Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo, Secretary P.O. Box 500380 Saipan, MP 96950 Tel. 234-3751

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS AND

INTENDED ACTION: TO AMEND REGULATIONS AFTER CONSIDERING PUBLIC COMMENT: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Department of Public Lands ("the Department") intends to amend its regulations in accordance the attached proposed amendments, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act,1 CMC § 9104(a). The amendments would become effective 10 days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

AUTHORITY: The Department has the inherent authority to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to Article IX of the Commonwealth Constitution and 1 CMC §2801 et. seq.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The Department wishes to amend the temporary occupancy agreement (TOA) section of the recently adopted regulations to add clarity, adjust certain fees, and correct errors.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These amendments:

- 1. Amend § 145-70-210 (b)(2) to omit the \$.0415 land use fee for livestock permits. In its place, there will be a required fee of \$25 per hectare up to 5 hectares (50,000 square meters).
- 2. Correct typographical errors to ensure accuracy and coherence in sentence structure.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These Proposed Amendments shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and this notice shall be posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial district, both in English and in the principal vernacular. $(1 \text{ CMC } \S 9104(a)(1))$.

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Send or deliver your comments to the Department of Public Lands Attn: Secretary, at the above address, fax or email address. Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Please submit your data, views or arguments. $(1 \text{ CMC } \S 9104(a)(2))$.

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The Department of Public Lands approved the attached Regulations on the date listed below.

13 1 AUG 2017 Submitted by: MARIANNE CONCEPCION-TEREGEYO Date Secretary, Department of Public Lands MP 9/11/17 Received and filed by: SHIRLEY P/CAMACHO-OGUMORO Date Special Assistant for Administration Filed and est 09.11.2017 Recorded by: ESTHER SN NESBITT Commonwealth Register

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

Dated the <u>7</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2017.

Hon. EDWARD MANIBUSAN Attorney General

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