

[**PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1079, January 28, 1977**]

REVISING AND CONSOLIDATING ALL LAWS AND DECREES REGULATING PUBLICATION OF JUDICIAL NOTICES, ADVERTISEMENTS FOR PUBLIC BIDDINGS, NOTICES OF AUCTION SALES AND OTHER SIMILAR NOTICES

WHEREAS, in order to better serve the public good, it is necessary to properly disseminate information contained in judicial notices, advertisements for public biddings, notices of auction sales and other similar notices required by Republic Act No. 4569, as amended by Republic Act No. 4883 and Presidential Decree No. 795;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 19 has further amended the above-mentioned law by authorizing the publication of the said notices in any existing newspaper or periodical in any part of the country during the present national emergency;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to revise Presidential Decree No. 19 to preclude any confusion in the distribution of the notices referred to above;

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 19 was intended merely as an emergency measure to prevent the paralyzation of the normal transactions of the government and the private sector that might have resulted from the scarcity of newspapers in the provinces during the early stages of martial law, which possibility no longer exists today;

WHEREAS, to better implement the philosophy behind the publication of the above-mentioned notices and announcements and prevent cross commercialism and unfair competition among community newspapers, which conditions prove to be inimical to the development of a truly free and responsible press, it is necessary to revise and consolidate all laws and decree affecting the publication of judicial notices and other announcements herein referred to;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and decree the following:

SECTION 1. All notices of auction sales in extra-judicial foreclosure of real estate mortgage under Act No. 3135 as amended, judicial notices such as notices of sale on execution of real properties, notices in special proceedings, court orders and summonses and all similar announcements arising from court litigation required by law to be published in a newspaper or periodical of general circulation in particular provinces and/or cities shall be published in newspapers or publications published, edited and circulated in the same city and/or province where the requirement of general circulation applies: Provided, That the province or city where the publication's principal office is located shall be considered the place where it is edited and published: Provided, further, That in the event there is no newspaper or periodical published in the locality, the same may be published in the newspaper or periodical published, edited and circulated in the nearest city or province: Provided, finally, That no newspaper or periodical which has not been authorized by law to publish and which has not been regularly published for at least one year before the date of publication of the notices or announcements which may be assigned to it shall be qualified to publish the said notices.