



Republic of the Philippines
Tanggapan ng Sangguniang Panlungsod
City of Naga



ORDINANCE NO. 96-027

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING OF IMMATURE ABACA STALKS IN THE PROCESS OF HARVESTING ABACA IN NAGA CITY, AND PROVIDING PERTINENT IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES THEREFOR:-

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

SECTION 1. - DEFINITION OF TERMS:

- a. IMMATURE ABACA STALKS - refer to those which are less than 18 months old.
- b. CUTTING - means the removal or division into parts with, but not necessarily limited to, a sharp edged instrument.
- c. ABACA PLANTER - refers to any person who cultivates abaca, regardless of the area.
- d. CONTRACTOR - is the person who enters into an agreement with an abaca planter for a certain price or consideration to harvest the latter's abaca plantation.
- e. FIDA - refers to the Fiber Industry Development Authority.

SECTION 2. - It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cut immature abaca stalks in the process of harvesting abaca. Specifically, in cases wherein an abaca planter, entered into an agreement with a contractor for the latter to harvest the former's abaca plantation, and immature abaca stalks were cut in the process of harvesting, then both parties will be penalized under this ordinance.

SECTION 3. - The following implementation guidelines are hereby formulated:

- a. All abaca planters and contractors must register with the City Agriculturist's Office for accreditation.
- b. The City Agriculturist's Office will, in turn, provide the FIDA with the list of accredited persons within fifteen (15) days after registration.
- c. Non-accredited abaca planters and contractors will not be allowed to harvest abaca. Moreover, the non-accredited planters cannot avail themselves of the financial and technical assistance being extended by the FIDA.

- d. The City Agriculturist's Office in coordination with FIDA, will periodically check abaca plantations.
- e. Sustained information drive will be conducted by the City Agriculturist's Office and the barangay council concerned, in close coordination with the FIDA, to underscore the negative effects of cutting immature abaca stalks in the process of harvesting abaca.

SECTION 4. - The barangay captain, the barangay tanods, the FIDA, and the City Agriculturist's Office personnel are hereby deputized to apprehend any person or persons violating this ordinance.

SECTION 5. - PENALTY CLAUSE. - Any person or persons violating any provision of this ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a. First Offense - a fine of P1,000.00
- b. Second Offense - a fine of P3,000.00
- c. Third Offense - a fine of P5,000.00

SECTION 6. - REPEALING CLAUSE. - All existing ordinances and resolutions which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. - EFFECTIVITY - This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and publication or posting as required by law.

ENACTED: June 14, 1996.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing resolution.

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Secretary to the
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APPROVED:

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