



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Bulacan

**MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA MARIA**  
**OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR**



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 063 – 2024**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER STRENGTHENING HYGIENE AND  
SANITATION THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
SUSTAINABLE SANITATION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 856 (SANITATION CODE OF THE  
PHILIPPINES) AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER NO. 2018-0054 (GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE PHILIPPINE APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE SANITATION)**

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 856, also known as the Sanitation Code of the Philippines, mandates the protection and promotion of public health through the establishment and enforcement of sanitation standards;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Health (DOH) issued Administrative Order No. 2018-0054, which provides guidelines for the implementation of the Philippine Approach to Sustainable Sanitation to achieve Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) and Basic Sanitation Facilities (BSF) in all local government units;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Santa Maria, Bulacan recognizes the importance of ensuring a clean, safe, and healthy environment by promoting sustainable sanitation practices and providing equitable access to adequate sanitation facilities;

**WHEREAS**, strengthening coordination and collaboration between municipal offices, barangay officials, and community stakeholders is essential in achieving and maintaining ZOD and BSF status;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARTOLOME R. RAMOS**, Municipal Mayor of Santa Maria, Bulacan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL COORDINATION BODY.** A Municipal Sanitation and Hygiene Coordinating Body (MSHCB) is hereby established to oversee, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of the Sustainable Sanitation Program at the municipal and barangay levels. The MSHCB shall include representatives from the Municipal Health Office, Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, Municipal Engineering Office, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), and other relevant stakeholders.

**SECTION 2. CONDUCT OF SECTOR ANALYSIS AND PLANNING.** The MSHCB shall lead a comprehensive sector analysis to assess existing sanitation practices, available resources, needs, and gaps. The results of the analysis shall guide





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the development of evidence-based sanitation plans, policies, and programs tailored to the municipality's specific context.

**SECTION 3. CAPACITY BUILDING AND AWARENESS.** The Municipality, through the MSHCB, shall organize capacity-building programs such as training sessions, workshops, and seminars to equip municipal and barangay officials, health workers, and relevant stakeholders with the necessary knowledge and skills in sustainable sanitation management. Additionally, community awareness campaigns shall be conducted to promote proper hygiene and sanitation practices.

**SECTION 4. RECOGNITION, REWARDS, AND INCENTIVES.** To encourage active participation and sustained commitment to sanitation improvements, the Municipality shall establish a recognition, rewards, and incentives system. Barangays and communities that achieve and maintain ZOD and BSF status shall be acknowledged through awards and incentives during annual sanitation recognition events.

**SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING.** The MSHCB shall regularly monitor and evaluate the progress of the Sustainable Sanitation Program. Performance reports and recommendations shall be submitted to the Municipal Mayor for appropriate action and continuous program improvement.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its issuance.

**DONE** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, at the Municipal Hall of Santa Maria, Province of Bulacan.

  
**BARTOLOME R. RAMOS**  
Municipal Mayor

