

REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS PAMAHALAANG LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA KALAKHANG MAYNILA



Tanggapan ng Punonglungsod

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 42 Series of 2022-B

PROVIDING FOR THE MARKED REDUCTION IN THE CONSUMPTION OF POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTALATE BOTTLED WATER AND BEVERAGES IN THE PREMISES OF THE CITY HALL OF MUNTINLUPA

WHEREAS, the harmful impacts of plastic bottles on the environment have been pointed out by scientific savants time and again, and these include:

- (a) the entire life cycle of disposable bottles uses fossil fuels, contributes to global warming, and causes pollution;
- (b) millions of barrels of oil are required to produce enough disposable plastic bottles to meet the annual demand for bottled water;
- (c) the bottling process releases 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere annually;
- (d) disposable bottle waste washes into the ocean and kills around 1.1 million marine creatures each year;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that:

"Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as 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 jurisdictions, 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 and 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, it has been observed that there is widespread consumption of plastic bottled water and beverages in the premises of City Hall of Muntinlupa, contributing to trash and endangering the environment;

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WHEREAS, as the seat of power of the City Government, the City Hall of Muntinlupa shall take the lead in setting the example of caring for the environment through mechanisms that shall lessen the carbon footprint of all employees and officials occupying the myriad offices thereat;

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, City Mayor of Muntinlupa,* by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree that:

Section 1. Reduction on the Use.

There shall be a conscious and marked reduction in the consumption of drinking water and other beverages contained in polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles in the premises of the City Hall of Muntinlupa (CHM, for brevity). This covers the Main Building, People's Center, and the Annex Building. Employees, as well as visitors, shall be strongly urged to avoid bringing these items in the premises of CHM.

Section 2. Water Dispensers.

Water dispensers shall be placed in strategic areas inside the CHM, where employees and visitors may refill personal water containers. Each officer and employee shall bring their own personal water containers. While drinking cups made of environmentally-safe and acceptable materials will be provided, the end goal shall remain a marked reduction in the use of PET bottles.

The City Health Office (CHO) shall conduct periodic inspections of these water dispensers as often as may be necessary to ensure safety, which include measures to prevent the spread of pathogens and disease-causing organisms.

Section 3. Cleanliness Assurance.

While utility staff members from the General Services Office (GSO) shall be mainly responsible to ensure cleanliness, at all times, within the offices in CHM, the Environmental Sanitation Center (ESC), on the other hand, shall guarantee the tidiness of the open grounds thereat. A close coordination between the two (2) shall be expected, which may be reduced to writing to warrant constancy.



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Section 4.

Information Dissemination.

The Public Information Office (PIO) shall spearhead and orchestrate a well thought information campaign among employees and officials of the CHM, as well as the general public who may visit at one time or another the CHM premises.

Section 5. Review and Recalibration.

The Office of the City Administrator (OCA) shall review the functions designated to the above-mentioned offices, conduct a review, and recalibrate the strategies and steps taken, if warranted, in order to ensure the full implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 6. Repealing Clause.

Any order, memorandum or similar directive contrary to any of the provisions of this Executive Order is deemed repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

Section 7. Separability Clause.

In the event any provision found herein shall be judicially decided illegal or administratively declared infirm, untouched provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 8. Effectivity Clause.

This Executive Order shall be in effect immediately upon its signing, and it shall remain in full force and effect until repealed, revoked, or amended accordingly.

DONE AND EXECUTED on this 14th day of October 2022 in the City of Muntinlupa.

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