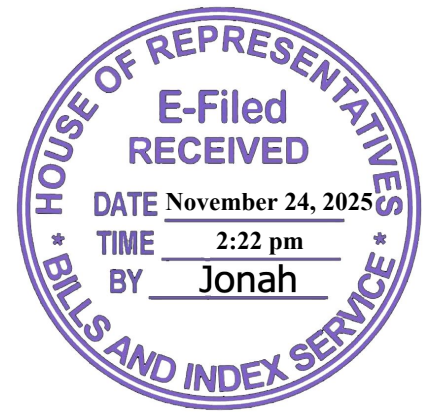


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

In the recent months, the Philippines and other Asian countries have suffered severe impacts of environmental degradation and climate change. Many lives were lost, properties destroyed, and local economies disrupted.

Hence, there is a pressing need to strengthen reforestation efforts and environmental preservation to mitigate climate risks and reduce casualties during natural disasters.

This proposed legislation, which mandates the integration of Tree Planting Plan (TPP) as an additional requirement for the issuance of building permits, to mainstream urban greening and support national reforestation and climate adaption efforts.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title** -This Act shall be known and cited as “Building Green Act.”

2 **SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy**- It is the policy of the State to protect and advance
3 the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony
4 of nature.

5 For this purpose, the State shall promote tree planting in residential, commercial,
6 industrial, and public areas to aid in environmental preservation and mitigate the adverse effects
7 of climate change.

8 **SECTION 3. Coverage** – All applications for building permits covering new
9 construction, additions, alterations and major repairs under Presidential Decree No. 1096 (National
10 Building Code of the Philippines) shall include a Tree Planting Plan (TPP), except traditional
11 indigenous family dwellings and projects exempted under the Code and its IRR.

SECTION 4. *Tree Planting Plan (TPP) requirement* – (a) Submission – the applicant shall submit a TPP, in addition to other permit requirements, to the Office of the Building Official (OBO) of the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU). (b) Minimum Contents – The TPP shall contain, at minimum:

- a) Total lot and project floor area of the project;
- b) Layout of planting areas;
- c) Number of trees to be planted, at least:

- (i) One (1) tree for every five hundred (500) square meters of lot area for commercial or industrial buildings; and
- (ii) One (1) for every two hundred fifty (250) square meters in residential buildings or developments, there shall be one (1) tree;

- d) Species of endemic trees;

Any person, firm, corporation, office, department, or agency of the government that intends to construct, repair, or alter building or any structure shall designate one or more areas within the property for planting trees and other vegetation, consistent with the approved TPP and the technical criteria under this Act and its IRR.

SECTION 5. *Institutional Arrangements* – The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), as the administrator of the National Building Code, shall integrate the TPP requirement into building permit processes and forms. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall provide technical standards for tree selection, planting, and maintenance. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall oversee LGU compliance and capacity-building.

SECTION 6. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DPWH and DENR, in coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Agriculture (DA) shall promulgate the pertinent implementing rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this Act.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause*. If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or inoperative, the other provisions not so declared shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause*. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof contrary or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,