

LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 406
Series of 2011

A RESOLUTION REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS IN THE LAGUNA DE BAY REGION TO PASS AND IMPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIN FILM, SINGLE USE, CARRY OUT, NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC BAGS

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act 4850 (1966) as amended by Presidential Decree 813 (1978) and further amended by Executive Order 927 (1983) states that it is the declared policy of the government to promote and accelerate the development and balanced growth of the Laguna Lake area and the surrounding provinces, cities, towns within the context of the national and regional plans and policies for social and economic development and to carry out the development of the Laguna Lake region with due regard and adequate provisions for environmental management and control, preservation of the quality of human life and ecological systems, and the prevention of undue ecological disturbances, environmental deterioration and pollution;

WHEREAS, Section 4 (1) of R.A. 4850 authorizes the Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) to “require cities and municipalities embraced within the region to pass appropriate zoning ordinances and other regulatory measures necessary to carry out the objectives of the Authority and enforce the same with the assistance of the Authority”;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9003 otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 provides for the identification and listing of Non-Environmentally Acceptable Products (NEAP) and packaging material. The National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC) has adopted and issued guidelines for NEAP and has identified plastic packaging as one of only 5 product groupings that shall undergo assessment;

WHEREAS, data released by the Ocean Conservancy characterize the debris collected from Philippine Coastal Clean-up sites in 2008, which included selected sites in and around Laguna de Bay, as consisting predominantly of plastic bags and plastic packaging materials. Moreover, the City Government of Muntinlupa has reported that 90% of the materials found to be obstructing storm drains and clogging of waterways in the aftermath of Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana) consisted basically of plastic bags and plastic discards;

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate dumping of plastic bags and packaging materials into the environment and the eventual burning of the same in open dumps coupled with an apathetic behavior of the population is exacerbating flooding, deteriorating water quality, shallowing of lakes and rivers, and as such constitutes a serious threat to public health and the integrity of the ecosystems;

WHEREAS, single use, disposable, carryout, non-biodegradable thin film plastic packaging materials and plastic bags constitute the most used and the bulk of disposed plastics vis-a-vis thicker and more rigid types of plastics that are recycled and have a recovery mechanism in place. Moreover, in a working paper prepared by the Technical Working Group (TWG) tasked to assess the plastic product and packaging materials group, representatives of the Philippine Plastic Industry Association (PPIA) have expressed no serious opposition to the initiative to ban plastic packaging materials and plastic bags;

WHEREAS, because of the deleterious effects of the disposal of plastic bags and packaging materials into the environment, the local governments of Muntinlupa City in Metro Manila; the Municipalities of Los Baños, Paete and Kalayaan in Laguna; Lucban in Quezon and Carmona in Cavite have already passed and implemented local ordinances prohibiting or regulating the use of plastic bags in their localities;

WHEREAS, the banning of the use and distribution of thin film, single use and carry out non-biodegradable plastic bags will greatly contribute to a reduction in the volume of solid wastes generated by local communities and which end up in canals, waterways, rivers, creeks and streams and eventually in the lake;

NOW, THEREFORE, foregoing premises considered, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to approve the resolution requiring Local Government Units in the Laguna de Bay Region to pass and implement an ordinance banning the use and distribution of non-biodegradable thin film, single use and carry out plastic bags.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to seek the support of the Provincial Government of Rizal and Laguna, as well as the Metro Manila Development Authority and the Bureau of Local Government Supervision of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in ensuring that Local Government Units within the Laguna de Bay Region pass and implement the appropriate local ordinance within six (6) months after this LLDA Board Resolution becomes effective.


RESOLVED FINALLY, that this resolution shall take effect upon approval by the LLDA Board of Directors subject to pertinent provisions of the Publication Law.

APPROVED on March 24, 2011.


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