The City shall harness the participation of all able-bodied individuals who are at least twelve (12) years of age.

**SECTION 4. DECLARATION OF CITY’S AGEW NA KATAQUELAN (FOREST DAY). —**

Through this Ordinance, it is hereby declared that the 25th day of July of every year shall be the Arbor Day of the City of Alaminos, Pangasinan, also known as Agew na Katauelan. The Agew na Katauelan shall be a public working holiday in order to ensure the participation of the different sectors of society.

**SECTION 5. CREATION OF AGEW NA KATAQUELAN COMMITTEE. —**

In implementing the intents of this Ordinance, there shall be created an Agew na Katauelan Committee, the composition of which shall be, but not limited to the following:

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- i. City Mayor – Chairperson;
- ii. City Vice Mayor – Vice Chairperson;
- Members:
- iii. Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairperson of the Committee on Environmental Protection
- iv. Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairperson of the Committee on Cooperatives
- v. City Agriculture Office (CAgO);
- vi. City Cooperatives Office (CCO);
- vii. Office of the City Assessor (CAso);
- viii. City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO);
- ix. Alaminos City Police Station;
- x. Sangguniang Kabataan (SK);
- xi. Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB);
- xii. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) – CENRO;
- xiii. Department of Education (DepED) - Alaminos City Schools Division;
- xiv. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG); and
- xv. Civil society organizations.

**SECTION 6. AREAS COVERED BY TREE PLANTING.** — The Agew na Katauelan Committee shall specify the area within the LGU to be planted or reforested. The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

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

The City Government may also enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and/or usufruct with any private or juridical entity for the tree planting program/project, especially for the creation or establishment of an urban forest where seedlings acquired through this Ordinance shall be planted.

**SECTION 7. SEEDLING BANK/NURSERY.** — For the purpose of this Ordinance, there shall be established a Seedling Bank/Nursery to ensure the supply of the seedlings and other plant material needs of the City. The City Agriculture Office (CAgO) shall be the lead agency in the establishment and maintenance of the said Nursery.

Maintenance of trees planted in the identified tree planting sites within the city shall be under the care of the Barangay Council who has jurisdiction over the site, under supervision of the CAgO.

**SECTION 8. COMMITMENT OF GROUPS AFTER ACCREDITATION.** — To recognize the partners of the City Government of Alaminos, all Civil Society Organizations, Cooperatives, Non-Governmental Organizations, People’s Organizations, Professional Groups or Business Groups which register under the City Cooperatives Office and those who seek accreditation from the Sangguniang Panlungsod are required to plant at least one (1) seedling per member or a minimum of 50 seedlings (for large organizations) upon completion of registration/accreditation as part of their commitment as development partner of the City Government of Alaminos.

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A certificate of participation shall be issued by the Agew na Katauelan Committee as proof of completion of the tree planting activity by the participating organization. The same groups/members are enjoined to participate in the annual Agew na Katauelan Tree Planting activity. This shall be a requirement for the issuance of a certificate of good standing by the City Cooperatives Office.

**SECTION 9. SOURCES OF FUND. —**

- a. A budget item for "Maintenance of City Seedling Bank/ Nursery" under the CAgO's budget allocation shall be appropriated for the purpose of maintaining and managing the Seedling Bank/ Nursery of the City Government.
- b. To ensure the implementation of this Ordinance, the Agew na Katauelan Celebration, and for sustainable tree planting activities, a budget shall be allocated annually for City Clean and Green Program amounting to PhP 200,000.00 under the Public Information Fund.


**SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. —** All existing ordinances, City Executive Orders or provisions thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. —** If, for any reason, any provision, section or portion of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.


**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. —** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

**SO ORDAINED/ENACTED....**


**I HEREBY CERTIFY** to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance consisting of five (5) pages including this page.

  
**LUZ B. VALE**  
Secretary

ATTESTED:


  
**JOSE ANTONIO MIGUEL Y. PEREZ**  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

  
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APPROVED BY:

  
**ARTH BRYAN C. CELESTE**  
City Mayor

2-1-21  
Date