



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 015

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

WHEREAS, Section 27 of Republic Act 7279 otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 provides that 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 dated October 15, 1993 issued by the Office of the President provides for the Establishment of and Institutional Mechanism to Curtail the Activities of Professional Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters ad Intensifying the Drive Against Them;

WHEREAS, Sections 29 and 32 of Republic Act 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides respectively the power of supervision by the province over component cities and municipalities and by the cities and municipalities over their respective barangays;

WHEREAS, Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular No. 2012-04 dated January 4, 2012 called for the Creation of Local Committees and/or Similar Bodies Against Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters (LCASSPS);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTONIO L. KALAW, Municipal Mayor of Los Baños, Province of Laguna, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby reorganize the Local Committees and/or Similar Bodies Against Squatting Syndicates and Professional Squatters (LCASSPS), as follows:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The LCASSPS shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Hon. Antonio L. Kalaw	Municipal Mayor
Members	Hon. Geronimo A. Ciceron Hon. Miko C. Pelegrina Hon. Arlene P. Delos Santos Atty. Robert T. Lavina PLT.COL. Reycon L. Garduque Ms. Mylene Rivera Ms. Pamela Bianca T. Angres Mr. Kit Leonard L. Tamisin Mr. Donato P. Catipon Ms. Norma H. Albarico	SB Member/Chair, Committee on Land Use SB Member/Chair, Committee on Social Welfare Liga ng mga Barangay President Municipal Administrator Chief of Police DHSUD Representative PCUP Representative ICO-MUDHO Malinta Railroad Neighborhood Association, Inc. Better Land Homeowners Association, Inc., Phase I

SECTION 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS. The LCASSPS shall perform the following:

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 Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development 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 syndicate;
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 Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development and to the Office of the President, copy furnished the concerned agencies involved in the implementation of R.A 7279; and
8. Request for assistance from any government entity, if necessary.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The Municipal Urban Development and Housing Office shall serve as the Secretariat of the LCASSPS. The secretariat shall be responsible for providing technical support, documentation of proceedings, preparation of reports, and such other assistance as may be required in the discharge of its functions.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS. The LCASSPS shall meet regularly, at least once every two months, or as often as may be necessary upon the call of the Chairperson.

SECTION 5. FUNDING. The municipal government will provide operational funding and other necessary funds subject to its availability of funds.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 19th day of February, 2021 at Los Baños, Laguna.

HON. ANTONIO L. KALAW
Municipal Mayor