



Office of the Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. JS2026-05

MANDATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ZERO OPEN DEFECATION (ZOD) AND COMMUNITY-LED TOTAL SANITATION (CLTS) PROGRAM IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARILAO, PRESCRIBING THE ROLES OF PAMAHALAANG BARANGAY, AND ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE ON SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND RELATED NATIONAL POLICIES

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

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 856, otherwise known as the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines, mandates that all houses shall be provided with adequate sanitary toilet facilities and that the disposal of human excreta shall be in a manner that prevents the contamination of water supplies and the environment;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 prohibits the direct discharge of untreated domestic waste into water bodies, waterways, irrigation canals, esteros, and open fields;

WHEREAS, Open Defecation (OD) poses significant public health risks, contributing to the spread of waterborne diseases such as diarrhea, cholera, typhoid fever, acute gastroenteritis, and parasitic infections, particularly in high-density municipalities like Marilao;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH), through its Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Program and Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) Strategy, aims for all households to gain and sustain access to functional sanitary toilets consistent with national sanitation targets and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation);

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government desires to uphold the highest standards of public health and sanitation, protect water quality, and ensure dignified hygiene conditions for all Marileños;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. JEMINA M. SY, Municipal Mayor of Marilao, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY

It is the policy of the Municipality of Marilao to eliminate open defecation in all its barangays. This initiative shall focus on behavioral change, infrastructure support, and strict enforcement of sanitation laws to ensure a clean and healthy environment for all Marileños.

SECTION 2. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS

- a. **Sanitary Toilet Access:** Every household, building, and establishment within the jurisdiction of Marilao is required to have access to a sanitary toilet facility.
- b. **Proper Disposal:** Direct discharge of waste into the Marilao River, irrigation canals, or open fields is strictly prohibited.
- c. **Sewerage Standards:** All septic tanks must be constructed according to the standards set by the National Building Code and the Sanitation Code.





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SECTION 3. ROLE OF THE PAMAHALAANG BARANGAY

The Pamahalaang Barangay shall be the primary implementers of this Order. They are hereby directed to:

- a. **Conduct Census:** Identify households without sanitary toilets within thirty (30) days of this Order.
- b. **Barangay Ordinances:** Enact or update barangay ordinances that penalize open defecation and mandate toilet construction.
- c. **ZOD Committee:** Form a Barangay ZOD Committee to monitor sanitation levels and conduct house-to-house inspections.
- d. **Community Mobilization:** Lead “Community-Led Total Sanitation” (CLTS) activities to educate residents on the dangers of open defecation.

SECTION 4. MUNICIPAL ZOD TASK FORCE

A Municipal ZOD Task Force is hereby created composed of:

Chairperson : **ATTY. JEMINA M. SY**
Municipal Mayor

Vice-Chairpersons: **CECILIA S. MARAMBA, MD**
Municipal Health Officer

ATTY. KATHYRIN FE D. PIOQUINTO
Municipal Administrator

Members : **EVELYN N. SAN MIGUEL**
Sanitary Inspector V

HON. GUILLERMO T. PARAOAN, JR.
ABC President

DAN EZEKIEL Z. MARTIN
OIC, MENRS

JEREMY C. FRANCISCO, DLUP
OIC-MPDC/Acting Zoning Administrator

DEO P. BEÑABON
MSWDO

ENGR. MAGTANGGOL C. SAN MIGUEL
Municipal Engineer

Representative
Marilao Water District (MARWADIS)

- Others as may be designated





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SECTION 5. INCENTIVES AND PENALTIES

a. Incentives. Barangays attaining sustained ZOD status may receive:

- “ZOD Certified Barangay” recognition
- Priority access to municipal programs or projects related to health, water, sanitation, or infrastructure

b. Penalties. Non-compliance by household owners may be subject to administrative or legal action under PD 856, RA 9275, and relevant municipal ordinances, including:

- Fines
- Withholding of business/occupancy permits (for establishments)
- Legal action, as warranted

SECTION 6. TECHNICAL & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Municipality may provide technical assistance, sanitation materials, subsidy mechanisms for indigent households, or linkages to external funding agencies subject to availability of funds and program guidelines.

SECTION 7. MONITORING AND REPORTING

Barangays shall submit quarterly ZOD accomplishment and compliance reports to the Municipal ZOD Task Force. Household verification may be validated through joint inspections.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

If any provision of this Order is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this **21st day of January 2026** at the Municipality of Marilao, Province of Bulacan.

Jemina M. Sy
ATTY. JEMINA M. SY
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