



Republic of the Philippines

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**ENJOINING LGUS TO SUPPORT EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26, TITLED,
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT
IN PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED PLACES**

Memorandum Circular No. 2017-90
July 20, 2017

1.0 Background

Executive Order No. 26, titled, *Providing for the Establishment of Smoke-Free Environments in Public and Enclosed Places*, issued by President Rodrigo Duterte on 16 May 2017, invoking the Clean Air Act of 1999 and the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, calls for the imposition of a nationwide ban on smoking in all public places in the Philippines.

2.0 Purpose

This is to enjoin Local Government Units (LGUs) to exercise their powers for the efficient and effective implementation of the said EO, thus, promoting the general welfare of their constituents, pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

3.0 Legal Compliance

This Circular is based on Executive Order No. 26 dated May 16, 2017, a copy of which may be downloaded from <http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph>.

4.0 Scope/Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors, ARMM Regional Governor, DILG Regional Directors, and others concerned

5.0 Policy Content and Guidelines

All Local Chief Executives are directed to:

- 5.1. Cause the enactment of local policies, as may be warranted, particularly on the unlawful and prohibited acts under Section 3 of the Executive Order.
- 5.2. Implement the standards, specifications and putting up of signages for Designated Smoking Area (DSA), as set forth in Section 4 of the said Executive Order.
- 5.3. Strictly observe "No DSA" in public places listed under Section 4 thereof.
- 5.4. Ensure compliance of all Persons-In-Charge of their duties and obligations under Section 5 thereof.
- 5.5. Develop, promote and implement local Smoking Cessation Program consistent with the National Smoking Cessation Program established

pursuant to Republic Act No. 9211, in coordination with the Department of Health, and through the City or Municipal Health Office, as provided for under Section 8 of the EO.

- 5.6. Encourage the participation of public and private facilities which may be able to provide for the requirements of the Smoking Cessation Program.
- 5.7. Organize a local Smoke-Free Task Force, as directed under Section 9 thereof, to help carry out the provisions of the Executive Order, including the apprehension of violators and the institution of criminal proceedings for violations of the EO, in accordance with relevant laws, rules and regulations, and strictly observing due process.
- 5.8. Provide funding support for the implementation of the EO, in accordance with the regular government budget rules and procedure.
- 5.9. Exercise appropriate and necessary powers for the efficient and effective implementation of the said EO, towards the promotion of health, safety and general welfare of the people.



6.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

7.0 Reference

- 7.1 Executive Order No. 26, s., 2017
- 7.2 Clean Air Act of 1999
- 7.3 Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003
- 7.4 Local Government Code of 1991

8.0 Approving Authority


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9.0 Feedback

For related queries, kindly contact the Disease Prevention Control Bureau, Department of Health at Telephone Number (02) 6157800 local 1752, or the Bureau of Local Government Supervision at Telephone Number (02) 928-9181.