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DEPARTMENT of AGRARIAN REFORM
ELLIPTICAL ROAD, DILIMAN, QUEZON CITY • TELS. 928-7031 TO 39

Department of Agrarian Reform
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 09
Series of 2014

**SUBJECT: SPECIAL RULES ON APPLICATIONS FOR LAND USE
CONVERSION NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
RESETTLEMENT AREAS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON
YOLANDA**

PREFATORY STATEMENT

Typhoon Yolanda caused widespread destruction, substantial damage and death in several areas, including the provinces of Leyte, Southern Leyte, Samar, Eastern Samar, Biliran, Negros Occidental, Cebu, Capiz, Aklan, Antique, Iloilo, Masbate, Palawan, and Dinagat Islands. The provision of safe shelter is a basic human need making it imperative for the government to expedite the identification, construction, and development of housing and resettlement sites for families whose houses were damaged by the said Typhoon.

A Land Use Conversion Clearance from the Department of Agrarian Reform is one of the requirements needed to set-up a number of relocation sites. There is therefore a need to streamline the processing of applications for Land Use Conversion to serve this purpose.

SECTION 1. Applicability. – This Administrative Order (A.O.) shall apply only to land use conversions necessary for the construction of resettlement residential areas for those affected by Typhoon Yolanda.

SECTION 2. Territorial Application. – This A.O. shall apply only to Regions 4-B, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13.

SECTION 3. Certification from the National Housing Authority. – In order for this A.O. to apply to applications for land use conversion, an original copy of a Certification from the National Housing Authority (NHA) stating that the development is necessary for the construction of resettlement residential areas must be submitted together with the application forms.

The ordinary rules on applications for land use conversion shall apply in case the said NHA Certification is not submitted.

It shall be incumbent upon the Regional Center for Land Use Policy, Planning and Implementation (RCLUPPI) of the Regional Office to report to the Land Use Case Division of the Bureau of Agrarian Legal Assistance (LUCD-BALA) any application for land use conversion with the abovementioned NHA form attached thereto. The transmittal of such report is not necessary for the R-CLUPPI to proceed with the processing of the application.

SECTION 4. Increase in Authority of Regional Directors. – The authority of the Regional Directors (RDs) concerned to decide on applications for land use conversion and the authority of the R-CLUPPI to process the same are increased from five (5) hectares to fifty (50) hectares.

SECTION 5. Waiver of Fees, Bonds, and Documentary Requirements. – The filing fee, inspection cost, and bond to guarantee against premature conversion are hereby waived. The performance bond, however, is not waived.

The following documents required by A.O. No. 1, Series of 2002 are also hereby waived, and thus need not be submitted by the applicants:

1. true copy of the certificate of title of the subject land as of 15 June 1988, and all successor titles until the present title referred to in Section 10.4 of said A.O., if applicable;
2. true copy of the current Tax Declaration covering the subject property;
3. proof of financial and organizational capability of the developer to develop the land;
4. socio-economic benefit-cost study of the proposed project; and
5. certification from the HLURB Regional Officer on the actual zoning or classification of the land subject of the application on the approved comprehensive land use plan.

SECTION 6. Prioritization. – The R-CLUPPIs and RDs of Regions 4-B, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13, as well as the LUCD-BALA, are hereby directed to prioritize applications for land use conversion necessary for the construction of resettlement areas for those affected by Typhoon Yolanda over other applications for land use conversion.

As far as practicable, the processing of the applications must be completed within ten (10) business days from the submission by the applicant of all requirements under A.O. No. 1, Series of 2002 not otherwise waived by this A.O.

SECTION 7. Applicability of Section 65 of R.A. No. 6657, as Amended, and Other Provisions of A.O. No. 1, Series of 2002. – The R-CLUPPIs and RDs concerned, as well as the LUCD-BALA, are hereby directed to strictly follow Section 65 of R.A. No. 6657, as amended, and the provisions of A.O. No. 1, Series of 2002 not otherwise affected by this A.O.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. – All orders, circulars, rules and regulations, and issuances or portions thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – Any judicial pronouncement declaring as unconstitutional any provision of these Rules shall have no effect on the validity of the other provisions not affected thereby.

SECTION 10. Effectivity Clause. – This A.O. shall take effect five (5) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Its effectivity shall cease on 30 June 2016, provided that the A.O. shall still apply to those applications filed prior to 30 June 2016 but remain pending thereafter.

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Administrative Order No. 09, Series of 2014 entitled **“SPECIAL RULES ON APPLICATIONS FOR LAND USE CONVERSION NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESETTLEMENT AREAS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON YOLANDA”** was published today, Thursday, 13 November 2014 in the Manila Times and Business World newspapers.

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