



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Manila

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 45**  
Series of 2022

**REORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM**

WHEREAS, *Section 17 of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7160*, otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991* provides that local government units shall exercise such other powers and discharge such other functions and responsibilities as are necessary, appropriate, or incidental to efficient and effective provisions of the basic services and facilities enumerated therein;

WHEREAS, under the same provision, local government units are mandated to discharge the functions and responsibilities of national agencies and offices devolved to them;

WHEREAS, *Section 17 (b)(4) of the Local Government Code of 1991*, in relation to *Section 17 (b)(2)(xi-xii)* thereof, provides that among the basic services and facilities that local government units should provide are tourism facilities and other tourist attractions, including the acquisition of equipment, regulation and supervision of business concessions, and security services for such facilities as well as tourism development and promotions;

WHEREAS, *Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9593*, otherwise known as the *Tourism Act of 2009*, states that “the State declares tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socioeconomic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment, and to continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos and towards this end, the National Government shall “enhance capability-building of local government units, in partnership with the private sector, in the management of local tourism projects and initiatives, thereby ensuring accessible and affordable destinations throughout the country, especially in areas which have shown strong comparative advantage”;

WHEREAS, giving due regard to the principle of local autonomy, the Department of Tourism, through the *Tourism Act of 2009*, shall for its part, provide financial and technical assistance training and other capacity-building measures to local government units for the preparation, implementation and monitoring of their tourism development plans, gathering of statistic data and enforcement of tourism laws and regulations:

THEREFORE, I, **MARIA SHEILAH “HONEY” H. LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS**, Mayor of the City of Manila, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the Local Government Code of 1991, and existing laws, hereby order the constitution of the Committee on Tourism as follows:

Section 1. *Composition*. The Committee of Tourism shall be composed of the following:

Chairman : HON. MARIA SHEILAH “HONEY” LACUNA-PANGAN, MD, FPDS  
*Mayor of the City of Manila*

Vice Chairman : Officer-In-Charge, Department of Tourism Culture and Arts of Manila (DTCAM) and Protocol Officer, Office of the Mayor of the City of Manila

Members : - Officer-In-Charge, Bureau of Permits  
- The City Legal Officer  
- Officer-In-Charge, City Planning and Development Office

Section 2. *Scope of Regulation.* The Committee on Tourism shall regulate "Tourism Enterprises" which refers to facilities, services and attractions involved in tourism, such as, but not limited to: travel and tour services; tourist transport services, whether for land, sea or air transportation; tour guides; adventure sports services involving such sports as mountaineering, spelunking, scuba diving, and other sports activities of significant tourism potential; convention organizers; accommodation establishments, including, but not limited to, hotels, resorts, apartelles, tourist inns, motels, pension houses, and home stay operators; tourism estate management services, restaurants, shops and department stores, sports and recreational centers, spas, museums and galleries, theme parks, convention centers and zoos as defined in the *Tourism Act of 2009*.

Section 3. *Powers and Functions.* The powers and functions stated in *Section 6 of the Tourism Act of 2009*, insofar as they are applicable to local government units for purposes of the establishment of the Commission on Tourism, are hereby adopted. In addition, the Committee shall:

- a.) Formulate and implement rules and regulations governing the operation and activities of all tourist-oriented establishments, travel agencies and tour operators, in accordance with national standards;
- b.) Grant or deny the license of all forms of tourism enterprise, which violates certain governing policies;
- c.) Penalize, prohibit, or suspend the operation of a tourism enterprise which violates certain governing policies;
- d.) Plan and cultivate tourism-destination development, standard setting and regulatory enforcement;
- e.) Monitor and administer tourism activities and enforce tourism laws, rules and regulations; and
- f.) In close coordination with the Department of Tourism, enhance the capacity of the City Government in the management of its local tourism developmental plans.

Section 4. *Meetings.* The Committee of Tourism shall immediately convene and shall submit its reports on its activities to the undersigned for information and guidance.

Section 5. All prior inconsistent orders, issuances, or directives are considered repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. This Order consists of only two (2) pages and shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

Section 7. A copy of this Executive Order shall be furnished the Office of the President, Malacañang Palace, pursuant to paragraph (b)(xii), Section 455 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

Done this 03<sup>rd</sup> of OCTOBER 2022, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

MARIA SHEILAH "HONEY" H. LACUNA-PANGAN MD, FPDS

Mayor of the City of Manila

ATTESTED BY:

ATTY. MARLON M. LACSON  
Secretary to the Mayor