



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11**  
**Series of 2024**

**AN ORDER DECLARING THE FORCED OR MANDATORY EVACUATION OF RESIDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, under Chapter III, Section 455 of the Local Government Code, provides the power of the Local Chief Executive to carry out such measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 10121 on the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 emphasizes the local government's role in protecting and ensuring the people's constitutional right to life and property;

**WHEREAS**, in order to safeguard, preserve and protect the lives, well-being and health of residents of the City in impending disaster, the local government must guarantee maximum care, assistance and services to families and individuals;

**WHEREAS**, the impact of the Trough of Low Pressure Area (LPA) in the City of Panabo had already caused flooding in low-lying areas in the City of Panabo and the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) has recommended to the Chairperson of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (CDRRMC) the Forced Evacuation of residents that are highly vulnerable to flooding in areas along the Lasang River due to rising of water level, more particularly at Purok Centro 1, Purok Pantukan and Dacudao Homes, Brgy. JP Laurel, Panabo City;

**WHEREAS**, a forced or mandatory evacuation is ordered and addressed to people residing along the Brgy. JP Laurel-Lasang Riverside, as well as other individuals in similar situations who are at an elevated risk of flooding;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS**, City Mayor of Panabo and Chairperson of the City Disaster Risk Reduction Council, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. FORCED OR MANDATORY EVACUATION OF RESIDENTS.** All people residing along the Lasang River at Brgy. JP Laurel, Panabo City, and all other individuals in similar situations in other barangays are ordered to evacuate and seek shelter in private residences or designated government evacuation centers as of this day, February 2, 2024.

**SECTION 2. ROLE OF THE BARANGAY DRRM COMMITTEE (BDRRMC).** The BDRRMC shall perform the following roles and responsibilities in the conduct of evacuation:

1. Take charge of informing its constituents of any advisory from the City to evacuate the area.
2. Take the lead in the initial stages of evacuation by assisting the people to safer areas.
3. Assist in any other manner to reduce the social impact of the evacuation of their constituents.
4. Activate all DRRM resources in the barangay.
5. Coordinate with the CDRRMO with the disposition of evacuation centers and all other actions affecting the same.





**SECTION 3. REFUSAL OF RESIDENTS TO ADHERE TO THE DECLARATION OF FORCED EVACUATION OR AFTER EVACUATING, GO BACK TO THEIR HOMES WITHOUT AN ORDER ALLOWING THEM TO DO SO.** In the event that local residents refuse to leave their homes or, after evacuating, return to their homes/affected areas without an order issued to this effect, the city government as well the members of the mobilized units may use such reasonable force that is commensurate under the circumstances, to evacuate them from the area, without discrimination and with conscious attention to the needs of vulnerable and marginalized sectors such as children, women, the elderly and persons with disabilities, with the end view that lives are safely secured.

Any person who willfully and deliberately disregards or opposes the order of forced evacuation issued by the City Mayor shall release the latter from any liability for the former's injury or death attributed to his disobedience. This is without prejudice to any charges against any person who has committed offenses in furtherance of such disobedience.

During the evacuation, priority shall be given to those persons or residents who willfully comply with the order of forced evacuation.

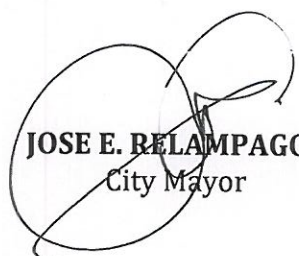
Residents shall only be allowed to return or go back to their homes upon the order of the City Mayor through the recommendation of the CDRRMO in consultation with the Barangay Captain concerned and field personnel after it has been determined that the danger no longer exists therein.

**SECTION 4. OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND FUNDING.** All costs pertaining to the operations of the conduct of evacuation shall be chargeable against the CDRRM Fund of the City, all subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY.** Should any part or provision of this order be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing thereof.

Done this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024 in the City of Panabo, Davao del Norte, Philippines.

  
**JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS,**  
City Mayor