

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 777, February 28, 1982 ]**

**REORGANIZING THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, RENAMING IT AS MINISTRY OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSFERRING ITS COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT FUNCTION TO THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN  
SETTLEMENTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, under the New Republic, national economic development shall be pursued with renewed vigor and greater determination;

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development shall be more effective instrument of development if it specializes in the functions specifically relating to local government development and supervision which will avoid overlapping and duplication of functions with other Ministries;

WHEREAS, the adoption by the government of the Kilusang Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran as a priority program reinforces the approach taken by the Ministry of Human Settlements in the performance of its functions namely, the strategy self-help and emphasize the need for a more integrated approach to community development; and

WHEREAS, under Presidential Decree No. 1416 as amended, the President is empowered to undertake such organizational and related improvements as may be appropriate in the light of changing circumstances and new developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the authority vested in me by Presidential Decree No. 1416, as amended, do hereby order and ordain:

SECTION I. Declaration of Policy. – The state shall guarantee and promote the autonomy of local government units, especially the barangay, to ensure their fullest development as self-reliant communities. For this purpose, the national government shall provide the administrative machinery and leadership which shall foster the establishment of progressive and responsible local governments.

SEC. 2. Renaming of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development as Ministry of Local Government. – The Ministry of Local Government and Community Development is hereby renamed as Ministry of Local Government. The community development function of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development as well as the appropriate records of the Bureau of Community Development are hereby transferred to the Ministry of Human Settlements. This shall be without prejudice to a realignment of the functions of the agencies and corporations under the Ministry of Human Settlements to prevent duplication of functions among them and the Ministry of Human Settlements proper.

The Bureau of Community Development is hereby renamed Bureau of Local Government Development, and its applicable appropriations, equipment, property and staff personnel shall remain with the Ministry of Local Government. Likewise, all the field officers and personnel in the regional, provincial, city, municipal and barangay levels of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development shall be retained by the Ministry of Local Government, provided that their position designations and job descriptions shall be realigned or revised in accordance with the new program thrusts of the Ministry of Local Government in coordination with the Office of Budget and Management.

SEC. 3. Organization. – (1) The authority and responsibility for the exercise of the powers and the discharge of the functions of the Ministry of Local Government, hereinafter referred to as the Ministry, shall be vested in the Minister of Local Government, hereinafter referred to as the Minister. He shall be assisted by such Deputy Ministers as may be appointed by the President. The Minister is authorized to determine and assign the respective functional areas of responsibility of the Deputy Ministers, should there be more than one: Provided, That such delineation of responsibilities shall cover the substantive functions and operations of the Ministry; and Provided, Further, That no Deputy Minister shall be assigned primarily administrative matters.

(2) The Ministry proper shall be composed of the immediate Office of the Minister including all the existing regular and special units under it, a Planning Service, a Financial Management Service, an Administrative Service, and a Legal Service.

(3) The Ministry shall have regional offices which shall be organized in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 1 (Integrated Reorganization Plan) as amended.

(4) The Ministry shall have two (2) bureaus, the Bureau of Local Government Development and the Bureau of Local Government Supervision. It shall exercise supervision and control over them.

SEC. 4. Functions of the Ministry. – The Ministry of Local Government shall perform development and regulatory functions. It shall develop the capability of local government officials and strengthen the administrative capability of local government units. It shall assist the President in exercising his power and general supervision over all local governments. It shall also assist in the administration of the Katarungang Pambarangay (barangay justice). The Ministry shall be responsible for the following functions:

(1) Develop the capability of local government officials for development;

(2) Strengthen the capability of local government units so that they can perform their functions under conditions of greater local autonomy and develop increasing capacity to govern and carry out development programs;

(3) Assist the President in exercising general supervision over local government;

(4) Assist in the administration of the Katarungang Pambarangay (barangay justice);

(5) Administer training, research, technical and financial assistance programs and