



Province of Pangasinan
Office of the Governor
Capitol Compound, Lingayen, Pangasinan

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 0013
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DIRECTING ALL OFFICES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PANGASINAN AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF PANGASINAN TO FULLY IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9266, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ARCHITECT ACT OF 2004, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A) No. 9266 has been in effect since 10 April 2004 and its implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) have been in effect since 01 December 2004;

WHEREAS, R.A No. 9266 states that only Registered and Licensed Architects (RLAs) must prepare, sign and seal architectural plans, specifications and documents i.e the drawing sheets labeled as "A" in building plans, contract documents, building permit applications and the like;

WHEREAS, R.A No. 9266 is not covered by any temporary restraining order (TRO) nor by any writ of preliminary injunction (WPI) issued by any court, nor is it subject of any constitutional question filed before any court;

WHEREAS, there is a clear need to effect the soonest the nationwide implementation and enforcement of the provisions of R.A No. 9266 and its IRR, particularly the multiple sections that limit the preparation, signing and dry-sealing of all architectural plans, designs specifications, drawings and architectural documents relative to the construction of a building/habitable structure, only to RLAs;

WHEREAS, in full accord with Sec. 44 (Enforcement of the Act) of R.A No. 9266, the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBOA), through the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has called on the assistance of the Provincial Government of Pangasinan to fully enforce the provisions of R.A No. 9266 and IRR within its jurisdiction and to prosecute any person violating provisions of the same;

WHEREAS, in full accord with Sec. 35 (Positions in Government Requiring the Services of Registered and Licensed Architects) of R.A No. 9266, and in line with the international/universal definition of Architects/Architecture as the primary professional responsible for the planning and design of buildings/habitable structures and their environs, all positions in the Provincial Government and Local Government Units primarily needing the expertise of architects must be filled only by RLAs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HON. AMADO T. ESPINO, JR. Provincial Governor, Province of Pangasinan, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order;

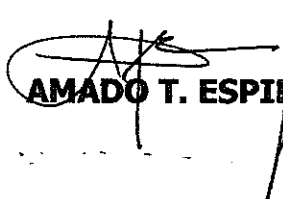
Section 1. Office of the Provincial, City and Municipal Engineer and Office of the Building Official (PEO/OCE/OME/OBO) must fully implement and enforce Secs. 20, 20(3), 20(5) and 32 of R.A No. 9266, which is made an integral part hereof by way of reference, and cause the prosecution of any person violating provisions of the same. In accordance with Sec. 35 of R.A No. 9266, there should be ample representation by RLAs in the OBO, which deals primarily with buildings. In particular, the architectural section of the OBO, which is in charge of reviewing architectural documents, shall be headed only by an RLA;

Section 2. Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Otherwise for the Procurement of Architectural Infrastructure works and/or Architectural Consulting Services. In accordance with R.A No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government GPRA of 2003, a BAC Observer shall be appointed for procurement procedures involving architectural infrastructure works and/or architectural consulting services. The nearest Chapter of the United Architects of the Philippines, the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA) recognized under R.A 9266, shall provide the said BAC Observer.

Section 3. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of the Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and effective.

Section 4. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the Province of Pangasinan this 1st day of March 2010.


AMADO T. ESPINO, JR.