



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10518

BY REPRESENTATIVES PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, GARCIA (D.), TERENG, CASTRO, LAZATIN, DE VENECIA,
GARDIOLA, RODRIGUEZ (M.), MONTES, LAGBAS, RIVERA, CAGAS, BENITEZ (J.M.), SALCEDA
AND TAN (K.M.)

AN ACT
INTEGRATING TREE PLANTING PLAN AS AN ADDITIONAL
REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS

*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 as the “Building
2 Permit Tree Planting Act”.

3 **SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.*** – It is the policy of the State to protect
4 and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in
5 accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature. For this purpose, the State
6 shall promote tree planting in residential, commercial, industrial, and public
7 areas to aid in environmental preservation and mitigate the adverse effects
8 of climate change.

9 **SEC. 3. *Coverage.*** – All applications for building permits
10 covering new construction, additions, alterations and major repairs under
11 Presidential Decree No. 1096, otherwise known as the “National Building
12 Code of the Philippines” shall include a Tree Planting Plan (TPP), except

1 traditional indigenous family dwellings and projects exempted under the Code
2 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

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

7 (1) Total lot and project floor area of the project;

8 (2) Layout of planting areas;

9 (3) Number of trees to be planted, at least:

10 (i) One (1) tree for every five hundred (500) square meters of
11 lot area for commercial or industrial buildings; and

12 (ii) One (1) tree for every two hundred fifty (250) square meters
13 in residential buildings or developments;

14 (4) Species of endemic trees.

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

20 **SEC. 5. *Institutional Arrangements.*** – The Department of Public
21 Works and Highways (DPWH), as the administrator of the National Building
22 Code, shall integrate the TPP requirement into building permit processes
23 and forms. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources
24 (DENR) shall provide consultations and technical standards for species
25 selection, planting, and maintenance. The Department of the Interior and

1 Local Government (DILG) shall oversee LGU compliance and capacity-
2 building.

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

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

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

14 **SEC. 9. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
15 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
16 circulation.

Approved,