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**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING PASIG CITY RAINFOREST PARK AS A PERMANENT FOREST PARK AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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**WHEREAS**, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that 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**, SEC. 3-A, of the Republic Act No. 5752, as amended, states that every municipality or city shall exert efforts to establish, develop and maintain a permanent forest, tree parks or watershed within public land owned by such municipality or city with an aggregate size equivalent to at least two per cent (2%) of its entire area within two years from the approval of this Act; provided, that the forest, park, or watershed may be located in one or more places within the municipality;

**WHEREAS**, Section 17 (b) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that local government units shall exercise powers and discharge functions necessary for effective provision of basic services and facilities such as, pursuant to national policies and subject to supervision, control and review of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, implementation of community-based forestry projects which include integrated social forestry programs and similar projects; management and control of communal forests with an area not exceeding fifty (50) square kilometers; establishment of tree parks, greenbelts, and similar forest development projects;

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7829, also known as the Pasig City Charter, provides that the Sangguniang Panlungsod shall approve ordinances that protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment and such other activities which result in pollution, acceleration or eutrophication of creeks and streams or of ecological imbalance; further, it shall provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection, and conservation of tree parks, green belts, and other similar development projects;

**WHEREAS**, the Pasig City Rainforest Park, also known as the Pasig City Rainforest Adventure Experience and Pasig Central Park, is a public park located at Barangay Maybunga, spanning 6.8 hectares and is a mixed recreational and natural park with a man-made lagoon, botanical garden, butterfly pavilion, maze garden, and a full-sized amphitheater;





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**WHEREAS**, the Pasig City Rainforest Park serves as the “breathing lungs” of the city for its valuable biodiversity level. As such, it is recommended that the City Government of Pasig declare the Pasig City Rainforest Park as a permanent forest park for its continuous protection and conservation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION DULY SECONDED, THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG PASIG, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, DO HEREBY ORDAINED THAT:**

**Section 1. SHORT TITLE.** – This Ordinance shall be known and referred to as the “Pasig City Rainforest Park Ordinance”.

**Section 2. AUTHORITY.** – This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to provisions of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, Local Autonomy Act, the Local Government Code of 1991, and the Charter of the City of Pasig.

**Section 3. PURPOSE.** – This Ordinance is enacted for the following purposes:

3.1 To provide an opportunity for the City of Pasig to lead by example to nearby cities and municipalities in confronting climate change and preventing the degradation of biodiversity species, which has specific effects to the environment.

3.2 To develop green spaces for the improvement of the well-being of Pasigueños by providing a venue for various physical activities.

**Section 4. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** – It is hereby declared a policy of the City Government of Pasig to preserve and protect the Pasig City Rainforest Park, which is used for recreation by the City’s residents.

**Section 5. DECLARATION AS A PERMANENT FOREST PARK.** – Pursuant to Republic Act No. 5752 stating the City’s duty to establish, develop and maintain permanent forests, tree parks and watersheds, the Pasig City Rainforest Park is hereby declared a **permanent forest park**.

**Section 6. RENAMING.** – The Pasig City Rainforest Park is now renamed as “Maybunga Rainforest Park”.

**Section 7. REGULATION OF STORES.** – All stores operating within the premises of the Park shall be regulated by the Maybunga Rainforest Park Management Office to ensure that all vendors adhere to its regulations.





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**Section 8. PROHIBITED ACTS.** – The following acts are prohibited within the Maybunga Rainforest Park:

- a. Constructing major infrastructure or enclosure in addition to those already existing except for repairs and the like that contribute and improve the sustainability of the park;
- b. Dumping any waste products that can harm the plants, flowers and trees therein;
- c. Cutting of trees;
- d. Using of plastic bottles;
- e. Gambling of any form; and
- f. Using products, items or any device that can destroy or injure the plants, trees and the environment of the park.

**Section 9. PENALTIES.** – The following penalties are imposed upon violators of this Ordinance:

- a. First Offense: Fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00)
- b. Second Offense: Fine of Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00)
- c. Third Offense: Fine of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00)

**Section 10. FUNDING.** - The City Government of Pasig shall appropriate an amount for the operation and maintenance of the Maybunga Rainforest Park and for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, subject to annual budget allocation as may be deemed necessary based on existing laws.

**Section 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – Should any section or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, such shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any portion thereof other than the section or provision so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

**Section 12. REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or inconsistent with the regulations of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 13. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.** – The implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance shall be formulated within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Ordinance by the Rainforest Management Park Office and City Planning Development Officer.





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**Section 14. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of **January 2023** in Pasig City.

  
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