



Republic of the Philippines  
 Province of Ilocos Norte  
 MUNICIPALITY OF NUEVA ERA

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF NUEVA ERA, ILOCOS NORTE, HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON DECEMBER 19, 2022 AT 9:00 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

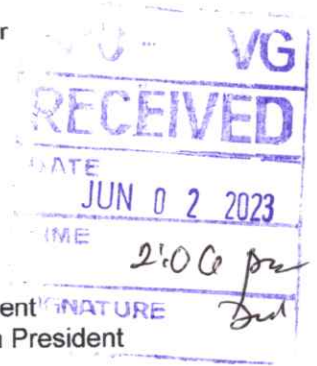
- HON. CAROLINE A. GARVIDA
- HON. CATHERINE A. NAIRA
- HON. REDENTOR B. VALERA
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- HON. FERNANDO BALAGSO
- HON. ELMER B. AZURIN
- HON. PETRONIO H. RIQUELMAN JR.
- HON. EDWIN B. YAGIN
- HON. ARNEL N. CALAYCAY
- HON. FRANCISCO T. RAMBAUD

HON. AUSTINE MARK A. VALERA  
 ABSENT: NONE

Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
 Sangguniang Bayan Member

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Liga ng mga Barangay President  
 Pederasyon ng Sangguniang Kabataan President



**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2022- 51**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AREAS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUEVA ERA, ILOCOS NORTE**

**WHEREAS**, it shall be the policy of the State to prevent, control, and abate pollution of the country's water resources; promote environmental strategies for the protection of water resources, formulate a national program of water quality management; promote commercial and industrial processes and products that are environmentally friendly and energy efficient;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act (CWA) of 2004 provides that the State shall pursue a policy of economic growth in a manner consistent with the procedures in the prevention, control and abatement of pollution of the country's water resources;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides that:

"Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as the powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare. Within their respective territorial jurisdiction, local government units shall ensure and support among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture, promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific technological capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and order and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants."

**WHEREAS**, all watersheds that are sources of water for existing and potential irrigable areas and recharge areas of major aquifers identified by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture shall be preserved;

**WHEREAS**, watersheds are beneficial in the tourism industry, agricultural use and sources for human consumption;

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte by virtue of the powers vested in law, in session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AREAS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUEVA ERA, ILOCOS NORTE"

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** It shall be the policy of the Municipality of Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte to promote environmental strategies for the protection of water resources ;

**SECTION 3. Coverage.** This ordinance shall apply to all the identified watershed areas within the municipality of Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte.

**SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF TERMS:** As used in this ordinance, terms are defined hereunder:

1. **Watershed Protection**-protects lives, property and the environment of our community by reducing the impact of flood, erosion and water pollution.
2. **Environmentally Critical areas**—areas declared by law as national parks, watershed reserves, wildlife preserves and sanctuaries; water bodies characterized within the controlled and or protected areas declared by appropriate authorities.
3. **Contamination**-means the introduction of substances not found in natural composition of water that make the water less desirable or unfit for intended use.
4. **Discharge** – includes, but is not limited to the act of spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring emitting, emptying, releasing or dumping of any material into a water body.
5. **Dumping**-means any unauthorized or illegal disposal into any body of water
6. **Hazardous waste** –any waste or combination of wastes of solid, liquid, contained in gaseous or semi-solid form which causes or contribute to an increase in serious irreversible or to incapacitation reversible illness taking into account toxicity of such waste.
7. **Pollutant**- refer to any substance, whether solid, liquid, gaseous or radioactive, which directly or indirectly alters the quality of any segment of the receiving water.
8. **Groundwater**-a subsurface water that occurs beneath a water table in soils and rocks, or in geological formation.

**SECTION 5. WATERSHED PROTECTION AREAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NUEVA ERA, ILOCOS NORTE:**

BARANGAY	WATERSHED AREAS
POBLACION	CACANAN FALLS ABOT FALLS BONGO RIVER APAPOLOG RIVER
BAKIKIR	BIMMITO FALLS, GADGADAOAN RIVER,
ACNAM	DONGDONG SPRING DONGDONG RIVER
CARAY	DAN-AW LAKE LADING RIVER
CABITTAURAN	SAMAK WATER FALLS CABITTAURAN RIVER CALBAN FALLS
STO. NINO	PUNGAO FALLS PAPA RIVER MADONGAN RIVER
NAGUILIAN	MAGALIS FALLS MAGALIS RIVER
BUGAYONG	BAKUROT SPRING
UGUIS	TIBANGRAN RIVER UGUIS RIVER RUCAB RIVER
BARANGOBONG	PIA-AW FALLS MASIAN FALLS BARANGOBONG RIVER TIBANGRAN RIVER

**SECTION 6. PROHIBITED ACTS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following acts are hereby prohibited:

- a) Discharging, depositing or causing to be deposited material of any kind directly or indirectly into the water bodies or along the margins of any surface water, where, the same shall be liable to be washed into such surface water, either by tide action or by storm, floods or otherwise, which could cause water pollution or impede natural flow in the water body;

b) Discharging, injecting or allowing to seep into the soil or sub-soil any substance in any form that would pollute groundwater.

c) Directly using booster pumps in the distribution system or tampering with the water supply in such a way as to alter or impair the water quality.

d) Undertaking activities or development and expansion of projects without permission of local authorities

e) Construction of any structure, such as residential houses, pig pens, or any kind of structure within the vicinities of the watershed areas.

**SECTION 7. MONITORING OF WATERSHED PROTECTION AREAS.** All Punong Barangays are directed to designate pollution control officers and conduct regular monitoring of the declared watershed protection areas and furnish the Local Chief Executive a monitoring report.

**SECTION 8. PENAL PROVISION.** Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be penalized by a fine of not less than One Thousand Pesos (1,000.00) but not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (2,500.00) in accordance with the Revised Penal Code as the case maybe.

**SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All Ordinances, resolutions and other issuances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

**SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If for any reason any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by appropriate agency or office, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon approval.

APPROVED, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

[Voting Profile:

In Favor Members: C. Naira, R.Valera, J. Bueno F. Balagso, E. Azurin,, P. Riquelman Jr., E. Yagin, A. Calaycay, F. Rambaud, and A. Valera

Against: NONE

Abstained: NONE]

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

  
LILY U. DALAG

Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED

  
CAROLINE A. GARVIDA  
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer  
Date: 16 JAN 2023

APPROVED:

  
ATTY. ALDRIN R. GARVIDA  
Municipal Mayor  
Date: 16 JAN 2023