



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR**  
CITY OF DAVAO

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 32**  
Series of 2024

**AN ORDER FOR THE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE ZERO OPEN DEFECATION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF DAVAO AND THE CREATION OF THE ZERO OPEN DEFECATION VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, safe water, improved sanitation, and proper hygiene practices are essential for Davao City to achieve its health, social, and economic goals;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) issued DOH Administrative Order (AO) No. 2010-0021 on the Sustainable Sanitation as a National Policy and a National Priority Program of DOH which aims to achieve Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) status. Furthermore, it also aims to attain universal access to safe and adequate sanitary facilities by 2028 which are also the goals of the Philippine Health Agenda 2016-2022 and aligned with the health targets of the FOURmula One Plus for Health (F1) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of safely managed sanitation services by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, DOH also issued Administrative Order No. 2019-0054, or the Guidelines on the Implementation of the Philippine Approach to Sustainable Sanitation (PhATSS), allowing the city to determine the best combination of programmatic approaches, technologies, and services that need to be put in place based on the specific context of the city;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to institutionalize the Zero Open Defecation Program in Davao City to ensure the one hundred percent (100%) of households in the city have access to sanitary toilets, either through individual household facilities, shared facilities, or communal toilets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE**, Mayor of the City of Davao, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. ZERO OPEN DEFECATION INSTITUTIONALIZATION IN DAVAO CITY.** The Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Program is hereby institutionalized in Davao City under the Environmental and Sanitation Division of the City Health Office to ensure that 100% of households in the City have access to sanitary toilets, either through individual household facilities, shared facilities, or communal toilets.

**SECTION 2. DAVAO CITY ZERO OPEN DEFECATION VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION TEAM.** The Davao City Zero Open Defecation Verification and Certification Team is hereby created to assess barangays on their sanitation level based on the Philippine Approach to Sustainable Sanitation (PhATSS) with the following composition:

Core Team Leader: City Health Officer

Asst. Team Leader: Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Health



Members:

- District Sanitary Inspector of jurisdiction where the barangay is located
- Representative, City Planning and Development Office
- Representative, City DOH Office, Department of Health XI
- Representative from a civil society organization

**SECTION 3. DAVAO CITY SUSTAINABLE SANITATION PLAN.** A Davao City Sustainable Sanitation Plan shall be developed to provide strategic direction for the implementation and operationalization of the ZOD Program. The plan shall include strengthening of sanitation governance and regulatory mechanisms, programs and projects in improving local capabilities, and creating linkages with other organizations for possible technical and financial assistance. The plan must be integrated in the City Local Investment Plan for Health, among others, and disseminated to stakeholders of the city-wide health system.

**SECTION 4. BUDGETARY ALLOCATION.** The budget for personnel, trainings, logistics, and other incidental expenses shall be appropriated from the Annual Budget/Supplemental Budget of the City to finance the institutionalization, operationalization, and sustainability of the ZOD Program subject to the availability of funds.

**SECTION 5. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** If any provision of this Executive Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

**SECTION 6. REPEALING CLAUSE.** All other Orders or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

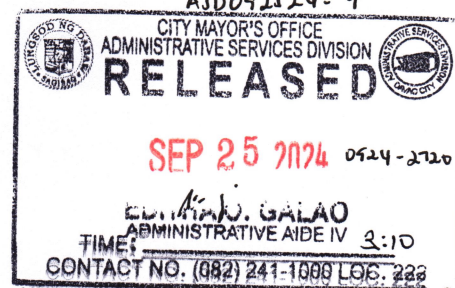
**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVITY.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this SEP 25 2024 in the City of Davao, Philippines.

Attested by:

**ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG**  
City Administrator

**SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE**  
City Mayor



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