

[GENERAL ORDER NO. 34, July 26, 1973]

UTILIZATION AND CULTIVATION OF IDLE, UNDEVELOPED AND UNUSED RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL LOTS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ROOTCROPS AND VEGETABLES.

WHEREAS, under General Order No. 13 owners of idle lots have been charged with the duty of keeping their lots clean, and the Government has declared its intention to utilize idle lands for its food production program;

WHEREAS, it is our desire to instill in the youth the work habit and involve them directly in a productive activity where they can observe the miracle of growth and life; and

WHEREAS, it is our desire to increase production of rootcrops and vegetables for home consumption in support of the Green Revolution Program and thereby improve the diet of our people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution as Commander-in-Chief of all the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and pursuant to Proclamation No. 1081, dated September 21, 1972, as amended by Proclamation No. 1104, dated 17 January 1973 and General Order No. 1, dated 22 September 1972, do hereby call upon every residential or commercial lot owner to utilize their idle, undeveloped and unused lots by cultivating them for the production of rootcrops and vegetables by 30 July 1973 and continuously thereafter;

FURTHER, that should these empty lots not be utilized by the owners by 30 August 1973, any adjoining resident or individual may do so with the express consent of the owner, if he is in the area, or his implied consent, if he cannot be located, provided that such cultivator shall be entitle only to the fruits of what he plants and shall not acquire any right of possession or ownership or reimbursement for expenses he may have incurred or improvements he may have introduced in the lot. All cultivators who cultivate idle land that they do not own shall be obligated to provide their neighbors with seeds, cuttings and planting materials that may be produced from their plots. Moreover, should the owner of the lot insist on a share of the product, the cultivator may agree to do so, provided that the share of the owner of the lot shall not be more than ten percent (10%) of the crops produced.

All government or public lands adjoining streets or highways may be similarly planted with rootcrops and vegetables by the owner of the adjacent lot, provided that this shall not affect the right of way and shall not destroy any existing improvement.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of July, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

**(Sgd.) FERDINAND E.
MARCOS**
President
Republic of the Philippines