



Republic of the Philippines
City Government of Meycauayan
Province of Bulacan

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST SPECIAL SESSION IN THE YEAR 2023
OF THE 7TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, BULACAN,
HELD AT THE SESSION HALL OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING ON JULY 10, 2023.

Present:

JOSEFINA O. VIOLAGO	City Vice Mayor (Presiding Officer)
ANNA KATHRINA M. HERNANDEZ	City Councilor
MARIANO V. ALARILLA II	City Councilor
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OLIVERT Y. DUVA	President, LnB
CRISANTO NIÑO D. CAPARAS	President, SK Federation

All are present.

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 356 (OF 2023)

***AN ORDINANCE ERADICATING AND PENALIZING PROFESSIONAL SQUATTING AND
SQUATTING SYNDICATES WITHIN THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 7279***

WHEREAS, Section 27 of Republic Act No. 7279 entitled "*An Act To Provide For A Comprehensive And Continuing Urban Development And Housing Program, Establish The Mechanism For Its Implementation, And For Other Purposes*", provides that, "the local government units, in cooperation with the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP), and the PCUP-accredited urban poor organization in the area, shall adopt measures to identify and effectively curtail the nefarious and illegal activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, as herein defined";

WHEREAS, Section 30 of the above-mentioned Act states that, "the barangay, municipal or city government units shall prevent the construction of any kind of illegal dwelling units or structures within their respective localities";

WHEREAS, despite the privilege being given by, or the generosity of, the government and private landowners, there are abusive occupants and settlers who put up extensions or annexes to their shanties/dwellings and lease the same in exchange for a certain amount;

WHEREAS, to protect the interest of the legitimate landowners and *bona fide* occupants or settlers of urban lands in the City of Meycauayan, there is an imperative need to stop this illegal practice and punish professional squatters as well as squatting syndicates;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, THAT:

SECTION 5. SUMMARY DEMOLITION. - Any structure illegally constructed in violation of Section 4 hereof shall be summarily demolished. In conducting the demolition, the following procedures shall be observed:

- a.) Notice upon the affected persons at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of demolition;
- b.) Adequate consultations on the matter of resettlement with the duly designated representatives of the families to be resettled and the affected communities in the areas where they are to be relocated. Provided that, should relocation not be possible, financial assistance in the amount equivalent to the prevailing minimum daily wage multiplied by sixty (60) days shall be extended to the affected families;
- c.) Presence of the Punong Barangay or his or her representative during demolition;
- d.) Proper identification of all persons taking part of the demolition;
- e.) Execution of demolition only during regular office hours from Mondays to Fridays and during good weather, unless the affected families consent otherwise;
- f.) Use of heavy equipment for demolition shall be allowed for permanent and/or concrete materials; and
- g.) Members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) who shall occupy the first line of law enforcement and observe proper disturbance control procedure should wear proper uniform and have with them their respective IDs.

SECTION 6. COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST SQUATTING SYNDICATE AND PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS (CASSPS). The CASSPS shall be composed of the following:

- a.) Chairperson
 - City Mayor or his duly authorized representative
- b.) Members
 - City Local Government Operations Officer/LGOO VI, DILG
 - Chief of Police, City of Meycauayan
 - Liga ng mga Barangay President
 - PCUP - Accredited Permanent Representative
 - PCUP - Accredited Urban Poor Organization Representative
 - Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development (DHSUD) Deputized Representative
 - President, Homeowners Association Federation
 - City Population Officer
- c.) Secretariat
 - City Population Office

SECTION 7. FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY COMMITTEE ON ANTI SQUATTING SYNDICATE AND PROFESSIONAL SQUATTERS. - The CASSPS shall perform the following functions:

- a.) Adopt the necessary measures to identify and effectively curtail the activities of professional squatters and squatting syndicates, including the names of public officials and/or private individuals or entities suspected of abetting or tolerating the commission of said acts;

- b.) Provide HUDCC and NHA copies of the list of identified professional squatters and squatting syndicates in order to safeguard against their inclusion in future government housing programs/projects and recommend their disqualifications in existing programs;
- c.) Provide legal assistance to victims of professional squatters and squatting syndicates by referring them to the proper offices such as, but not limited to, the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), giving priority to small property owners;
- d.) Investigate cases of violation of laws or rules on eviction and demolition forwarded to it and recommend appropriate actions on the same to the concerned agencies;
- e.) Monitor eviction and demolition activities and establish its own monitoring system;
- f.) Submit reports to the DHSUD and to the Office of the President, copy furnished the concerned agencies involved in the implementation of R.A. 7279; and
- g.) Request assistance from any government entity, if necessary.

SECTION 8. THE CASSPS SECRETARIAT. The CASSPS Secretariat shall perform the following functions:

- a.) Assist in the evaluation and analysis of the various policies and programs laid down by the Committee; and
- b.) Take minutes of meeting, document its activities and prepare and submit quarterly reports to DHSUD.

SECTION 9. PENALTIES. For the purpose of this Ordinance, aside from the summary demolition of the illegal structure/s in accordance with Section 5 hereof, all violation of this Ordinance shall be meted out with the following fines and penalties:

- a.) For the First (1st) Offense - a fine of not less than **Three Thousand Pesos (P 3,000.00)**; and
- b.) For the Second and subsequent offenses - a fine of **Five Thousand Pesos (P 5,000.00)** and **one (1) year imprisonment shall be imposed upon the offender/s.**

If the offender is a corporation, association, partnership or any juridical person, the penalty/ies shall be imposed upon the responsible officers, as the case may be, who participated in the commission of the crime or who shall have knowingly permitted or failed to prevent its commission.

For Barangay Officials who directly or indirectly permit professional squatters or members of squatting syndicates to occupy public or private owned lands or allow, abet or otherwise tolerate the construction of any structure in violation of the preceding sections within their territorial or administrative jurisdiction shall be meted with administrative sanctions as provided for in the Administrative Code of 1987, the Local Government Code, Republic Act No. 6713 otherwise known as the *Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees*, Republic Act No. 3019 of the *Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act* as amended by Republic Act No. 10910 or *the Act Increasing the Prescriptive Period for Violations of Republic Act No. 3019, Otherwise Known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, from Fifteen (15) Years to Twenty (20) Years*, Amending Section 11 thereof, Republic Act No. 7279 of the *Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992* as amended by Republic Act No. 10884 or *An Act Strengthening the Balanced Housing Development Program, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 7279*, and other pertinent laws.

SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY. Should any provision/s or portion/s of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions or part/s thereof shall continue to be in force and in effect.

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. All previous issuances, ordinances, rules, and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.


SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY. This ordinance shall take effect after the posting thereof in the bulletin board at the entrance of the city hall and at other prominent places in the City of Meycauayan for three (3) consecutive weeks and the publication thereof in a newspaper of general circulation, where available, within the territorial jurisdiction of the City.


APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.


I hereby CERTIFY that this Ordinance was approved by the Sangguniang Panlungsod.


ATTY. BERNARD JOSEPH E. DOMINGO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED BY:


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APPROVED by the City Mayor this _____ day of 12 JUL 2023, 2023:


ATTY. HENRY R. VILLARICA
City Mayor