

[MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 87, December 01, 2015]

DIRECTING ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, TO SUBMIT AN INVENTORY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE IDLE LANDS, AND CREATING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY LANDS AND SITES FOR SOCIALIZED HOUSING

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) No. 7279 or the "Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992," directs the local government units to conduct an inventory of lands and the concerned government agencies to identify sites for socialized housing;

WHEREAS, despite the explicit task given to local government units and government agencies, constraints on land identification for the purpose of socialized housing still occur; and

WHEREAS, the Philippine Congress, through the Joint Committee of the House of Representatives Committee on Housing and Urban Development and the Senate Committee on Urban Planning and Shelter and Resettlement, has initiated a multi-sectoral National Summit on Housing and Urban Development ("Summit") to identify immediate solutions to the increasing number of informal settlers in urban centers, and to ensure the availability of lands for socialized housing, the Joint Committee resolved to come up with an inventory of lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. Inventory of Lands. All National Government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed to submit to the Inter-Agency Task Force created under Section 3 hereof, an inventory of their idle lands and provide information as to the purpose for which it has been reserved, and its status.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through the local government units (LGUs), shall conduct an inventory of government-owned idle lands in urban centers in their respective territories.

For this purpose, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Land Registration Authority (LRA) shall make available its land records, such as but not limited to approved subdivision plans and surveys, cadastral maps, title information and abstracts of registry, to the DILG and LGUs, subject to such limitations as may be provided by law, rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. Government Idle Lands. For the purposes of the inventory, government idle lands shall be categorized into the following: