



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BARAS, RIZAL HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON MAY 7, 2024.

PRESENT: Hon. John Wilmer C. Elago - Temporary Presiding Officer
 Hon. Vergil F. Robles - -do-
 Hon. Emmanuel R. Olaño - -do-
 Hon. Mario P. Mendoza - -do-
 Hon. Bien A. Garrovillas - -do-
 Hon. Aron John V. Manalo - SK Fed. President
 Hon. Solomon C. Vallesteros - LNB President

ABSENT: Hon. Kathrine B. Robles - Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer
 Hon. Carlo D. L.T. Llagas - SB Member
 Hon. Armingol DL. Pilapil, Jr. - -do-
 Hon. Jovita P. Cawicaan - -do-



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ORDINANCE NO. 09, S. 2024

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RIGHT PORTION OF LAND PROPERTIES ALONG BARAS DIVERSION ROAD AT SITIO SORO-SORO, BARANGAY SANTIAGO, BARAS, RIZAL AS “**AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AREA**”

Introduced by: Coun. Emmanuel R. Olaño

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7586, also known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act”, which was enacted in 1992, *as amended by R.A. 11038 or the Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018*, provides for the establishment and management of a comprehensive system of protected areas throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the NIPAS Act provides a legal framework for the establishment, management, and conservation of protected areas in the Philippines, including preservation areas aimed at protecting biodiversity, ecosystems, and cultural heritage sites;

WHEREAS, Preservation Areas help protect ecosystems, biodiversity, and natural habitats, preserving critical flora and fauna species; they act as buffer zones between urban development and sensitive natural areas, reducing negative impacts such as pollution and habitat fragmentation;

WHEREAS, access to green spaces in preservation areas has been linked to physical and mental health benefits, including stress reduction, improved air quality, and increased physical activity;

WHEREAS, by declaring preservation areas, municipalities can address multiple environmental, social, and economic objectives, ensuring the well-being and food security for both current and future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Municipality of Baras, Rizal in Regular Session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the “Declaration of Agricultural Preservation Area Ordinance of the Municipality of Baras, Rizal”.

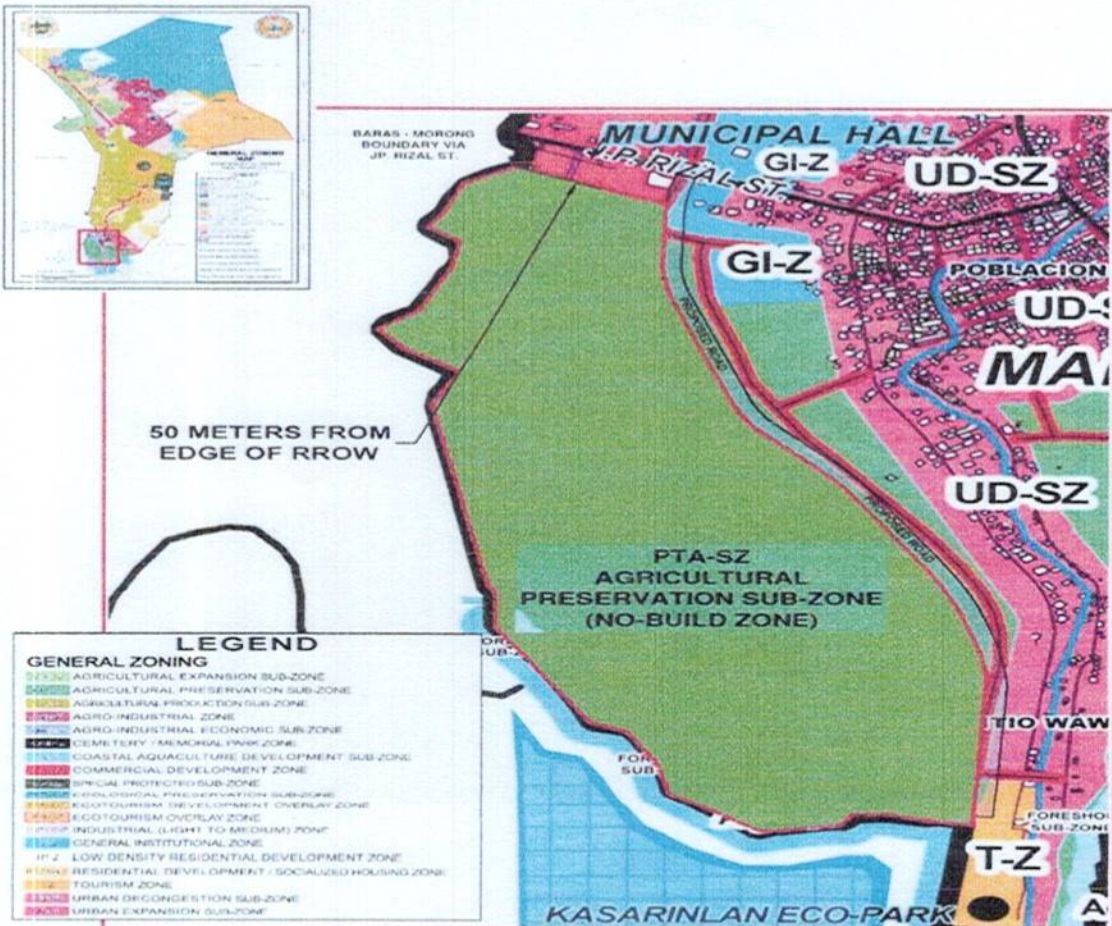
SECTION 2. Purpose – The purpose of this ordinance is to establish and designate an Agricultural Preservation Area within the jurisdiction of Baras, Rizal to promote the preservation of agricultural lands, protect the rural character of the area, and support sustainable agricultural practices.

SECTION 3. Definitions

1. Agricultural Land – any land primarily used for farming, including crop cultivation, livestock raising, or other agricultural activities;
2. Agricultural Preservation Area – perpetually limiting how farmland can be used in the future. It is entirely voluntary process designed to allow a farmer who owns prime agricultural land to eliminate the possibility of it ever being used for something other than farming.
3. Diversion Road – also known as bypass or relief road, a roadway constructed at Sitio Soro-Soro in Barangay Santiago, Baras, Rizal leading to “Baras Kasarinlan Eco-Park” at Sitio Parol, Barangay Santiago, Baras, Rizal, intended to divert traffic away from the residential and congested area in the municipality;

SECTION 4. Establishment of “Agricultural Preservation Area”

1. The Municipality of Baras, Rizal hereby designates the entire land properties situated at the right side of Diversion Road at Sitio Soro-Soro, Barangay Santiago, Baras, Rizal as “Agricultural Preservation Area”.
2. The scope of the “Agricultural Preservation Area” designated under this Section shall begin on the properties beyond the 50-meter “Commercial Development Strip” along J.P. Rizal Street, Sitio Soro-Soro, Barangay Santiago, Baras, Rizal.
3. The boundaries of the “Agricultural Preservation Area” are outlined in the map illustrated hereunder;



SECTION 5. Objectives of the Agricultural Preservation Area

1. To conserve and protect agricultural land for the long-term viability of agriculture;
2. To promote sustainable agricultural practices within the designated area;
3. To maintain the rural character and scenic beauty of the area;
4. To support local farmers and agricultural businesses;

SECTION 6. Regulations within the Agricultural Preservation Area

1. Zoning regulations shall be established to ensure that land use within the Agricultural Preservation Area is consistent with agricultural activities;
2. Agricultural practices within the designated area shall comply with all relevant environmental regulations and best management practices;
3. Subdivision of agricultural land within the Agricultural Preservation Area shall be subject to restrictions to prevent fragmentation of agricultural parcels;
4. The designated Agricultural Preservation Area under this Ordinance shall be strictly a “no-build zone”;

SECTION 7. Implementation and Administration.

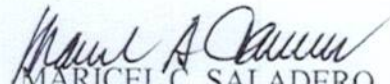
1. The Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO) shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this ordinance;
2. The MPDO shall develop guidelines and procedures for the implementation of this ordinance including the issuance of permits for agricultural activities within the Agricultural Preservation Area.
3. The MPDO shall periodically review and update the Agricultural Preservation Area boundaries and regulations needed to ensure the effectiveness of this ordinance.
4. In relation to all the foregoing, the Municipal Engineering Office shall closely coordinate with the MPDO in ensuring the effective and efficient implementation of the provisions under this Ordinance.
5. The provisions under this Ordinance, especially designating the area as a “no build zone”, shall be strictly implemented without prejudice to the fines and penalties provided under the Building Code of the Philippines.

SECTION 8. Separability Clause – All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, found to be in conflict with, or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 9. Repealing Clause – All ordinances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, found to be in conflict with, or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10. Effectivity – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


MARICEL C. SALADERO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

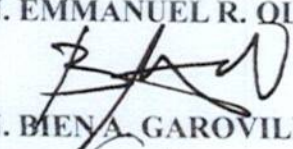
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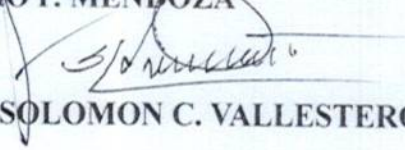

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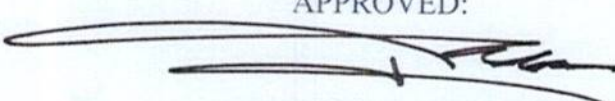

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Municipal Mayor