

SEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1990

SENATE LOCAL
BILL NO. 7-4

A LOCAL ACT

To establish a Street Directory Commission for the island of Rota and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1 OF TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known and may
2 be cited as the "Rota Street Directory Act of 1990."

3 Section 2. Purpose. The First Northern Marianas
4 Senatorial Delegation finds .and declares that an orderly
5 system for the naming of public buildings and streets and
6 numbering of buildings and properties on Rota is necessary to
7 provide for:

8 (a) The door-to-door delivery of mail by the United
9 States Post Office Department;

10 (b) The public safety and welfare of the citizens
11 of Rota; and

12 (c) The convenience of the public.

13 Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this Act,
14 unless it is otherwise provided or the context requires a
15 different construction, application or meaning.

16 (a) "Street" means a way or place of whatever
17 nature on the island of Rota, publicly maintained and
18 open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular
19 travel. Street includes highway.

20 (b) "Commission" means the Rota Street Directory
21 Commission established by Section 4 of this Act.

1 Section 4. Rota Street Directory Commission.

2 (a) There is hereby established a Rota Street
3 Directory Commission which shall consist of the Mayor of
4 Rota, the Resident Director of Public Works or his
5 designee, and the Resident Director of Public Safety or
6 his designee.

7 (b) The Commission shall meet regularly to complete
8 and adopt a Uniform Plan for the naming of public
9 buildings and streets and numbering of buildings and
10 properties. Upon the adoption of such Uniform Plan, the
11 Commission shall meet as necessary to revise or add to
12 the Plan.

13 (c) After the Commission adopts a Uniform Plan, the
14 Commission shall meet regularly to complete and adopt a
15 Local Plan for the naming of public streets and numbering
16 of buildings and properties on Rota. The Local Plan
17 shall be consistent with the Uniform Plan adopted by the
18 Commission. Upon the adoption of the Local Plan as a
19 local law, it shall be effective for the island of Rota.

20 (d) Members of the Commission shall serve without
21 additional compensation.

22 Section 5. Uniform Plan. The Commission shall prepare
23 an overall plan for the naming of public buildings and streets
24 and numbering of buildings and properties on Rota. The
25 Commission, in the preparation of such plan, shall:

1 (a) take into consideration the requirements of the
2 United States Post Office Department for the door-to-door
3 delivery of mail; and

4 (b) formulate such uniform system of street
5 addresses numbers so that:

6 (1) each residence and business address on
7 Rota will be assigned an identifying number
8 distinct from other such numbers on the same
9 street;

10 (2) each resident and business building
11 erected after the formulation of such plan can also
12 be assigned a distinct number; and

13 (3) the number of east/west streets shall
14 commence at the east end of such streets and the
15 numbering of north/south shall commence at the
16 north end of such streets; and

17 (c) formulate a uniform system of public building
18 and street names that includes:

19 (1) giving preference to names which reflect
20 the local culture and heritage;

21 (2) naming public buildings and streets only
22 after those individuals no longer living who have
23 made significant contributions to their
24 communities.

1 (d) following the established practices of street
2 naming and address numbering systems in use within the
3 continental United States.

4 Section 6. Public Hearing: Required. Before the
5 adoption of the Uniform Plan, the Commission shall set a date
6 and time for a public hearing and give at least thirty (30)
7 days notice to all interested persons. All interested persons
8 shall be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views
9 on the Plan before the Commission adopts the Plan.

10 Section 7. Carrying Out of the Uniform Plan. Upon
11 approval by the Commission of the Uniform Plan, and the
12 enactment by local law of a Local Plan, it shall be the duty
13 of the Resident Director of Public Works to put into effect
14 the Plan so approved and they shall thereupon:

15 (a) notify the occupants of those buildings and
16 properties for which numbers have been provided by such
17 plan of their respective numbers;

18 (b) assign to such new building numbers which have
19 been provided by such plan;

20 (c) place on all publicly maintained streets of
21 Rota at intervals established by regulation, uniform
22 streets signs which shall set forth the name of such
23 streets;

24 ;' keep in repair all street signs which have been
25 erected and free from all vegetation which may obscure
26 them from view; and

1 (e) place and maintain on or near all public
2 buildings of Rota a uniform sign which shall set forth
3 the name of such public buildings, as designated by local
4 or Commonwealth law.

5 Section 8. Rules and Regulations. In furtherance of the
6 intent of this Act, the Resident Director of Public Works
7 shall formulate and promulgate and may amend or repeal rules
8 and regulations to prescribe the size, appearance and location
9 of the individual street address numbers and the manner by
10 which each owner of buildings and properties assigned a street
11 address number under the provision of this Act shall affix to
12 such buildings and properties such assigned number. It is the
13 intent of this section that the street address numbers
14 provided herein shall be affixed in a systematic manner so
15 that such number may be easily and conveniently recognized.

16 Section 9. Penalties.

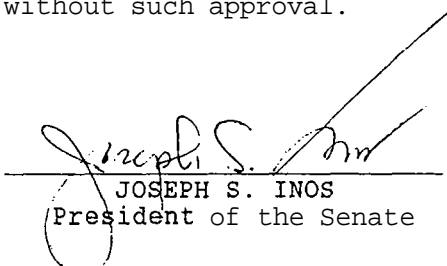
17 (a) It shall be the duty of each owner of buildings
18 affected by this Act [except those owners exempted in
19 subsection (2) of this section] to affix to such
20 buildings in the manner prescribed by the rules
21 regulations of the Resident Department of Public Works,
22 the street address number assigned by virtue of this Act.
23 Violation of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor,
24 punishable by a fine not to exceed one Hundred dollars
25 (\$100.00).

1 (b) Such assigned numbers need not be affixed to
2 the premises used exclusively for religious purpose for
3 which numbers have been assigned under the provisions of
4 this Act.

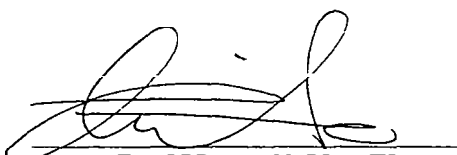
5 Section 10. Administrative Support. The Mayor's Office
6 of Rota, the Resident Department of Public Works, and the
7 Resident Department of Public Safety shall provide
8 administrative staff and assistance for implementation of this
9 local act.

10 Section 11. Authorization for Appropriations. The
11 Legislature shall appropriate funds necessary to carry out the
12 purpose of this Act.

13 Section 12. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect
14 upon its approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law
15 without such approval.

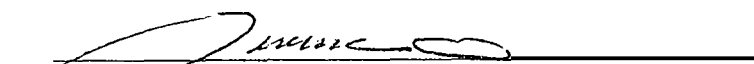


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Approved this 28th day of DECEMBER, 1990.



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