



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

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 33
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**AN ORDER INSTITUTIONALIZING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT
OF DAVAO TO THE DAVAO CITY JUSTICE ZONE**

WHEREAS, the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 calls for the establishment and/or strengthening of coordination mechanisms to improve justice sector efficiency and accountability through Justice Zones;

WHEREAS, the Justice Sector Coordinating Council (JSCC) Joint Resolution No. 02-2022 refers to a Justice Zone as a local area where the justice sector agencies identify justice issues and consider sector-based solutions to address them. It aims to invigorate coordinative strategies among the institutions, ensure that complex institutional reforms are effectively linked and sequenced, and communicate such measures to the different stakeholders of the justice sector, and the public in general;

WHEREAS, the Justice Sector Coordinating Council (JSCC) is the governing body composed of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, the Secretary of Justice, and the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government. The JSCC determines the policy direction and approves recommended plans, actions, and projects for the Justice Zones;

WHEREAS, Davao City Justice Zone began its efforts in March 2019 towards coordinated justice sector actions to enable access to justice, led by the Executive Judges and composed of national agencies based in the city, agencies of the City Government of Davao, academic institutions providing legal aid, and civil society organizations;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991 promotes the improvement of public morals and enhances economic prosperity and social justice;

WHEREAS, Section 18 of the same Act authorizes local government units to establish an organization that shall be responsible for the efficient and effective implementation of its development plans, programs, objectives, and priorities;

WHEREAS, to ensure that the Davao City Justice Zone fulfills its desire of enabling access to justice and contributing towards national and local coordinated justice actions, it is imperative to institutionalize the Davao City Justice Zone through a policy to be supported by the City Government of Davao.

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. COMPOSITION. The Davao City Justice Zone (DCJZ) shall be composed of the following offices, to wit:

Convenor: Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court XI
 Co-Convenors: City Mayor or his duly authorized representative
 1st Vice Executive Judge of the Regional Trial Court XI
 Executive Judge, Municipal Trial Court in Cities
 Vice Convenors: Public Attorney's Office (PAO) Region XI
 Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
 Field Operations Office - Davao City

Members:

- Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Civil, Political and Human Rights
- Chairperson, Sangguniang Panlungsod Committee on Peace and Public Safety
- Department of Justice
 - City Prosecutor's Office
 - Public Attorney's Office
 - Parole and Probation Office (PPO)
- City Social Welfare and Development Office
- City Legal Office
- Davao City Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Drug Dependents
- City Health Office
- City Anti-Drug Abuse Council
- City Planning and Development Office
- Barangay and Cultural Communities Affairs Division
- Public Employment Service Office
- Department of Health (DOH) XI
- DOH - Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (DATRC) Davao (DOH-DATRC Davao)
- Department of Labor and Employment XI
- Commission on Human Rights XI
- National Police Commission XI
- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority XI
- Philippine National Police - Davao City
- Philippine Drug and Enforcement Agency XI
- Bureau of Jail Management and Penology XI
- Integrated Bar of the Philippines Davao City Chapter
- National Bureau of Investigation Region XI
- Law Schools in Davao
- Non-Government and Civil Society Organizations

The members of the Davao City Justice Zone are hereby directed to name their respective permanent alternate representatives who shall take their place in case of their absence. Permanent representatives shall be the head of the institution and the alternate shall be a key technical staff of the institution.

The non-government and civil society organizations providing the poor and marginalized access to justice shall be chosen for inclusion by the DCJZ subject to the approval of the Convenor and the members of the Davao City Justice Zone.

Other institutions and offices may be included in the Davao City Justice Zone upon the resolution of the members with the approval of the Convenor and Co-Convenors.

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS. The Davao City Justice Zone shall formulate measures

aimed at improving the delivery of just, responsive, and accountable justice services in the city. Such measures may be raised for consideration of the Sangguniang Panlungsod for appropriate local legislation and budgets or to the Justice Sector Coordinating Council (JSCC). All such measures must conform with and not contravene the policy directives set forth by the JSCC.

In accordance with policy directions and resolutions of the JSCC, the Davao City Justice Zone shall prepare plans, programs, and services with accompanying budgets aimed at operationalizing measures to improve the delivery of just, responsive, and accountable justice services in the city. Measures within the purview of the Davao City Justice Zone are, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Davao City Swift Justice Program to improve efficiency in the administration of justice, addressing issues in the justice system such as clogged dockets, and ensuring that all pillars of the justice system work together to promote justice by disposing of cases expeditiously.
- b. Improving access to justice for the poor and marginalized, especially women, children, Indigenous Peoples, people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identity and expression (SOGIE), among others;
- c. Enabling the barangay justice system as well as customary and traditional justice systems to uphold rights-based approaches and build links with the formal justice mechanisms; and
- d. Rehabilitation and reintegration of persons deprived of liberty (PDL) into society, among others.

The Davao City Justice Zone shall coordinate with relevant agencies, offices, and organizations to support the delivery of just, responsive, and accountable justice services in the city. It shall initiate referral pathways to link individuals as well as groups to services related to access to justice such as health, psychosocial support, case management, safety and security, among others.

The DCJZ may formulate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with specific institutions and organizations to create partnerships and strengthen justice service delivery.

SECTION 3. SECRETARIAT. The City Legal Office shall serve as the Head Secretariat of the Davao City Justice Zone. The secretariat shall also be composed of members from the Supreme Court, DOJ, and the DILG.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS. Regular meetings of the Davao City Justice Zone shall be conducted every month. Special meetings may be called for urgent issues, upon the request of any member.


SECTION 5. FUNDING/OPERATING COSTS. In supplementary capacity, the City Government of Davao may cover the operating expenses subject to the availability of funds and the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. In addition, the Davao City Justice Zone can also seek resources from the Justice Sector Coordinating Council, donors such as the Governance in Justice Sector Reform Program, other member agencies, and organizations supporting the plans and programs of the Davao City Justice Zone.

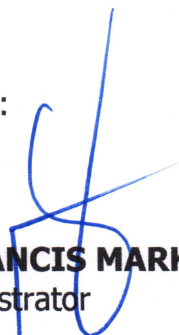
SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any part or provision of this Executive Order shall be declared invalid, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. 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 8. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective unless sooner revoked or modified.

Done this OCT 07 2024 in the City of Davao, Philippines.


SEBASTIAN Z. DUTERTE
City Mayor

Attested by:

ATTY. FRANCIS MARK H. LAYOG
City Administrator

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