



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Davao del Sur

CITY OF DIGOS

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22

"AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IDENTIFYING AND CREATING THE ENTIRE WATERSHED AREA OF DIGOS CITY"

WHEREAS, the watershed areas that supply water to rivers and aquifers are essential to the people of Digos City;

WHEREAS, these watershed areas are biodiversity hotspot where many endemic species of animal and plant life thrive;

WHEREAS, some of these areas are already threatened by human activity and unsustainable use and exploitation of natural resources found therein, without regard to their impact on wildlife and long-term effects on the watershed;

WHEREAS, as the source of life-giving water for the people of Digos City and as a conservation area for threatened wildlife species, there is a need to take proactive steps for their protection and preservation;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Digos, through the Seventh City Council, intends to pass a series of ordinances declaring all identified areas in each barangay as a especially protected watershed area;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a technical working group in order to assist the City Council on the proposed legislation(s);

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOSEF F. CAGAS, by virtue of the powers vested upon me as the Local Chief Executive of the City of Digos, do hereby order:

Section 1. Creation of the Technical Working Group (TWG). Subject to the limitations under existing laws, rules and regulations, the City Government of Digos shall establish a Digos City Watershed Technical Working Group which shall assist the City Council on their planned legislation to identify and protect Digos City's watershed areas.

Section 2. Objectives of the TWG. The objective of the TWG is to contribute to the identification of Digos City watershed areas and the formulation of the Digos City Comprehensive Watershed Map.

Section 3. TWG Functions. The TWG will:

- i. Create a work plan for the identification of the watershed areas of Digos City
- ii. Identify and map the watershed areas of Digos City
- iii. Engage and activate participation and discussion of local stakeholders within the barangay where the proposed watershed areas
- iv. Submit a recommendation to the City Council through the Office of the City Mayor of the areas to be declared as watersheds

Section 4. Composition. The TWG shall be composed of the following:

- i. Chair: Atty. Johari G. Bafia, City Vice Mayor
- ii. Vice-Chair: Hon. Xymber Latasa, Chair, SP – Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
- iii. Members:
 - The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region XI Regional Executive Director
 - ENP Ojela Mae Entero, City Planning and Development Officer
 - Hon. Linda Esma Regidor – Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative
 - Engr. Aloysius Garcia, City Environment and Natural Resources Officer
 - The Punong Barangay of the subject barangay – *Engr. Berto, Ceng.*
 - Perla May Griffin, City Tourism Officer
 - Engr. Janet Torres, City Assessor
 - Engr. Jerome S. Escobarte, City Agriculturist
 - President, Kapiid Kabanwa
 - Two (2) representatives from the local water utility providers, one (1) being from the water utility provider for the greater Digos (Digos Water District) and one (1) from the local water utility provider in the subject barangay
 - Two (2) representatives from the academe, one (1) being from the Davao del Sur State College and one (1) from Cor Jesu College (Dr Rogelio Bayod)

Section 5. TWG Secretariat. The TWG shall determine and appoint the members of its Secretariat which shall be sourced from the City Government offices as listed in Section 3 above.

Section 6. Funding. Funding requirements of the TWG shall be provided under the Office of the City Mayor or from other available sources.

Section 7. Separability. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations and issuances inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done, in the City of Digos, this 5th day of December 2022, in the year Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-two..


JOSEF F. CAGAS, RN, JD, MPA
City Mayor