

Foreword

Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government code of 1991 intended among others to create the environment and structure to eventually empower the local government units including the basic barangay as autonomous units of governance. We at the barangay level believe that empowerment likewise involves giving the LGUs the tools which rationalize the efficient and effective delivery of services to our constituents. This compilation of policy documents and instruments, legislative issuances, memorandum circulars, executive and administrative orders from different sources of the government structure is an attempt to equip our barangay officials with specific appropriate and legal background as they go about their routine of serving the community. Barangay officials, workers and volunteers will now be able to read specific provisions from these documents to effectively implement their programs and activities. Further, they shall be freed from the recurring threat or incessant harassment from various pressure groups in the political environment. Indeed, we extend our very sincere thanks to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Philippine Governance Forum for providing the logistical and institutional support to this project (or more than just the simple encouragements).

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