

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Tarlac  
MUNICIPALITY OF PURA

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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF PURA, TARLAC HELD AT THE SB SESSION HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015**

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PRESENT:

Hon. FERDINAND C. VALDEZ -----	Municipal Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. MANUEL N. MADDELA JR. -----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. TEODORA D. ROBINO -----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. TIMOTEO D. BALMORES-----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. JOHN PAUL M. BALMORES-----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. REBHENJER J. CARATIQUIT-----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. NENITA M. CABARIOS-----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. FREDDIE D. DOMINGO-----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. SEGUNDO B. RAMILO-----	Municipal Councilor
Hon. NOEL C. MELEGRITO-----	Ex-Officio Councilor (Liga)

ABSENT:

NONE

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO.002**

Series of 2015

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE LAST FRIDAY OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR AS ARBOR DAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PURA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan in session duly assembled:

**Section 1.** TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the "Arbor Day Ordinance in the Municipality of Pura, Tarlac".

**Section 2.** DECLARATION OF POLICY– It is hereby declared as policy of the Municipality to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the vital role and importance of trees in ecological stability is recognized. Hence, there is a need for collaborated effort between the State and its citizenry to combat the loss of our natural resources and rejuvenate our environment by undertaking nationwide tree planting activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability.

**Section 3.** CREATION OF ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE – In implementing the intents of this Ordinance, there shall be created in the Municipality an Arbor Day Celebration Committee, the composition of which shall be as follows:

CHAIRPERSON:	Municipal Mayor
VICE CHAIR PERSON:	Municipal Vice Mayor
MEMBERS:	Chairman, SB Committee on Environmental Protection Municipal Agricultural Officer Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) District Supervisor, Department of Education School Principals (public and private)

Local Government Operations Officer;  
Municipal Agrarian Reform Officer;  
Municipal Engineer;  
Tourism Officer designate;  
Chief of Police, PNP Pura;  
Liga ng mga Barangay President;  
Two (2) Representatives from the NGO's;  
Tricycle Drivers Association Representative;  
Media Association representative; and  
Such other members as the Local Chief Executive may deem it necessary.

**Section 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE** – The following are the functions of the Committee:

- (A) Formulate plans and programs necessary to achieve the intent of this Ordinance;
- (B) Specify the areas to be planted with trees and ornamental plants;
- (C) Monitor and record the activities and projects undertaken under this Ordinance; and
- (D) Such other functions as the Local Chief Executive may deem necessary.

**Section 5. PROCLAMATION OF ARBOR DAY** – the Arbor Day Celebration shall be done every last Friday of July; provided, that the Arbor Day (Tree Planting) designated shall be declared as public working holiday in order to ensure the participation of the different sectors of society.

**Section 6. PLANTING OF TREES** – All able-bodied citizens of the Municipality, who are at least twelve (12) years of age, shall be required to plant one (1) tree every year.

**Section 7. AREAS COVERED BY TREE PLANTING** – The Arbor Day Celebrations Committee shall specify the area within the Municipality to be planted. The tree planting activities shall be done in any of the following areas:

- (a) Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school premises;
- (b) Idle or vacant public lands;
- (c) Public parks in urban and rural areas; and
- (d) Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner/s thereof.

**Section 8. MAINTENANCE OF TREES.** – The barangay officials and/or School Administrators and deputized nongovernmental organizations shall be responsible for the maintenance of such trees.

**Section 9. INFORMATION AND MONITORING** – for information and monitoring purposes, all concerned agencies, department, and institutions shall submit to the Committee their accomplishment in relation to the Arbor Day Celebration.

**Section 10. SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDLINGS** – the Municipal Agricultural Officer shall be responsible in the supply and distribution of seedlings for the tree planting program of the Municipality.

**Section 11. FUNDING** – Special appropriation in the amount of Twenty Thousand Pesos (Php. 20,000.00) per year will be provided by the Municipality for the operation and maintenance of the activity.

**Section 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE** – if any provisions of this Ordinance or any part thereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

**Section 13. REPEALING CLAUSE** – All ordinances, resolutions, executive orders or regulations and other issuances inconsistent with the provisions and/or purposes of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**Section 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**


ATTESTED:

  
**JOYTO P. PUNZALAN**  
SB Secretary

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
**Hon. FERDINAND C. VALDEZ**  
Municipal Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**Hon. CONCEPCION A. ZARATE**  
Municipal Mayor