



Republic of the Philippines
City Government of Tacloban

Office of the City Mayor

Administrative Order No. 001-09

DIRECTING ALL OFFICES OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF TACLOBAN TO FULLY IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9266, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR) AND ORDINANCE NO. 2004-9-11, DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2004.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9266 has been in effect since April 10, 2004 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations has been in effect since December 1, 2004;

WHEREAS, R.A. 9266 states that only duly licensed architects must prepare, sign and seal architectural plans and specifications and documents i.e. the drawing sheets in building plans, contract documents, building permit applications and the like;

WHEREAS, the position of the Office of the City Architect has been created and established under Ordinance No. 2004-9-11, otherwise known as "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ARCHITECT, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF, DEFINING ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, OBJECTIVES, AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES", dated September 16, 2004 and an appointment has been extended to a licensed architect;

WHEREAS, there is an impending necessity to effect the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of RA 9266 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), more particularly the multiple sections that limit the preparations, signing and dry sealing of all architectural plans, designs and specifications, drawings and architectural documents relative to the construction of a building/ habitable structure, only to licensed architects;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 44, a provision governing the enforcement of the said Act, the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBOA), through the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has called on the assistance of each local government unit to fully enforce the provisions of the Republic Act 9266 otherwise known as The Architecture Act of 2004 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) within the jurisdiction of each local government units and to prosecute any person found to have violated any of its provisions;

WHEREAS, in full accord with Section 35, the provision requiring positions in the government to be filled up by duly registered and licensed architects and in line with the international definition of Architects/Architecture as the primary professional responsible for the planning and design of buildings or any other habitable structures and their environs, all positions in the City Government of Tacloban primarily the expertise of architects must be filled up by duly registered and licensed architects;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ, City Mayor of the City of Tacloban, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. That in accordance with Section 3, Paragraph 7 of Ordinance No. 2004-9-11, the City Architect of Tacloban shall be designated and act as the Local Building Official of this City to fully implement the provisions of the National Building Code and shall continue as to serve as such until such time that the Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall have appointed a new Building Official in accordance with Section 205 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Building Code.

Section 2. That in accordance with Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2004-9-11, plantilla positions under the Building and Industrial Safety Division of the Office of the City Engineer shall be transferred to the Office of the City Architect, which shall constitute a division of the said office, including the corresponding appropriations for the personal services, and the corresponding provisions for the personal services, and the corresponding provisions for the maintenance and other operating expenses, as well as, tables, chairs, equipments, tools, supplies, record and the like used by and provided for the said division.

Section 3. That the Office of the City Engineer in coordination with the Office of the City Architect must fully implement and enforce the provisions of Sections 20, 20 (3), 20 (5) and 32 of Republic Act 9266 and cause for the prosecution of any person found to have violated the provisions.

Section 4. That there should be an ample representation of a duly registered and licensed architect in the Office of the Building Official who shall be in charged of reviewing architectural designs and like documents which approval thereof requires the expertise and thorough examination of the said official;

Section 5. That in accord with Republic Act 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Act of 2003, there shall be appointed an observer who is a duly registered and licensed architect for procurement procedures for the procurement of Architectural Infrastructure works and Architectural Consulting Services who shall be appointed by the local chief executive.

Section 6. Separability Clause : If any part of the provisions of this Administrative Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and effective.

Section 7. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Tacloban this 21st of January 2009.


ALFRED S. ROMUALDEZ
City Mayor

