

Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2ND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE 9TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN OF DUMINGAG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON September 23, 2016.

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Hon. Francis Joeray T. Gumban	SB Member	—/—	—	—	—
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Hon. Nilo B. Ledesma	SB Member	—/—	—	—	—
Hon. Jenny T. Arbitrario	SB Member	—/—	—	—	—
Hon. Paquito P. Duerme, Jr.	SB Member	—/—	—	—	—
Hon. Tracy E. Morpos	SB Member	—/—	—	—	—
Hon. Bernaldo P. Degenion	SB Member	—/—	—	—	—
Hon. Jerson L. Cabahug	Ex- Officio Member	—/—	—	—	—

Municipal Ordinance No. 7, s. 2016

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING ALL EXISTING FOREST WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR AS SACRED SPACE, PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR THE PROTECTION, REHABILITATION, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION AND MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPOSING PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled that:

Section 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be otherwise known as “Dumingag Forest Sacred Space Ordinance 2016”

Section 2. LEGAL BASIS.

Pursuant to Chapter III Utilization and Management (D). Forest Protection Section 37 Protection of all Resources of The Forestry Reform Code of The Philippines, all measures shall be taken to protect the forest resources from destruction, impairment, and depletion.

Section 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

For this ordinance, the following words shall mean as follows:

- **All existing forest** - refers to a forest whether it is man-made, natural, reforested and second growth forest
- **Forest** - refers to a thick growth of trees and other plants of different species covering a large tract of land
- **Sacred** - a place deserving reverence
- **Habitat** - a normal environment of plant or animals.
- **Man-made forest** - a forest made by people rather than nature
- **Natural Forest** - is a forest which spontaneously generated itself on the location which consist of naturally immigrant tree species and strains.
- **Reforested** - replant with trees; cover again with forest.
- **Second growth forest** - is a forest or woodland which has re-grown after a major disturbance such as fire, insect infestation, timber harvest windthrow, until a long enough period has passed so that the effects of the disturbance are no longer evident.

Section 4. DECLARED FOREST IN DUMINGAG.

These are the following forest in Dumingag declared as Sacred Space.

• Guitran	Putting Bato
• Labangon	Gilyan
• Sunop	Gilyan
• Salvador	Mt. Paraya
• Sinonok	Bato Silangan, Limamawan ug Mangutong
• Upper Landing	Dila
• Dilud	Girawon
• Dapiwak	DISOA ug Purok 4 Forest
• San Juan	Panugoton

• Mahayahay	Licama
• Dulian	Gulayon, Bakaran, Bukana sa Tinitikan
• Canibongan	Pangandan and Gasoso
• Danlugan	De Palawan
• Manlabay	Sitio Lipunan
• Ditulan	Tangalin Forest
• Licabang	Sitio Piate
• La Fortuna	Sapa Naga
• Datu Tutukan	Canyatan Creek
• Marangan	Germinanda
• Lipawan	Purok 4 Gapason

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Section 5. PURPOSE.

This ordinance is enacted purposely to:

- recognize the sacredness and significance of the forest as spiritually healing and learning centers especially for indigenous people.
- protect and preserve the remaining forest of the municipality as habitat of the surviving wild and endangered species of plants and animals
- preserve watershed and promote biodiversity
- restore and maintain the forest eco-system and ecological balance
- mitigate climate change as one of the vital measures
- stop the indiscriminate cutting of trees of the remaining forest and second growth forest and giving a chance to wildlings to survive and exist
- give indigenous peoples opportunity to continue to practice their tradition, culture and beliefs
- serve forest as source of herbal medicine plants and food
- to educate all individual to respect God's creation
- climate resiliency and DRRM
- health improves if you have forest in the certain area
- serves as classroom for the young people and the people in the community
- To prohibit the cutting of centennial and native trees not only in the forest but also those located in the lowland barangays

Section 6. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- Entry to the sacred space without permit from the concerned barangay and Timoay is a disturbance and considered a violation of this ordinance
- Logging, mining, kaingin, hunting, gathering of wild animals and plants and other prohibited acts are not allowed in the area.
- Each implementing agencies shall keep a record of all violations and submit it to the Municipal Mayor for record and monitoring purposes.

Section 7. IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES.

The Office of the Municipal Mayor, Philippine National Police, Municipal Task Force on Environment, Barangay Officials, Livelihood Development Coordinators (LDC) and PSDA (Timuay) are tasked to implement this ordinance.

Section 8. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES.

The Office of the Municipal Mayor shall formulate additional guidelines for the smooth implementation of this ordinance.

Section 9. PENAL PROVISION.

Any individual or group found guilty of violating this ordinance shall be meted with the following:

1 st offense	Five Hundred Pesos (P500)
2 nd offense	One Thousand Pesos (P1,000)
3 rd and subsequent offenses	Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P2,500) or imprisonment of not more than 6 months at the discretion of the court

Section 10. REHABILITATION.

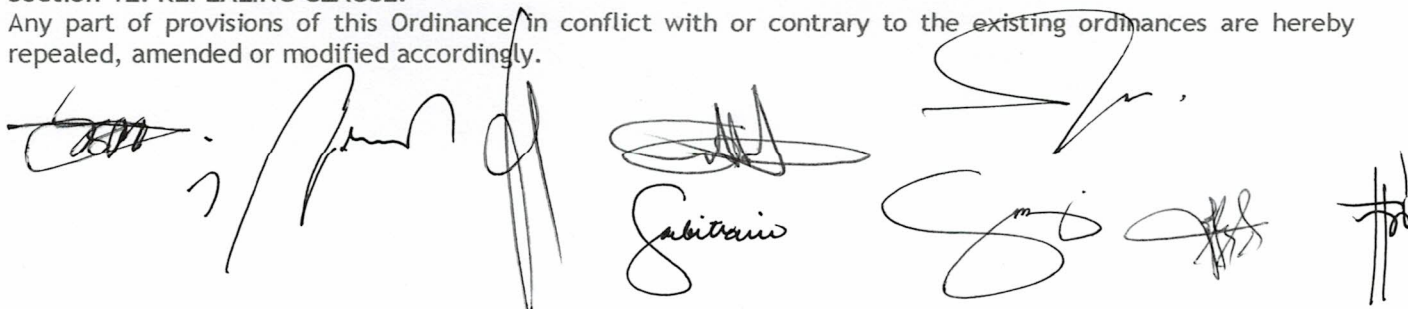
Forest damaged due to natural calamities such as landslide, lightning, and other natural occurrences shall be rehabilitated by the Municipal Government, Barangay Local Government Unit, concerned individual and agencies and the community.

Section 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.

Any provision of this Ordinance or part thereof declared unconstitutional or unlawful, the other parts not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 12. REPEALING CLAUSE.

Any part of provisions of this Ordinance in conflict with or contrary to the existing ordinances are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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Section 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.

This ordinance shall take effect after its approval and after 15 days a copy hereof is posted in the bulletin board in the municipal hall and two other conspicuous places and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Enacted: September 23, 2016

Jessy L. Palon
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Secretary to the Sanggunian



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absent

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ADOPTED

NACIANCENO M. PACALIOGA, JR.
Presiding Officer / Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED: October 14, 2016

MARK V. PACALIOGA
Municipal Mayor

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