

MALACANANG  
RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE PHILIPPINES  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 31

CALLING UPON THE MUNICIPAL BOARDS OR CITY COUNCILS, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COUNCILS TO CREATE LOCAL PLANNING BOARDS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES, MUNICIPALITIES AND MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, the socio-economic program of the administration calls for an integrated action of both national and local governments in the implementation of the government program;

WHEREAS, in all progressive countries, town planning is recognized as an essential governmental function;

WHEREAS, many of our towns and cities are often left to their own devices, thus resulting in haphazard growth without the benefit of sound planning; and

WHEREAS, sound planning promotes good civic design and arrangement, healthy and orderly environment and economic expenditure of public funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL, President of the Philippines, do hereby call upon all municipal boards or city councils, municipal councils and municipal district councils to create, in consultation with the National Planning Commission, their respective planning boards with the following duties and functions:

1. To initiate the preparation of physical development plans for their respective areas in consultation with the National Planning Commission, under the Office of the President;
2. To prepare the necessary subdivision, zoning and building regulations in their respective localities for approval by the local legislative body concerned;
3. To have all public improvements harmonize with a duly approved town or city development plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 4th day of December, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

By the President:

(SGD.) DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL  
President of the Philippines

(SGD.) SALVADOR L. MARIÑO  
Executive Secretary

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