

## Republic of the Philippines Province of Benguet Municipality of Itogon

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## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24 Series of 2017

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CESSATION OF GARBAGE COLLECTION AND EFFECTING COMMUNITY-BASED STRATEGIES ON ECOLOGICALSOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

WHEREAS, in support of R.A. 9003, the Municipal LGU has been implementing alternative strategies to contain residual wastes through the establishment of a Temporary Residual Containment Area while collaborative efforts are being undertaken for the eventual establishment of a final disposal system through waste-to-energy technology or through the construction of an Engineered Sanitary Landfill for the municipality;

WHEREAS, reduction and/or elimination of wastes require serious commitment and participation of residents and all other stakeholders hence, the need for a unified action with the end view of resolving problems on solid waste at a lesser cost without having to compromise other priority development projects and programs;

WHEREAS, the TRCA is designed as a staging area and as far as practicable, it has to be equipped with machines that will process residual wastes into possible products for livelihood activities and/or reduce volumes of residual wastes, and that while the municipality is still exploring appropriate technologies for this purpose, other strategies has to be adopted in the community level to prevent waste accumulation and improper waste disposal;

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I. ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Suspension of Garbage Collection: Effective DECEMBER 15, 2017, garbage collection in all barangays is hereby suspended until the Temporary Residual Containment Area (TRCA) at Antamok, Loacan shall have been constructed and rendered operational;

Section 2. Adoption of Community-based Solid Waste Management Strategies: The Municipal Ecological Solid Waste Management Council, through its Technical Working Group in collaboration with barangay officials, EMB, Civil Society Organizations and other stake holders shall see to it that the following activities are undertaken in the barangay level:

DEC 0 1 2017 2. Massive information and education campaign on proper waste

Initiate and coordinate the necessary activities towards the successful implementation of the community-based solid waste management program in the municipality;

segregation, garbage disposal and other relevant information provided

under R.A. 9003 and such other laws, rules and regulations. This activity

shall include schools, churches and other similar institutions;

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- Construction of individual or communal compost pits in residential areas.
  Provided however, that these shall be utilized only for composting
  biodegradable wastes defined under the law, aligning this effort with the
  municipal organic agriculture program;
- 4. Regulation on the use of disposable plastic containers, plates, spoons, forks, cups and the like, cellophane bags, Styrofoam, aluminum foils, and all types of disposable non-biodegradable items used in food preparation and packaging. In lieu of plastic/cellophane bags, all retail stores and similar establishments selling goods and commodities in the municipality shall, as far as practicable use paper bags or recycled papers in their business activities. Likewise, all establishments serving food such as canteens, restaurants, carinderias, including those in the catering services are hereby directed to avoid using the items made out of the materials specifically provided herein.
- Provision of an area in residential houses for the temporary storage of residual wastes which should be properly covered and secured against all types of vectors and/or scavengers;
- Prohibition against indiscriminate dumping of wastes elsewhere. Provided further, that since garbage collection is hereby suspended, no wastes of all kind and forms must be dumped in all the designated pickup points.

Provided further, that all personnel involved in solid waste collection including the drivers are hereby directed to join the MESWMB-TWG in all IEC activities, assist residents on proper waste segregation and in the preparation of their respective compost pits, monitor community compliance with this Order especially on the prohibition against indiscriminate dumping and no pick-up policy.

**Section 3.** Responsibility of Barangay Officials. All barangay officials are hereby directed to exert all efforts to ensure maximum participation of their respective constituents in the implementation of this order. The active participation of barangay functionaries such as CDWs, BNS, BHWs and Barangay Tanods are also hereby enjoined.

**Section 4.** Repealing Clause: All Administrative Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this order or parts hereof are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 5.** Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 1st day of December, 2017 at Itogon, Benguet.

ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN

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