



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

## *Office of the Governor*

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24 - 2020** **Series of 2020**

**DIRECTING ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO CREATE THEIR RESPECTIVE COMPOSITE LGU BUILDING INSPECTION TEAMS IN-CHARGE OF ENSURING THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND FIRE SAFETY OF BUILDINGS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND GUARANTEEING THAT SUCH STRUCTURES WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY KIND OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry, and provide effective mechanisms or measures to ensure public safety and law and order;

**WHEREAS**, government efforts at peace and order, disaster and risk management need to be fully coordinated to effectively prevent and suppress criminality and to maintain public order and safety in the land;

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the Province of Isabela are entitled to be secure in their homes and communities, and shall be provided with adequate protection against environmental hazards and criminal behavior;

**WHEREAS**, the enormity of the illegal drugs problem in the Philippines has compelled the national government to implement an aggressive program against illegal drugs through the elimination of all drug dens and laboratories and the capture of all drug traders, pushers, and users to ensure that the country does not turn into a "narco-state" and to protect the future of the youth and that of future generations of Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, the state condemns the existence of illegal gambling activities as this has become an influential factor in an individual's disregard for the value of dignified work, perseverance and thrift since instant monetary gains from it are being equated to success, thereby becoming a widespread social menace and a source of corruption;

**WHEREAS**, buildings, offices and industrial complex enclosed by high perimeter walls and fences are prone to be used as staging areas/ operation sites for all sorts of criminal/illegal activities due to their concealing and shifty structure and designs;

**WHEREAS**, the discovery of a "shabu" laboratory in Cauayan City, Isabela on 23 October 2016 and the recent uncovering of a large- scale illegal cigarettes manufacturing - cum- Rice Mill activities in Naguilian, Isabela compels the provincial government to implement more stringent measures in the construction and establishment of buildings and offices in Isabela;

**WHEREAS**, is it is the policy of the provincial government to ensure that national policies and programs are effectively implemented in the province of Isabela;

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**WHEREAS**, Section 465 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, empowers the Governor to call upon any national official or employee stationed in or assigned to the province to advise him on matters affecting the province and to make recommendations thereon; coordinate with said official or employee in the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects; and when appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the performance of his official duties while stationed in or assigned to the province;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with policy, there is a need for city and municipal local government units to enhance existing mechanisms for public safety and ensure that structures are used according to the purpose for which the structures were built, and that no fire and other LGU permits shall be issued unless and until the structures have been evaluated and inspected by the city/municipal inspection team, except for structures with issues which will be referred to the Provincial Building Inspection Team;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of the Province of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct all local government units to create their respective composite building inspection teams to ensure the structural integrity and fire safety of buildings in the province of Isabela and guarantee that such structures will not be used for any kind of illegal activities;

**Further**, it is hereby decreed that no fire and other LGU permits shall be issued unless and until a structure has been evaluated and inspected by the city/municipal inspection team, except for structures with issues which will be referred to the Provincial Building Inspection Team;

**Furthermore**, it is decreed that all city and municipal LGU Building Inspection Teams be constituted as follows:

*TEAM LEADER: Local Chief Executive*

*MEMBERS:      The Municipal Engineer  
                     Bureau of Fire Protection  
                     Philippine National Police  
                     Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency*

*The LGU may appoint additional members to constitute the team*

All Orders, circulars, memoranda, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

If any part or provision of this Executive Order is held invalid or unconstitutional, other provisions not affected thereof shall remain in full force and effect.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the Province of Isabela, this 1st day of June, 2020.

  
**HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**  
Governor