



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

Series of 2024

DIRECTING COMPLIANCE WITH THE PAMB CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OR ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON WHETHER PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 7586 AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11038, AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7586 or the NIPAS Act, as amended by R.A. 11038 or the ENIPAS Act aims to establish a National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS), which encompass ecologically rich and unique areas and biologically important public lands that are habitats of rare and threatened species of plants and animals, biogeographic zones and related ecosystems, whether terrestrial, wetland or marine, all of which will be designated as "protected areas";

WHEREAS, proponents of projects and activities within protected areas are required to comply with the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System whereon, the issuance of a PAMB Clearance is a pre-requisite before an ECC or a CNC may be issued;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Itogon and some parts of Tuba and Baguio City were declared as initial components of the National Integrated Protected Area System pursuant to Section 5 of R.A. 7586 by reason of its classification as Watershed Reservation established under Presidential Proclamation 2320 hence, its inclusion in the coverage of the PAMB Clearance requirement;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BERNARD S. WACLIN, by virtue of the powers vested in as Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province hereby ORDER as follows:

Section 1. Consistent with Section 12 of R.A. 7586 as amended, and Section 12.1 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations, proponents of development projects or activities to be constructed, conducted or implemented within the Municipality of Itogon whether government or the private sector, are required to secure CLEARANCE from the Protected Area Management Board which will form part of the set of documents to be submitted to the concerned offices of the Municipal Government in support of the proponent's application for the issuance of the following:

- a. Building Permit;
- b. Excavation Permit;
- c. Fencing Permit;
- d. Business Permit if applicable based on the type or nature of the business;
- e. Mayor's Permit or clearance for other development projects or activities with potentially significant adverse impacts to the environment.

Section 2. The Municipal Engineer in her capacity as Building Official, the Zoning Officer and the Business Permits and Licensing Officer shall ensure that the required PAMB Clearance is submitted by any proponent in addition to other documentary

requirements prior to the issuance of a Building Permit, Locational Clearance or Business Permit (if applicable), as the case may be.

Section 3. All Punong Barangays are enjoined to cause the widest dissemination of this Executive Order in their respective areas of jurisdiction with reference to Section 12 of the NIPAS Act, as amended, and Section 12.1 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (DENR AO No. 2019-05).

Section 4. *Separability Clause.* If for any reason, this order or parts hereof are declared invalid or unconstitutional by court or other agencies of competent authorities, parts hereof not affected by such declaration shall continue to be in force and effect.

Section 5. *Repealing Clause.* All Executive Orders and/or Issuances inconsistent herewith or parts hereof are deemed repealed and/or modified accordingly.

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

DONE this 8th day of July 2024 at Itogon, Benguet.

HON. BERNARD S. WACLIN
Municipal Mayor

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- Office of the Provincial Governor
Provincial Capitol, La Trinidad, Benguet
- Upper and Lower Agno WR Protected Area Management Board
DENR-CAR Building, Baguio City
- The Municipal Engineer/Building Official
This Municipality
- All Punong Barangays
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