

(GOOD GOVERNANCE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP)

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Fair Conduct of Elections, Representation and Participation

- Local elections are conducted freely and fairly, according to international standards and national legislation, and without any fraud.
- All men and women can have a voice in decision-making, either directly or through legitimate intermediate bodies that represent their interests. Such broad participation is built on the freedoms of expression, assembly and association.

Responsiveness

- Objectives, rules, structures, and procedures are adapted to the legitimate expectations and needs of citizens.
- Public services are delivered, and requests and complaints are responded to within a reasonable timeframe.

Efficiency and Effectiveness

- Results meet the agreed objectives.
- Best possible use is made of the resources available.

Rule of Law

- The local authorities abide by the law and judicial decisions.
- Rules and regulations are adopted in accordance with procedures provided for by law and are enforced impartially.

Competence and Capacity

- Public officials are motivated to continuously improve their performance.
- Practical methods and procedures are created and used in order to transform skills into capacity and to produce better results.

Innovation and Openness to Change

- New and efficient solutions to problems are sought and advantage is taken of modern methods of service provision.
- There is readiness to pilot and experiment new programmes and to learn from the experience of others.
- A climate favourable to change is created in the interest of achieving better results.

Sustainability and Long-term Orientation

- The needs of future generations are taken into account in current policies.
- The sustainability of the community is constantly taken into account.
- There is a broad and long-term perspective on the future of the local community along with a sense of what is needed for such development.
- There is an understanding of the historical, cultural and social complexities in which this perspective is grounded.

Sound Financial Management

- Charges do not exceed the cost of services provided and do not reduce demand excessively, particularly in the case of important public services.
- Multi-annual budget plans are prepared, with consultation of the public.

Human rights, Cultural Diversity and Social Cohesion

- Social cohesion and the integration of disadvantaged areas are promoted.
- Within the local authority's sphere of influence, human rights are respected, protected and implemented, and discrimination on any grounds is combated.

Accountability

- All decision-makers, collective and individual, take responsibility for their decisions.
- Decisions are reported on, explained and can be sanctioned.
- There are effective remedies against maladministration and against actions of local authorities which infringe civil rights.

20 WAYS OF BEING A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

1. Follow traffic rules
2. Be punctual and do not procrastinate.
3. Ask for a BIR official receipt
4. Pay your tax
5. Be a responsible parent
6. Love your husband or wife
7. Conserve water and energy
8. Protect our environment
9. Report crimes
10. Obey the laws and local ordinances
11. Be kind to our foreign visitors
12. Respect other Filipinos, especially the elders
13. Build a good relationship with your neighbors
14. Help your own town achieve progress
15. Give support to our countrymen
16. Be a responsible worker
17. Love your employees
18. Make your customers happy
19. Be a responsible netizen
20. Make an honest vote