



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 13th REGULAR SESSION OF THE 10th SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2007 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL-

PRESENT:

Hon. Edwin R. Ladeza,	Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Damaso C. Pasilbas,	SB Member
Hon. Josephat B. Palma,	SB Member
Hon. Timoteo L. Legitimas,	SB Member
Hon. Ignacio M. Castil, Jr.,	SB Member
Hon. Priscila C. Branzuela,	SB Member
Hon. Narciso B. Neri,	SB Member
Hon. Artemio M. Sangarios,	LnB President, Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Allan Rey M. Palban,	SKMF President, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Ricky U. Masamayor,	SB Member
Hon. Manuel R. Veloso,	SB Member

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 07- 010

Series of 2007

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ENTRY OF COCONUT PARTS AND ALL NATURAL HOSTS OF COCONUT PESTS AND DISEASES SPECIFICALLY COCONUT CADANG-CADANG DISEASE AND BRONTISPA LONGISSIMA PEST BROUGHT BY ANY PERSONS OR BY OTHER MEANS THROUGH AIR, LAND AND SEA INTO THE JURISDICTION OF THIS MUNICIPALITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (BPI) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 13, SERIES OF 2004, BPI SPECIAL QUARANTINE ORDER NO. 13, SERIES OF 2005 AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 72 (SERIES OF 2006)-

WHEREAS, the major diseases and pests affecting the coconut industry include the Cadang-cadang Disease and the Brontispa longissima which have caused severe losses to major coconut-producing regions in the country and other coconut-producing regions in the country and other coconut-producing countries in the world;

WHEREAS, Central Visayas is endangered by these pests and diseases because of its proximity and transport accessibility to affected provinces thus posing a serious threat to the coconut industry which is a major means of livelihood in the region;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) has issued BPI Administrative Order No. 13, Series of 2004 entitled, "Declaring the Cadang-cadang a Manageable Disease and Providing for a Containment and Quarantine Control Program in Affected Areas" and BPI Special Quarantine No. 3, Series of 2005 "Declaring the

Coconut Leaf Beetle, *Brontispa longissima* (Gestro), an Invasive Pest of Coconut and Providing Measures to Regulate and Prevent Its Spread”.

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Council has passed RDC Resolution No. 72 (Series of 2006) “Enjoining LGU’s to Pass and Implement Ordinances which will Prevent the Entry of Coconut Pests and Disease into Central Visayas Provinces”;

WHEREFORE, be it ordained by the 10th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled that:

Section 1. TITLE

This shall be known as “An ordinance Providing Measure To Ensure a Coconut Cadang-cadang Disease-Free and *Brontispa Longissima* Pest-Free Municipality of Loon.”

Section 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- a. Coconut Cadang-cadang Disease – a disease of coconut characterized by premature decline and death of coconut palms in the Philippines associated with viroid infection.
- b. *Brontispa longissima* – a coconut leaf beetle that generally feeds on the young spears of seedlings, ornamental palms, and mature coconut trees; the insect also causes the decay and drying of different parts of the trees, thus preventing them from bearing fruits, and eventually killing the tree; generally known in color and measures 7.5-10 mm. long and 1.5-2 mm. wide.
- c. Natural hosts of the Coconut Cadang-cadang Disease – include all members of the palm family: oil palm, buri palm, betel nut palm, Manila palm, palmer, royal palm, MacArthur palm, date palm
- d. Natural hosts of the *Brontispa longissima* pest – include sago palm, areca or betel nut palm, royal palm, oil palm and ornamental palms, nicobar palm, Carpentaria palm, fish tail palm, ivory nut palm, petticoat palm, king palm, dwarf date palm
- e. Entry Quarantine Checkpoints – designated areas in ports of entry to monitor/regulate the movement of coconut materials and other natural hosts of the Cadang-cadang disease and *Brontispa longissima* pest

Section 3. IMPLEMETING PROVISIONS

The following preventive, containment and eradication measures will be implemented in relation to this ordinance:

- a. Conduct of periodic general surveillance and monitoring activities at the barangay and municipal levels to detect coconut disease infection or coconut pest infestation, particularly Coconut Cadang-cadang disease and *Brontispa longissima* pest, respectively, and reporting of any such occurrences through channel;
- b. Conduct of massive information campaigns at the barangay and municipal levels through trainings, meetings, consultations and distribution of reference materials to create public awareness and concern;
- c. Establishment of entry quarantine checkpoints to prohibit the entry of coconut parts (including freshly-sawn lumber) and other natural hosts of the Cadang-cadang disease and *Brontispa longissima* pest;
- d. Mobilization of all concerned personnel and agencies in case of Cadang-cadang disease and *Brontispa longissima* pest detection with the LGU

providing the funding support and with other agencies particularly the Philippines Coconut Authority and the Bureau of Plant Industry rendering technical assistance with regard to containment and eradication measures.

Section 4. SANCTIONS

Violations of any provisions of this Ordinance shall be meted the following sanctions:

- a. First Offense – Warning and confiscation
Parts of the coconut palm and other natural hosts to be confiscated are embryos, pollens, seednuts and seedlings intended for planting of propagation purposes with regard to the Coconut Cadang-cadang Disease while palm seedlings, plants and germinated seednuts including fronds will be confiscated with the regard to the *Brontispa longissima* pest.
- b. Second Offense - Fine of P1,000.00 plus confiscation of the above items
- c. Third and succeeding offenses P2,500.00 plus confiscation of the above items

Section 5. IMPLEMENTING OFFICES AND AGENCIES

- a. The Local Government Unit (LGU) shall provide the funding support in the implementation of prevention, containment and eradication measures against the Coconut Cadang-cadang Disease and *Brontispa longissima*.
- b. The Philippines Coconut Authority, Bureau of Plant Industry/Department of Agriculture shall spearhead the conduct of massive information campaign in the municipality and will provide technical assistance in the event of coconut disease infection or coconut pest infestation in the locality. These agencies shall also deputize selected PCA and LGU personnel to provide technical assistance to quarantine officers in ports of entry.
- c. The Philippine National Police (PNP) shall be the apprehending agency against violators of this ordinance in cooperation with barangay officials and barangay tanods.
- d. The Municipal Treasurer shall collect the fines with regard to violations of this ordinance and put such collection in a trust fund to be exclusively used in the implementation of this ordinance.
- e. The Philippines Ports Authority, the Air Transportation Office and the Bureau of Customs shall assist and cooperate in the strict enforcement of BPI Administrative Orders relative to this disease and pest.
- f. All companies engaged in land, water or air transportation shall assist/cooperate with the above-concerned offices/agencies in the enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. REPEALING CLAUSE

Any ordinance inconsistent thereto is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 7. EFFECTIVITY

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

EDWIN R. LADEZA
Vice-Mayor
(Presiding Officer)

ATTESTED:

FIDELINO P. CORITICO, LIB
Secretary to the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

LLOYD PETER M. LOPEZ, M.D.
Municipal Mayor

Date: _____