



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES
Municipality of Botolan

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL, BOTOLAN, ZAMBALES ON THE 21st DAY OF MAY 2025

Present:

Hon. Doris D. Ladines Presiding Officer

Regular Members

Hon. Nick L. Manzo	SB Member
Hon. Angel B. Diesta	SB Member
Hon. Dr. Fernando D. Igrobay	SB Member
Hon. Arthur R. Daria	SB Member
Hon. Jay T. Dilag	SB Member
Hon. Eddie D. Daos	SB Member
Hon. Glenn C. Manangan	SB Member

Ex-Officio Members

Hon. Fernando D. Oñate Jr.	ABC President
Hon. Jessa Nicole B. Jaring	SK Mun. Fed. Chairman
Hon. Ladie M. De Leon	IPMR

Absent:

Hon. Marlo Thomas D. Doble SB Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 08-2025

AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE PLANTING OF TREES BY WOULD-BE COUPLES, PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE (PUV) OPERATORS, STUDENTS OF THE POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE OF BOTOLAN (PCB) UNDER THE NSTP PROGRAM, AND ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BOTOLAN, IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOTOLAN, ZAMBALES

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 16 of the Constitution of the Philippines provides that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above provision, Republic Act No. 10176, "An act Reviving the Observance of Arbor Day by Authorizing the Local Government Units the Responsibility for Celebrating the Day for Tree Planting as an Annual Event, mandates that all able-bodied citizens of the Philippines, who are at least 12 years old of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the state to ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection and conservation of the country's environment and natural resources for the enjoyment of the present and future generations;

WHEREAS, in response to the policy outlined above, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Botolan seeks to promote a healthier ecosystem by addressing the detrimental effects of global warming, improving air quality, and mitigating the dust pollution caused by lahar sand deposition and flooding in the municipality;

WHEREAS, to prevent irreversible consequences of human activities on the environment, the Sangguniang Bayan of Botolan finds it imperative to make an urgent call upon the Botolenos to plant trees;



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES
Municipality of Botolan

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

Page 2 of Ord. No. 08-2025

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of Botolan in session assembled to enact:

CHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1: TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as *"An Ordinance Mandating the Planting of Trees by Would-Be Couples, Public Utility Vehicle (PUVs) Operators, Students of the Polytechnic College of Botolan (PCB) Under the NSTP Program, and All Employees of the Local Government Unit of Botolan, in the Municipality of Botolan, Zambales"*.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES. The objective of this Ordinance is to promote environmental sustainability, increase the green cover, and contribute to the protection of the environment by requiring certain individuals and entities to plant trees as a condition for the issuance of specific documents or services.

SECTION 3. SCOPE. This Ordinance shall govern the process and procedure of planting trees in the municipality by would-be couples, owners/operators of Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs), Students of the Polytechnic College of Botolan (PCB) under the NSTP Program, and all Employees of the Local Government Unit of Botolan.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is enacted under the following legal mandates:

1. **Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution**, which states: *"The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature."*
2. **Republic Act No. 10176**, otherwise known as *"An Act Reviving the Observance of Arbor Day by Authorizing the Local Government Units the Responsibilities for Celebrating the Day for Tree Planting as an Annual Event,"* which mandates that all able-bodied Filipino citizens, at least twelve (12) years of age, shall plant at least one (1) tree every year.
3. **Republ**
4. **ic Act No. 7160**, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, particularly:
 - o **Section 16 (General Welfare Clause)**, which empowers every local government unit to "exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare".
 - o **Section 447(a)(1)(vi)**, for municipalities, authorizing the Sangguniang Bayan to "enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose appropriate penalties for activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the municipality".

These provisions collectively support the implementation of this Tree-planting Ordinance as an environmental and civic responsibility aligned with national laws and local autonomy.

SECTION 5: COVERAGE. This Ordinance shall apply to the following:

1. **Would-be Couples** – Required as a condition for the issuance of their marriage certificate.
2. **Students of Polytechnic College of Botolan under the NSTP Program** – Required to plant trees as part of their National Service Training Program (NSTP) requirement.
3. **Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) Owners/Operators** whose franchise are issued by the LGU– Required for the issuance of their franchise.
4. **Employees of the Local Government Unit of Botolan (Permanent, Job Order, Contractual, Honorarium-based)** – Required to plant at least one (1) tree annually.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES
Municipality of Botolan

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Page 3 of Ord. No. 08-2025

CHAPTER II

SECTION 6: REQUIREMENTS FOR TREE PLANTING

1. **Would-be Couples**
 - a. As a condition for the issuance of their marriage certificate, each couple must plant at least **one (1) fruit-bearing tree seedling**.
 - b. The tree must be planted in a designated area as specified by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO).
 - c. The couple shall be responsible for the procurement of the tree seedlings.
5. **Students of Polytechnic College of Botolan under the NSTP Program**
 - a. Students must plant **at least one (1) tree seedling** as part of their National Service Training Program requirement.
 - b. The tree must be planted in a designated area as specified by the MENRO.
 - c. The graduating students shall be responsible for the procurement of the tree seedlings.
2. **Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs) Owners/Operators whose franchise are issued by the LGU (public utility tricycles)**
 - a. As a requirement for the issuance or renewal of their franchise, each Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) operator must plant **at least one (1) tree seedling** in a designated area.
 - b. The tree must be planted in a designated area as specified by the MENRO.
 - c. The seedlings must be fruit-bearing and the cost of the seedlings will be shouldered by the PUV owner or operator.
4. **LGU-Botolan's Employees**
 - a. All employees of the LGU of Botolan shall plant **at least one (1) tree** every year.
 - b. Tree planting shall be part of their performance evaluation and community service.

SECTION 7: CERTIFICATION AND MONITORING

1. The MENRO shall issue a **Certificate of Compliance** to individuals or entities who have successfully met the tree planting requirement.
2. The certificate shall serve as proof that the individual has fulfilled the tree planting requirement as outlined in this ordinance.

SECTION 8: DECLARATION OF PROTECTED/CONSERVATION AREAS. To ensure the sustainability and long-term success of the tree planting initiative, the Municipality of Botolan hereby declares the centralized tree planting sites as Protected or Conservation Areas.

1. Centralized Tree Planting Sites

The following areas, as designated by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), shall be officially declared as Protected or Conservation Areas:

- LGU-owned and/or managed Forest Management Areas
- Mangrove Forest Rehabilitation Zones
- Urban Greening Zones (roadside and highway tree lines)
- Municipal Parks and Public Open Spaces
- Identified tree planting zones within the Polytechnic College of Botolan (PCB) campus
- Any other site approved and designated by MENRO for sustained reforestation and greening activities



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES
Municipality of Botolan

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Page 4 of Ord. 08-2025

SECTION 9: PARTNER AGENCIES AND OFFICES. To ensure successful implementation, the following local and national offices shall provide technical, logistical, and operational support:

1. **Local Civil Registrar (LCR)** – Coordination with would-be couples for compliance before marriage license issuance;
2. **Polytechnic College of Botolan (PCB)** – Enforcement of requirements among graduating students;
3. **Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO)** – Assistance with soil assessment and provision of seedlings;
4. **Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)** – Technical support and seedling provision, including identification of appropriate species;
5. **Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)** – Provision of coconut seedlings;
6. **Bureau of Fire Protection – Botolan** – Assistance in watering seedlings in upland and remote planting areas;
7. **Barangay Councils** – Local enforcement, area monitoring, and community mobilization;
8. **Botolan Municipal Police Station** – Ensuring peace and order, crowd control, and security during tree planting activities and monitoring operations;
9. **Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MDRRMO)** – Ensuring peace and order, assistance on site preparation;
10. **Sangguniang Kabataan (SK)** and youth groups to promote environmental participation and ensure safety protocols during planting events.

SECTION 10: MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE. The MENRO, in coordination with Barangay Councils and partner agencies, shall:

- Conduct regular inspections and maintenance of the protected/conservation areas.
- Maintenance activities may include watering, replanting, fencing, and community education campaigns.
- Signage shall be installed to clearly mark these sites as protected/conservation tree planting areas.

SECTION 11: PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

1. Would-be Couples

Non-issuance of marriage license until compliance is fulfilled.

2. Students of Polytechnic College of Botolan under the NSTP Program

Non-issuance of school clearance until compliance is fulfilled.

3. Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) Operators

First Offense:

Non-issuance or non-renewal of franchise until compliance is fulfilled.

Second Offense:

Fine of ₱1,000.00 for continued operation without compliance.

Third Offense:

Fine of ₱2,500.00 or 10 days of community service, as determined by MENRO plus suspension of franchise for 15 days.

Failure to attend scheduled tree planting activity:

Additional ₱500.00 fine per instance, regardless of offense count.



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES
Municipality of Botolan

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Page 5 of Ord. No. 08-2025

4. Prohibited Acts. Within the Protected/Conservation Areas, the following acts are strictly prohibited:

- Unauthorized cutting, uprooting, or destruction of planted trees
- Grazing or letting livestock roam in tree planting areas
- Dumping of waste or pollutants
- Illegal construction or encroachment
- Any other activity that may threaten the survival of the planted trees or damage the ecosystem

5. Penalties for Violations in Protected/Conservation Areas

Any individual or group found violating the provisions in declared protected/conservation area shall be penalized with the following:

First Offense: Fine of ₱500.00 or 3-day community service and mandatory tree planting seminar.

Second Offense: Fine of ₱1,000.00 or 5-day community service and mandatory tree planting seminar.

Third Offense: Fine of ₱2,500.00 or 10-day community service, mandatory tree planting seminar, and may be required to conduct rehabilitation activities or render community service, as recommended by MENRO.

SECTION 12: FUNDING AND SUPPORT

The budget for this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Investment Plan (AIP) of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO). All penalties collected shall be placed in a trust fund, to be used for the maintenance of designated planting sites or for purposes as recommended by MENRO.

SECTION 13. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If, for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances, resolutions, and other issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY

This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval and compliance with the posting and publication requirements under existing laws.

Enacted this 21st day of May, 2025 at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Botolan, Zambales.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.


GLADYS D. DE VERA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

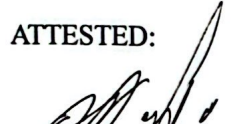


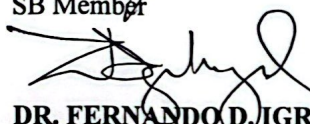
Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES
Municipality of Botolan

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

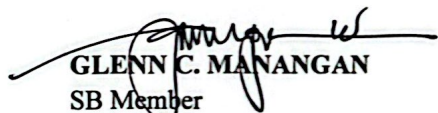
Page 6 of Ord. 08-2025


ATTESTED:



NICK L. MANZO
SB Member


DR. FERNANDO D. IGROBAY
SB Member

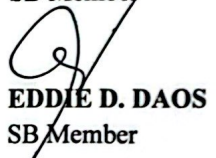

JAY T. DILAG
SB Member

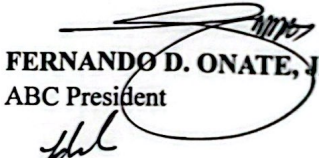

GLENN C. MANANGAN
SB Member



JESSA NICOLE B. JARING
SK Mun. Fed. President


ANGEL B. DIESTA
SB Member


ARTHUR R. DARIA
SB Member

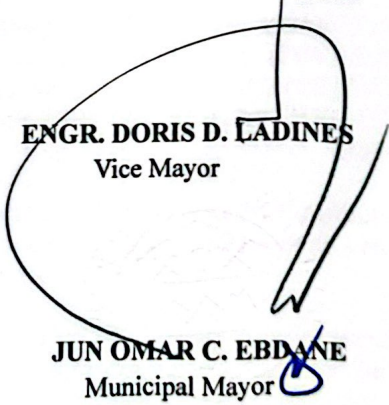

EDDIE D. DAOS
SB Member


FERNANDO D. ONATE, JR.
ABC President


LADIE M. DE LEON
IPMR


ENGR. DORIS D. LADINES
Vice Mayor

APPROVED:


JUN OMAR C. EBDANE
Municipal Mayor