

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 52

CALLING ATTENTION TO AND ENJOINING STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 (R.A. No. 7160) REQUIRING MANDATORY COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER CONCERNED SECTORS

Republic Act. No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides in Sections 2(c), 26 and 27 that:

"SEC. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - x x x

(c) It is likewise the policy of the State to require all national agencies and offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate local government units, non-governmental and people's organizations, and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective jurisdictions."

"SEC. 26. *Duty of National Government Agencies in the Maintenance of Ecological Balance.* - It shall be the duty of every national agency or government-owned or controlled corporation authorizing or involved in the planning and implementation of any project or program that may cause pollution, climatic change, depletion of non-renewable resources, loss of crop land, rengeland, or forest cover, and extinction of animal or plant species, to consult with the local government units, non-governmental organizations, and other sectors concerned and explain the goals and objectives of the project or program, its impact upon the people and the community in terms of environmental or ecological balance, and the measures that will be undertaken to prevent or minimize the adverse effects thereof."

"SEC. 27. *Prior Consultations Required.* - No project or program shall be implemented by government authorities unless the consultations mentioned in Sections 2(c) and 26 hereof are complied with, and prior approval of the sanggunian concerned is obtained: Provided, That occupants in areas where such projects are

to be implemented shall not be evicted unless appropriate relocation sites have been provided, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution."

Accordingly, all officers and employees of national government agencies and offices, including concerned government owned and controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to strictly comply with the foregoing provisions of the Local Government Code as well as the pertinent provisions of its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of June in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three.



By the President:



EDELMIRO A. AMANTE, SR.  
Executive Secretary

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