

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1987

A LOCAL ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD 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 be cited
2 as the "Saipan Street Directory Act of 1987."

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

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

9 (b) The public safety and welfare of the citizens of
10 Saipan; and

11 (c) The convenience of the public.

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

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

19 (2) "Commission" means the Saipan Street Director
20 Commission established by Section 4 of this Act.

1 Section 4. Saipan Street Directory Commission.

2 (a) There is hereby established a Saipan Street Directory
3 Commission which shall consist of the Saipan Division consisting
4 of the Mayor of Saipan, the Director of Public Works or his
5 designee, and the Director of Public Safety or his designee;

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

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

18 (d) Members of the Commission shall serve without
19 additional compensation.

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

24 (1) take into consideration the requirements of the
25 United States Post Office Department for the door-to-door
26 delivery of mail; and

1 (2) formulate such uniform system of street addresses
2 numbers so that:

3 (A) each residence and business address on Saipan
4 will be assigned an identifying number distinct from
5 other such numbers on the same street;

6 (B) each residence and business building erected
7 after the formulation of such plan can also be assigned
8 a distinct number; and

9 (C) the numbering of east/west streets shall
10 commence at the east end of such streets and the numbering
11 of north/south shall commence at the north end of such
12 streets.

13 (3) formulate a uniform system of public building and
14 street names that includes:

15 (A) giving preference to names which reflect the
16 local culture and heritage;

17 (B) naming public buildings and streets only after
18 those individuals no longer living who have made
19 significant contributions to their communities.

20 (4) following the established practices of street naming
21 and address numbering systems in use within the continental
22 United States.

23 Section 6. Public Hearing: Required. Before the adoption of the
24 Uniform Plan, the Commission shall set a date and time for a public
25 hearing and give at least thirty (30) days notice to all interested

1 persons. All interested persons shall be given a reasonable opportunity
2 to express their views on the Plan before the Commission adopts the Plan.

3 Section 7. Carrying Out of the Uniform Plan. Upon approval by the
4 Commission of the Uniform Plan, and the enactment by local law of a Local
5 Plan, it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to put into
6 effect the Plan so approved and they shall thereupon:

7 (a) notify the occupants of those buildings and
8 properties for which numbers have been provided by such Plan
9 of their respective numbers;

10 (b) assign to such new building numbers which have been
11 provided by such Plan;

12 (c) place on all publicly maintained streets of Saipan at
13 intervals established by regulation, uniform street signs which
14 shall set forth the name of such streets;

15 (d) keep in repair all street signs which have been
16 erected and free from all vegetation which may obscure them from
17 view; and

18 (e) place and maintain on or near all public buildings of
19 Saipan a uniform sign which shall set forth the name of such
20 public buildings, as designated by local or Commonwealth law.

21 Section 8. Rules and Regulations. In furtherance of the intent of
22 this Act, the Director of Public Works shall formulate and promulgate
23 and may amend or repeal rules and regulations to prescribe the size,
24 appearance and location of the individual street address numbers and the
25 manner by which each owner of buildings and properties assigned a street

1 address number under the provision of this Act shall affix to such
2 buildings and properties such assigned number. It is the intent of this
3 section that the street address numbers provided herein shall be affixed
4 in a systematic manner so that such numbers may be easily and
5 conveniently recognized.

6 Section 9. Penalties.

7 (1) It shall be the duty of each owner of buildings
8 affected by this Act (except those owners exempted in
9 subsection (2) of this Section) to affix to such buildings in
10 the manner prescribed by the rules and regulations of the
11 Department of Public Works, the street address number assigned
12 by virtue of this Act. Violation of this Section shall
13 constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed
14 One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

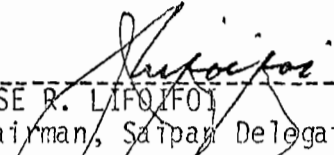
15 (2) Such assigned numbers need not be affixed to the
16 premises used exclusively for religious purposes for which
17 numbers have been assigned under the provisions of this Act.

18 Section 10. Administrative Support. The Mayor's Office of Saipan,
19 the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Public Safety shall
20 provide administrative staff and assistance for implementation of this
21 local act.


22 Section 11. Authorization for Appropriations. There is hereby
23 authorized to be appropriated from the General Fund such as may be
24 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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

ATTEST:




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