

Ordinance No. NC- 69 , S-88

ORDINANCE

REQUIRING THE PLANTING OF TREES, PROHIBITING ITS
DESTRUCTION AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilor Alberto M.
Galarpe.

WHEREAS, plants and trees are necessary to main-
tain and preserve the ecological balance of the com-
munity;

WHEREAS, the erosion of rivers and creeks can
best be prevented by the planting of trees along its
banks;

WHEREAS, the planting of trees along roads and
open spaces provides beauty, shade and healthful
climate for the community;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Quezon
City in session assembled:

Section 1. The following shall plant trees in
accordance with the provisions of PD 935;

a. Every person who owns land adjoining an
existing river or creek, shall plant trees extending at
least five meters on his land adjoining the edge of
the bank of the river or creek.

b. Every owner of an existing subdivision shall
plant trees in the open spaces required to be reserved
for the common use and enjoyment of the owners of the
lots therein as well as along all roads and service
streets.

Section 2. The planting of fruit-bearing trees
of economic value shall be the center of activities
during the celebration of "Arbor Week" in Quezon City
on August 24, of every year as per City Council Re-
solution No. 130, S-88 particularly along the main
thoroughfares, open spaces, parks and playgrounds with-
in the territorial jurisdiction of Quezon City.

Section 3. At the Barangay level, all Barangay
Officials and school authorities including officers
and members of PTA shall be the prime movers in pur-
suing the objective of celebration, by implementing
tree planting projects and giving instructions and
guidance to school children-participants, and infusing
in their minds the significance and importance of
planting trees to one's environment.

Section 4. To preserve and enhance the growth of trees already existing and/or planted in accordance with the preceding sections, the cutting of trees and its branches shall be prohibited unless otherwise authorized to do so. The authority contemplated herein shall be that issued by the City Mayor upon written requests of the interested person for laudable reasons, except when public safety and order is affected.

Section 5. Violation of the provision of Section 4 of this Ordinance shall be punishable by imprisonment of not more than six months or by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Pesos or both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Section 6. Any ordinance, rules and regulations inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED December 1, 1988.

(SGD.) VICENTE C. SOTTO, III
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

(SGD.) VICENTE A. ALVAREZ
City Secretary

APPROVED: December 19, 1988

(SGD.) BRIGIDO R. SIMON, JR.
City Mayor