

# **[ DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2018-16, August 20, 2018 ]**

## **GUIDELINES IN THE PROCESSING AND ISSUANCE OF PERMITS ON THE REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF TREES AFFECTED BY DPWH PROJECTS**

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Pursuant to the Presidential Decree 705 as amended, Presidential Decree No. 953, Executive Order No. 23 S. 2011, Executive Order No. 26 S. 2011, other relevant laws, rules and regulations, and in order to fast track the processing and issuance of permits on the removal or relocation of trees affected by infrastructure projects of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the following guidelines are hereby prescribed for compliance of all concerned.

### **Section 1. Scope and Coverage**

This Order shall cover all applications for removal and relocation of trees for the construction of roads, bridges, flood control and other infrastructure duly certified as government projects of the DPWH.

### **Section 2. Application Requirements**

The following requirements shall be submitted by the DPWH to the CENRO with jurisdiction over the projects, to wit:

1. Appropriate infrastructure plan with tree charting (e.g. Road Alignment Plan, Building Plan) indicating the geotagged location of individual trees affected by the project, to be numbered sequentially, and shall be vetted by the DPWH as basis of validation by the DENR during actual cutting operations;
2. Appropriate Environmental Clearance (CNC/ECC);
3. Endorsement from the concerned Local Government Units;
4. Waiver/Consent corresponding to appropriate infrastructure plan in the case of tree cutting within private lands; and
5. Appropriate Land Tenure Instruments (CLTIs) for tree cutting within forestlands.

### **Section 3. Guidelines in Tree Removal and Relocation.**

3.1 Evaluation of the complete requirements shall be done upon receipt thereof.

Application with incomplete requirements shall not be acted upon