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PROVINCE OF BENGUET  
La Trinidad, Benguet  
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

Regular Meeting - December 16, 1996

- PRESENT: HON. WASING D. SACLA, Provincial Vice Governor,  
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 HON. FERNANDO M. ARITAO, Board Member  
 HON. JAIME A. GALASGAS, Board Member
- HON. REDENTOR P. EDOC, SKF President, Member
- ABSENT: HON. DOMINGO B. BAY-AN, PCL President, Member  
 HON. LIMSON A. OGAS, Liga Ng Mga Barangay Pres.,  
Member

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. P.O. 96-27

REQUIRING ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND BARANGAYS IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO DELINEATE THEIR TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES ON THE GROUND BY PLANTING ONE KIND OF TREE SPECIE OR THE SAME KIND OF HEDGES, OR ANY SIMILAR KIND OF GREENERY WHICH SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY AGREEMENT OF THE CONCERNED TOWNS AND BARANGAYS AS PERMANENT ADDITIONAL DISTINGUISHING MARK OF THEIR COMMON BOUNDARIES.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure was conceived in order to contribute to the possible solution to the perennial problem of boundary disputes between adjoining towns and barangays in the province.

Time and again, boundary problems between towns and barangays arise with every change of officials, or change of administration, or even at the slightest provocation caused by implementation of projects within the common boundaries or any other causes suspected by the other party as encroaching into its territorial jurisdiction. Several of these disputes had been referred for resolution in various offices like the Committee on Boundaries of this august body and even to the courts of justice. But even with the mutual agreement of both

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disputants on their common boundaries, or after it was finally decided by concerned authorities, still another dispute arise especially on the possible change of permanent markers or monuments which due to the passage of time can no longer be determined or distinguished.

In some western countries, which was adopted by some of our Asian neighbors like Japan and some parts of Thailand and Indonesia, common boundaries between local government units are distinguished and marked on the ground by similar species of trees or some other tall plants akin to each other and planted end to end of the boundaries. The plants should not be similar to those growing at or near the area of the boundaries.

This measure is not a mandatory enforcement on the barangay or town. It is left to the sound discretion of the local chief executive and their sanggunians into adopting the same as applicable to their own area of jurisdiction. It is acknowledged that boundaries of some barangays and towns are distinguished by road networks, creeks or rivers, pathways, or other natural or artificial landscapes where plants cannot grow. But essentially this measure is also in support of the greening and reforestation program of the government for the succeeding generations.

NOW THEREFORE, as proposed by HON. SAMSON C. PARAN and HON. FERNANDO M. ARITAO, and on motion duly seconded, be it

ORDAINED, by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Benguet, in session assembled, the following:

SECTION 1. All towns and barangays of Benguet Province shall delineate their territorial common boundaries on the ground by planting one kind of tree specie, or the same kind of hedges or tall plants, or any similar types of tall greeneries, where applicable, which shall be maintained by mutual agreement of the concerned towns and barangays as permanent additional distinguishing mark of their common boundaries;

SECTION 2. Any funding required for the implementation of this ordinance in each local government unit shall be charged to their respective HUMAN and ECOLOGICAL SECURITY FUNDS which is 1/5 of



their respective 20% development funds as required by law and other issuances. Funding maybe sourced out every year from said fund source partially every year until all boundaries shall have been planted unless the concerned LGU funds the project in a shorter period;

SECTION 3. Adjacent LGUs shall mutually agree through a memorandum of agreement (MOA) or through a joint resolution on the joint planting of trees and other greeneries along their common boundaries. The same agreement shall also spell out the funding requirements and the sharing scheme of each adjacent barangay or town;

SECTION 4. Boundaries under boundary disputes pending with proper authorities shall be exempted from this ordinance until the same is finally settled by competent authorities. Status quo shall be maintained as the case maybe. Common boundaries established along roads, creeks or rivers, pathways or any permanent or artificial landscapes or structures on the ground, shall remain to be a permanent delineation of their boundaries and are also exempted from this ordinance;

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect on the fifteenth (15) day after its approval.

CARRIED."

Let this ordinance be furnished the Provincial Governor and all Municipalities of the Province of Benguet thru the Municipal Mayor for information.

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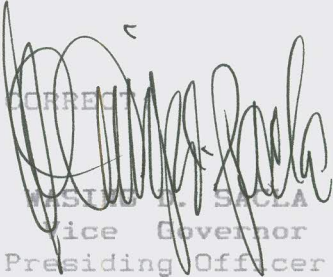
  
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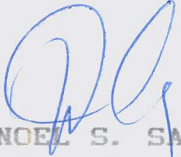
  
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