

### DELTA TO PAPAL NUNCIO

# Please bless Pampanga

**C**ITY OF SAN FERNANDO— “Please bless all our citizens, local officials and hardworking frontliners so that we may be able to manage and overcome the coronavirus pandemic that has afflicted us.” **PAGE 19 PLEASE**



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Capaldanan,  
Tula ning  
Capampangan**



Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines Most Rev. Archbishop Charles John Brown, D.D. signs the provincial government's guestbook to record his momentous visit in the province as Gov. Dennis Pineda, Vice Gov. Lilia Pineda, and San Fernando Archbishop Florentino Lavarias look on. **PHOTO BY GERALD GLOTON / PAMPANGA PIO**



Archbishop Charles Brown incenses image of Sto. Cristo del Perdon during Holy Mass celebrating the 65th anniversary of the canonical coronation of the Virgen de los Remedios. **FB PHOTO GRAB**



On-site inventory of the seized shabu worth P3.4-billion. **—CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

## P3.4-B shabu seized in Zambales

### 4 CHINESE KILLED

**By JOHNNY R. REBLANDO**

**IBA, ZAMBALES** -- Four fully-armed Chinese drug suspects were neutralized by authorities in a buy-bust operation that

turned into an armed encounter in Candelaria town Tuesday.

Police said past at 12 in the afternoon, joint operatives of the Philippine National Police and the Philippine Drug Enforce-

ment Agency conducted the buy-bust on at Noah's Place, Barangay Libertador, Candelaria against the Chinese suspects.

A firefight ensued when the suspects fired at the

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## P544-M shabu intercepted in Subic Freeport

**By MALOU DUNGOG**

**SUBIC BAY FREEPORT** - A total of 80 kilograms of shabu worth P544 million was seized here by authorities from three Chinese nationals following a

buy-bust operation on Tuesday in Candelaria, Zambales that netted P3.4-billion worth of the illegal drug.

According to a report by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, the three Chinese

nationals were arrested when elements of PDEA, the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Customs, and the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority's Law Enforcement Department and Intelligence and Investi-

gation Office conducted an interdiction operation at the Tipo Gate of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

The three Chinese nationals were identified as: Qing Chang Zhou, aka Ricky Chou,

37; Cai Cai Bin, aka James/Joseph Chua, 49; and Longcai Chang, 45, all of Metro Manila.

Aside from the 80 kilos of shabu, authorities also confiscated the following pieces of

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# Cebu Pacific gifts Philippine Paralympic delegation with free flights

CEBU PACIFIC, the country's leading airline, honors the Philippine delegation to the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics after they poured out all their efforts and made Filipinos proud. To show our appreciation, CEB awards all four athletes of the Paralympic team with free flights, which they may share with their respective teams and support systems. Every Juan of them deserves to fly: Ernie Gawilan and Gary Bejino for Para Swimming; Jerrold Mangliwan for Para Athletics; and Allain Ganapin for Para Taekwondo. "Our Paralympic delegation did their best and have proven that they deserve to fly. We recognize their efforts and are grateful to them for representing our country loud and proud – this is why we want them and their loved ones to enjoy free flights from us," said Candice Iyog, Vice President for Marketing & Customer Experience at Cebu Pacific. Each member of the Philippine delegation will receive 25 flights for free, to commemorate the airline's 25 years of enabling every Juan to fly. The tickets may be used for any domestic and international short haul destination in the Cebu Pacific network. "We stay true to our values that CEB exists for every Juan – with or without a medal, with us, no Juan gets left behind," added Iyog.

## 141 AC health volunteers get P1-K pay hike

ANGELES CITY — Mayor Carmelo "Pogi" Lazatin, Jr. will be giving additional P1,000 honoraria to 141 city health volunteers assisting in the vaccination sites — 43 barangay health workers, 49 barangay nutrition scholars, and 49 barangay population officers — starting October 1. In Memorandum Nos. 1318, 1319, 1320, Lazatin expressed his recognition to the 141 volunteers who have been dedicating their services in battling the Covid-19 pandemic. The amount may be small compared to their efforts amid the pandemic, Lazatin said, but this will not falter the city government from showing gratitude for their endless service. "Maliit na bagay lamang po ito kumpara sa inyong iniaalay na serbisyo para sa siyudad buhat nang pandemya," Lazatin furthered. Currently, the said health volunteers have been receiving P4,000 monthly salary. Lazatin's chief adviser IC Calaguas, also the chief implementer of the city government's vaccination program, said this is a little reward to their hard work and valor in this trying time, serving as frontliners in the vaccination rollout in the 33 barangays and on-site. These employees, according to Calaguas, are part of the ongoing vaccination program. "These people are vital in our vaccination efforts," Calaguas said. To date, out of the 462,928 Angelesños, the city government has vaccinated 176,998 for the first dose of vaccines while 94,782 were fully vaccinated. It can be recalled that amid the pandemic, Lazatin has raised the salary of 111 nurses to P12,000. A total of 76 day care workers who assisted the city government during the food packages distribution also received a P1,000 honoraria.

ANGELES CIO



## Pregnant women urged to get jabbed

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO--- Health authorities here are urging pregnant women to get anti-coronavirus vaccination to protect themselves and their babies. The city health office here conducted Friday a "Covid-19 Vaccination on Pregnant Women: What To Know and Why You Should Be Vaccinated" seminar to emphasize that Covid-19 vaccines are generally safe and beneficial for pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers. "Maraming pregnant women pa yung natatakot at may alinlangan pang magpabakuna. Ang layunin natin ngayon ay maipaliwanag sa kanila na safe para sa kanila ang mga bakuna at makakatulong ito para protektahan ang kanilang mga sarili at pati na rin ang mga baby na nasa sinapupunan pa lamang nila," said Jocylene Raiza C. Cruz, public health nurse and program coordinator. Pregnant women in San Fernando who are willing to be vaccinated are advised to secure a clearance from their obstetrician-gynecologist. Along with their identification cards, they may present clearances to any of the five vaccination sites in the city which are regularly accommodating pregnant women who are now under the expanded A3 priority group for Covid-19 vaccination. In a statement, Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire said that based on the recommendation of local experts, COVID-19 vaccines are recommended during the second or third trimester of pregnancy. The only vaccine that should not be given to pregnant women is the Russian-made Sputnik V.—CSFP-CIO



These girls from Balanga Elementary School happily and excitedly show their brand new sets of school supplies courtesy of The SM Store's Donate-a-Book campaign. --PR PHOTO

## DONATE-A-BOOK, SHARE THE JOY OF LEARNING AT THE SM STORE

SM SHOPPERS can continue to share the joys of learning with children who need them most through The SM Store's Donate a Book campaign, which is now ongoing at select branches nationwide until September 30, 2021. While face to face classes still have to resume, schooling certainly extends beyond the campus. And your donations will go a long way as these will be very helpful to distributed to partner public schools and libraries around the country. Here's how you can share your gift of knowledge: □ Visit the Donate a Book booths at participating branches of the SM Store at Metro Manila, North Luzon, South Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. □ Donate new or pre-loved books. All books are very much welcome, especially storybooks, educational, and hobby books that can help spark a child's curiosity, imagination, and knowledge. □ Donate and match with Learning Is Fun (LIF) books that are available at The SM Store. LIF offers a wide range of books from toddlers to adult categories such as activity books, early learning educational books, cookbooks, reference books, storybooks,

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# New Clark airport terminal includes all-gender restrooms, other inclusive features



The new CRK terminal features all-gender restrooms in an effort to create a more vibrant and inclusive community for everyone.

The new CRK terminal's prayer rooms include a foot-washing station that Muslim passengers and visitors can use for ritual cleansing.



Clark International Airport's (CRK) new passenger terminal building, which will open its doors to passengers and visitors by the end of 2021, will feature inclusive amenities such as all-gender restrooms, nursing stations, and multifaith prayer rooms.

"Creating welcoming and inclusive spaces is at the heart of CRK. CRK will be a space where we embrace a positive atmosphere and treat everyone with utmost respect," BCDA President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Vince Dizon said. "At CRK, it is about accommodation and inclusion for all."

Restrooms at the new CRK terminal will provide all-gender accommodations for transgender, non-binary identifying individuals, and cis-gender people traveling with opposite-sex children or elderly companions. Other inclusive features include nursing stations and prayer rooms, each with a foot-washing area for Muslims.

Inclusivity and intuitiveness are among the key principles that Luzon International Premiere Airport Development

Corporation (LIPAD) follows in terms of operating and managing the new CRK terminal.

With a vision to be the quietest gateway in the Philippines, LIPAD will operate a "silent airport policy" where passengers and visitors will rarely hear boarding calls and instead rely on posted announcements for quick reference.

Colors and signages will guide passengers and visitors at the new CRK terminal. Facing Manila Bay, the carpets and chairs at the domestic area are in blue; while green is the color for the international area as it faces Mount Arayat.

LIPAD, led by Filinvest Development Corporation, JG Summit Holdings Inc., Changi Airports Philippines Pte. Ltd. and Philippine Airport Ground Solutions Inc., won the 25-year concession for the operations and management of CRK in January 2019.

The CRK New Passenger Terminal Building Project is the first hybrid public-private partnership project that was planned, constructed and completed—from start to finish—under the Build Build Build program of the Duterte administration.



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# To the Point

## Curioser and curioser

“ISN’T THAT double payment – you shelled out money to buy the items, then you buy those using your own money again?”

Asked Sen. Panfilo Lacson of Health Secretary Francisco Duque III at Tuesday’s Senate blue ribbon committee hearing on the DOH transfer of P42 billion to the Procurement Service-Department of Budget and Management to purchase medical supplies on its behalf.

The PS-DBM bought 1.3 million face shields at P120 apiece from the Philippine Blue Cross Biotech Corp. Since these items were part of PS-DBM’s inventory, senators question now whether these were bought using DOH funds or using PS-DBM funds.

“When you moved P42 billion to PS-DBM, did you move it so they can purchase medical supplies and equipment for you, which are now common-use supplies and equipment?” Sen. Franklin Drilon asked Duque. “Or did you transfer the P42 billion so PS-DBM can build an inventory from where public hospitals can get their supplies?”

“Ginamit ang pera ng DOH para bumili. Pinagtubuan pa – tubong lugaw,” furthered said Drilon. “They made P4 profit then they got a [4%] commission using budget and funds allocated by Congress.”

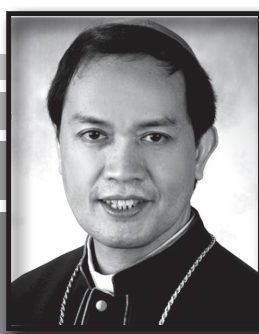
Even as Duque insisted that PS-DBM merely bought on their behalf, he admitted: “Mr. Chairman, I’m sorry, but I have no information...that we purchased this. What I understand is, the budget that was used to purchase these common supplies and equipment is separate from the money utilized to purchase the face shields.”

Retorted Drilon: “What was the budget of PS-DBM in 2020? I assure you, they don’t have that kind of money to be able to purchase P42 billion worth of common supplies and equipment which are medical equipment.”

Asserting, in Filipino: “You cannot say that the budget used was from PS-DBM. The budget came from DOH.”

Duque could only whimper: “I beg to disagree. But we will look into this. Give me a little more time to verify this.”

Aye, it’s getting curioser and curioser in Duterte wonderland. **With Rappler.com reports**



## Shepherd’s Call

Bishop Pablo Virgilio S. David

## Jethro’s advice on leadership

**LUKE SAYS** Jesus spent a whole night of prayer before he chose twelve from among his disciples to become his apostles. I am inclined to believe that he got this strategy from Moses, as told in the book of Exodus. In modern principles of management, they would call this **DELEGATING POWER**.

Leaders cannot be effective if they monopolize authority. Good leaders know how to delegate responsibilities to fellow leaders who are reliable. They do not “micro-manage”. They are not insecure. They do not mind delegating some roles to others who could do it well too, or sometimes even better than they could. Good leaders breed fellow leaders.

In the Book of Exodus chapter 18, 13-27, we are told that, at the start of Israel’s journey to the promised land, Moses was performing all the leadership roles by himself and he was getting stressed out to the point of becoming inefficient and ineffective. Now they happened to pass through Midian, the place where Moses had stayed for some time and encountered God in a burning bush.

While they were there, apparently, he was being observed by his father-in-law, Jethro, the father of his wife Zipporah. Jethro had noticed that there were long lines of people who needed to consult Moses about everything, including managing petty disagreements and conflicts. At some point Moses became so tired to the point of being indisposed. And so Jethro gave him a wise advice. Remember, Jethro was a priest himself. He said to Moses,

“You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. The task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. Now, listen to me, and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you... look from among all your people those who are God-fearing, trustworthy, honest, and capable, and delegate some of your responsibilities to them... You attend to the more important matters and let them decide on the other issues of importance... Lighten your burden by letting them bear it with you! If you do this, and God so commands you, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people, too, will go home content.”

Perhaps we should call this JETHRO’S PRINCIPLE OF WISE LEADERSHIP. In the Canon Law, we would refer to this as delegating authority to vicars. Some people ask me, how does a bishop practice leadership in such a huge diocese? I remember meeting in Rome some bishops whose dioceses have only around 50 to

100 thousand baptized members. That is only one parish in some dioceses here in the Philippines. Most bishops lead dioceses with anywhere between half a million to 2 million members. How do we do it?

Well, we have followed Jethro’s principle since a long, long time ago. We delegate leadership roles, whether in the pastoral or administrative aspects of the life of the diocese. What is done by the bishop is also done by the vicars and by the parish priests and mission chaplains. Like I said, a good leader breeds fellow leaders. It is also the best way of assuring the sustainability of our institutions and preparing for leadership succession. Look the Church is still alive and thriving after 2,000 years. It will continue functioning long after we are gone.

This is also the reason why we avoid entrusting the ordained ministries of leadership to people with authority hangups and all sorts of issues that make them insecure about delegating leadership. Monopolistic leaders tend to be clericalistic. Instead of breeding fellow leaders, they will tend to lord it over and make the wells of charisms dry up.

Bad leaders are usually those who are full of themselves, who feel easily threatened, who don’t appreciate feedbacks and suggestions. Good leaders identify with a common vision and mission. They can set aside the ego and don’t make themselves indispensable.

But then of course, human as we all are, we have to learn to deal with idiosyncracies and imperfections. Look, even the Lord did not succeed with all twelve. One of them eventually went astray. No big deal, the vacancy was soon filled out by Matthias. This apostolic leadership has been handed down from generation to generation. It is not perfect; it has to continue renewing itself, becoming more inclusive, adaptable and capable of responding to the signs of the times.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit continue to keep breathing new dynamism and wisdom on our leaders both in Church and in society.

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## The Public Space

Jun Sula

### How To Shoot A Distracted Duck, Lame or Not

Even the best intention can be a costly distraction.

**“Martha, Martha’, Our Lord tells Mary’s sister, “ you are distracted by many things”. And yet, Martha’s fault was simply asking Him to tell Mary, who was sitting by His feet, to help her prepare something for the visitors who came by their door unannounced.**

Theologians and preachers have a lot to say about the biblical scene, and one of their best talking points is that our best effort fails when we fail to consider what’s our real priority.

In our time, there’s another Mary who knows too well the value of focus. Vice President Maria Leonor” Leni” Robredo is saying that we are the way we are in the crucible of the pandemic because the one on top of the job, President Duterte, is distracted by many things. And that, to her, gives the impression that he doesn’t have a sense of urgency about the plague.

The latest distraction is the controversy on the purchase of the alleged overpricing of medical supplies from a small company, depriving the government, according to Sen. Minority Floor Leader Franklin Drilon , about P280 million. The ongoing Senate hearing has lifted the lid on the Pandora’s box that shows one of the company owners has link to Malacanang.

The humungous anomaly has triggered a potential constitutional crisis as Duterte has threatened to not allow any member of his Cabinet to appear before the Senate investigation on account of alleged unfair treatment of Duterte’s men.

The Senate has , so far, stood its ground. The public waits like prize-fight wagers to see who blinks first. Senators Richard Gordon, Panfilo Lacson and Drilon, are in no mood to cut the President a slack. In fact, they seem ready to engage him mano-a-mano. Duterte’s threat remains in its sheath. Lacson, no doubt, is better motivated, if for political reason: he’s aiming for Duterte’s post when he leaves the Pasig Palace in June next year. That doesn’t mean patriotism isn’t part of the job. His political ad on line unmistakably carries the message: Heneral ng Bayan (The People’s General).

The expose on the overpricing controversy came after the Commission on Audit flagged the Department of Health on its disbursement, even parking, of funds it was given to address the adverse effect of the pandemic, especially in light of the dominant Delta variant.

The COA findings have rattled Duterte’s cage. As expected, insults and expletives have since flown fast and thick from Malacanang’s end toward the Senate, especially to the ‘fat’ one and to the other who allegedly has changed the way he combed his hair lately.

Don’t mind being ‘fat’, replied he who claimed to be a good looker than the Pasig tenant. My hair hasn’t moved a bit since insanity has apparently set in one place office, the unfazed general threw back in a tit-for-tat.

Did Duterte mean well in his over-the-top tirades against members of an equal branch of government? Hardly, according to former Sen. Sergio Osmena, who remarked

that Duterte was simply out of line in his response—unpresidential, so many put it—to the senators of the realm who were just doing their job. The COA didn’t even say, he said, there was corruption, but simply called the attention of DOH and others like the Senate that something could be wrong and must be investigated. When there is smoke, there must fire.

There must be another thing that makes the President lose his concentration or focus on the job. His non-renewable lease in Malacanang, and all the powers that go with it, are nearing their end day by day. The sword of Damocles coming from the International Criminal Court is still hanging ominously as his term gets shorter. The possibility of him being asked to face the court and account for violation of human rights in his war against drugs isn’t just imaginary.

In Duterte’s mind, he has two options to prevent that from happening. One option is to anoint a candidate who will protect him from any suit against anything from anywhere. The other option is run for vice president and short-circuit the Constitutional provision on no- reelection for any president. One way to avail of the first option is to have his daughter mayor of Davao City to be his successor. It seems doable, but not a walk in the park, although earlier surveys show good signs. The idea to have Senator Bong Go run for the presidency has fizzled out. The second option is now being shot by the opposition as a violation of the Constitution. Everything appears fluid and tricky ,and Duterte maybe in a ‘panic mode’ as one senator saw it.

To many, Duterte’s current distractions are bereft of any good intentions and are simply alibis and diversionary tactics to hamper any attempt to ferret out the truth in governance under his watch. The Delta variant is all over the archipelago and one medical expert is worried that government is just tinkering with all sorts of lockdowns,old and new, to beat it.

From Robredo’s perspective, there is lack of leadership to direct the efforts of agencies and task forces mandated to stop the virus. Obviously, Robredo yearns to be at the top of the action. It is said the vice president is the best job in the world because all she has to do is wake up in the morning and ask “ How’s the President Doing?”. You can’t blame Robredo, especially when what she sees is what she gets.

Sometimes , she fessed up , she wished she were given the opportunity to be directing the national against the virus, seeing the gaps in the implementation and coordination as if it were a headless chicken. She must have realized she needed to be the President to do that . That means she must decide,sooner than later, to run for the office. Otherwise, she will remain the best well-meaning critic of Duterte.



## Napag-uusapan Lang

Felix M. Garcia

### Patuloy na pagbakuna, may kakaibang banta

KUNG sa kabila ng ‘massive vaccination,’ na anhin na lamang ng Administrasyon ay magpabakuna tayo at ‘SANA ALL’ magpaturok na ay marami ang ayaw.

Dahilan na rin sa kahit naturukan na nga ang marami patuloy pa rin d’yan ang paglobo nitong mga namamatay kaysa nang wala pa r’yang nabakunahan.

Kaya nga’t hinala ng nakararami, di malayong imbes sa ‘tin makabuti itong ‘SANA ALL’ ay maikayat pati na rin tayo - SANA HUWAG hangga’t maaari.

Sapagkat anhin mang suriing mataman itong nangyayari sa kasalukuyan, na kung saan imbes ay maproteksyonan tayo n’yan sa ‘virus’ ay kabaligtaran.

Ang nakababatang kapatid ni misis, na matipuno pa at ang tanging hilig magbarbel at walang iniindang sakit, binakunahan siya ng araw ng Lunes;

Umaga ng Miercoles ay namatay ito kaya ang dami ng kabarangay nito ang ngayon ayaw nang pabakuna rito sanhi ng sumunod pang namatay dito.

Kaya nga sa oras na mabasa ng lahat Ng aming ‘readers’ aking inihayag Dalangin kong sana hangga’t maari huwag Tayong magpaturok nang di mapahamak.

Pagkat kaysa umigi ang lagay nitong nabakunahan ay higit ang peligrong kinakaharap d’yan sakali’t totoong ang hinala nating ya’y ‘depopulation’

Kung bakit naisip ko ang bagay na ito ay sanhi ng aking napakinggann mismo sa isang ‘blogger’ na ikinwento nito ang puedeng mangyari, sakali’t totoo.

At nang dahil na rin sa naobserbahan nating mabuti ang bagay na naturan, kung saan lumobo ng husto ang bilang ng nasasawi ay baka nga sanhi r’yan;

Ng mga bakunang kusang minadali ang pagkagawa’t di sinuring maigi, ang resulta nito sa ayaw at hindi natin ang matigok halos kalahati.

Yan ay kung patuloy itong walang habas na pagbabakuna r’yan na iniatas ni Digong sa ating ‘health workers’ at lahat na ng sa DOH ay nagpapalakad.

Kung bale walain n’yan na mas marami itong sa bakuna namamatay ‘daily,’ kaysa ‘Covid-19, Delta variant’ pati na sa ibang sakit na lubhang matindi.

Kaya nga’t kapagka hindi pinatigil ng DOH o ng Presidente natin ang kautusan niyang lahat bakunahan bukas, sa kangkungan tayo pupulutin!





Republic of the Philippines  
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18<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

ORDINANCE NO. 536, S-2020  
(PO-131-04-20)

**AN ORDINANCE PENALIZING THE ACT OF PRANKING FOOD DELIVERIES ORDERED ONLINE AND ANY OTHER FORMS OF ELECTRONIC MESSAGING TO BE PAID ON ‘CASH-ON-DELIVERY’ BASIS, AS WELL AS REFUSING TO PAY FOR ONLINE ORDERS WITHOUT VALID JUSTIFICATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**Whereas**, the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) that is currently in effect restricts the movement of people to buy their food and/or basic necessities;

**Whereas**, the restriction as a consequence forced individuals to rely on available online food supply and delivery service, advertisements on social media networking sites, mobile phone applications, and the like;

**Whereas**, with such convenience more importantly in these times of community quarantine because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, it is almost effortless for consumers to do their transactions for food purchases online yet there are instances where businesses as well as their delivery mechanisms are being victimized by pranksters;

**Whereas**, the City Council is mandated to formulate legislative measures to protect its citizenry in reference to numerous reports of pranksters and bogus buyers of online food delivery services in the City;

**Whereas**, pending the numerous bills filed before the congress for the amendment of the E-Commerce Act of 2000 and all other relevant laws of the land, this legislation aims to protect food delivery service businesses and their respective food transporters against pranksters and bogus buyers, especially those who cancels their order(s) without valid justification;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Angeles City, in session assembled that:

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be called the “The Anti-Online Pranking Food Delivery Ordinance of 2020”.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS.-** For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- a. **Bogus buyer-** a scammer who enthusiastically shows interest on an item and orders for it over the internet, phone call, text messages and chat but will not actually buy it.
- b. **Cash on delivery (COD)-** is a type of transaction in which the recipient makes payment for a good at the time of delivery.



- c. **Food delivery service-** is a courier service in which a restaurant, store, or independent food delivery company delivers food to a customer where an order is typically made either through a restaurant or grocer's website or phone, or through a food ordering company.
- d. **Online-** connected to, served by, or available through a system and especially a computer or telecommunications system such as the Internet.
- e. **Pranking-** behavior that involves playing tricks towards another that are designed or formulated to be funny or cause humor and whether or not it was intended to cause harm or damage.

**SECTION 3. COVERAGE.** All transactions made through online and/or over the internet- website, social media, delivery service applications, mobile and landline- either phone call or text in personal, residential, commercial and industrial establishments, including government offices located within the territorial jurisdiction of Angeles City are covered under this ordinance.

The franchise and/or acknowledged owner of the mobile phone number, landline number as well as of the social media account or e-mail address used in the act of pranking Food Delivery Service ordered be it online or through mobile/landline phone is *Prima Facie* considered the caller or customer who placed the order unless otherwise the user was made known or identified.

**SECTION 4. PENAL PROVISION.** – Any person violating or causing, inducing, or abetting the violation of any prohibitory provision of this Ordinance, upon final conviction by the court, be imprisoned for no less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months and pay a fine of not less than one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) but not more than five thousand (P5,000.00). Such penalty for fine, or both, shall be imposed at the discretion of the Court.

**SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MAYOR.** – The City Mayor, upon consultation with the concerned departments and agencies in the City, is hereby authorized to issue rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** - If for any reason any part of this Ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts of provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE** - All local legislative measures, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.



**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE** - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Sponsored by Councilors **Amos B. Rivera, Arvin M. Suller**, Thelma P. Indiongco, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario and Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas

Seconded by Councilors Danilo D. Lacson, Joseph G. Ponce, Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio, Marino D. Bañola, Jesus S. Sangil, Jeremias M. Alejandrino and Arnoah Prince DG. Mandani

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Members Present: Councilors Arvin M. Suller, Danilo D. Lacson, Joseph G. Ponce, Joan Crystal DJ. Aguas, Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio, Thelma P. Indiongco, Marino D. Bañola, Amos B. Rivera, Jesus S. Sangil, Raco Paolo S. Del Rosario, Jeremias M. Alejandrino and Arnoah Prince DG. Mandani during Special Session No. 03 held on April 20, 2020.

Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

APPROVED:

  
**CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**  
City Mayor

  
**MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING**  
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Department Head II/ City Secretary



# Subic-Clark Railway may become a white elephant

BY ASHLEY MANABAT

ANGELES CITY – The Bataan Nuclear Power Plant. The Expo Filipino in Clark. The Mabalacat-Clark-Angeles Road. All constructed at great expense, all falling into disuse.

The realigned Subic-Clark Railway Project (SCRP) could fall into the same state of being a white elephant warned the multi-sectoral advocacy group Pinoy Gumising Ka Movement. “And even worse, given its adverse socio-economic and environmental impact to developed and developing areas it would traverse in Bataan and Pampanga provinces,” it added.

“We cannot afford to lose any more money especially at this time of the pandemic,” PGKM chair Ruperto Cruz said on the projected cost of the SCRCP and the capacity of the government to repay the loan for it.

Cruz renewed Monday his group’s claims of a “seeming deception” on the part of the Department of Transportation and

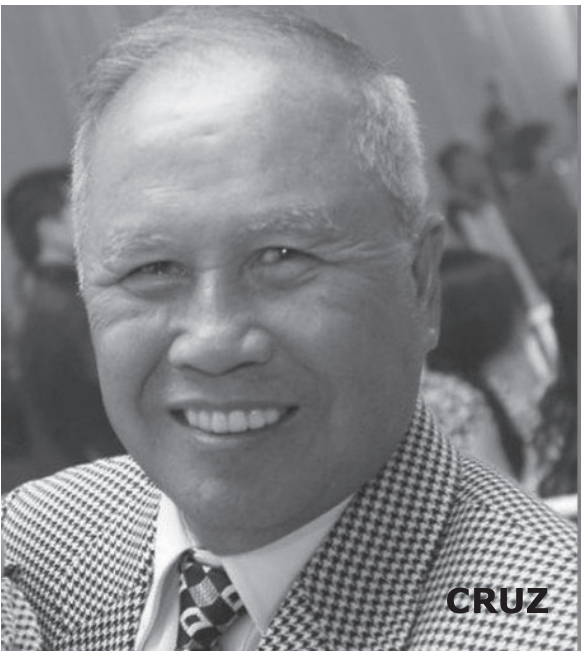
Communication in the realignment of the SCRCP.

“Did (Transportation Secretary Arthur) Tugade come here to manipulate us,” he asked. “Why did they realign it? Are there sacred cows that they want to avoid?”

“We have been asking for five good reasons why the DOTr is realigning [SCRCP] because it will hit so many subdivisions, commercial areas and even farmlands. Subdivision owners don’t like it. Farmers don’t like it. Businessmen don’t like it. Where will it pass through Clark? Will its crossover Friendship? Where will it end where will it start?” Cruz said. “Why has the DOTr failed to this day to address these issues we have raised?”

“I know that some members of the CILA (Clark Investors and Locators Association) don’t like it too but they are not moving because they are beholden to the BCDA (Bases Conversion and Development Authority),” he said.

Cruz said the



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SCRCP “may not be able to stand public scrutiny, hence the total lack of any public hearing attendant to its planning.”

“All that was done was a table survey, not any study,” Cruz added.

## VIRTUAL HEARING

Over the weekend, a “notice of public hearing” on the environmental impact assessment of the project with the Environmental Management Bureau was published in the legal noticers

section of Philippine Star.

“The public hearing will be conducted on a virtual format (video conference) because of the threat of the highly contagious Delta variant of Covid-19 in the region,” the notice said.

“It was a shotgun notice, sans any official invitation to the stakeholders or anyone with grave concern over the project,” Cruz said.

“Its being virtual already makes the hearing suspect as it would be easy to control and

manipulate all discussions on the part of the administrator of the virtual conference,” he noted. “If what is being said is not to their liking, they can easily cut off the speaker and blame technical glitches.”

Cruz pointed out that the threat of the pandemic “is a lame excuse, given face-to-face meetings and even assemblies being conducted, especially political ones, in the region.”

Participation in zoom meetings or video conferences also required not only “technical savvy” but possession of at least a laptop or a good mobile phone, he said: “I have a laptop but I don’t know how to attend a Zoom meeting. What about the farmers? They don’t even have a laptop to start with.”

“If Tugade will insist on the realignment we will bring this before the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee and even to the Supreme Court,” Cruz vowed. “And he may just kiss his Senate dreams goodbye.”

## Donate-a-book...

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Inspirational books, and game and toy books. Being the participating partner of the said campaign, the company will donate the same number of books sold during the program period.

□ School supplies are welcome. you can also donate notebook packs of 6 and school sets that include a backpack, notebooks, rulers, and pens that are4 available at The SM Stationery section.

In exchange, shoppers will receive 100 pesos discount coupon for every donation made.

The Donate-a-Book campaign began in 1998 as one of SM Foundation’s groundbreaking mall-based programs. It has since been part of the SM Store’s community programs since 2015, collecting and distributing almost 800,000 books and learning materials through the generosity of The SM Store customers.

Share the Joy of Learning and visit the Donate-a-Book kiosks at the participating branches of The SM Store nationwide.



# Converge set to join FTSE Global Equity Index

CONVERGE ICT Solutions Inc. (PSE: CNVRG) will join another highly-watched equities index series, the Financial Times Stock Exchange (FTSE) Global Equity Index following the global financial benchmark provider’s semi-annual review of the index this September.

Converge is the only Philippine company to be added to the Small Cap Index of the FTSE Global Equity Index Series (GEIS) in this most recent review. The index inclusion will take effect after the close of business on September 17, 2021.

“We’re pleased to be included in this roster of valuable and viable securities in the region. This will lead to more exposure to passive and active investors, and for them, a more diversified portfolio in a promising industry in this region” said Dennis Anthony Uy, CEO and Co-Founder of Converge,

“This inclusion is further testament of our growth and standing in the Philippines

telecommunications industry,” added Grace Y. Uy, Converge President and Co-Founder added.

Securities are included in the Global Equity Index Series after passing the criteria on minimum voting rights, investability weight, liquidity, and trading history set by the FTSE. It is then classified by investability market capitalization by region, to determine if they belong to the Large, Mid, Small, or Micro-Cap Index.

The GEIS was created by the FTSE to be used as benchmarks for investment funds, exchange traded funds, and other financial products. The indices, therefore, stand as proxy for the market they represent and the securities therein are considered as stable indicators for their respective industries. The GEIS - Global Small Cap Index, as of July, comprises more than 5,000 constituents worldwide.

Converge has been aggressively expanding its pure

fiber broadband network to reach the underserved and unserved areas in the Philippines, with a goal to cover 55% of total households by 2025. As of end-June 2021, the domestic fiber network of Converge has passed 8.3 million homes or 32.5% of total Filipino households, as it begins to service Visayas and Mindanao this year.

The fiber broadband provider’s stock price has risen by 108% as of end-August from the start of the year, bringing its market capitalization to P 233 billion.

Earlier this year, Converge also joined two other FTSE Index Series, the Renaissance IPO Index and the ASEAN All-Share Index, increasing its exposure to passive and active investors.

Converge was also recently included in the benchmark 30-company Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEi) which groups the largest, most valuable, and most liquid companies in the local exchange.



DENNIS ANTHONY UY

## P544-M shabu...

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evidence: a maroon Mitsubishi Montero with plate no. NDO 6824; a black Toyota Land Cruiser with plate no. UOF 567; an Android phone and an analog phone.

The interdiction operation here was part of a drug operation conducted

early Tuesday at a beach resort in Candelaria, Zambales.

The said operation led to the confiscation of P3.4-billion worth of illegal drugs, and the killing of four other Chinese nationals who traded fire against arresting police officers.

## P3.4-B shabu...

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operatives prompting them to return fire resulting to the “instantaneous death” of the suspects.

Police identified the fatalities as Gao Manzhu, 49 years old, Hong Jianshe, 58 years old and Eddie Tan, 60 years old, all from Fujian, China; and Youhua Xu, 50, from Stanford Ville, Quezon City.

Recovered from the suspects were 25 blue sacks each containing 20 aluminum packs of shabu with estimated weight of 500 kilograms, estimated to be worth P3.4 billion; six P1,000 bills that formed part of the buy-bust money on top of the boodle money; four firearms of different calibers; one black Nissan van with

Plate No. NCU 8580; and one black Toyota Fortuner with Plate No. WIE 956.

Police said the suspects were distributors of illegal drugs in Luzon particularly, in the National Capital Region, Central Luzon, and Calabarzon regions.

PNP chief Gen. Guillermo Lorenzo T. Eleazar who arrived at the crime

scene commended the operatives and cited their accomplishment as the result of adherence to PDEA-PNP Unified Operational Guidelines to strengthen the relationship of PDEA and PNP in coordination with other law enforcement agencies in the fight against the proliferation of illegal drugs in the country.



# Filinvest Mimosa+

## bags Best Mixed-Use Development award at the Asia Pacific Property Awards 2021



*The Filinvest Mimosa+ Entryway welcomes you with its big signage and water fountain along the road.*

**F**ilinvest Mimosa+ Leisure City is cementing its stature as a world class, live-work-play township after bagging the Best Mixed-Use Development in the Philippines award at the recent Asia Pacific Property Awards 2021.

“We’re very thrilled that Filinvest Mimosa+ made it to this year’s Asia Pacific Property Awards under the best Mixed Use Development category. This recognition is a testament of our commitment to transform lives through urban developments that offer all the conveniences and security to our customers,” said Mr. Don Ubaldo, Filinvest Group Head of Township.

Filinvest Mimosa+ was lauded for its vision to be a Leisure City in Central Luzon, delivering three key promises: to be an accessible urban escape, be a self-contained eco-community, and become a global micro-district.

As an accessible urban escape, Filinvest Mimosa+ is carefully and conveniently master planned at the heart of a global community to seamlessly welcome activity and density while preserving its mature landscapes. Despite the pandemic, it continues to thrive, as seen through its nonstop developments, which has surpassed the five-billion investment pledge on the first quarter of 2021 as part of the lease agreement with the Clark Development Corporation.

In tabs with its development pipeline, its ongoing projects include the Quest Plus Conference Center, the Mimosa Plus Golf Course, Retail Strip, and two WorkPlus Office Buildings. Meanwhile, projects that are slated to begin soon are the Golf Ridge Private Estate by Filigree, The Crib Co-living, Filinvest Mimosa Lifemalls, and six WorkPlus Office Buildings.

As a self-contained eco-community, Filinvest Mimosa+ is also poised to become a global micro district, which enjoys a balance of lifestyle, leisure, and business. Here, residential neighborhoods and businesses

converge with retail and recreation. Each establishment is set amidst a backdrop of greens and open spaces to enhance the quality of living of its residents and guests. Likewise, the four-hectare development earmarked for office development and related retail support will encourage local employment and productivity.

Strategically located in Clark Freeport Zone, people from different parts of Central Luzon can easily get to Filinvest Mimosa+ with the completed and planned developments for infrastructure which include the Clark International Airport Expansion, Metro Manila Skyway Stage 3, Subic-Clark Railway Project, and the Malolos-Clark Railway.

Filinvest Mimosa+ Leisure City being part of the Asia Pacific Property Awards 2021 is truly a milestone. This international award-giving body is open to residential and commercial property professionals around the globe. They celebrate the highest levels of achievement by companies operating in all sectors of the property and real estate industry. An International Property Award is a world-renowned mark of excellence. The awards are split into regions covering Africa, Asia Pacific, Arabia, Canada, Caribbean, Central & South America, Europe, UK and USA. Participants enter at their relevant national level and are judged by a highly experienced team of professionals who cover the whole range of property disciplines.

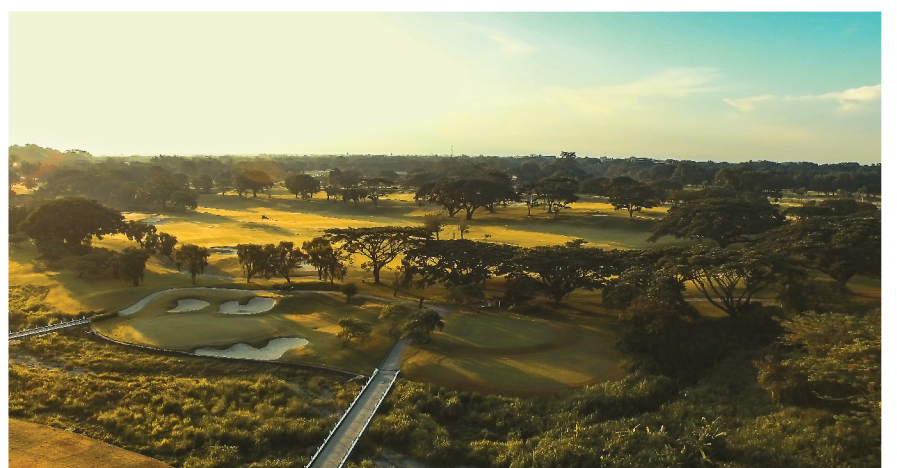
To know more about Filinvest Mimosa+ Leisure City, visit <http://mimosaplus.com.ph/>



*Located at Filinvest Mimosa+, Golf Ridge Private Estate is set to provide residents a life of ease and comfort with its well-thought out design and accessible location.*



*Quest Hotel provides all you need for a most convenient and relaxing stay. It offers well-appointed 303 refurbished guestrooms, a dedicated Club Lounge, a Grand Ballroom, Meeting Rooms, a signature all day dining restaurant, a tapas bar and swimming pool together with highly-trained hoteliers to assist you all throughout your stay.*



*Mimosa Plus Golf Course is set against stunning foothill mountains and luscious greens of plants and trees, golf-minded individuals.*



# GOLF RIDGE

## PRIVATE ESTATE

Find the perfect respite and enjoy the country club lifestyle at the most premium residential golf community in Clark

**L**uxury real estate brand Filigree has long been making its mark in choice locations with its investment-worthy developments offering exclusivity and close-to-nature living. And with a host of successful projects under its belt, Filigree is expanding its nature-inspired luxury living in Central Luzon with Golf Ridge Private Estate.

Golf Ridge Private Estate is an accessible urban escape offering a highly-coveted country club lifestyle. It is strategically located within Filinvest Mimosa+ Leisure City in Clark, Pampanga—a master planned township redeveloped by the Filinvest Group to become the lifestyle and business destination up north.

Tucked away in the most premium residential golf community in Clark, Golf Ridge highlights seclusion and tranquility through the development's immersion in nature dedicating 75 percent of its lot to open spaces, making it a sustainable and healthy environment for its current and future residents.

To further highlight the country club lifestyle, Golf Ridge offers the highest relaxation and enjoyment with its well-curated, indulgent amenities and the accessibility to the Mimosa Plus



Artist's perspective of Golf Ridge and the view of Mimosa+ Golf Course

Golf Course. You can relax by the pool or spend quality time at the outdoor lounge, have the next round of golf right outside your door and afford the spectacular views of the golf course.

Moreover, the 14-storey high condominium offers low-density living allowing only four to eight units per floor. Each unit showcases an amply-sized balcony with commanding views of the neighboring golf course, the sprawling open spaces with centennial trees, and the beautiful amenities. Golf Ridge provides a variety of generously sized units each is yours to enjoy—one-bedroom units for singles or investors looking for a viable investment option, two-bedroom units for young couples or empty-nesters, and three-bedroom units for larger families.

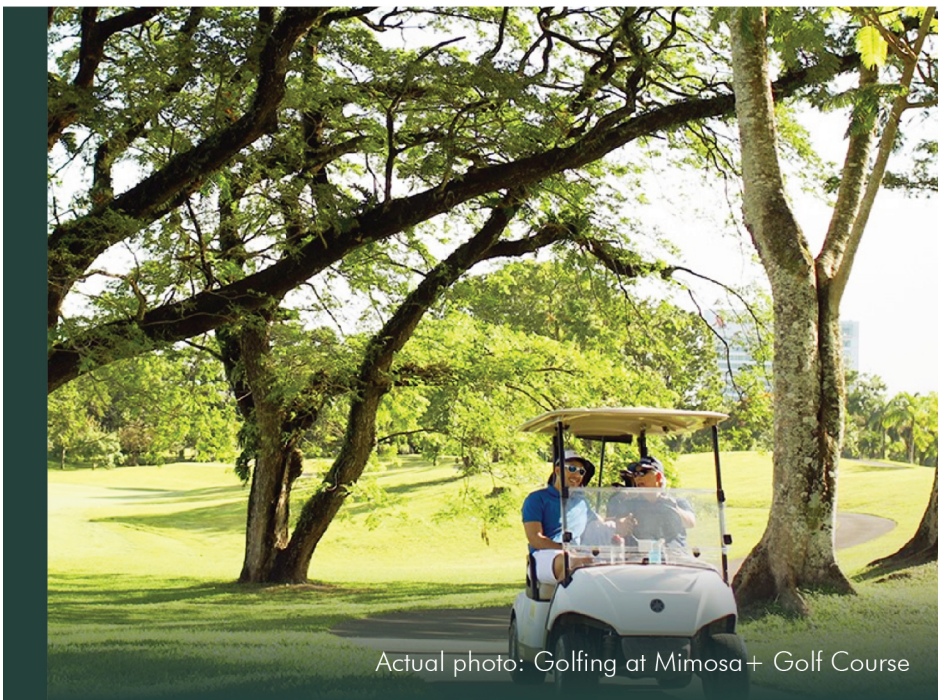
Now, residents can expect world-class experience and improved services, particularly on the enhancement of the Mimosa+ Golf Course that will be completed in the 4Q of 2021. Along with the expected relaunch of the newly renovated clubhouse that will introduce a modern and fresh interior to its members and guests.

The entirely relaxed lifestyle is what Golf Ridge guarantees, as it is located 10-minutes away from the Clark International Airport and a comfortable 2-hour drive from Metro Manila via major highways.

Golf Ridge is more than just a luxury private estate, it offers the perfect setting for living life to its fullest amid the allure of the unspoiled environment of Clark, Pampanga.

**“On top of the careful attention to detail brought into the architecture, the unit finishes, we really want to emphasize the country club lifestyle that we're offering to our residents on this side of Clark. With easy access to resort-inspired amenities, the greens and open spaces of Filinvest Mimosa+ and their proximity to the newly revamped Mimosa Plus Golf Course, Golf Ridge residents will get to enjoy life at its finest, healthy and fit, while still having access to daily essentials.”** says Filigree deputy head, Daphne Sanchez.

The newest project of Filigree in North Luzon is undoubtedly the hidden residential gem nestled in the vibrant city of Filinvest Mimosa+ Leisure City.



Actual photo: Golfing at Mimosa+ Golf Course



Actual photo: Filinvest Mimosa+ Acacia Park

To know more about Golf Ridge Private Estate, visit [www.golfridge.com.ph](http://www.golfridge.com.ph)

A Fine Residential Masterpiece by  
**FILIGREE**





Republic of the Philippines  
City of Angeles  
18<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod

ORDINANCE NO. 538, S-2020  
(PO-134-06-20)

AN ORDINANCE AMMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 2- (r), SECTION 4 AND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 113 SERIES OF 2000 ALSO KNOWN AS AN “ORDINANCE CREATING THE ANGELES CITY URBAN HOUSING BOARD AND THE LOCAL URBAN POOR AFFAIRS AND HOUSING OFFICE OF ANGELES CITY, SPECIFYING THEIR DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES” OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE ANGELES CITY HOUSING BOARD AND LOCAL URBAN POOR AFFAIRS AND HOUSING OFFICE OF ANGELES CITY.”

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Angeles City in session assembled that:

**Section 1.** Article III, Section 2 (r), of Ordinance No. 113, Series of 2000 “An ordinance strengthening Republic Act 11469 otherwise known as “Ordinance creating the Angeles City Urban Housing Board and the Local Urban Poor Affairs and Housing Office of Angeles City, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

**SECTION 2. POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Local Urban Poor Affairs and Housing Office shall exercise and perform the following powers, duties, functions and responsibilities and; to wit:

r. To provide technical and legal assistance to qualified urban poor beneficiaries and shall provide preventive or interim measures and legal assistance to qualified urban poor beneficiaries especially those have rights that had been violated or needing protection;

*Mandated by law, the City government should and always continue to find ways to accommodate/entertain urban poor affairs such as land dispute complaints, ejectment cases, report of association anomalies and other queries and make necessary actions/advice regarding the matter. It is also tasked to conduct necessary ocular inspections and site investigations and hold community dialogues, consultations and other discussions.*

*The LUPAHO Office and any of its personnel and instrumentalities should not be involved or be in any part as a collecting agent of any private land owner contracting to sell for socialized low cost housing projects.*



**Section 2.** Article III, Section 4, of Ordinance No. 113, Series of 2000, is likewise hereby amended, and to read as follows:

**SECTION 4. DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING DIVISION:** The Administrative and Planning Division shall exercise and perform the following duties, functions and responsibilities; to wit:

- a. Shall prepare annual plans/programs to be implemented by the LUPAHO consistent with the policy of the Angeles City Development Council;
- b. To prepare the annual budget for the implementation of urban housing projects and urban poor alleviation projects to the City Budget Officer;
- c. To administer and monitor the proper implementation of each programs;
- d. Shall in coordination and consultations with the PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION OF THE URBAN POOR (PCUP) formulate the operational guidelines of the Urban Poor Affairs Planning Process;
- e. Monitors and Oversees all programs and projects;
- f. Conduct Urban Planning and Analysis on the current housing situation of the City;
- g. Formulation of Program of Work/Program Design;
- h. Acts as representative of the Local Urban Poor Affairs on official meetings and/or discussions;
- i. Prepares and facilitates documents relative to the disbursement of office funds;
- j. Accounting and Liquidation of office funds;
- k. Prepares and submits accomplishment reports to the Chief Executive;
- l. Provide assistance to the Legal, Engineering and Community Organizing Division on a continuous basis;
- m. The LUPAHO Office through this Division with the aid of the Community Organizing Division shall ensure that the President of the Urban Poor Association of a concerned barangay due for negotiation, MOA signing and/or awarding of lands for Socialized Housing beneficiaries shall be an official witness.*
- n. Perform all other administrative affairs necessary, etc.

**Section 3.** Article IV, Section 4, of Ordinance No. 113, Series of 2000, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE IV  
PROHIBITED ACTS**

**SECTION 4.** Any person who sell his right after being awarded a parcel of land by the government and identified by the Local Urban Poor Affairs and Housing Office as qualified beneficiary/ies within the meaning of R.A. 7279 shall be prohibited. Lands acquired by beneficiaries may not be sold transferred or conveyed except through hereditary succession, or to the government or to other qualified beneficiaries for a period of twenty five (25) years. Provided however, that the children or the spouse of the transferor shall have the right to repurchase from the City Government within a period of two (2) years. If in case found violating this provision, the lot awarded shall be canceled and the beneficiary will be blacklisted for further future socialized housing project of the City.



**Section 4.** Applicability Clause. All other provisions of Ordinance No. 113, Series of 2000 as amended, which are not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5.** Effectivity Clause. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its approval.

Sponsored by Councilors **Arvin M. Suller**, Danilo D. Lacson, Jeremias M. Alejandrino  
and Joseph Alfie T. Bonifacio

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Approved by His Honor, the City Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.


APPROVED:

  
**CARMELO G. LAZATIN, JR.**  
City Mayor

  
**MA. VICENTA L. VEGA-CABIGTING**  
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BACOLOR, HELD ON APRIL 28, 2021 AT MAX'S RESTAURANT, MACABACLE, BACOLOR, PAMPANGA

PRESENT:

Hon. Wilfredo H. Balingit	Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice-Mayor
Hon. Ron Earvin E. Dungca	Sangguniang Bayan Member/Pro Tempore
Hon. Emily Batac-Valerio	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Lucky Ferdinand V. Labung	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Joel D. Samia	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Ariel C. Sta. Cruz	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Nilo M. Caballa	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Voltaire J. San Pedro	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Danlohp D. Danganan	PPSK President/Ex Officio Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Ener C. Lampa	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Jo Derek P. Hizon	LnB President/Ex Officio Member

Ordinance No. 06, S-2021

AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT BY REGULATING THE USE OF TOBACCO CIGARETTES AND E-CIGARETTES IN PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED SPACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BACOLOR, PAMPANGA AND BANNING OF TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENT, RESTRICTING ACCESS TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Author and Sponsor:	Hon. Ron Earvin Dungca, Chairman Committee on Health & Sanitation
Co-Author:	Hon. Danlohp D. Danganan, PPSK President/Ex Officio Member

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines empowers Local Government Units (LGU) in upholding of the general welfare of their constituents to include, among others, the promotion of health and safety;

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9211, otherwise known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, prohibits smoking in certain public places, whether enclosed or outdoors; imposes bans on tobacco advertising and imposes restrictions by banning sales in places frequented by minors;

WHEREAS, Section 24 of Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, prohibits smoking inside enclosed public places, including public utility vehicles;

WHEREAS, Land Transportation Franchising & Regulatory Board Memorandum Circular 036, s. 2009, clearly prohibits smoking in all public utility vehicles and public transport terminals, requiring public utility vehicle operators to prominently display "No Smoking" signages in their authorized units and premises;

WHEREAS, the Philippines was the 15th largest consumer of tobacco in the world in 2002, ranks second in number of smokers in the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and currently has one of the highest smoking rates in Asia, as well as some of the lowest cigarette prices;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte's Executive Order No. 26, issued on 16 May 2017, provides for the establishment of smoke-free environments in public and enclosed spaces found within the territorial jurisdiction of the Philippines.

BE IT ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacolor, Pampanga, on its Regular Session held at Max's Restaurant, Macabacle, Bacolor, Pampanga;

**Section 1. Short Title-** This Ordinance shall be known as "THE COMPREHENSIVE SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE OF BACOLOR, PAMPANGA".

**Section 2. Purpose-**It is the purpose of this Ordinance to safeguard public health and ensure the well-being of all its constituents by protecting them from the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco consumption.

**Section 3. Coverage-**This Ordinance shall apply to all persons, whether natural or juridical, whether resident or not, and in all places, found within the territorial jurisdiction of Bacolor.

**Section 4. Definition of Terms-** The following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section. Any words or terms not defined shall be given their plain and customary meanings, unless the context requires otherwise, and shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the purpose and spirit of this Ordinance.

- a) **Cigarettes** –refers to any roll or tubular construction, which, contains tobacco or its derivatives and is intended to be burned, heated, or smoked under ordinary conditions of use.
- b) **Civil Society Organization (CSO)** — refers to a legally constituted voluntary civic and social organization or institution created with no participation of government, including but not limited to, charities, development non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community groups, women's organizations, faith-based organizations, professional associations, coalitions and advocacy groups. As used in this Ordinance, CSO do not include organizations or associations related to or connected with the tobacco industry in any way;
- c) **Designated Smoking Area (DSA)** — refers to an outdoor area, where smoking is allowed without violating this Ordinance, provided that such area strictly meets the following minimum requirements:
  - 1. it shall be located in an open space with no permanent or temporary roof(s) or wall(s);
  - 2. it shall not be located within ten (10) meters of entrances, exits, or any place where people usually congregate;
  - 3. It shall not have an area larger than ten (10) square meters;
  - 4. Only one (1) DSA per building is allowed;
  - 5. No food or drinks shall be served in the DSA;
  - 6. Minors or persons below the age of 18 shall not be allowed at (or within) DSA;
  - 7. Every DSA shall have highly visible and prominently displayed "Smoking Area" sign and a graphic depiction with a corresponding explanation of the ill effects of smoking on smokers' health, on passive smokers and on third-hand smokers.
- d) **Enclosed or Partially Enclosed** - means being enclosed by one or more walls or sides, whether covered by a roof or not, or even if open on all sides but is covered by a roof, regardless of the type of material used for the roof, walls or sides, and regardless of whether the structure is permanent or temporary in nature.
- e) **Electronic cigarette** - is an electronic device that simulates tobacco smoking. It consists of an atomizer, a power source such as a battery, and a container such as a cartridge or tank. Instead of smoke, the user inhales vapor. As such, using an e-cigarette is often called "vaping". E-cigarettes are activated by taking a puff or pressing a button. Some look like traditional cigarettes and most versions are reusable.
- f) **Law Enforcement Team** - refers to the body created to spearhead the implementation and enforcement of various ordinances in the city.
- g) **Municipal Tobacco Council (MTC)** - refers to the body created to have over-all supervision and control in the implementation of this Ordinance.

h) **Minor** - refers to any person below eighteen (18) years old;

i) **Outdoor Advertisement** -refers to any sign, model, placard, poster, board, billboard, banner, bunting, light display, device, structure or representation employed outdoors wholly or partially advertise or promote a tobacco product to the public.

j) **Person in charge** - refers to any person who has control or responsibility over any place or means of public transport covered by this Ordinance, or any agent or designee of such person, including the proprietor, possessor, manager, or administrator;

In case of public places, public outdoor spaces, or other establishments, it refers to the director, trustee, president, manager, or other officer of a corporation, the manager or partner of a partnership, the owner, proprietor or operator of a sole/single proprietorship, or the administrator of a government property, office or building, as the case may be.

In case of a public transport, it refers to the owner, the driver, the conductor, or the captain of a public transport.

In case of workplaces, it refers to the employer, who may be an individual employer, or a sole proprietor, or if the employer is a corporation, the director, trustee, president, manager or other officer of the corporation.

k) **Point of sale** - refers to any location at which an individual can purchase or otherwise obtain tobacco products;

l) **Public Transport** - refers to any vehicles, whether mobile or stationary, used in the transport of passengers or available t the public as a mode of transport, such as, but not limited to, jeepneys, buses, taxicabs, trains, ships, airplanes, light rail transits, vans, tricycles, pedicabs, motorcycles, and other public utility vehicles, whether covered by a Certificate of Public Transport or not;

m) **Public places** - refers to all places that are accessible or open to the public, whether or not by invitation or by payment, or all places for collective use, regardless of ownership or right to access, including, but not limited to, establishments/stores that provide food, accommodation, drinks, professional services, merchandise, entertainment, or other services, as well as gasoline stations, banks, malls, shopping/business arcades, town squares, terminals, airports, seaports, schools, places of worship, churches, hospitals, cinema houses, gymnasiums, covered courts, funeral parlors, barber shops, cockpits, gaming areas, internet cafes, recreational facilities, pedestrian lanes, overpasses, underpasses, parking areas, waiting sheds, sidewalks, and other places where people usually congregate;

n) **Public Outdoor Spaces** -refers to outdoor spaces that are open to the public, or places where facilities are available for the public, or where a crowd of people would gather, such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, sports grounds or centers, church grounds, health/hospital compounds, parks, gardens, resorts, markets, streets, sidewalks, walkways, entrance ways, waiting areas, and the like;

o) **Shisha** –refers to device or instrument, which may have a single or multi-stemmed pipe for smoking, whether or not it delivers nicotine to the user. In which the smoke is passed through a water basin before inhalation. It is also known as waterpipe, sheesha, hoocha, nargeela, argeel, or nargile;

p) **Second-hand smoke** - refers to the smoke emitted from the burning end or heated tobacco products usually in combination with the smoke exhaled by the smoker.

q) **Smoking** – refers to being in possession or control of a lighted, emission-producing tobacco product, regardless of whether the smoke is being actively inhaled or exhaled.

r) **Tobacco Advertising and Promotion** – refers to any form of commercial communication, recommendation or action with the aim, effect or likely effect of promoting a tobacco product or tobacco use, either directly or indirectly, including but not limited to, any message or image promoting smoking, tobacco use, tobacco products, brand names, or tobacco company names or any promotional materials or structure that contains these, such as, but not limited to, posters, streamers, signages, standees, billboards, fliers, umbrellas, parasols, CDs, film, caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts, visors, backpacks, sunglasses, writing implements, towels, mugs, candies, stickers, and the like.

s) **Tobacco Industry** - refers to organizations, entities, associations, and individuals that work for or in behalf of the tobacco industry, such as, but not limited to, tobacco manufacturers, wholesale distributors, importers of tobacco products, tobacco retailers, front groups and any other Individuals or organizations, including, but not limited to, lawyers, scientists and lobbyists that work to further the interests of the tobacco industry.

t) **Tobacco Products** - products entirely or partly made of a tobacco leaf as raw material which is manufactured to be used for smoking, sucking, chewing or snuffing such as but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, and cigarillos.

u) **Tobacco Product Substitute** –refers to any device or instrument that resembles the outward appearance of a traditional smoking/tobacco product or that is intended to be a substitute for traditional smoking/tobacco products, whether or not used to deliver nicotine to the user, including, but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, shisha, and other similar devices.

v) **Vape/vaping** - to inhale vapor through the mouth from a usually battery-operated electronic device (such as an electronic cigarette) that heats up and vaporizes a liquid or solid This electronic cigarette contains a small reservoir of liquid nicotine solution that is vaporized to form an aerosol mist. The user "vapes," or puffs on the vapor, to get a hit of the nicotine.

w) **Workplace** –refers to any place where more than one person, regardless of employment status, performs work. Vehicles used in the course of work are considered workplaces.

**Section 5. Prohibited Acts—** The following acts shall be prohibited:

- a) Smoking, vaping or using any tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, in any part of any enclosed or partially enclosed public place, workplace, public transport, or public outdoor space, except in duly approved designated smoking area;
- b) Knowingly allowing, abetting, or tolerating smoking or vaping or the use of any tobacco products in any of the places enumerated in the immediately preceding paragraph, except when smoking is done within duly approved designated smoking areas;
- c) Selling, distributing, or advertising tobacco products in a school, public playground, or any other facility frequented by minors, or within one hundred (100) meters from any point of the perimeter of these places.
- d) Purchasing or buying any tobacco products from a minor, or selling or distributing any tobacco product to a minor, or using, buying, selling any tobacco product by a minor;
- e) Placing cinema and outdoor advertisements of tobacco products;
- f) Placing, hanging, posting, distributing any type of tobacco advertisement, such as leaflets, posters and similar materials, outside the premises of point-of-sale establishments;



- g) Selling tobacco products without a permit or license;
- h) Smoking or vaping while driving whether public utility vehicle or private utility vehicle with open windows, motorcycle, tricycle, tri-sikad and pedicabs;
- i) Failure to comply with any of the duties and obligations set forth in Section 6 or in any other provision of this ordinance.

**Section 6. Duties and Responsibilities of Persons in Charge**— The person in charge of any enclosed or partially enclosed public place, workplace, public transport, or public outdoor space shall:

- a) Post and display prominently “NO SMOKING” signages in the most visible locations in the area where smoking is prohibited:
  - i. For public places, workplaces, and outdoor spaces, at the minimum, a “NO SMOKING” sign must be posted at the entrance of the area. The “NO SMOKING” signage shall be at least eight (8) inches x 11 inches in size and the international “No Smoking” symbol (consisting of a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it) shall occupy no less than seventy (70%) of the signage. The remaining lower 30% of the signage shall show the following information:



“STRICTLY NO SMOKING”  
as per ORDINANCE NO. 00-00  
Violators can be fined up to P2,500.00  
Report violations to \_\_\_\_\_

- ii. For public transport, the “NO SMOKING” signage shall be in the form of a three and one-half (3.5) square inch-sized sticker to be placed on the windshield, in addition to a ten (10) square inch-sized “NO SMOKING” sign in the most conspicuous location within the vehicle facing the passengers;
- b) Remove all ashtrays or any receptacles for disposing of cigarette refuse from places where smoking is prohibited;
- c) For persons-in-charge of schools, public playgrounds or other facilities frequented by minors, post the following statement in a clear and conspicuous manner:

SELLING OF CIGARETTES OR OTHER  
TOBACCO PRODUCTS NOT ALLOWED  
WITHIN 100 METERS FROM [SCHOOL/ETC] PERIMETER

- d) For person-in-charge of point-of-sale establishments, post the following statement in a clear and conspicuous manner:

SALE/DISTRIBUTION  
OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS  
TO MINORS IS UNLAWFUL

- e) Ensure that all the employees in the establishment are aware of this Ordinance and to provide a procedure to warn violators;
- f) Allow inspectors and representatives of the duly designated civil society organization (CSO) and deputized civilians, entry into the establishment on any regular business day and during regular business hours for the purpose of inspecting the premises compliance status;
- g) Undertake all reasonable steps to ensure strict implementation of this Ordinance, and to inform and refrain people from smoking or using any tobacco product in their establishments, except in duly approved designated smoking area. At the minimum, establishments shall ensure compliance with the following procedure:
  - 1. Stop people from smoking/vaping or using any tobacco product by warning the violators and/or requesting them to leave the premises.
  - 2. If the violator fails to comply by ceasing to smoke or by leaving the premises, the person in charge or his agent shall immediately report the incident to the proper authorities (e.g., the nearest peace officer or police officer).
- h) Remove all forms of tobacco advertisements other than those found inside the premises of a retail establishment that is authorized or permitted to sell tobacco products;
- i) Remove all tobacco products and related advertisements from establishments and properties located within the one hundred (100)-meter perimeter of a school, public playground or other facility frequented by minors;
- j) Indicate any intention to sell or advertise tobacco products in all its business permits and related applications (including in case of renewal) for permits and licenses;
- k) Secure a permit for the establishment of a designated smoking area in accordance with the specifications provided in Section 4.C and ensure that the designated smoking area remains compliant with such specifications; and
- l) Obtain clearance and secure approval for the sale and/or advertisement of tobacco products, and remove all tobacco products and related advertisements if the permit/license issued pursuant thereto does not allow it.

**Section 7. Persons Liable**— The following persons/individuals are liable under this Ordinance:

- a) Any person who commits the prohibited acts stated in Section 5 hereof;
- b) Persons-in-charge who knowingly allow, abet, or tolerate the prohibited acts enumerated in Section 5 and who otherwise fail to fulfill the duties and obligations as enumerated in Section 6 of this Ordinance;
- c) Any passenger, driver, conductor, or inspector of public transport, government-owned vehicles smoking as stated in Section 5;
- d) In addition to or regardless of the liability of the persons in charge, any corporation, partnership, entity or establishment that fails to comply with the requirements under Section 5 and Section 6 in relation to Section 11.

**Section 8. Penalties**— The following penalties shall be imposed on violators of this Ordinance:

**A. VIOLATIONS**

- 1. Violation of Section 5 (a) and Section 6
  - P 500.00
  - P1,000.00
  - Third and Subsequent Offenses P2,500.00. or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 5 days or both at the discretion of the court.
- 2. Violation of Section 5, (b), (c), (d) and (e)
  - P1,500.00
  - P2,000.00
  - Third and Subsequent Offenses P2,500.00. or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 20 days or both at the discretion of the court. Suspension or revocation of business license or permit (in case of a business entity or establishment), if applicable.
- 3. Violation of Section 5 (f), (g) and (h)
  - First Offense P1,500.00
  - Second Offense P2,000.00
  - Third and Subsequent Offenses P2,500.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 20 days or both at the discretion of the court. Suspension or revocation of business license or permit (in case of a business entity or establishment), if applicable.

In case of establishments which do not opt to declare their establishments as totally free from smoking but fail to provide the appropriate designated smoking areas as certified by the Municipal Health Office within the 60-day period, their business permits may be revoked.

In case where smoking is allowed, abetted or tolerated in an establishment in violation of this Ordinance, a penalty shall be imposed upon the President or Manager in case of corporations, partnerships or associations, or the owner, proprietor or operator in case of single proprietorship, whether tourism-accredited or not as follows:

- P1,000.00
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- Third Offense or succeeding P2,500.00 violations thereof shall be ground for Suspension or revocation of business license or permit or closure.

For drivers/passengers of Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs)

- Fine of P 500.00
- Fine of P1,000.00
- Fine of P2,500.00 or 10 days imprisonment or both at the discretion of the court.

Drivers of public transport are also required to post the following sign inside their vehicle:



“NO SMOKING  
AS PER ORDINANCE NO. 00-00

Penalty for violation thereof:

- Fine of P500.00
- Fine of P1, 500.00
- Fine of P2,500.00 or imprisonment for 3 days but not more than 6 days at the discretion of the court. The penalty or fine, provided above may be imposed administratively through the Citation Ticket System established pursuant to this Ordinance.

**B. SUSPENSION OF LICENSE/PERMIT:** In addition to the fine or imprisonment, the License or permit to operate any establishment shall be suspended upon:

- 1. Failure to take corrective action despite notice within ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of notice of violation of this ordinance, which may be in the form of a citation ticket;
- 2. Failure to pay the fine within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of notice of violation, which may be in the form of a citation ticket, regardless of whether or not such notice or citation ticket was accepted.

**C. CANCELLATION OF LICENSE/PERMIT AND CLOSURE ORDER:** The license/permit of any business entity or establishment shall be subject to revocation or cancellation by the Mayor, upon the recommendation of the MTC, in the event that the business entity or establishment:

- i. Continues operations despite the suspension of its license/permit;
- ii. Fails to take corrective action despite the receipt of two (2) consecutive notices of violation of the Ordinance, which may be in the form of citation ticket(s), within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the second notice;
- iii. Re-installs, re-posts, or distributes any removed or confiscated tobacco advertisements; or
- iv. Is found to have committed three (3) or more violations of this Ordinance.

**D. CONFISCATION/REMOVAL OF TOBACCO ADVERTISING:** In addition to other penalties imposed, any tobacco advertisement found in violation of this Ordinance shall be removed or confiscated and destroyed by the deputized authorities concerned after due notice.

**E. COMMUNITY SERVICE-** If a violator is unable or unwilling to pay the fines imposed, he/she may choose to render community service (e.g. tree planting, clean-ups, receives smoke-free orientation/seminar from the MHO, assist in the implementation of smoke-free advocacy activities in the LGU). For every hour of community service rendered, the outstanding fine shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to triple the hourly minimum wage.

**Section 9. LIFTING OF THE SUSPENSION/CLOSURE ORDER**— An order for the suspension or cancellation of the business permit/license and closure of any business entity or establishment shall be lifted only upon compliance with the following requirements:

- a) Submission of a written request to the Municipal Health Office for re-inspection;
- b) Payment of re-inspection fee of Php 500.00
- c) Full compliance with the Ordinance upon re-inspection;
- d) Secure from the MTC an endorsement to lift the order of suspension or cancellation of business permit/license and closure.

**Section 10. Compliance with the Ordinance as Additional Requirement of Sanitation Standards** — Compliance to the Ordinance shall form part of the Sanitation Standards of the Municipal Health Office. The Municipal Health Office shall integrate the requirements of this Ordinance with its Sanitation Standards and its requirements for the issuance of a sanitary permit. No Sanitary Permit shall be issued, unless the Municipal Health Office has verified, upon inspection, compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance.

**Section 11. Compliance with the Ordinance as Additional Requirements of Business Permits, License Applications and Renewals** —Compliance with the Ordinance shall form part of the requirements for the issuance of business permits and licenses.



- a) No business permit or license to operate shall be issued, unless the applicant business entity or establishment is found to have complied with the requirements of this ordinance;
- b) Business entities or establishments within the one hundred (100) meters from any point of the perimeter of any school, playground or other facility frequented by minors shall not be allowed to sell or advertise tobacco products;
- c) All Business Permits and Licenses shall be stamped or marked with the following notations, where applicable:

STRICT PROHIBITIONS:

- Smoking
- Selling of Tobacco Products to Minors
- Tobacco Advertisements
- Selling or advertising of tobacco products within the 100-Meter Perimeter of any school, playground or facility frequented by minors (or where the establishment is identified to be within the restricted zone

**Section 12. Fees**— The following fees to defray the costs of inspections for purposes of monitoring compliance with this Ordinance and of the processing of applications for necessary permits and licenses:

Mayor’s Permit Fee- CIGARETTE (Retailer)-P500.00 annum  
Designated Smoking Area Fee- 500.00 annum  
Re-inspection fee (For Violators) – P 500.00

Fees collected in accordance with this Ordinance shall be earmarked to supplement the operational funds of the MTC and the Smoking Cessation program to be established pursuant to this Ordinance. The fees shall be automatically deposited to a separate trust fund for this purpose.

MUNICIPAL TOBACCO COUNCIL (MTC)

**Section 13. Municipal Tobacco Council**-A Municipal Tobacco Council (MTC) is hereby created to implement and monitor this Ordinance as well as to conduct educational awareness campaign, information dissemination programs, and capability building programs, for the constituents and enforcers. The Municipal Tobacco Council shall be composed of the following:

Mayor : Chairperson  
Municipal Health Officer : Vice Chairperson  
SB Comm. Chairperson on Health & Sanitation : Co- Vice Chairperson

Members:

Municipal Planning & Development Coordinator  
Municipal Administrator or Representative from the Office of the City Mayor  
Municipal Engineer  
Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer  
Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Officer  
Business Permits and Licenses Officer  
Sanitary Inspector  
Representative of the Civil Society Organization (CSO) designated by the Mayor under section 14 hereof  
Bacolor Chief of Police, Philippine National Police (PNP)  
Bacolor Fire Marshal, Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)  
School Superintendents, Department of Education (DepEd)

The Municipal Tobacco Council shall not include as a member any person or entity who works for or on behalf of the tobacco industry, or who works to further the interests of the tobacco industry. No member of the Council shall represent or receive any contribution or compensation, directly or indirectly, whether financial or otherwise,

from the tobacco industry. The Municipal Tobacco Council and its members shall not deal with the tobacco industry or individuals or entities that work to further the interests of the tobacco industry, except to the extent strictly necessary to effectively regulate, supervise, or control the tobacco industry and tobacco products. These measures are necessary to protect the primary health objectives of this Ordinance and avoid conflict of interest for its enforcers.

**Section 14. Civil Society Participation**—Within thirty (30) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the Municipal Health Office shall designate, with the approval of the Office of the Mayor, a representative(s) of one or more CSOs, with no tobacco industry relationship, affiliation, or membership, to form part of the Municipal Tobacco Council and assist in the implementation of this Ordinance.

**Section 15. Powers and Duties of the MTC**—Other than

- 1) Receiving, reviewing and processing reports of the complaints for violations of this Ordinance and
- 2) Deputizing enforcers under sections 12 to 20 hereof, the Municipal Tobacco Council shall have the following respective duties and responsibilities:

a) The Mayor shall

1. Act as Chairman of the Local Tobacco Control Board

b) The Municipal Health Office and SB Committee Chairperson on Health & Sanitation shall:

1. Act as Vice Chairperson and Co- Vice Chairperson of the Municipal Tobacco Council
2. Act as Chairperson of the Local Enforcement Team (LET) and Over-all Coordinator in the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.
3. Coordinate with the PNP in assigning a hotline or any other number to which violations of this Ordinance maybe reported by telephone call or by SMS and a person to operate the line and record reports.
4. Develop and conduct orientation seminars for enforcers.

c) The MPDC and the BPLO shall:

- 1) Act as Over-all in-charge in the city-wide information and education campaign of this Ordinance and other activities such as:
- 1a) preliminary inspections and in monitoring violations of this Ordinance
- 1b) developing and promoting a smoking cessation program
- 1c) promoting awareness of this Ordinance and in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement
- 1d) developing and conducting orientation, seminars and trainings for enforcers
- 1e) evaluating the performance of the MTC and the effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

d) The Municipal Administrator or Representative from the Mayor’s Office shall:

- 1) Facilitate mobilization of resources, authorization and deputization process, inspection and monitoring initiatives and closure orders.

e) The Municipal Engineering Officer shall:

- 1) Conduct, together with the Municipal Health Office or on its own, inspection activities as provided in this Ordinance.
- 2) Determine whether or not enclosed or partially enclosed public places, workplaces or other public places, and point-of-sale establishments, comply with the requirements of this Ordinance.

f) The CSO Representative shall:

- 1) Assist in preliminary inspections and in monitoring violations of this Ordinance
- 2) Assist in developing and promoting a Smoking Cessation Program
- 3) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance and in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement
- 4) Assist in developing and conducting orientation, seminars and trainings for enforcers
- 5) Assist in evaluating the performance of the MTC and the effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

g) The Philippine National Police (PNP), assisted by BFP and local enforcement teams shall:

- 1) Apprehend violators in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance
- 2) Assist Bacolor Officials and deputized barangay official and civilians in apprehending violators and in filing the appropriate complaints

h) DepEd REPRESENTATIVES shall:

- 1) Assist in preliminary inspections and in monitoring violations of this Ordinance
- 2) Assist in developing and promoting a smoking cessation program
- 3) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance and in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement
- 4) Assist in developing and conducting orientation, seminars and trainings for enforcers
- 5) Assist in evaluating the performance of the MTC and the effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

i) Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO) shall:

- 1) Assist in preliminary inspections and in monitoring violations of this Ordinance
- 2) Assist in developing and promoting a smoking cessation program
- 3) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance and in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement

- 4) Assist in developing and conducting orientation, seminars and trainings for enforcers
- 5) Assist in evaluating the performance of the MTC and the effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance
- 6) Assist in reviewing reports of and complaints for minors who violate the Ordinance and in determining liability.

j) Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Office (MENRO) shall:

- 1) Assist in preliminary inspections and in monitoring violations of this Ordinance
- 2) Assist in developing and promoting a Smoking Rehabilitation Program
- 3) Assist in promoting awareness of this Ordinance and in encouraging public support and participation in its implementation and enforcement
- 4) Assist in developing and conducting orientation, seminars and trainings for enforcers
- 5) Assist in evaluating the performance of the MTC and the effectiveness of the implementation and enforcement of this Ordinance.

ENFORCEMENT

**Section 16. Enforcement on Individuals.** — Members of the PNP and Deputized Officers shall apprehend and issue Citation Tickets against persons caught smoking in places where such is prohibited. They shall forward copies of the tickets they issued to violators to the Municipal Treasurer’s Office regularly, at least thrice a week.

**Section 17. Enforcement on Public Transport.** — Members of the PNP, TMU and/or LET duly deputized by the MTC shall inspect public conveyances during their regular hours of operation and shall issue Citation Tickets upon discovery of any violation of this Ordinance. They shall forward copies of the tickets they issue to violators to the Municipal Treasurer’s Office regularly, at least thrice a week.

**Section 18. Enforcement on Establishments.** — Sixty (60) calendar days after the effectivity of this Ordinance, an inspection team composed of representatives from the Law Enforcement Team, Municipal Health Office, SB Committee on Health & Sanitation, Municipal Engineer’s Office and the Business Permits and Licensing Office, shall conduct inspections of establishments and buildings to determine their compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance and certify the appropriateness of the designated smoking areas, taking into consideration the purpose of this Ordinance which is to protect non-smokers from the pernicious effects of tobacco smoke. Payment of required fees shall also be inspected, monitored and reported.

Regular inspection shall thereafter be conducted at least once every month or simultaneously with other regular inspections, whichever is more frequent, during normal hours of operation of the establishment.

A period of thirty (30) days shall be given to the management of the establishment to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance. Non-compliance with the requirements set forth in this section shall be a ground for cancellation of the business permit by the Mayor’s Office.

In the course of inspection, the inspection team may apprehend individual violators and request the assistance of the PNP in doing so.

The inspection team shall issue a Citation Ticket against the establishment upon finding of non-compliance with or of any violation of this Ordinance. A Citation Ticket may be issued for each day that the establishment is found to be non-compliant.



Re-inspection of the establishment shall be done on any day after the issuance of the Citation Ticket, but in no case, not less than ten (10) calendar days after such issuance. If the establishment fails to comply with the obligations stated in the Citation Ticket upon re-inspection, the inspection team shall recommend the suspension of the license to operate of the establishment, consistent with Section 11 hereof.

**Section 19. Civilian Participation in Enforcement** –Within thirty (30) calendar days from the effectivity of this Ordinance, the MTC shall designate a Civil Society Organization (CSO) to discharge the duties and responsibilities enumerated in Section 15 (f) thereof.

The MTC may deputized qualified civilians as enforcers for any violation of this Ordinance. Any person can file with the MTC a report of or complaint for any violation of this Ordinance.

**Section 20. Functions of Deputized Enforcers.**

- a) Monitor and inspect the public places covered by this Ordinance;
- b) Report violations, issue citation tickets, and submit reports of compliance to MTC;
- c) Act as a complainant or witness in a criminal or administrative proceeding against violators of this Ordinance;
- d) Conduct a citizen's arrest pursuant to Rule113; section 9 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure when an individual violator refuses to cease smoking in a prohibited area even after fair warning has been given; and seek assistance from the PNP's in conducting an arrest.

**HOTLINE AND CITATION TICKET SYSTEM**

**Section 21. HOTLINE**-There shall be established a local hotline to which violations of this Ordinance may be reported, either by phone call, short message service (SMS), email, or other forms of communication. A hotline coordinator will be designated to receive information reported in the hotline so that appropriate action may be taken.

**Section 22. Citation Ticket System**-Any and all violators of this Ordinance shall be informed of their violation and the penalty corresponding thereto by means of a Citation Ticket System.

- a) A citation ticket shall be issued to persons liable for any violation under the Ordinance. It shall contain, among others, the name and address of the violator, date, time and place of violation, name of the deputized enforcer, specific violation committed, the corresponding administrative penalty, and the due date for compliance in accordance with the ordinance.
- b) When a citation ticket is issued to a violator, the violator shall report to the City Treasurer on or before the due date stated in the citation ticket, which shall in no case be more than five (5) business days from the date of apprehension and issuance, in order to pay the fine imposed.
- c) Members of the PNP and other enforcers duly commissioned or deputized by the MTC shall have the power to apprehend violators of the Ordinance and issue citation tickets.
- d) PNP and deputized enforcers shall submit duplicates of the citation tickets issued to the Municipal Treasurer within three (3) business days. The Municipal Treasurer shall keep duplicates of all citation tickets issued to violators, and other records of violations of the Ordinance reported through other means, such as the hotline.
- e) The citation ticket booklet shall be issued by the Municipal Treasurer and distributed to enforcers and all other persons in charge with the enforcement of the Ordinance.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF BACOLOR, HELD ON APRIL 28, 2021 AT MAX'S RESTAURANT, MACABACLE, BACOLOR, PAMPANGA  
**PRESENT:**

Hon. Wilfredo H. Balingit	Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice-Mayor
Hon. Ron Earvin E. Dungca	Sangguniang Bayan Member/Pro Tempore
Hon. Emily Batac-Valerio	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Lucky Ferdinand V. Labung	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Joel D. Samia	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Ariel C. Sta. Cruz	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Nilo M. Caballa	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Voltaire J. San Pedro	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Danlohp D. Danganan	PPSK President/Ex Officio Member

**ABSENT:**  
Hon. Ener C. Lampa Sangguniang Bayan Member  
Hon. Jo Derek P. Hizon LnB President/Ex Officio Member

**Ordinance No. 06, S-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE PROMOTING A SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT BY REGULATING THE USE OF TOBACCO CIGARETTES AND E-CIGARETTES IN PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED SPACES WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF BACOLOR, PAMPANGA AND BANNING OF TOBACCO ADVERTISEMENT, RESTRICTING ACCESS TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

<b>Author and Sponsor:</b>	<b>Hon. Ron Earvin Dungca, Chairman Committee on Health &amp; Sanitation</b>
<b>Co-Author:</b>	<b>Hon. Danlohp D. Danganan, PPSK President/Ex Officio Member</b>

**WHEREAS**, the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines empowers Local Government Units (LGU) in upholding of the general welfare of their constituents to include, among others, the promotion of health and safety;

**WHEREAS**, Section 5 of Republic Act No. 9211, otherwise known as the Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, prohibits smoking in certain public places, whether enclosed or outdoors; imposes bans on tobacco advertising and imposes restrictions by banning sales in places frequented by minors;

**WHEREAS**, Section 24 of Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999, prohibits smoking inside enclosed public places, including public utility vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, Land Transportation Franchising & Regulatory Board Memorandum Circular 036, s. 2009, clearly prohibits smoking in all public utility vehicles and public transport terminals, requiring public utility vehicle operators to prominently display "No Smoking" signages in their authorized units and premises;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines was the 15th largest consumer of tobacco in the world in 2002, ranks second in number of smokers in the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and currently has one of the highest smoking rates in Asia, as well as some of the lowest cigarette prices;

**WHEREAS**, President Rodrigo R. Duterte's Executive Order No. 26, issued on 16 May 2017, provides for the establishment of smoke-free environments in public and enclosed spaces found within the territorial jurisdiction of the Philippines.

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bacolor, Pampanga, on its Regular Session held at Max's Restaurant, Macabacle, Bacolor, Pampanga;

**Section 27. Repealing Clause** —All ordinances, rules and regulations or part thereof, in conflict with or inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 28. Separability Clause** —If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or illegal, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

**Section 29. Effectivity Clause** —This Ordinance shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its full publication in a newspaper of local or general circulation or posting in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the municipality.

**APPROVED.**

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

ATTESTED:

**HON. WILFREDO H. BALINGIT**  
Presiding Officer/Municipal Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

**HON. EDUARDO G. DATU, GEO.,MPM**  
Municipal Mayor

**VICENTA PAGCU-PINEDA**  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

CARPER LAD Form NO. 45-A

Republic of the Philippines  
Region No. III  
Province of Pampanga

**NOTICE TO CONDUCT JOINT FIELD INVESTIGATION**  
**(For DARMO/Designated Personnel, LBP, LO, Potential ARBs, BARC/Bgy. Council, DENR, and MAO/PAO-DA)**

August 31, 2021  
Date

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to Republic Act (R.A.) NO. 6657, as amended, and Administrative Order (A.O.) No. 01, Series 2020, please be informed that you or your authorized representative to participate in the Joint Field Investigation (JFI) to be conducted at the following agriculture landholding/s covered under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) with corresponding schedules:

Name of Landowner (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)	OCT/TCT No.	Total Area per OCT/TCT/TD (No. of Has.)	Location of Property	Schedule of JFI (Date and Time)
Estate of Maria Nieves Songco de Santos	TCT 27241 Lots 250 & 251	16.8676 and 59.9205	Calantas, Floridablanca, Pampanga	October 6 & 7, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

You participation/presence is of utmost importance in this activity. For the more details/information, you may coordinate with Bienvenida H. Mandap of the DAR Provincial Office (DARPO) located at R & E Bldg. Masava St. Del Pilar City of San Fernando, Pampanga, with telephone numbers \_\_\_\_\_ (landline), 09684369297 (cellular/mobile).

Thank you for your participation/presence and cooperation/support to the implementation of the agrarian reform program.

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. JOSEPH D. SAGAMPUD, JR.**  
OIC-Provincial Agrarian Reform Program Officer

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NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **REBECCA HERNANDEZ IBANEZ** who died intestate in Angeles City on September 24, 2009 and left a real property situated in Balibago, Angeles City and registered at the registry of deeds for the Angeles City under Transfer Certificate of Title No. 90020, more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land (Lot 40, of the consolidation & subdivision plan, Pcs-03-002727, being portion of a consolidated lots 5-C-1, to 5-C-8, Psd-03-032397, & lots 1-H, Psd-033286, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No.), situated in the Barrio of Balibago, Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement with Waiver of Rights on his estate, before Notary Public Sylvia Q. Alfonso-Flores as per Doc No. 305, Page No. 80, Book No.X, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 6, 13 & 20, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. ANSELMO LUMANOG** and **AUREA LUMANOG**, who died on January 15, 2010 at Angeles City, on March 24, 2014 at Angeles City, while their daughter **CRISPINA LUMANOG** who died on September 6, 2002, at Angeles City, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate, more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 19671

“A parcel of land (Lot 10, Block 30 of the consolidation and subdivision plan Pcs-4557, being a portion of the consolidation of Lot 5-A-1, Psd-49213 and Lot 246, Angeles Cadastre, L.R.C. Cad. Rec. No. 124), situated in the Barrio of Cutcut, Municipality of Angeles, Province of Pampanga.

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 406176

“A parcel of land (Lot 5, Block 10 of the subd. plan Psd-03-025713, being a portion of parcel 23, Lot 20, Psu-3908, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Bo of Pulung Bulu, City of Angeles.

before Notary Public Mark Philip B. Lumboy as per Doc No. 069, Page No. 105, Book No. X, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 6, 13 & 20, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **JUNELLE C. LANSANG** who died on April 9, 2018 at Under the Anunas Bridge, Brgy. Angeles City executed an Affidavit of Extra-judicial Settlement on her estate of the late, The decedent left no other heirs whether legitimate or illegitimate, The decedent left no debts or obligations whatsoever, the said decedent died intestate, leaving no last will and testament, and that no proceedings in court, testate on intestate, have been filed concerning his estate or the properties herein below mentioned left by the decedent. That the known properties left by the decedent are the following **METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY.**

before Notary Public Mark philip B. Lumboy, Doc. No. 608, Page No. 90, Book No. VI, Series of 2018.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 6, 13 & 20, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the Compulsory Heirs of **ARIS BUCAD LAZATIN** who died on October 27, 2017 executed an Affidavit of Extra Judicial Settlement with Guardianship, This Agreement made end and entered into this 31st day of August 2021, in Angeles City, by and between: which particularly described as follows:

MAKE	: TOYOTA
SERIES	: INNOVA 2.8E DSL A/T-CE
TYPE	: WAGON
YEAR MODEL	: 2016
CHASIS NO.	: PA2JA8EM2G0004721
ENGINE NO.	: IGD0148028
PLATE NO.	: NCF8397
MV FILE NO.	: 1301-00000715655

before Notary Public Jay-R M. Valerio, as per Doc No.833, Page No. 56, Book No. X, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 6, 13 & 20, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **+CHARITO RAZON YABUT** who died on April 07, 2021 at Rafael Lazatin Memorial Medical Center (ONA), Angeles City, Pampanga, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate Among Heirs on his estate, more particularly described as “A parcel of land (Lot 9, Block 36 of the consolidation subd. plan, Pcs-03-015003 being portion of consolidated of Lots 73-B-3-B to 73-B-3-H, 73-B-3-J to 73-B-3-N, 73-B-3-P to 73-B-3-T, 73-B-3-V to 73-B-3-Z, 73-B-3-AA to 73-B-3-BB All of Psd-03-004431, Lots 73-C-2-C to 73-C-2-E, 73-C-2-K to 73-C-2-P ALL OF (LRC) Psd-304894 Lots 73-B-3-U-2, PSD-03-116643, LOTS 73-B-3-A-2 PSD-03-116644, LOTS 73-C-2-B-3, PSD-03-116645, Lot 73-C-2-B-2, PSD-03-116654, LOT 73-C-2-J-2, PSD-03-116654, LOT 73-B-3-O-2, PSD-03-122546 & LOT 73-B-3-I-2, PSD 03-112547 L.R.C Rec. No. )containing an area of one hundred sixty two (162sq.m.) square meters, situated at Barrio Duquit & Mabiga, Municipality of Mabalacat, Pampanga” and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title TCT 045-2018014055, before Notary Public Arnel D. Berato as per Doc No. 931, Page No. 42, Book No.V Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 30, September 6 & 13, 2021

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SUPREME COURT  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
THIRD LUDICAL REGION  
City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

**BANCO MEXICO., (A RURAL BANK)  
FORMERLY: RURAL BANK OF MEXICO,  
INC., HEREIN REPRESENTED BY RONULFO  
G. SABLAYA,**

Petitioner- Mortgagee,

~ versus ~

E.J.F. No. 18-21  
Real Estate Mortgage Under  
Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118

**SPOUSES FRANCISCO C. CAYANAN  
AND YOLANDA S. CAYANAN,**  
Respondents-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA - JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under **Act 3135 / 1508** filed by petitioner-mortgagee **BANCO MEXICO, INC., (A Rural Bank)** formerly: Rural Bank of Mexico, Inc., herein represented by **Ronulfo G. Sablaya**, with office address at Mexico, Pampanga and at Banco Mexico, Sindalan Branch, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, against respondents-mortgagors, **SPOUSES FRANCISCO C. CAYANAN and YOLANDA S. CAYANAN**, with resident address at 248 Sitio Bulaklak, Lagundi, Mexico, Pampanga, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 26, 2021** amounts to **PESOS: TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT and 20/100 (Php 2,888,448.20)** excluding penalties, attorney’s fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned duly authorized **deputy sheriff will sell at public auction on October 13, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter** at the main entrance of the **Regional Trial Court, Capitol Compound, City of San Fernando, Pampanga**, to the highest bidder for **CASH or MANAGER’S CHECK** and in **Philippine Currency**, the following property with all improvements, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2017008891

“**X X X A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3, BLK. 6 OF THE CONS-SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-001716, BEING A PORTION OF CONS. OF LOTS 3008-C-1, 3008-C-2, 3008-C-3, PSD-03-000174, AND LOT 3008-C-4-S-2, PSD-03-015892, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF LAGUNDI, MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METER. X X X** “

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 042-2017008892

“**X X X A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 4, BLK. 6 OF THE CONS-SUBD. PLAN PCS-03-001716, BEING A PORTION OF CONS. OF LOTS 3008-C-1, 3008-C-2, 3008-C-3, PSD-03-000174, AND LOT 3008-C-4-S-2, PSD-03-015892, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BO. OF LAGUNDI, MUNICIPALITY OF MEXICO, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQUARE METER. X X X** “

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **October 20, 2020**, without further notice. Prospective buyers and bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the property described above, and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be.

City of San Fernando, Pampanga, September 6, 2021.

**Julio M. Cunanan**  
Sheriff IV / rtc-Br.45 CSF(P)

Copy Furnished:  
1.BANCO MEXICO, INC.-GSO NATIONAL ROAD, PARIAN , MEXICO, PAMPANGA

2.SPS. FRANCISCO & YOLANDA CAYANAN – 248 SITIO BULAKLAK, LAGUNDI, MEXICO, PAMPANGA

3.PUNTO CENTRAL LUZON

Punto Central Luzon: September 6, 13 & 20, 2021

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **BRAULIO MIGUEL** who died on April 16, 2008 in Floridablanca, Pampanga and **AMALIA ROQUE** also known as Amelia Roque who died on June 2, 2014 in Floridablanca, Pampanga; executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his estate, more particularly described as a parcel of land located at San Nicolas, Floridablanca, Pampanga, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 17877 of the Registry of Deeds of San Fernando, Pampanga; and TCT No. 17873, before Notary Public Marline M. Lee as per Doc No. 311, Page No. 63, Book No.CXXVIII, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: September 6, 13 & 20, 2021

Please bless Pampanga...

**FROM PAGE 1**  
Thus Gov. Dennis “Delta” Pineda entreated Archbishop Charles Brown, apostolic nuncio to the Philippines, during the civil reception for the papal envoy at the Capitol here Tuesday.

The papal nuncio is scheduled to celebrate the Holy Mass on Sept. 8 in San Vicente Ferrer Parish in Barangay Calulut to commemorate the canonical coronation of the Virgen de los Remedios in 1956 or 65 years ago. [To be livestreamed on Facebook page of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Fernando.]

The then Diocese of San Fernando's first prelate, Bishop Cesar Ma. Guerrero, began the crusade of penance and charity in 1952 to end the social unrest in the province as a result of landlessness.

The Vatican, through Pope Pius XII, decreed the canonical coronation of the image in 1956, signaling the start of the sharing of lamac (offerings) that helped bridge the gap between the rich and poor in the province.

The Virgen de los Remedios has since been consecrated as the patroness of Pampanga.

To this day, the image of the Virgen and that of the Santo Cristo del Perdon (Lord of Pardon) travel from town to town, the crusade sustained by prayers and acts of generosity to poor families.

At the Capitol reception, an 18-inch image of the Virgen de los Remedios de Baliti (as the original pilgrim image was named) sculpted by Maestro Wilfredo Layug and a Capiz parol (lantern) handcrafted by Rolando Quiambao were gifted by Layug and Governor Pineda and Vice Governor Lilia Pineda to Archbishop Brown.

He was shown an

exhibit of Marian images and was treated to songs by Arti Sta. Rita.

Vice Governor Pineda and the sangguniang panlalawigan presented Resolution No. 6926 expressing the province's deepest appreciation for the presence of the papal nuncio in the Sept. 8 event.

The papal envoy hailed the people of Pampanga for their “extraordinary way” of expressing the faith in their culture and heritage.

“There is a beautiful harmonization of Filipino values and Christianity in the Simbang Gabi, Giant Lantern Festival, songs and devotion to the Virgen de los Remedios,” he said.

He also expressed admiration for Filipinos who spread the faith all over the world. Archbishop Brown further relayed the love of Pope Francis for Filipinos. The Pope celebrated the Mass at the St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City for the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines.

65TH CANONICAL CORONATION

On Wednesday, Archbishop Brown celebrated with Archbishop Florentino Lavarias and Archbishop Emeritus Paciano B. Aniceto the Holy Mass celebrating the 65th anniversary of the canonical coronation of the Virgen de los Remedios.

Held in the early morning at the San Vicente Parish Church in Barangay Calulut here, the celebration was livestreamed on the Facebook page of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Fernando.

Health protocols limited attendance to the celebration to only those who have actual participation in the rites. **BZL with Pampanga PIO**

NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of **SPS. ROMEO WAJE CANO** and **ROSALINA PANGILINAN CANO** who died on October 20, 2019 & August 10, 2005 and **SPS. ALBERTO Q. CANO** and **MARCELA WAJE CANO** who died on February 17, 1989 and March 14, 2003, executed an Affidavit of Extrajudicial Settlement on his/her estate, more particularly described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 34146

LOT NO.	: Lot 1
PLAN NO.	: Pcs-4185
PORTION OF	: Lots 3 and 4, Block 7 Psd-62173
LOCATION	: Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City
AREA	: Two Hundred Twenty-Two and Fifty (222.50) SQUARE METERS, more or less

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 88059

LOT NO.	: Lot 8 Block 5
PLAN NO.	: Psd-71933
PORTION OF	: Lot 791-C
LOCATION	: Brgy. Pulung Bulu, Angeles City
AREA	: Three Hundred sixty (360)SQUARE METERS, more or less

before Notary Public Arnel D. Berato, Doc. No. 995, Page No. 54, Book No. VI, Series of 2021.

Punto! Central Luzon: August 23, 30 & September 6, 2021



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