

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution provides "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";

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 3571 stipulates "it is the policy of the Government to cherish, protect and conserve planted or growing trees, flowering plants and shrubs or plants of ornamental value along public roads, in plazas, parks, school premises or in any public ground";

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the state to ensure the sustainable use, development, management, protection, and conservation of the country's environment and natural resources and cultural heritage for the enjoyment of the present and future generations;

**WHEREAS**, the City government of General Santos, being the mandated owner of the 63 hectare-Sanitary Landfill facility site located in Barangay Sinawal, deems it necessary to further develop the site not only for garbage disposal treatment purposes but also by establishing an ecopark which will contribute to economic growth, increase income for the Local Government Unit, making it a significant source of business opportunities while protecting its natural habitat;

**WHEREAS**, an ecopark established in the Sanitary Landfill, at Barangay Sinawal will serve as a place of leisure and recreation where tourists and the citizens of General Santos can immerse themselves into nature, appreciate its beauty and recognize its importance while cultural, social and community cohesion in the City is encouraged;

**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Hon. \_\_\_\_\_, be it -

**Resolved**, as it is hereby resolved to enact the following ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
Series of 2017

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECOPARK AT THE SANITARY LANDFILL IN BARANGAY SINAWAL, THIS CITY, AS A PART OF ITS BUFFER ZONE**

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**HON. ELIZABETH B. BAGONOC – Author/Sponsor**

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*Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of General Santos, that:*

Section 1. **Short Title.**– This ordinance shall be known as "The Sanitary Landfill Ecopark Ordinance."

Section 2. **Declaration of Policy.**– It shall be the policy of the City to enhance the beauty and improve the ecosystem of our communities to provide the populace with a healthy and wholesome environment and places for rest and recreation, and to make our people increasingly appreciate the need for preserving our trees and restoring at the earliest possible time our denuded areas, for the benefit of its people both in the present and future generations. For this purpose, the City

Government of General Santos hereby establishes an ecopark at the Sanitary Landfill in Barangay Sinawal, this City.

Section 3. **Definition of Terms.**- For purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases are hereby defined:

- (a) **Buffer zone** – refers to an area created to enhance the protection of a specific conservation area.
- (b) **Ecopark** – refers to an area having abundance of trees, plants, grass and various facilities (such as benches, playgrounds, fountains and other equipment) that allows people to enjoy the leisure and rest.
- (c) **Sanitary Landfill** – refers to the city-owned 63-hectare site located in Barangay Sinawal, which provides service to collect and to properly dispose the solid wastes generated by the city.

Section 4. **Duty to Operate and Maintain the Ecopark.** - The City Waste Management Office (WMO) shall be the main implementing office of the Ordinance. It shall conduct regular monitoring of the ecopark's operation and production.

Section 5. **Creation of Technical working Group (TWG).** - The Technical Working Group for this Ordinance shall be composed of the following concerned government agencies and stakeholders;

Chairperson: City Mayor

Vice Chairperson: Department Head of Waste Management Office

Members:

- a) Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairperson, Committee on Climate Change, Adaptation and Environment
- b) Sangguniang Panlungsod Chairperson, Committee on Tourism, Culture and Arts
- c) Department Head of City Environment and Natural Resources Office or the designated representative
- d) Department Head of the City Agriculturist's Office or the designated representative
- e) Department Head of the City Planning and Development Office or the designated representative
- f) Department Head of the City Economic Management and Cooperative Development Office or the designated representative
- g) A representative from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office XII (DENR XII)
- h) A representative from the Environment and Management Bureau XII (EMB XII)
- i) A representative from the Department of Tourism Region XII

- j) A representative from the Academe whose field of expertise is in the environment and natural resources

Section 6. **Function of the Technical Working Group (TWG).**-

- a) Formulate the Sanitary Landfill Ecopark Management Plan
- b) Formulates policies, programs and projects towards the fulfillment of the provisions of this Ordinance.
- c) Approves and oversees the implementation of the Ordinance.
- d) Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the Ordinance.
- e) Attend regularly in all meetings of the committee and participate actively in all deliberations about this Ordinance.

Section 7. **Budgetary Requirements.**- The City government of General Santos shall allocate funds for the implementation of this ordinance.

Section 8. **Implementing Rules and Regulations.** — The Office of the City Mayor the City Waste Management Office, and the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) shall formulate the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance within thirty (30) working days after the approval of this Ordinance.

Section 9. **Repealing Clause.**- All ordinances, orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. **Separability Clause.**- If for any reason or reasons, any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions which are not affected shall continue to be in full force or effect.

Section 11. **Effectivity Clause.**- This ordinance shall take effect take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of General Santos.

Enacted by the 18<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of General Santos on its \_\_\_\_\_  
Regular Session held at the Session Hall, Legislative Building, General Santos City on \_\_\_\_\_.

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