



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: 16**

Series 2020

**ESTABLISHING THE ITOGON MUNICIPAL ACTION TEAM ON DEMOLITION OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES**

Whereas reports showed that there are structures being constructed and/or were constructed recently without the requisite building permit;

Whereas the said structures are situated in areas that are identified as danger zones that are highly susceptible to landslides and other natural disasters;

Whereas the unscrupulous persons who caused the construction of the above-mentioned illegal structures do not have any proof of ownership or claim of ownership over the areas considering that these areas are either forestlands, mineral lands or owned by other individuals;

Whereas section 28 of Republic Act No. 7279 states that "eviction or demolition as a practice shall be discouraged. Eviction or demolition, however, may be allowed under the following situations:

*(a) When persons or entities occupy danger areas such as esteros, railroad tracks, garbage dumps, riverbanks, shorelines, waterways, and other public places such as sidewalks, roads, parks, and playgrounds;*

*(b) When government infrastructure projects with available funding are about to be implemented; or*

*(c) When there is a court order for eviction and demolition."*

Whereas section 2 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA No. 7279 states that "the following shall be subject for summary eviction:

*1.0 New squatter families whose structures were built after the effectivity of RA 7279; and*

*2.0 Squatter families identified by the LGU in cooperation with the Presidential Commission of the Urban Poor (PCUP), Philippine National Police (PNP) and accredited Urban Poor organization (UPO) as professional squatters or members of squatting syndicates as defined in the Act."*

Whereas there is a need to establish a municipal action team for the purpose of eviction and demolition of illegal structures pursuant to RA 7279 and its IRR;

Now therefore, by virtue of the powers vested in me as the Local Chief Executive of the Municipality of Itogon, I, **ATTY. VICTORIO T. PALANGDAN**, do hereby issue this Executive Order establishing the Municipal Action Team on Demolition of Illegal Structure as follows:

**Section 1. Composition.** The Itogon Municipal Action Team on Demolition of Illegal Structures shall be composed of the following:

Chairman: Engr. Charlie M. Gayasco  
Municipal Engineer

Members: Dr. Oliver P. Guadaña, MD  
Municipal Health Officer

Engr. Benigno B. Apidos  
Sr. Environmental Mgm't Specialist

Ms. Grace O. Pocsol  
MSWD Officer

Engr. Cyril L. Batcagan  
MDRRM Officer

Punong Barangay of the area where demolition/  
eviction shall take place

Dismantling crew which shall be composed of  
employees from the Solid Waste Management  
Section, MDRRMO, responders, and the members of  
the Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team (BPAT) of  
the concerned barangay

The Philippine National Police - Itogon shall provide security during the activity to  
ensure safety and to avoid any untoward incident.

**Section 2. Functions of the Action Team.** The Itogon Municipal Action Team on  
Demolition of Illegal Structures shall oversee and implement the summary eviction of  
squatters and demolition of illegal structures pursuant to the provisions of RA 7279  
and its IRR.

**Section 3. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 at Itogon, Benguet.



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

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- All members
- All Punong Barangays
- IMPS
- MLGOO
- All offices
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