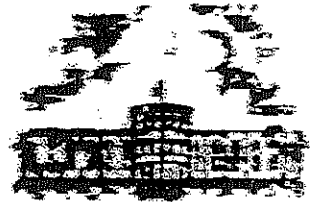


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PROVINCE OF CAVITE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 15, SERIES OF 2009

DIRECTING ALL CONCERNED LEGAL OFFICES OF THE DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE 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)

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 drawings sheets labeled as "A" in building plans, contract documents, building permit applications and the like;

WHEREAS, there is clear need to immediately effect 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 building/s/ habitable structure/s, 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 LGU of the Province of Cavite to fully enforce the provisions of R.A. No. 9266 and its IRR within its jurisdiction, and to prosecute any person violating of the 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 entity responsible for the planning and design of buildings/ habitable structures and their environs, ALL positions in the LGU primarily requiring the expertise of architects must be filled only by RLAs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, AYONG MALIKSI, Governor of the Province of Cavite by Virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:



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Section 1. Provincial Engineering Office (PEO) / Office of the Building Official (OBO). The PEO / OBO must fully implement and enforce Sections 20, 20(3), 20(5) and 32 of R.A. No. 9266 (appended and marked as *Annex "1"*, hereof), and cause the prosecution of any person violating the 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. Office of the Provincial Architect (OPA). In accordance with Book Three, Title Five, Article Fifteen of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 and with Section 35 OF R.A. No. 9266, the Provincial Architect must be an RLA. Procurement requirements of the Province of Cavite pertaining to architectural infrastructure works / and or architectural consulting services, shall be in full accord with R.A. No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement and Reform Act (GPRA) of 2003, and shall undergo prior review and approval by the OPA.


Section 3. Bid and Award Committee (BAC) Observer for the Procurement of Architectural Infrastructure Works and/or Architectural Consulting Services. In accordance With R.A. No. 9184, a BAC Observer shall be appointed for procurement of projects 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. No. 9266, shall provide the said BAC Observer.

Section 4. Funding. To address the funding requirements, the Provincial Treasurer is hereby tasked to raise the appropriate funds from various sources, whenever necessary.

Section 5. Separability Clause. If any part or provision of the Administrative Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions not affected shall remain valid and effective.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the Province of Cavite, this 7th day of August, 2009.



Hon. Erineo "Ayong" S. Maliksi
Governor
Province of Cavite