

Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

NIA Building, E. de los Santos Ave., Quezon City

OFFICE of the SECRETARY

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MINISTRY ORDER )

NO. 57 )

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SUBJECT:

Amending Ministry Order  
No. 44, Series of 1978 Re:  
Officials authorized to  
act for and in the absence  
of the duly designated  
Building Officials

In view of the multi-faceted functions and responsibilities of our District/City/Municipal Engineer's Offices, particularly in the implementation of the Administration's Infrastructure Programs and considering that the Office of the Building Official needs a fulltime assistant who shall act for and in his absence on all matters regarding the enforcement of the National Building Code of the Philippines and its Implementing Rules and Regulations and to give a wider latitude of discretion to the Acting Building Official in the selection of competent personnel who shall act for and in their absence, item 2 of Ministry Order No. 44 dated August 11, 1978 which provides;

"(In the event any of the aforementioned official is unable to perform the functions of his office for reasons of sickness, absence or for any valid cause, the following officials shall act for and in their behalf:

- (a). For PW District Engineers designated as Acting Building Officials for all municipalities within their district/province, the Assistant District Engineer;
- (b). For City Engineers designated as Acting Building Official for any particular city, the Assistant City Engineer should there be one, or in the absence thereof, said City Engineer shall choose between the Engineer in-charge of local projects and the City Public Works Supervisor; and
- (c). For Municipal Engineers designated as Acting Building Official in their respective municipality, the duly appointed Assistant Municipal Engineer, or in the absence thereof, the Municipal Architect or the nearest City Engineer or District Engineer designated as such Building Official in the city or province as the case may be;

provided that as a matter of policy, the officials so authorized to act for and in their absence, aside from being either a licensed Civil Engineer or Architect, must have undergone training on the National Building Code of the Philippines and its implementing rules and regulations.)"

is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2. The District/City/Municipal Engineer designated as such Acting Building Official for any particular District/City/Municipality shall recommend immediately to this Ministry a ranking licensed Architect or Engineer under his direct supervision and control who shall act for and in his behalf whenever he is unable to perform the functions of his Office for reasons of sickness, absence or for any valid cause, provided that pending approval of the designation of the official who shall act for and in his behalf, the provisions of Section 2 of Ministry Order No. 44, series of 1978, shall apply in order not to disrupt the service; provided further that as a matter of policy, the officials so authorized to act for and in their absence, aside from being either a Licensed Civil Engineer or Architect, must have undergone training on the National Building Code of the Philippines and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

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In this connection, for this Ministry to have a valid basis with which to review the recommendation of the Acting Building Official for a competent officer to act for and in his behalf, it is desired that we be furnished with a copy of the approved position chart of their respective District/City/Municipal Engineering Offices, for our information and guidance.

This order takes effect January 1, 1979.

  
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