

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 216, February 22, 2000]

AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 159 S. 1999 AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the President, through the issuance of Executive Order No. 159 dated 12 October 1999 has identified mass housing as the centerpiece program of his Administration;

WHEREAS, EO No. 159 created the Presidential Commission on Mass Housing (PCMH), with the President as the Chairman and to be co-chaired by both the Presidential Adviser on Low Cost and Open Market Housing and the Presidential Adviser on Socialized Housing;

WHEREAS, EO 159 provided that the Secretariat of the PCMH shall be composed of personnel from the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) and Presidential Management Staff (PMS);

WHEREAS, HUDCC is the lead agency in the implementation of the government's housing program;

WHEREAS, to harmonize and streamline efforts on mass housing, there is a need to delegate to a responsible official the management of the housing program, thus, the need to integrate the positions of the Presidential Adviser on Low Cost and Open Market Housing and the Presidential Adviser on Socialized Housing;

WHEREAS, there is a need to further strengthen the HUDCC for it to effectively and efficiently coordinate all efforts of the various agencies/sectors undertaking housing projects nationwide;

WHEREAS, Section 31, Chapter 10, Title III, Book III of EO 292, otherwise known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987, provides continuing authority to the President to reorganize the administrative structure of the Office of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA , President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Composition and Secretariat of the Presidential Commission on Mass Housing. Executive Order No. 159 s. 1999 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1.1. Designation of the HUDCC Chairperson as Presidential Adviser for Housing and Co-Chair of the PCMH . The positions of the Presidential Adviser on Low Cost and Open Market Housing and the Presidential Adviser on Socialized Housing are hereby abolished; and, in lieu thereof, their tasks and responsibilities shall be undertaken by the Presidential Adviser for Housing. Therefore, Paragraph 1, Section 2.1 of EO 159 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Commission shall be chaired by the President who shall also act as the “housing czar”. The Commission shall be co-chaired by the Presidential Adviser on Housing.

SECTION 1.2. Creation of a Full-Time Secretariat for PCMH . Paragraph 2 of Section 2.3, EO 159 shall read as follows:

“A full time Secretariat to be composed of personnel from HUDCC and PMS shall be organized to provide direct technical and administrative services to the Commission through the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Housing.

The Presidential Adviser on Housing, shall directly supervise, and provide guidance, instructions and directions to the joint HUDCC-PMS Secretariat.”

Administrative, technical and logistical requirements of the Commission and the Office of the Presidential Adviser for Housing, shall be provided by the PMS-OP, HUDCC and other housing agencies. All housing agencies are hereby directed to provide assistance as may be needed.”

SECTION 2. Reiterating and Strengthening the Functions of the HUDCC. Pursuant to existing laws, the HUDCC shall continue to have the following powers and functions:

2.1 Serve as the lead agency to assist the President and the PCMH in formulating the national objectives, policies and strategies for housing and urban development;

Coordinate and monitor the activities of all government agencies undertaking housing projects, including those of local government units (LGUs), to ensure the accomplishment of the goals of the government’s housing program;

Encourage the maximum participation of the private sector in all aspects of housing and urban development;

Formulate the basic policies, guidelines and implementing mechanisms for the disposal or development of acquired or existing assets of the key housing agencies which are not required for the accomplishment of their basic mandates;

Identify, plan and secure local and foreign funding for housing programs and projects;

Provide directions to the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB) to ensure rational land use for the equitable distribution and enjoyment of development benefits;

Recommend new legislation and amendments to existing laws as may be necessary for the attainment of government’s objectives in housing;

Undertake other functions as provided by existing laws that are not contrary to the above-mentioned.

SECTION 3. General Supervision and Control of HUDCC Over Housing Agencies . To ensure that all efforts of the housing agencies are coordinated towards the achievement of the housing goals, the following housing agencies are attached to HUDCC for policy and program coordination and administrative supervision:

-National Housing Authority (NHA);

-National Home Mortgage and Finance Corporation (NHMFC);