

[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 219, January 21, 2008]

CREATING A ONE-STOP-SHOP AND AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FOR PROCESSING OF HOUSING PERMITS

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 9, Article III of the Constitution the State is mandated to provide decent housing and basic services to the underprivileged and homeless Filipino families;

WHEREAS, the present Administration has embarked on a massive socialize* and low-cost housing program to address the growing housing backlog in the country;

WHEREAS, to attain the targets of the housing sector as contained in the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan 2004-2010, there is a need to fast track the approval of housing-related permits, to encourage maximum private sector participation in the delivery of housing services;

WHEREAS, to achieve this goal, it is necessary for government agencies involved in the issuance of housing-related permits, clearances, certifications and licenses to closely coordinate to prevent costly delays that hamper housing production; WHEREAS, Section 20 f b) of Republic Act No. 7279, series of 1992, provides for the creation of One-Stop-Shop offices in the different regions of the country for the processing, approval and issuance of clearances, certifications, permits and licenses;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 45, series of 2001, mandates the concerned government agencies to comply with specific time periods in processing applications and issuance of housing-related certifications, clearances licenses and permits;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9845, series of 2007, or the Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, was enacted into law to improve efficiency in the delivery of government service to the public by reducing bureaucratic red tape, preventing graft and corruption and providing penalties therefore;

WHEREAS, in the 19th Cabinet Meeting held on 11 September 2007, the President directed all agencies concerned to issue new guidelines or review and amend existing procedures to streamline bureaucratic procedures and hasten government processing and issuance of housing-related certifications, clearances, licenses and permits including the creation of a One-Stop-Shop to assist real estate and subdivision developers in securing necessary permits from local government units and other agencies for housing development;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute an Inter-Agency Committee composed of the different government agencies involved in the issuance of housing-related clearances, certifications, licenses permits to ensure the smooth operationalization of the One-Stop- Shop;