

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES, MANDATE AND LEGAL BASIS

SECTION 1. OBJECTIVES OF THE CODE. The purposes of this Code are the following:

- a. To gather by reference in one code all national and local laws pertaining to the environment, which shall be referred to as the Environment Code for the information and guidance of the people of Municipality of Roxas;
- b. To provide mechanisms for the implementation of environmental laws, at the local level, pursuant to the declared national policy of strengthening the local government unit;
- c. To enable the local government unit to be more responsive to environmental concerns within the framework of existing national policies and legislation;
- d. To strengthen the primacy of the Municipality over the care, protection, and promotion of the environmental welfare of its territory, pursuant to the Local Government Code (RA 7160); and
- e. To provide a framework and install measures for the responsible use, management and regulation of our natural resources and environment in accord with the Code's operative principles towards sound and ecologically sustainable development.

SECTION 2. MANDATE

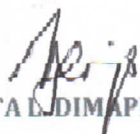
Pursuant to Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipality "shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare of its constituents as enshrined in the 1987 Constitution." Within its territorial jurisdiction, the Municipality shall ensure and support programs, policies and measures geared towards the promotion of health and safety, the enhancement of the people's lives in a balanced ecology, the encouragement and development of appropriate environment-friendly technologies, the improvement of public morals and social justice and the preservation of the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants.

SECTION 3. INTERNATIONAL TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS

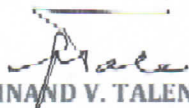
Recognizing that the fight to save and promote the environment is a global concern, the Municipality hereby recognizes international treaties and agreements on the environment to which the Philippines is a signatory.

These treaties and agreements include, but are not limited, to the following:

- a. Rio Declaration (U.N. Conference on Environment and Development) Local Authorities Initiatives in Support of Agenda 21. As local governments are closest to the people, they play an


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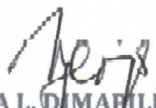
important role in educating, mobilizing and responding to the public to promote sustainable development;

- b. International Protocols to which the Philippines is a signatory under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS);
- c. Convention on Biological Diversity;
- d. CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora);
- e. Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer;
- f. International Tropical Timber Agreement of 1983; and
- g. Other treaties and agreements to which the Philippines is a signatory.

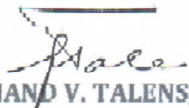
SECTION 4. STATEMENT OF LEGAL AUTHORITY AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE TO NATIONAL LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The primary legal authority for this enactment is the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines and RA 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines. These, as well as national laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the environment, especially those that affect the local government unit, are hereby adopted and incorporated into this Code by reference.

RA 460	Sawmill Law
RA 1239	Lumber Dealers Law
RA 2056	Act To Prohibit The Construction Of Dams, Dikes Or Any Other Works In Public Navigable Waters Or Waterways, To Regulate Works In Such Waters Or Waterways, And To Provide Penalties For Its Violations, And For Other Purposes
RA 6969	Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes Control Act of 1990
RA 7076	People's Small Scale Mining Act of 1991
RA 7161	An Act Incorporating Certain Sections of the National Internal Code of 1977, as amended, to Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, otherwise known as the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines", and Providing Amendments Thereto by Increasing the Forest Charges on Timber and Other Forest Products
RA 7279	The Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 - An Act To Provide For A Comprehensive


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	And Continuing Urban Development And Housing Program, Establish The Mechanism For Its Implementation, And For Other Purposes.
RA 7586	National Integrated Protected Areas Systems Act
RA 7942	Philippine Mining Act of 1995
RA 8041	Water Crisis Act
RA 8435	The Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997
RA 8550	The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998
RA 8749	Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999
RA 9003	Ecological solid Waste Management Act of 2000
RA 9147	Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act
RA 9175	Chainsaw Act of 2002
RA 9275	Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004
RA 9379	The Handline Fishing Law (An Act Defining Handline Fishing Providing Effective Regulations Therefor and for Other Purposes)
RA 9512	National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008 (An Act to Promote Environmental Education and for Other Purposes)
RA 9513	Renewable Energy Act of 2008 (An Act Promoting the Development, Utilization and Commercialization of Renewable Energy Resources and for Other Purposes)
RA 9729	Climate Change Act of 2009 (An Act Mainstreaming Climate Change Into Government Policy Formulations, Establishing the Framework, Strategy and Program on Climate Change, Creating for this Purpose the Climate Change Commission, and for Other Purpose)
RA 10068	Organic Agriculture Act of 2010 (An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Philippines and for other Purposes)
RA 10121	Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (An Act Strengthening the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System, Providing for the National

	Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework and Institutionalizing the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan, Appropriating Funds Therefore and for other purposes
PD 296	PD 296 Directing All Persons, Natural or Juridical, to Renounce Possession and Move Out of Portions of Rivers, Creeks, Esteros, Drainage Channels and Other Similar Waterways Encroached Upon by Them and Prescribing Penalty for Violation Hereof
PD 424	The National Water Resources Council
PD 602	National Oil Pollution Operations Center Decree
PD 705	Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines of 1975
PD 825	Providing Penalty for Improper Disposal of Garbage and Other Forms of Uncleanliness and for Other Purposes
PD 825	Garbage Disposal Law of 1975
PD 856	Code on Sanitation of the Philippines
PD 953	Authorizing the Head of Political Subdivisions to Authorize Cutting for Beautification and for Posing Danger of Life and Property
PD 979	Marine Pollution Decree of 1976
PD 984	National Pollution Control Decree of 1976
PD 1067	The Water Code of the Philippines
PD 1121	Creating the National Environmental Protection Council
PD 1151	Philippines Environment Policy
PD 1152	Philippines Environment Code
PD 1160	Vesting Authority in Barangay Captains to Enforce Pollution and Environmental Control Laws and Other Purposes
PD 1219	The Coral Resources Development and Conservation Decree
PD 1251	Imposing a Fee on Operating Mining Companies to be known as "Mine Wastes and Tailing Fee" to Compensate for Damages to Private

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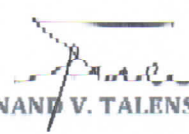
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	Landowners and for Other Purposes
PD 1308	Regulating the Practice of the Profession of Environmental Planning in the Philippines
PD 1529	Property Registration Decree
PD 1586	Environment Impact Statement System
PD 1720	Imposing a Fee on Operating Mining Companies to be known as "Mine Wastes and Tailing Fee" to Compensate for Damages to Private Landowners and for Other Purposes
PD 1899	Establishing Small- Scale Mining as a New Dimension in Mineral Development
EO 72, s. 1993	Reaffirmation of the specific provisions of R. A. No. 7160 on the need for each LGU to prepare the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and prescribe the review and approval process thereof.
EO 117, s. 1993	Establishing an Inter-Agency Task Force for Coastal Environmental Protection
EO 192, s. 1987	The Reorganization Act of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
EO 240, s. 1995	Creation of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council
EO 263, s. 1995	Community -Based Forest Management Strategy
EO 277, s. 1987	Amending Section 68 of Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, otherwise known as the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, for the purpose of penalizing possession of timber of other forest products without the legal documents required by existing forest laws, authorizing the confiscation of illegally cut, gathered, removed and possessed forest products and granting rewards to informers of violations of forestry laws, rules and regulations
EO 291, s. 1996	Improving the Environmental Impact Statement System
EO 503, s. 1992	Rules and Regulations Implementing the Transfer to Concerned LGUs of Personnel, Assets and Records Pertaining to the Devolved Functions of National Government Agencies
DENR AO 37, s. 1996	Revising DENR Administrative Order No. 21, Series of 1992, To Further Strengthen the Implementation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System


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