



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 012**

Series of 2026

**“CREATION OF THE LOCAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE (LDWQMC) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO TOMAS, ISABELA”**

**WHEREAS**, Presidential Decree No. 856 of the CODE OF SANITATION OF THE PHILIPPINES states that “The Health of the People being of paramount importance, all efforts of public services should be directed towards the protection and promotion of health”,

**WHEREAS**, Section 3.5 under Chapter II “Water Supply” of PD 856 states that the Local Health Authority shall establish a **Water Surveillance Program** thru the creation of **Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee** to oversee the operation of the water produced and distributed by them and to monitor the implementation of the provisions of the Implementing Rules and Regulations;

**WHEREAS**, DOH-DILG Joint Administrative Order no. 2022-0002, entitled as “Guidelines on Establishing Local Drinking Water Quality Surveillance (LDWQS) Program through the Creation of Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee (LDWQMC) as Mandated by the Code on Sanitation (PD 856),” sets that all LGUs shall establish a LDWQS Program to continuously assess and review the safety and acceptability of drinking water supplies;

**WHEREAS**, same Joint Administrative Order requires the creation of LDWQM Committee to realize the LDWQS Program, which shall be guided by the Operations Manual developed by the DOH, in collaboration with DILG and other partners;

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility of ensuring the quality and safety of all drinking water source has become very important and that the access to safe potable drinking water is one of the benchmarks of improved quality to live in line with the thrust of poverty reduction; thus, a creation of Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee is needed;

**NOW THEREFORE I, LEANDRO ANTONIO P. TALAUE**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Santo Tomas, Isabela by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me by law, and recommendation of the Local Health Board, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT** the following:

**Section 1. CREATION**

There shall be created a Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee (LDWQMC), of Santo Tomas, Isabela.



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Province of Isabela  
**MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO TOMAS**



*Office of the Municipal Mayor*

**SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY MONITORING COMMITTEE**

The Local Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Committee shall be composed of the following:

CHAIRMAN : **HON. LEANDRO ANTONIO P. TALAUE**  
Municipal Mayor

VICE CHAIRMAN : **DR. HAROLD S. TALAUE**  
Municipal Health Officer

MEMBERS : **HON. RONA LULU R. TALAUE**  
SB Committee Chairman on Health and Sanitation

**ENGR. JOSEPH P. CAULO**  
Municipal Engineer In-Charge of Waterworks  
System

**ORLYNE T. DEMERIN**  
OIC Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator/  
Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
Designee

**HON. EDUARDO M. TALAUE**  
ABC President

**SONNY BOY AGPAOA**  
CSO, Bubug Water Association

**MA. LUISA A. MATOTE**  
DOH Representative/DMO IV

SECRETARIAT : **GIGIE G. MALTU**  
Municipal Sanitation Inspector  
**LIEZEL B. ACOSTA**  
Public Health Nurse





### SECTION 3. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Strategic Functions:
  - a. Establishes a strategic framework of LDWQS Program as basis for planning, implementation, and monitoring;
  - b. Endorses annual work and financial plan on water quality surveillance program addressing water quality issues;
  - c. Formulates policies concerning implementation of water quality surveillance program addressing water quality issues;
2. Regular Functions:
  - a. Regularly conducts collection and analysis of water samples;
  - b. Evaluates laboratory results as to their compliance with latest standards;
  - c. Regularly conducts surveillance in case of existence of a potential cause of contamination;
  - d. Institutes remedial measures to correct the deficiencies of the water system;
  - e. Informs the public of the latest result quality of the drinking water in the locality;
3. Conducts quarterly regular meeting or as the needed arises; and,
4. Performs other functions related to water quality assurance.

### SECTION 4. BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM

The Municipal Health Office shall ensure that the LDWQS Program be integrated with the Local Investment Plan for Health and its corresponding annual budgetary requirement for approval of the Sangguniang Bayan.

### SECTION 6. EFFECTIVITY

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at the Municipality of Santo Tomas, Province of Isabela.

  
**LEANDRO ANTONIO P. TALAUE**  
Municipal Mayor