

**[PRC BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
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**CODE OF ETHICS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNERS IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

Pursuant to its powers and functions under Section 8 (e) and (1), Article II of P.D. 1308, otherwise known as the "Law Regulating the Environmental Planning in the Philippines", the Board hereby adopts and promulgates the "Code of Ethics for Environmental Planners in the Philippines".

ARTICLE I

Foreword and Construction

SECTION 1. The "Code shall be known as the Code of Ethics for Environmental Planners in the Philippines". It is a norm of ethical standards that shall govern the personal and professional conduct of Environmental Planners in the practice of their profession.

SECTION 2. It shall be liberally construed to promote public interest and provide the Environmental Planners with respectable standards of behavior in the practice of the profession.

ARTICLE II

Declaration of Principles

SECTION 3. The Environmental Planner shall, first and foremost, commit himself to the service of God, country, and mankind. His services and endeavors shall advance the art and science of environmental planning in accordance with the constitutional mandate of protecting the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

SECTION 4. He shall commit himself to the highest degree of professionalism, excellence, intelligence, skill and integrity in the practice of his profession. He shall be a professional with utmost devotion and dedication to his career and craft.

SECTION 5. He shall uphold and obey all relevant laws, rules and regulations and legal orders; observe and esteem fairness, courage, honesty and sincerity; and mindful of his role in attaining ecological balance, public order, safety and convenience at all times.

ARTICLE III

Responsibility to the Profession and to the Organization

SECTION 6. The Environmental Planner shall contribute to the incessant development of the profession by sharing and improving knowledge and initiating new and innovative planning concepts and techniques. He shall devote considerable period of time, effort, talent, and resources for the advancement of the profession.

SECTION 7. He shall strive to promote the healthy growth of a strong and active professional organization.

ARTICLE IV

Initiative, Discipline and Responsibility

SECTION 8. The Environmental Planner shall strive for high standards of professional integrity, proficiency and knowledge. He shall take upon himself to:

- (a) Represent his professional qualifications, affiliations, and experience accurately.
- (b) Analyze ethical and moral issues in the practice of his profession systematically and critically and give due respect to the professional rights of others.
- (c) Pursue a program of continuing professional education.
- (d) Exercise independent and sound professional decision or judgment.
- (e) Demonstrate a high degree of moral and professional integrity at all times.

ARTICLE V

Responsibility to Co-Professionals

SECTION 9. In the practice of his profession, the Environmental Planner shall develop and enhance a healthy professional relationship with his colleagues and other professionals.

- (a) He shall share with them the results of experience and research which could contribute to the body of planning knowledge.
- (b) He shall contribute time and information to the professional development of new professionals and other colleagues, including students of the profession.
- (c) He shall not give opinion which will tend to destroy the professional image of his colleagues except upon lawful order from the Court or on subpoena issued by the Board.
- (d) He shall endeavor to increase and broaden the range of opportunities for professional involvement/competence/development.

ARTICLE VI