



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO: 252
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**AN ORDER CREATING THE FUNCTIONAL ZERO OPEN DEFECATION MONITORING TEAM
AND SUSTAINING ZERO OPEN DEFECATION STATUS IN PANABO CITY.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15, Article 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, provides that the *"State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them,"* and Section 16 of Republic Act 7160, the General Welfare Clause of the Local Government Code which expressly mandates the local government units to take charge with the promotion of health and safety within their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 empowers the Local Government Units to enact ordinances that would govern people's action on matters relating to hygiene and sanitation, and ensure delivery of better health and sanitation services among its constituents;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (a) of RA No. 11223 also known as the *"Universal Health Care Act"*, provides that the state shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to ensure that all Filipinos are health-literate, provided with healthy living conditions and protected from hazards and risk that could affect their health;

WHEREAS, DOH Administrative Order No. 2010-0021 declares sustainable sanitation as a national policy and priority program anchored on the principle that sustainable sanitation is a fundamental human right;

WHEREAS, DOH Administrative Order No. 2019-0054 also known as the Guidelines on the Implementation of the Philippine Approach to Sustainable Sanitation (PhATSS) aims to achieve Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) status and attain universal access to safe and adequate sanitary facilities by 2028;

WHEREAS, 100% of Household with access to Sanitary Toilet will be verified and certified as *"Barangay with Zero Open Defecation"* by the City Health Office;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a Zero Open Defecation Monitoring Team, define its functions and responsibilities, and provide a structural framework for sustaining ZOD that aims to promote proper sanitation practices, maintaining a clean and healthy community and total elimination of open defecation in all barangays of Panabo City;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS, MAYOR of the City of Panabo, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. OBJECTIVE. The primary objective is to ensure the preservation of public health and the overall welfare of all residents within the City of Panabo. This will be achieved through the eradication of open defecation practices, the maintenance of Grade 1 (G1) Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Sanitation Level in all barangays of the City of Panabo, and the subsequent progression towards attaining Grade 2 (G2) Basic Sanitation Level.

SECTION 2. COVERAGE. This order shall be applicable to all persons, resident or non-resident within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Panabo.



SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For this order, the following terms are defined accordingly:

- a. **Sanitation** - conditions relating to public health, especially the provision of clean drinking water and adequate sewage disposal.
- b. **Sustainable Sanitation** – is the process of empowering families and communities to partner with local governments and other stakeholders to address sanitation issues and problems using affordable, appropriate, and dynamic sanitation technologies and supported by enabling legal/ regulatory frameworks, management systems, technical assistance from various sources and access to financing mechanisms with a system of rewards and incentives for the protection of the environment and people’s health.
- c. **Open Defecation** - is the human practice of defecating outside ("in the open") rather than into a toilet. People may choose fields, bushes, forests, ditches, streets, canals, or other open spaces for defecation.
- d. **Zero Open Defecation** –a status when households have abandoned the practice of open defecation and are using either their own or others’ sanitary toilet facilities, as a result, no human feces can be found exposed in the environment.
- e. **Defecate** – to excrete fecal waste from human body.
- f. **Grade 1 (G1) or Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Status** – the status of the community wherein households have stopped practicing open defecation and are using sanitary toilet facilities, and no human feces are openly visible or exposed to the environment.
- g. **Grade 2 (G2) Basic Sanitation Status** – the status of the community wherein households, schools, child development centers, and public institutional facilities have their own sanitary toilets that are functional; and communities properly manage animal excreta and properly dispose their solid waste, in addition to maintaining the norm that open defecation is unacceptable.

SECTION 4. CREATION OF THE FUNCTIONAL ZERO OPEN DEFECATION MONITORING TEAM. The monitoring team for the implementation of the Zero Open Defecation and Sustaining Zero Open Defecation Status in Panabo City shall be composed of the following members:

Team Leader :	<i>Acting City Health Officer</i> DR. ERANIE L. PANGILINAN
Members :	<i>Health Education Program Officer</i> CHERI S. LENDIO, RN <i>City Sanitation Inspectors</i> BEVERLY ANN C. SILVA JUVY MAE Z. ORILLANEDA, RN ERIC JOHN G. PLASABAS, RN <i>Barangay Sanitation Inspector President</i> GEMMA A. CAPAROSO <i>Barangay Health Worker President</i> MA. LUISA CAPIO <i>Barangay Nutrition Scholar President</i> MA. ENONE G. DELA CUEVA <i>Designated City Nutrition Evaluation Team Members</i> GERALDINE P. CABANG, EMS-CENRO MAFEL R. MUGAS, Nurse III-CHO LOVELLA Y. FONTANILLA, ND III -CHO

Barangay Captains
Barangay Councilors, Chairperson-Committee on Health
Nurses and Midwives assigned in barangays

SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITIES. The Functional Zero Open Defecation Monitoring Team shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Monitor and assess the barangay's sanitary standards and compliance with its ZOD status;
2. Imposing national and local policies in the implementation of Zero Open Defecation;
3. Collaborate with barangay officials and community leaders to create and carry out detailed action plans to deal with incidences of open defecation in their local barangays;
4. Launch a community information and education campaign about the health risks of open defecation and proper sanitation;
5. The Barangay Sanitation Inspectors, Barangay Nutrition Scholars, and Barangay Health Workers shall conduct a house-to-house inspection as to the sanitary toilet compliance of all the households in the barangay every quarter;
6. Barangay Sanitation Inspectors shall make a quarterly accomplishment report for submission to the City Health Office;
7. Evaluate the ZOD Candidate Barangay to determine whether it should be recommended for certification as a ZOD Barangay;
8. Mobilization of other stakeholders in the program planning, allocation of budget, implementation, and monitoring;
9. Perform any additional tasks and obligations that the DOH and LGU's competent and appropriate authorities may deem necessary for the implementation of the ZOD.

SECTION 6. REPORTING. The functional Zero Open Defecation Monitoring Team shall regularly provide reports containing their findings and recommendations to the City Health Officer and Local Chief Executive. These reports will then be forwarded to the Provincial Health Office and Department of Health XI.

SECTION 7. CERTIFICATION. The City Health Office shall certify the ZOD status conducted at barangays based on the report submitted by the monitoring team.

SECTION 8. EVALUATION. The City Health Office, in coordination with the monitoring team, shall conduct periodic evaluations to assess the effectiveness of this order in attaining and sustaining ZOD status in barangays. The results shall be utilized to improve and enhance the implementation and support of the ZOD program.

SECTION 9. MEETINGS AND QUORUM. The Monitoring Team shall convene quarterly at the instance of the Team Leader and may call for special meetings when the need arises. The team shall be barred from carrying out any official action unless there is a quorum and a majority vote of all members present is obtained.

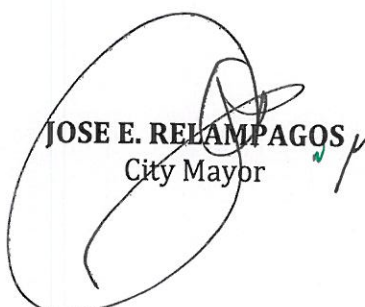
Furthermore, if a member cannot make it to a meeting, the authorized representative shall be the next-in-rank officer or such officer designated by the member by virtue of a written order. Random and irregular assignments of personnel to attend the meetings shall not be allowed.

SECTION 10. OPERATIONAL EXPENSES AND FUNDING. All costs pertaining to the operations and activities of the ZOD monitoring team shall be taken from the available funds and resources of the City, subject to the usual government accounting procedures and auditing regulations.

SECTION 11. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval hereof and shall remain in full force unless revoked or rescinded.

Done this 19th day of September, 2023 at City Hall, JP Laurel, Panabo City, Davao del Norte.


JOSE E. RELAMPAGOS
City Mayor