



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-023

"AN ORDER CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES AND CONCERNS ON ALL COMMERCIAL AND ILLEGAL QUARRYING OPERATIONS WITHIN ORMOC CITY, SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO EARTHFILL, SAND AND GRAVEL, AND LIMESTONE QUARRY MATERIALS"

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Administrative Order No. 2020-21, Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, states that all mineral resources in public and private lands within the territory and exclusive economic zone of the Republic of the Philippines are owned by the State. It shall be the responsibility of the State to promote their national exploration, development, utilization and conservation through the combined efforts of the Government and private sector in order to enhance national growth in a way that effectively safeguards the environment and protects the rights of affected communities;

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", local government units are mandated to promote health and safety, enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology and share with the national government the responsibility of managing its natural resources;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 124, series of 2023, otherwise known as Ormoc City Mining Code of 2023 provides that it shall be unlawful to extract, remove, or sell sand and gravel materials, mountain quarry, and other loose and unconsolidated materials from its source without a permit duly issued, among others;

WHEREAS, EO No. 2023-0005 prohibits the export of sand and gravel materials, sourced from, and/or processed in, Ormoc City, outside the shoreline and/or terrestrial territorial limits of Ormoc City regardless of its purpose;

WHEREAS, quarry products, such as sand, gravel, boulders, earth fill, and other materials, are essential components used in construction/infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, verbal complaints have been referred to the City relative to the unregulated and illegal extraction and export activities being conducted in the City;

WHEREAS, there is a need to appropriately address the aforesaid complaints and other forthcoming related issues and concerns, and to guarantee the proper implementation of quarrying laws and other related policies and ordinances in addressing the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LUCY TORRES GOMEZ, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

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ORMOC CITY LEGAL OFFICE
ATTY. EVA CRISTINE P. ESQUIVEL
Asst. City Legal Officer
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Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
Ormoc City

SECTION 1. CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY TASK GROUP. There is hereby created an inter-agency task group to address issues and concerns on all the above-mentioned concerns.

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION. The Inter-Agency Task Force shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson: City Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO);

Vice-Chairperson: Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau - Region VIII (MGB);

MEMBERS:

Civil Security Unit
City Engineering Office
City Legal Office
City Treasurer's Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
Philippine National Police
Punong Barangay of concern barangay.

SECTION 3. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS. The Inter-Agency Task Group shall exercise the following duties and functions, to wit:

1. Conduct ocular inspection of all quarry areas to determine whether there are unregulated and illegal extraction, removal, disposition of quarry resources and export activities within the city;
2. Prepare the necessary report highlighting the violations and make the corresponding recommendations to address the concerns related to the unregulated and illegal quarrying operations and export activities;
3. Monitor and ensure that all the terms and conditions of quarry permit are strictly complied with;
4. Formulate mitigating measures to be adopted in order to properly address any negative environmental impact during operations; and
5. Make a periodic report to the City Mayor.

SECTION 4. SECRETARIAT. The City Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) shall serve as the Inter-Agency Task Group Secretariat, tasked to handle all administrative and secretarial activities.

SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be declared invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

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SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until revoked or amended.

Done, this 17th day of April 2024 at Ormoc City, Leyte.

LUCY TORRES GOMEZ

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