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ORMOC CITY  
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE  
MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, HELD AT ITS  
SESSION HALL ON JULY 20, 1962

PRESENT:

Hon. Francisco D. Aviles, City Councilor, Presiding  
Hon. Benjamin T. Pongos, City Councilor  
Hon. Marcelino S. Conopio, City Councilor  
Hon. Francisco D. Abas, City Councilor  
Hon. Jesus B. Lladoc, City Councilor  
Hon. Teotimo P. Ocubillo, City Councilor  
Hon. Cesar Samson, City Councilor

ABSENT:

Hon. Rafael M. Mejia, Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer,  
Acting City Mayor  
Hon. Guillermo T. Parrilla (in Manila)

RESOLUTION NO. 17A

"WHEREAS, Ormoc City is blessed by the Almighty to have an abundant supply of water unlike the cities of Manila, Cebu, Tacloban and other cities of the Philippines which do not enjoy this bountiful gift of nature that has been granted our city where water supply is so strong that there has never been an instance be it dry or rainy season when there was water shortage;

"WHEREAS, ever since the creation of the Ormoc Waterworks System the residents of Ormoc City has the great opportunity to enjoy this abundant supply of potable water but this is about to be taken away through wrong doings of some individuals whose acts may be intentional or unintentional;

"WHEREAS, information has been brought before this August Body by none other than our NAWASA Supervisor himself, Engr. Nestor C. Penserga, that the watershed areas of the Ormoc Waterworks System located at the barrios of Patag and Mahayag, Ormoc City, have been subjected to destructive cuttings of trees surrounding the same, thus endangering the city's water supply and that the continuous clearings of the trees and existence of "kaingin" system in the watershed area will no doubt, if left unchecked, cause a serious and disastrous consequence to our water supply;

"WHEREAS, we cannot allow ourselves to merely fold our arms and permit this tragic thing to happen before our midst so that it is our bounden duty to stop this wanton destruction of trees surrounding our watershed and thus protect the water needs of our city's inhabitants;

"NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, on motion of Councilor Pongos, seconded by Councilor Abas;

"RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 10

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CUTTING OR CAUSING TO BE CUT OF TREES OR CLEARING THE FOREST OR THE MAKING OF "KAINGIN" SYSTEM OR LANDS WITHIN A RADIUS OF TWO HUNDRED (200) METERS FROM THE SPRINGS OF THE ORMOC WATERWORKS SYSTEM, ORMOC CITY, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES



BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Board of Ormoc City pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 179, as amended by Republic Act 429, otherwise known as the Charter of Ormoc City, that:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cut or cause to be cut the trees or clear the forest or make any "kaingin" system on the lands within a radius of Two Hundred (200) meters from the springs of the Ormoc Waterworks System.

SECTION 2. Any person found violating the provision of this Ordinance shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Pesos (P10.00) nor more than Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall apply to existing "kaingin" system and cutting and clearings of trees within the Two Hundred (200) meters radius from the springs of the Ormoc Waterworks System.

SECTION 4. By the word "springs" is meant the existing springs numbered 1, 1-A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Ormoc Waterworks System.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of implementing this Ordinance, the NWSA Supervisor, Ormoc Branch, or its duly authorized representative shall establish land marks defining the Two Hundred (200) meters radius distance from the springs as prohibited by this Ordinance.

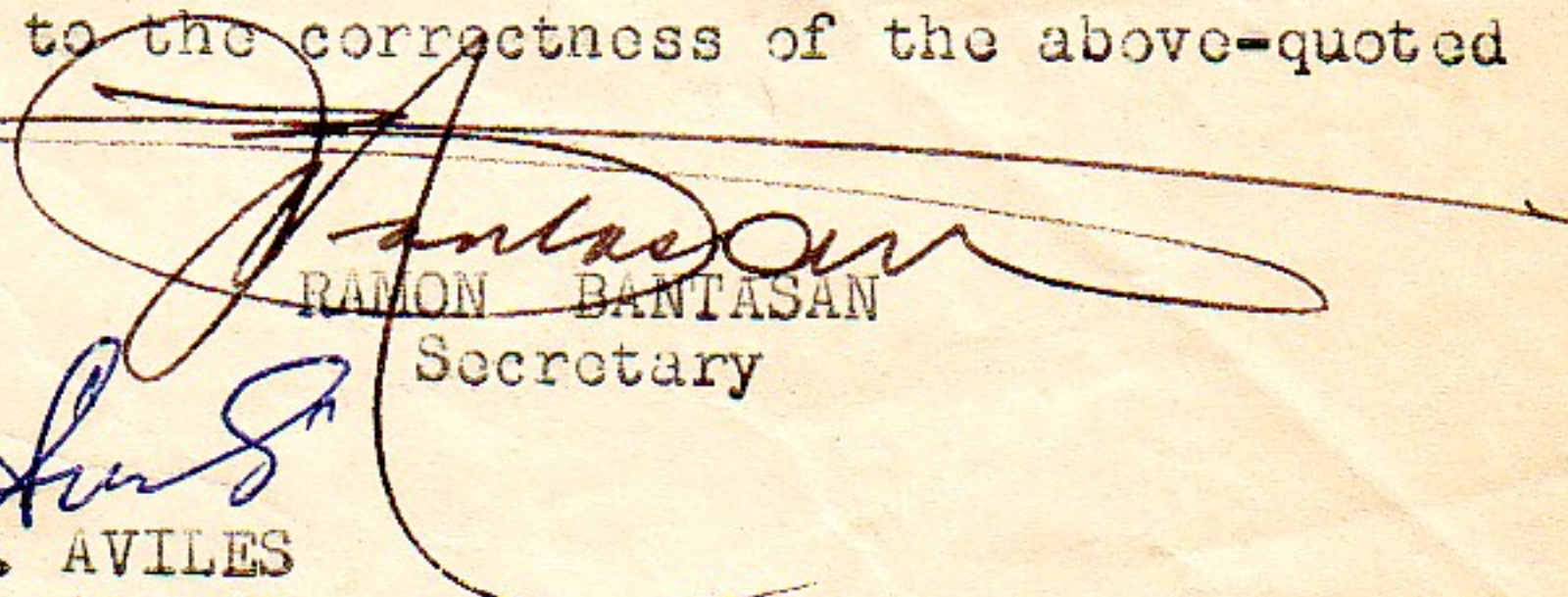
SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, July 20, 1962.

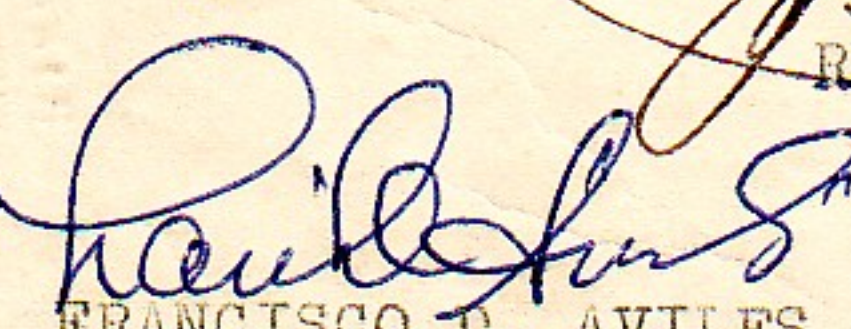
"RESOLVED FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution each to the NAWASA Supervisor, Ormoc Branch, the City Attorney, the Municipal Judge, the Chief of Police, the City Treasurer, the City Auditor, and all concerned;

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution-ordinance.

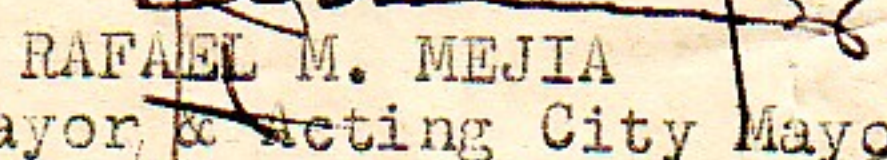
  
RAMON BANTASAN  
Secretary

ATTESTED:

  
FRANCISCO D. AVILES  
City Councilor  
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

July 23, 1962.

  
RAFAEL M. MEJIA  
Vice Mayor & Acting City Mayor

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:

  
LUCAS DE LOYOLA  
Secretary