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DIVISION 3: THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT (SAIPAN, ETC.)

§ 3154. Implementation of Numbering of Streets.

(a) Once the master map becomes effective, the commission is hereby instructed to proceed to assign addresses to all buildings located on the island of Saipan in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) Creation of Numbering System. The commission shall prepare a master numbering map in accordance with this section. The street numbering system shall have a datum point located southwest of Agingan Point at the coordinates N: 4,474.1785 m; E: 46,536.9626 m. Address numbers shall be assigned based on the use of frontage intervals with equal interval grid lines. The frontage interval for Saipan is five meters per number and shall be used on all streets. The frontage interval shall be marked on every street identified in the master map, as amended.

(i) Basic principles to be followed in assigning frontage interval numbers are as follows:

(A) The building numbers on parallel streets shall be comparable. By implication this means numbers on any street should progress in the same direction as numbers on parallel streets.

(B) Property numbering will be uniform based on the frontage interval, not property lines. There will be uniform intervals within blocks and between blocks. As much as possible, subdivisions will adhere to uniform frontage intervals regardless of the presence of curvilinear streets.

(C) The numbering along frontage intervals shall be consecutive.

(D) Even numbers shall always be on the northerly and easterly side of streets and southerly and westerly sides of the streets shall be given odd numbers.

(E) The numbering system shall allow for future expansion of certain areas to accommodate more numbers.

(F) Addresses shall be assigned as whole numbers only.

(2) Transmittal to the Department of Public Works. Once completed by the mayor, the master numbering map shall be transmitted to DPW, DPS, DPL and a copy of the map shall be transmitted to both houses of the legislature.

(b) *Implementation by DPW.* Upon receipt of the master map, as amended and the master numbering map from the mayor, DPW shall promptly implement the two as follows:

(1) DPW shall immediately create and expeditiously post street signs for all named streets at all intersections on Saipan.

(2) Simultaneously, DPW shall deliver written notification to all individuals and affected entities on Saipan of the address number that their building is assigned.

(3) As new buildings are built on Saipan, DPW shall assign them numbers in conjunction with the issuance of building permits for such buildings.

(4) DPW shall maintain and update the master map and the master numbering map with a listing of all buildings and their addresses and reflecting the

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addition of any new streets in Saipan. This listing shall be shared with all pertinent government agencies and with private agencies as requested in accordance with applicable law concerning requests for public information (the Open Government Act [9 CMC §§ 9901 et seq.]).

Source: Saipan LL 11-3, § 6, modified; Saipan LL 13-17, § 2.

Commission Comment: Subsections designated with capital letters have been changed to lower case letters, subsections designated with lower case letters have been changed to lower case roman numerals, and subsections designated with lower case roman numerals have been changed to capital letters to comply with standard code formatting.

SLL 13-17 was enacted on July 3, 2003 and contained findings and purpose, severability, and savings clause provisions. The findings and purpose of SLL 13-17 stated:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Saipan Street Sign and Numbering Projects are well underway under the auspices of the Office of the Mayor. However, at this time the Legislature finds that to expedite the implementation of the Street Numbering Master Map for the island of Saipan pursuant to Saipan Local Law No. 11- 3, it is necessary to change the datum point of the Saipan Street numbering system from the Capitol Hill area to a new location southwest of Agingan Point at the coordinates N: 44,474.1785 m; E: 46,536.9626 m.

The reason for this change is the present datum point for the street numbering system is the intersection at the Capitol Hill Post Office. Using the quadrant system for numbering from that reference point, the island is divided into north-south, east-west sections. Certain roads, therefore, would have a north or south designation in reference to their location from the datum point. For example, all numbers on Chalan Pale Arnold would be North Chalan Pale Arnold, north of the Isa Drive intersection with Chalan Pale Arnold.

Unfortunately, the street sign contract has preceded the numbering contract and the signs have already been ordered for installation. To re-order signs now, and to add an N., S., E., or W., to specific roads would require a costly change order and further delay. The Legislature, therefore, finds that the simple solution, with no added costs involved, is to simply change the datum point to a location that is not affected by directional changes.