

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATNOG, SORSOGON

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan that:

Section 1. Title.. This ordinance shall be called the "Water Conservation Ordinance of the Municipality of Matnog, Sorsogogon.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy

It shall be the policy of the Local Government Unit of Matnog, Sorsogon to intervene actively in improving the management of water resources, through the implementation of various programs aimed towards the conservation of all water resources.

Section 3. Scope and Application. This Ordinance shall cover all possible programs geared towards the protection, conservation and preservation of all water resources of the Municipality of Matnog, Sorsogon.

Section 4. Creation of a Water Conservation Committee (WaterCom)

A Committee on Water Conservation or "WaterCom" shall be created in the Municipality of Matnog to ensure the proper implementation of this ordinance and to coordinate with all agencies necessary in implementing the same. Said Committee shall meet at least once every quarter or as frequent as necessary.

The WaterCom shall be composed of the following:

1. Chairperson: Local Chief Executive
2. Members:
 - SB Chairman- Committee on Environment & Ecology
 - SB Chairman-Committee on Health and Sanitation
 - Local Planning & Development Officer
 - Local Environment and Natural Resources Officer
 - Local Health Officer
 - Representatives from two (2) environmental groups dealing with water resources
 - Representative from the Academe
 - Representative from the Local water Utilities

Section 5. Water Conservation Programs

The Municipality of Matnog shall actively encourage the civil society academe and the business sector in undertaking environment related activities specifically in organizing, educating, motivating and disseminating information to the people in order to address water related issues and problems

The WaterCom shall be the lead in all information, education and communication ((IEC) campaign strategies.

Water conservation programs shall include, but may not be limited to, the following.

1. Conduct of Barangay-based public education and information programs to disseminate the importance of water,
2. Legislation on the regulation of requirements for water conservation in residential, commercials, industrial and institutional establishment in compliance to existing sanitation and water conservation laws;
3. Promotion of the use of rainwater harvesting facility in all barangays;
4. Installation of water saving devices like water aerators specifically at the household levels;
5. Conduct of tree-planting and other reforestation activities in partnership with environmental organizations;
6. Integration of lectures on water conservation and water demand management concepts in all schools;
7. Adoption of technologies promoting water conservation, which may include water conserving gardens, grey water reuse in irrigation,;
8. Monitoring of the safety and potability of all local water resources;
9. Cleanup, rehabilitation and restoration of rivers creeks and other tributaries and water sources; and
10. Development of IEC marerials on water conservation.

Section 6. Water conservation and Public Information Action Plan

The WaterCom shall formulate a 5-Year Water Efficiency and Public Information Action Plan that shall embody all the water conservation programs that maybe determined by the same.

Section 7. Monitoring and Evaluation of the implementation

The WaterCom shall cause the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of the different water conservation programs identified in the Water Conservation and Public Information Action Plan.

Communication of the Result of the monitoring and evaluation to the appropriate agencies or offices shall be conducted every semester.

Sectio 8. Inter-agency and Inter LGU Linkages

For purpose of this Ordinance, the Municipality of Matnog shall closely coordinate with adjacent local government units for a more comprehensive and collaborative solution to water supply and conservation programs.

Section 9. Funding Source

The Municipality of Matnog, Sorsogon may appropriate or raise funds to subsidize necessary expenses for the establishment/and or operation and maintenance of water conservation facilities through appropriate local property taxes and enforcement of a service fee system,

Further, the Municipality of Matnog, Sorsogon may pursue funding assistance from both local and foreign sources either public or private through mutual agreements subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Section 10 Separability Clause

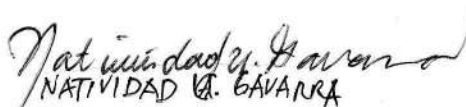
In the event that any part or provision of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. Repealing Clause

All other ordinances or provisions thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 12. Effectivity

This Ordinance shall take effect after publication in a newspaper of local circulation.


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