



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11, SERIES OF 2021

**AN ORDER CREATING THE LOCAL COMMITTEE AGAINST
SQUATTING SYNDICATES AND PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS**

WHEREAS, Article 13, Section 9 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution declares that “The State shall, by law, and for the common good, undertake, in cooperation with the public sector, a continuing program of urban land reform and housing which will make available at affordable cost decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers and resettlements areas”;

WHEREAS, Section 27 of RA 7279 otherwise known as the “Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992” states that “The local government units, in cooperation with the Philippine National Police, the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), and the PCUP-accredited urban poor organization in the area, shall adopt measures to identify and effectively curtail the nefarious and illegal activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates”;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 129, Series of 1993 established an “Institutional Mechanism to Curtail the Activities of Professional Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters and Intensifying the Drive Against them” and affirmed that “it is imperative to arrest the proliferation of squatters in the urban areas, which is aggravated by the activities of squatting syndicates”;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Sorsogon is currently undertaking the intensified implementation of the “*Taas Noo, Ciudadano Ako!*” Program under the ten – point agenda which includes activities pertinent to the curtailment of professional squatting, thus, to assure its efficacy, there is a need to create a committee against squatting syndicates and professional squatters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MA. ESTER E. HAMOR, Mayor of the City of Sorsogon, by the powers vested in me, do hereby order the creation of a Local Committee against squatting syndicates and professional squatters, as follows:

Section 1. COMPOSITION. The Local Committee Against Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters:

Chairman : **MA. ESTER E. HAMOR**
City Mayor

Members : **PLT COL BENITO E DIPAD**
Chief, Sorsogon City Police

ATTY. MARK GERALD D. GUIRINDOLA
City Administrator
Co – Chair, *Taas Noo, Ciudadano Ako!*

ATTY. CYRIL C. OROPESA
City Legal Officer
Co – Chair, *Taas Noo, Ciudadano Ako!*

Representative
Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor

President
Sorsogon City Urban Poor Federation

MA. TERESA D. PERDIGON
President, *Liga ng mga Barangay*

Representative from the Private Sector
To be chosen by the above members


Section 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Adopt the necessary measures to identify and effectively curtail the activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, including the names of public officials and/or private individuals or entities suspected of abetting or tolerating the commission of said acts;
2. Provide the Housing and Urban Development Coordination Council (HUDCC) and the National Housing Authority (NHA) copies of the list of identified professional squatters and squatting syndicates in order to safeguard against their inclusion in future government housing programs/projects and recommend their disqualifications in existing programs;
3. Provide legal assistance to victims of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, giving priority to small property owners, and make available, through the PNP and the DOJ, a consolidated list of professional squatters and squatting syndicates;
4. File or assist the complainant in filing the appropriate charges before the Prosecutor's Office;
5. Undertake investigation of cases of violation of laws or rules on eviction and demolition forwarded to it and recommend appropriate actions on the same to the concerned agencies;
6. Monitor eviction and demolition activities and establish its own monitoring system;
7. Submit reports to the HUDCC and the Office of the President, copy furnished the concerned agencies involved in the implementation of RA 7279; and
8. Request for assistance from any government entity, if necessary.

Section 3. MEETINGS. The Committee shall convene when called for by its Chairperson or if and when the need arises.

Section 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE this 24TH day of March, 2021 at Sorsogon City, Philippines.


MA. ESTER E. HAMOR
City Mayor