

**[DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2011-06,
May 23, 2011]**

**PRESCRIBING THE GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
PUBLIC LAND TITLING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS**

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 192 series of 1987, granting the DENR the power to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to facilitate public land titling and in order to provide more efficient land titling services to the public in further implementation of Commonwealth Act No. 141 otherwise known as the "Public Land Act", Republic Act No. 10023 Residential Free Patent Law and Republic Act. No. 7160 the Local Government Code, the following rules authorizing local government units (LGUs) to facilitate titling of public lands hereby promulgated:

SECTION 1. Declaration of Policies - the implementation of this order shall be governed by the following policies:

1.1 The DENR shall remain as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, protection, development and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources and the promotion of sustainable development;

1.2 CA 141 and RA 10023 mandates the DENR to accept applications, process and approve or otherwise adjudicate untitled public alienable and disposable lands;

1.3 The DENR recognizes the invaluable role of the LGU in the attainment of its objectives to fast track the titling of public alienable and disposable lands, it shall provide them with opportunities to participate actively in the implementation of national programs and projects as provided under Sec. 3 paragraph (G) of the Local Government Code;

1.4 The DENR recognizes the need to improve land administration and management at the local level and shall facilitate technical and material assistance including assistance in coordinating national government programs as provided in Sec. 3 paragraph (K) of RA 7160;

1.5 The DENR acknowledges the virtue of creating partnerships with LGUs for the proper implementation of its mandate.

SECTION 2. Coverage - This Order shall apply to the disposition of public lands under CA 141, RA 730 and RA 10023 in cities and municipalities that has been authorized by the DENR pursuant to Section 13 hereof to facilitate titling of public

lands within their jurisdiction subject to the limitations set forth herewith.

SECTION 3. Definition of Terms - As used in this Administrative Order, the terms enumerated below shall be defined as follows:

- a. Adjudication - Is the administrative process of determining the validity of claims of ownership of land and other rights and interests in lands
- b. Adjudicator - Duly designated DENR officer or duly deputized LGU personnel that undertakes the functions of interviewing land claimants, conducting ocular inspection of lands and assists land claimants in the preparation and organization of documents and evidence for public land applications.
- c. Adjudication team - a group of land adjudicators composed of LGU and DENR personnel with at least one personnel from the CENRO and a Deputy Public Land Inspector from the LGU
- d. Cadastral Office - Refers to the local land information office that may be created by the LGU under Sec. 9 to facilitate the titling activities under this Order.
- e. Cadastral Council - Refers to the council that may be created in pursuance to Sec. 9 of this Order
- f. Department - Refers to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources;
- g. Deputation - The delegation of official functions from an officer mandated by law to perform such function to another responsible and accountable officer performing or mandated with other duties and responsibilities.
- h. Deputy Public Land Inspector (DPLI) - A deputized public officer that has been delegated with the functions of a public land inspector and authorized as such to subscribe to oaths and conduct ocular inspections and investigations on matters involving public land adjudication and disposition
- i. Express Lane - special processing procedure or system to fast track action on documents pertaining to LGU titling activities such as but not limited to approval of surveys and certifications.
- j. Order - as used herein, refers to this Department Administrative Order

SECTION 4. Role of the DENR - In the attainment of the objectives of this Order the DENR shall:

- a. Assign Land Management Officers (LMOs) from the CENROs, PENROs or Regional Offices to the LGU initiated titling program and the titling

office that may be created;

b. Provide all the necessary and pertinent land records, surveys, maps and other data;

c. Provide technical assistance in the conduct of surveys, land adjudication, training and capacity building on public land administration and management;

d. Institute express lanes to facilitate the speedy approval of plans and issuance of certifications for LGU titling program;

e. Provide general control and supervision over the LGU titling program. The DENR field offices shall maintain approval and signing authorities in all phases of the patent application and adjudication process except those authorities given to deputized LGU officials;

f. Coordinate on the design and conduct of all necessary trainings for the implementation of this order with the Center for Land Administration and Management-Philippines (CLAMP).

g. Coordinate and update the Regional Development Councils on the implementation of public land titling in partnership with LGUs.

SECTION 5. Integration of the Local Titling Activity into the LGU's Programs - The LGUs herein authorized shall facilitate the titling of public lands through an ordinance creating a local titling program, a titling office and adjudication teams. Such ordinance shall be a prerequisite for an LGU to avail of the assistance from DENR field offices. The ordinance shall also include provisions for manpower and other resources.

As much as practicable, the LGUs are hereby encouraged to create a land information office to facilitate exchange of information, reconciliation and reconstruction of data from different local offices and national agencies in support of the titling program.

SECTION 6. Deputation - All Regional Executive Directors (REDs) are hereby authorized to deputize Local Government Unit (LGU) Officials that may be assigned to the titling program as Deputy Public Land Inspectors. Only LGU officials holding permanent positions shall be eligible for deputation.

The DPLI that will be deputized under this Administrative Order shall have all the duties, responsibilities and authority as any Public Land Inspectors of the Department but only within the jurisdiction of their LGUs.

SECTION 7. Procedure in Deputation - The following are the procedural steps for deputation:

a. The LGU, through the Chief Executive shall identify and nominate the LGU officials for deputation and shall submit the names and qualifications