



Republic of the Philippines
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod
City of Naga



ORDINANCE NO. 93-103

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CUTTING OF COCONUT TREES IN THE CITY OF NAGA AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF: -

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. - This ordinance shall be known as the “Coconut Trees Anti-Cutting Ordinance” of the City of Naga;

SECTION 2. - PROHIBITION. - It is hereby prohibited to cut down healthy and fruit-bearing coconut trees except in the following instances:

- a. When the tree is fifty (50) years old or more and no longer economically productive;
- b. When the tree is diseased or best-infected, or damaged beyond recovery;
- c. When the tree is cut down for the purpose of replanting the land with healthy coconut trees by its owner;
- d. When the cutting down of the tree or trees is for the purpose of converting the land, originally devoted to coconut production, into non-agricultural use duly applied for by the owner and approved by proper authorities;

SECTION 3. - No coconut trees shall be cut down without a prior permit jointly issued by the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) and by the City Government thru its authorized representative preferably the City Agriculturist;

SECTION 4. - The permit shall be issued only after the ocular inspection by the PCA and the City Agriculturist or their respective authorized representatives certifying that said cutting falls under condition (a), (b), (c) and/or (d) as provided for in Section 2 above;

SECTION 5. - The City Agriculturist in coordination with the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) shall formulate and issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations subject to the approval by the city Mayor, for the effective implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. - PENALTY. - Any person or persons who cut down as coconut tree (s) in violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos but not more than Five Thousand Pesos, or by imprisonment of not less than thirty (30) days but not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court; Provided, however, that if the offender is a corporation, firm or partnership, association or group, the penalty shall; be impose upon its president, manager or officer thereto;

SECTION 7. - EFFECTIVITY. - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of local publication.

ENACTED: November 24, 1993.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

J. ANTONIO A. AMPARADO
City Secretary

LOURDES V. ASENCE, M.D.
City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JESSE M. ROBREDO
City Mayor