



**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23**  
Series of 2018

**ORGANIZING A DEMOLITION TEAM TO IMPLEMENT THE DISMANTLING OF STRUCTURES IN AREAS WITH HIGH HAZARD SUSCEPTIBILITY AS DETERMINED BY THE MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU OF THE DENR THAT WERE CONSEQUENTLY DECLARED AS “NO BUILD ZONES.”**

**WHEREAS**, based on the findings of the MGB, the Cordillera Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council has recommended for the declaration of several areas as “No Build Zones” due to its high susceptibility to hazards most especially to landslides which are most likely to happen at the occurrence of earthquakes and/or heavy downpours;

**WHEREAS**, the areas identified as unsafe and inhabitable and are now within the “No Build Zones” include parts of Dampingan (few meters below the LIPMA Building), portions of Luneta, Simot-simot, Columbia and Forty Raise, all within Barangay Loacan; First Gate, Otek and L-070, all within Barangay Ucab; Tipong at Barangay Ampucao; and Surong 2 at Barangay Gumatdang;

**WHEREAS**, in an Advisory dated October 17, 2018, the Local Chief Executive directed the voluntary dismantling of shanties, makeshifts, shacks or “Kampo” by the respective owners thereof within the “No Build Zones” until October 25, 2018 otherwise, mandatory demolition of these structures shall be carried out;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the General Welfare clause of the Local Government Code of 1991, the police power of the State has been delegated to Local Government Units, and in the exercise thereof, LGUs are empowered to prescribe regulations to protect the lives, health, and property of their constituents and maintain peace and order within their respective territorial jurisdictions.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, I, ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN hereby organize a Municipal Demolition Team as follows:

**Section 1.** Composition. The Municipal Demolition Team shall be composed of the following:

TEAM LEADER: ENGR. CHARLIE M. GAYASCO  
Municipal Engineer

ASST. TEAM LEADER: HON. JOHNNY G. GALUTAN  
Municipal Councilor

MEMBERS: All Punong Barangays, Barangay Officials and Barangay Tanods and Civilian Volunteer Organizations in the barangay where the structures subject for demolition are located.

PSI. HEHERZON ZAMBALE  
Chief of Police, IMPS

MR. CESAR U. ATING  
DILG-MLGOO

ENGR. CYRIL L. BATCAGAN  
MDRRMO

**Section 2.** Powers and functions. The Municipal Demolition Team organized under this Order shall exercise the following powers and functions:

1. Pursuant to a Demolition Order issued by the Building Official, shall carry out the mandatory demolition of all existing shanties/shacks/makeshifts and/or “kampo” in the native language, including those that are being constructed in the areas identified, and determined by the Mines and Geo-sciences Bureau of the DENR as unsafe and inhabitable that were consequently declared as no build zones. These areas shall include parts of Dampingan (few meters below the LIPMA Building), portions of Luneta, Simot-simot, Columbia and Forty Raise, all within Barangay Loacan; First Gate, Otek and L-070, all within Barangay Ucab; Tipong at Barangay Ampucao; and Surong 2 at Barangay Gumatdang
2. Through the Chief of Police, shall coordinate with higher command of the Philippine National Police, Philippine Army and other uniformed personnel of the government to ensure that peace and order is maintained in the area of operation and its surroundings.
3. Shall always observe safety and necessary precautionary measures to prevent injuries or accidents from happening in the course of its operations.
4. Shall keep the LCE regularly updated on the progress of their operation. Likewise, the Team shall always inform the Local Chief Executive of any resistance or violence that they may encounter during operations.
5. Exercise such other powers and functions as may be directed by the LCE.

**Section 3.** Support Teams. The Municipal Health Office and the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office are hereby designated as Support Teams to provide health and social service for the demolition team and the occupants of the structures to be demolished.

**Section 4.** Repealing Clause. All issuances or orders or parts thereof that are inconsistent with this Administrative Order or parts hereof are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 5.** Separability Clause. If for any reason, this Administrative Order or parts hereof is declared unconstitutional or invalid by competent courts, other parts not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

**Section 6.** Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 24th day of October, 2018 at Itogon, Benguet.

  
**ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**  
Municipal Mayor

Copy furnished:

- All concerned
- Engr. Marlo L. Iringan  
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- Hon. Crescencio C. Pacalso  
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