

**IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 69,
SERIES OF 2012, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "STRENGTHENING THE PRESIDENTIAL
COMMISSION FOR THE URBAN POOR"**

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution provides that "Urban or rural poor dwellers shall not be evicted nor their dwellings demolished, except in accordance with law and in just and humane manner;"

WHEREAS, Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as Article 11.1 of the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights enshrine a right to adequate housing to be enjoyed by every person, especially the poor and marginalized informal settlers;

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2011, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) issued an "Advisory on the Right to Adequate Housing and Humane Treatment of Informal Settlers;"

WHEREAS, Republic Act (RA) NO. 7279, otherwise known as "Urban Development and Housing Act (UDHA) of 1992," requires local government units (LGUs), in coordination with PCUP, to afford program beneficiaries an opportunity to be heard and to participate in the decision-making process over matters involving the protection and promotion of their collective interests;

WHEREAS, Section 28 of RA No. 7279 and its implementing rules and regulations uphold the constitutionally-guaranteed rights of the homeless and underprivileged citizens;

WHEREAS, Executive Order (EO) No. 82 (s. 1986), as amended, created the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) under the Office of the President (OP) to coordinate the speedy implementation of government policies and programs for the urban poor;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order (AO) No. 111 (s. 1989) directed concerned government departments, agencies and offices to coordinate with PCUP and actively participate in tri-sectoral dialogues and activities concerning the urban poor;

WHEREAS, in the need to strengthen the mandate of PCUP to achieve the strict observance of the law and the Ten-Point Covenant of the President with the urban poor, EO No. 69 was issued on 29 March 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to EO No. 69 (s. 2012), the following rules and regulations are hereby promulgated and adopted.

PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Section 1. Title. – These Rules shall be known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 69, Series of 2012 and shall hereinafter be referred to as the Rules.

Sec. 2. Coverage. – These Rules shall apply to the powers conferred upon the Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) to effectively address the principal concerns of the underprivileged and homeless citizens, such as access to housing, demolition and eviction, relocation and resettlement, asset reform, human development and basic social services, employment and livelihood, and other programs of the government for this marginalized sector.

