



Republic of the Philippines  
**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**  
Taytay, Rizal

DO No. 2209-019

**ORDINANCE NO. 756 series of 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING KALAYAAN PARK AS A FREEDOM PARK  
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, RIZAL AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

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WHEREAS, the Local Government of Taytay, Rizal, upholds and maintain respect for the constitutional rights of its constituents;

WHEREAS, freedom of assembly connotes the right of the people to meet peaceably for consultation and discussion of matters of public concern. To guarantee the full exercise of these rights, the term "Freedom Parks" was introduced for the first time in the said Act. It can be deduced therefore that a "Freedom Park" is any highway, boulevard, avenue,;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7160 (Local Government Code) declared freedom parks as basic services and facilities of every municipality and city in our country. Accordingly, the Local Government Units (LGUs) is mandated to discharge the functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of the basic services and facilities in the Municipality and Province such as public parks including freedom parks (Section 17(b) (2) and (3) of Book I, Title I, Chapter II of the said Code). It is therefore clear that freedom parks, as basic services and facilities of every municipality and city, must be duly established by each concerned LGUs;

WHEREAS, the 6<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan passed a Resolution No. 100 entitled, "A Resolution Designating Kalayaan Park as Freedom Park of the Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal";

WHEREAS, accordingly, on 04 May 2006, in compliance with the said ruling, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2006-42 where all cities and municipalities, including those in Metro Manila, are enjoined to immediately comply with the said Supreme Court's Decision and the mandate of Section 15 of BP Blg. 880, by establishing, through an ordinance, their respective freedom parks or plazas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the 12<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay, Rizal, in a session duly assembled, that:

**Section 1. Declaration as Freedom Park** - Hereby declared as Freedom Park is Kalayaan Park Taytay, Rizal, located at B. Pag-asa St. corner S. Mateo St., Barangay San Juan, Taytay, Rizal, where lawful organizations or groups of people may peaceably assemble and petition for redress of grievances, freely express and ventilate various political and social sentiments and ideas, and conduct educational, cultural, and religious activities, subject to regulations prescribed under Batas Pambansa 880 - Public Assembly Act - on the use of public places as to the time, place and manner of assemblies, as well as regulations provided under applicable local ordinances.

**Section 2. Formal Requirement of Permit** - A formal permit from authorities concerned to use the Kalayaan Park for such purposes as stipulated under Section 1 hereof shall nonetheless be required for appropriate information of local authorities and if deemed necessary, for providing security for participating organizations or groups of people, regulating vehicular traffic on busy streets in the area, and maintaining safety and order among residents of the affected barangay neighborhoods.

**Section 3. Application for Permit** - The president, executive officer, or leader of the organization or group of people desiring to use the Kalayaan Park for lawful assembly purposes shall apply for the corresponding permit in writing with the Municipal Office concerned at least three (3) days before the date of the assembly, stating therein the name or identifying description of the organization or group of people, the nature and purpose of the activity, and the time of start and end thereof deemed approved if not acted upon.

The Municipal Mayor shall approve the assembly permit as applied for deployment of a contingent of local police and security personnel in the Kalayaan Park area for purposes of regulating vehicular traffic on affected busy streets therein, and maintaining order and safety of residents in the immediate neighborhood throughout the duration of the assembly.

However, instant or spur-of-the-moment lawful gathering of a considerably small number of barangay residents and transients within the Kalayaan Park area shall be allowed even without a prior formal permit subject to the sound discretion of the Local Government Unit of Taytay.

**Section 4. Prohibited Acts within the Kalayaan Park** - While people are free to stay or promenade, relax and past the time, engage in one-on-one or small group discussions of various issues and topics, play permissible games, and perform physical fitness exercises within the Kalayaan Park, they should at all times maintain and respect the formal dignity of the site by refraining from committing the following acts:

- a) Littering
- b) Vandalism
- c) Gambling
- d) Dressing improperly
- e) Staying or loitering during curfew hours for minors
- f) Sexually immoral acts
- g) Engaging in tumultuous incidents
- h) Alcoholic drinking, entering park in a state of drunkenness
- i) Pushing and using prohibited drugs and substances
- j) Burning of any items
- k) Fireworks display

Commission of these prohibited acts in the Kalayaan Park shall be a ground for prosecution under existing applicable national laws and local ordinances.

**Section 5. Environmental Cleanliness and Beautification of the Kalayaan Park** - The Local Government Unit of Taytay thru the Kalayaan Park Office or its equivalent shall




maintain the cleanliness and beautification of the Freedom Park area and vicinity, and the reasonable funds necessary therefor shall be allocated in the annual budget.


**Section 6. Effectivity** - Upon its approval, this Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its posting in conspicuous places in the municipality.

ENACTED, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, 4:44 PM at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on November 9, 2022 and was passed on third and final reading on November 16, 2022, during the 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

  
**ATTY. STANLEE D. CALMA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY  
ADOPTED BY HER HONOR

  
**HON. SOPHIA PRISCILLA L. CABRAL**  
Municipal Vice Mayor / Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR  
DATE 07 MAR 2023

  
**HON. ALLAN MARTINE S. DE LEON**  
Municipal Mayor 