



Republic of the Philippines  
**PROVINCE OF ISABELA**  
 City of Ilagan

*Office of the Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12 -2020**

ENJOINING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO STRICTLY OBSERVE THE PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856 ALSO KNOWN AS CODE OF SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND UPDATING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL HEALTH AND SANITATION ORDINANCES AS FIRST LINE OF PROTECTION AGAINST EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES

**WHEREAS**, Section 15 of Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

**WHEREAS**, Pursuant to PD No. 856, Local Government Units (LGUs) are responsible in implementing and enforcing the law's provisions;

**WHEREAS**, cognizant to the need to push forward the sanitation agenda, LGUs must take serious action and shall advocate health and sanitation as an urgent priority thereby accelerating actions to improve sanitation for all;

**WHEREAS**, the goal of a clean and orderly province is best achieved with the active involvement of LGUs, many offices, business establishments and community groups that are relevant and capable in the education and enforcement functions;

**WHEREAS**, the convergence of national government agencies and LGUs in the province, and the active participation of private and public stakeholders, are necessary to facilitate the firm and integrated implementation of sanitation ordinances;

**WHEREAS**, with the emergence of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), Avian Influenza, Ebola, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID- 19) which infections have been acknowledged by the global community to cause potential public health emergencies of international concern, there arises the need for updating and codifying our sanitary laws to ensure that they are in keeping with modern standards of sanitation and provide a handy reference and guide for their enforcement as first line of defense against this emerging infectious diseases;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this order, enjoining all Local Government Units to strictly observe the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 856 also known as Code of Sanitation of the Philippines and updating of their respective local health and sanitation ordinances as first line of protection against emerging infectious diseases.

**SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** – In the event that any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this order is declared invalid for any reason, other provisions thereof shall not be affected thereby.

**REPEALING CLAUSE.** – All laws, as well as pertinent rules and regulations thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Let copies hereof be furnished the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the Body's subsequent approval and adoption, LGUs and other offices for their information and reference.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 5th day of March, 2020 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.

  
**RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
 Governor 

*Nagkaisa para sa Isabela*