



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Ilocos Norte  
**MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS**

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## OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup>  
SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN NICOLAS, ILOCOS NORTE HELD  
AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2021  
AT 11:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Edistio P. Valdez	Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer;
Hon. Angel Miguel L. Hernando	Member;
Hon. Moera Joy N. Galing-Luna	Member;
Hon. Joseph Lister B. Butay	Member;
Hon. Norberto D. Dadiz, Sr.	Member;
Hon. Erico R. Ruiz, Jr.	Member;
Hon. Luciano R. Caraang	Member;
Hon. Jessie Julito P. Pumaras, Sr.	Member;
Hon. Juanito P. Ulep, Jr.	Member/Liga ng mga Barangay President;
Hon. Inno Ma. Angelo Paulo O. Hernando	Member/PPSK President.

**ABSENT:**

None.

### “MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13

#### **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECO MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE REMAINS OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES AT BRGY 16 SAN MARCOS, SAN NICOLAS ILOCOS NORTE AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS OPERATION THEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte through Proclamation No. 1021, has extended the period of State of Calamity throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease for one-year, effective September 13, 2020 to September 12, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 15, of the 1987 Philippine constitution declares the policy of the State to promote the right to health of the people; It is further provided in Article II, Section 11, that it is the policy of the state to value the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

**WHEREAS**, there is an increase in mortality caused by the COVID-19 virus, thus, in order to properly manage the human remains of those infected by the virus, a separate location must be established in accord with Memorandum Circular No.

**WHEREAS**, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued memorandum Circular No. 2020-060, providing the Interim Guidelines on the management of human remains for patient under investigation (PUI) and confirmed CoronaVirus-19 disease cases

**WHEREAS**, the municipal government purchased lots at Barangay 16, San Nicolas which are suitable for the establishment of an Eco Memorial Park;

**WHEREAS**, under the Local Government Code, the Sangguniang Bayan is empowered to enact ordinance(s) relative to the use of land, buildings and structures within the municipality in order to promote the general welfare to regulate the establishment, operation, and maintenance of funeral parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations (Section 447 (a)(4)(ix) and also to approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of diseases (Section 447 (a) (5) (xii).

Page 2, *Municipal Ordinance No. 2021-13*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN** in session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. *Title.*** This Ordinance shall be known as an “**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECO MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE REMAINS OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES AT BRGY 16 SAN MARCOS, SAN NICOLAS ILOCOS NORTE AND PROVIDING GUIDELINES FOR ITS OPERATION THEREOF**”

**SECTION 2. *Purpose.*** This ordinance is intended to provide a decent burial ground for COVID-19 victims and other infectious diseases in consideration of the guidelines issued by the IATF in the management of the cadaver of the victims. The planting of trees at the area is also encouraged in consonance to the KalikaSannicolos Program of the municipality.

**SECTION 3. *Establishment.*** An Eco Memorial Park is hereby established at Brgy. 16 San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte with an area of Four Hundred Fifty square meters (450 sq. m.).

The specifications required on the area needed for the burial of victims shall be observed and must conform with existing and related laws on the matter. This aspect shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Municipal Engineer.

**SECTION 4. *Definition of Terms.*** For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions are hereby adopted:

1. Eco Memorial Park -

**SECTION 4. *Municipal Officials/Officers in charge of the operation.*** The Municipal Engineer, the Municipal Health Officer and the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer of the LGU shall be responsible for the management of the remains until its interment at the Eco Memorial Park.

All acts specifically the management of the dead caused by COVID-10 virus and other infectious diseases shall be in accord with DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2020-060.

These officials/officers may issue operational guidelines and regulations to ensure that the intent of this ordinance shall be realized.

**SECTION 5. *Maintenance.*** The LGU shall assign personnel through to man the area for its maintenance and safety.

**SECTION 6. *Conduct of Persons in the Eco-Memorial Park.***

- a. No person may discharge any firearm within the grounds without written permission of the municipal mayor.
- b. No person may remove any object from any place in the cemetery or make any excavation without the written permission of the municipal engineer and municipal health officer.
- c. No person may obstruct any drive or path in the cemetery or in any way injure, deface, or destroy any structure, grave, flower, tree, or other thing in the cemetery.
- d. No person may disturb the tranquility of the cemetery by noise or improper conduct of any kind. No person may enter or leave the cemetery except at the entrances provided.

- e. No person may use the cemetery grounds or any road therein as a public thoroughfare, nor drive any vehicle through the cemetery grounds except for purposes relating to the cemetery and the Eco park.
- f. Animals must be under control at all times.

**SECTION 7. *Funding.*** The LGU shall allocate funds for the establishment and maintenance of the Eco Memorial Park.

**SECTION 8. *Separability Clause.*** If for any reason any portion or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other section or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.*** All ordinances, resolutions, memoranda, orders and other issuances which are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. *Effectivity.*** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

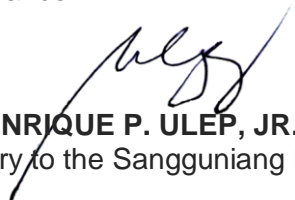
Voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

AYES : Members Hernando, A., Galing-Luna, Butay, Dadiz, Sr., Ruiz, Jr., Caraang, Pumaras, Sr., Ulep, Jr. and Hernando, I.

NAYS : None.

ABSTAINED : None.


I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

  
**ENRIQUE P. ULEP, JR.**  
 Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan I

ATTESTED:

  
**EDISTIO P. VALDEZ**  
 Vice-Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

  
**ALFREDO P. VALDEZ, JR., M.D.**  
 Municipal Mayor  
 Approved on: April 15, 2021