

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 72, March 25, 1993 ]**

**PROVIDING FOR THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
UNITS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991  
AND OTHER PERTINENT LAWS**

WHEREAS, RA 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 (LGC) provides that local government units (LGUs) shall, in conformity with existing laws, continue to prepare their respective comprehensive land use plans enacted through zoning ordinances which shall be the primary and dominant bases for the future use of land resources;

WHEREAS, the LGC further provides that the requirements for food production, human settlements, and industrial expansion shall be taken into consideration in the preparation of comprehensive land use plans;

WHEREAS, PD 933 and EO 648, S. of 1981, as amended by EO 90, S. of 1986, empower the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLRB) to review, evaluate and approve or disapprove land use plans of cities and municipalities;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid laws likewise authorize the HLRB to prescribe the standards and guidelines governing the preparation of land use plans, to monitor the implementation of such plans, and to adjudicate and settle the disputes among LGUs over their land use plans and zoning programs; WHEREAS, RA 7279, otherwise known as the Urban and Housing Development Act of 1992, in effect, reaffirms the above powers and functions of the HLRB;

WHEREAS, there is a need to delineate the powers and responsibilities of the LGUs and the HLRB in the preparation and implementation of comprehensive land use plans under a decentralized framework of local governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, upon the recommendation of the Oversight Committee created under Sec. 533 of the LGC, do hereby order and direct:

SECTION 1. Plan formulation or updating. - (a) Cities and municipalities shall continue to formulate or update their respective comprehensive land use plans, in conformity with the land use planning and zoning standards and guidelines prescribed by the HLRB pursuant to national policies.

As a policy recommending body of the LGU, the city or municipal development council (CDC/MDC) shall initiate the formulation or updating of its land use plan, in consultation with the concerned sectors in the community. For this purpose, the CDC/MDC may seek the assistance of any local official or field officer of NGAs operating in the LGU.

The city or municipal planning and development coordinator (CPDC/MPDC) and/or the city or municipal agriculturist, if there is any, shall provide the technical support services and such other assistance as may be required by the CDC/MDC to effectively carry out this function.

The comprehensive land use plan prepared by the CDC/MDC shall be submitted to the sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan, as the case may be, for enactment into a zoning ordinance. Such ordinance shall be enacted and approved in accordance with Articles 107 and 108 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the LGC.

(b) The comprehensive land use plans of component cities and municipalities shall be formulated, adopted, or modified in accordance with the approved provincial comprehensive land use plans.

(c) Cities and municipalities of Metropolitan Manila shall continue to formulate or update their respective comprehensive land use plans, in accordance with the land use planning and zoning standards and guidelines prescribed by the HLRB pursuant to EO 392, S. of 1990, and other pertinent national policies.

(d) Provinces shall formulate and update their respective comprehensive land use plans in accordance with the national standards and guidelines.

As a policy recommending body of the province, the provincial development council (PDC) shall initiate the formulation or updating of its land use plan, in consultation with the concerned sectors in its component units. For this purpose, it may seek the assistance of any provincial official or field officer of NGAs operating in the province.

The provincial planning and development coordinator (PPDC) and/or the provincial agriculturist (PA) shall provide the technical support services and such other assistance as may be required by the PDC to effectively carry out this function.

The comprehensive land use plan prepared by the PDC shall be submitted to the sangguniang panlalawigan for enactment into an ordinance. Such ordinance shall be enacted and approved in accordance with Articles 107 and 108 of the IRR of the LGC.

SEC. 2. Plan review and approval. - (a) Pursuant to Section 468 (a-2-vii) of the LGC, the powers of the HLRB to review and approve the comprehensive land use plans of component cities and municipalities are hereby devolved to the province. Such powers shall be exercised by the sangguniang panlalawigan, subject to national standards and guidelines.

(b) There shall be established in every province a Provincial Board Land Use Committee (PLUC) to assist the sangguniang panlalawigan in reviewing the comprehensive land use plans of component cities and municipalities. The PLUC shall review such plans to -

(1) Ensure that land use plans of component cities and municipalities are consistent with the provincial comprehensive land use plan and national policies, standards and guidelines;