

**TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH**

**LEGISLATURE**

**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**SESSION, 2020**

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**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT  
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To repeal 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120 in their entirety and to amend 10 CMC §§ 3151 – 3159 by repealing certain sections and inserting new sections; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION**

**PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE**

**COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. TITLE.**

2           This Act shall be known as the “Saipan Street and Addressing Act of 2019”

3 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

4           The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation finds that Saipan  
5 Local Law No. 5-6, enacted on February 11, 1988, provided, among other things,  
6 for the establishment of the Saipan Street Directory Commission. Almost ten years  
7 after S.L.L. No. 5-6 was enacted, Saipan Local Law No. 11-3 took effect and  
8 modified certain sections of S.L.L. No. 5-6.

9           The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation further finds that

1 the Saipan street name master map was approved and adopted in December 1998.  
2 Since its adoption to to-date, the Saipan street master map has not been updated to  
3 reflect street name changes that were enacted (by legislations) following its  
4 adoption. In addition, the delegation finds that the remaining component of the  
5 Saipan street name master map, the street addressing master map, which S.L.L. No.  
6 11-3 required to be implemented after the adoption of the street name master map,  
7 was not developed nor implemented.

8 Twenty-one years after the adoption of the Saipan street name master map,  
9 the development of the street addressing master map has been completed. The  
10 street addressing master map is now ready for implementation.

11 Implementation of the street addressing master map and update of the street  
12 name master map shall be the responsibility of the Office of the Mayor of Saipan.  
13 The delegation further finds that S.L.L. No. 5-6, as amended, tasked the Department  
14 of Public Works to maintain, repair, and replace damaged and lost street name  
15 signs, update and maintain the master map current, among other things, but after  
16 twenty years since the adoption of the street name master map, the task remains to  
17 be performed. The delegation finds that significant amount of public funds have  
18 been expended to develop the Saipan street name and addressing master map, and  
19 that it is prudent to designate the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be sole agency  
20 to be responsible for maintaining and implementing the master map.

21 This Act shall repeal 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120, in response to issues of



1 potential violation of Article VI, § 8 of the NMI Constitution regarding the  
2 establishment of a new agency of local government. Article VI, § 8 require the  
3 affirmative vote of two-thirds of persons qualified to vote in the senatorial district  
4 to be served by the new agency of local government. Concerns have been raised  
5 that the establishment of the Saipan Street Directory Commission in S.L.L. No. 5-  
6 6, codified at 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120, might have violated article VI, § 8 of the  
7 NMI Constitution. Repealing 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120 in their entirety would  
8 remove any question that the establishment of the Saipan Street Directory  
9 Commission was unconstitutional.

10 This Act repeals S.L.L. No. 5-6 in its entirety and sets forth modifications  
11 and repealers to 11-3, and at the same time, adds new provisions for the efficient  
12 and convenient implementation of the Saipan street name and addressing master  
13 map.

14 **SECTION 3. REPEALERS.**

- 15 A. This Act repeals 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120 in their entirety.
- 16 B. This Act repeals 10 CMC § 3157 in its entirety and the remaining  
17 subsections shall be renumbered accordingly.

18 **SECTION 4. REPEALER AND REENACTMENT**

19 This Act repeals the first paragraph in section in 10 CMC § 3151 in its  
20 entirety and reenacts, as set forth below in A. Further, this Act repeals 10 CMC §  
21 3156 and 10 CMC § 3158 in their entirety and reenacts as set forth below in B and

1 C, respectively.

2 A. 10 CMC § 3151. 10 CMC § 3151 is hereby repealed and reenacted  
3 as follows”

4 **“10 CMC § 3151. Establishment and Ratification.**

5 The Office of the Mayor of Saipan is hereby authorized by this  
6 Act to develop and implement the Saipan street naming and  
7 addressing master map using the standards described in 10 CMC §  
8 3154 of this Act. This Act further affirms the Saipan street name  
9 master map that was approved by the Saipan local delegation in  
10 December 1998, and as amended after its approval and adoption.  
11 The December 1998 street name master map provided for thirty-  
12 two different themes, which where the basis for the development  
13 of street names in the zone encompassing each theme. This Act  
14 reaffirms the thirty-two themes and shall remain the basis for  
15 developing names of streets in future changes in street names.”

16 B. 10 CMC § 3156. 10 CMC § 3156 is hereby repealed and reenacted  
17 as follows:

18 **“10 CMC § 3159. Naming of Public Buildings.**

19 Where practical, the Mayor of Saipan may identify on the master  
20 map the names of public buildings as buildings are named by the  
21 Saipan local delegation from time to time. Identification of



1 the name of buildings shall include the name given by local law,  
2 the location of the building, and street address number. The  
3 Saipan local delegation shall have the sole discretion to enact  
4 local laws naming public buildings in Saipan”

5 C. 10 CMC § 3158. 10 CMC § 3158 is repealed and reenacted as  
6 follows:

7 **“10 CMC § 3158. Street Signage.**

8 The Mayor of Saipan shall be responsible for reviewing  
9 any change of street name as proposed by any government  
10 agency or private member of the public, and shall have full  
11 discretion whether to approve or disapprove such proposal.

12 The Mayor of Saipan shall charge the agency or private  
13 member of the public requesting a change of street  
14 name a fee that covers the actual cost to produce the new  
15 street name sign plus 40 percent of the actual cost to cover  
16 its administrative processing and labor cost to install the  
17 new street name sign. No new street name sign shall be  
18 installed until full payment of the charge is paid and  
19 received by the Mayor of Saipan.

20 The Mayor of Saipan shall deliver to the presiding officer  
21 of the Saipan local delegation a written report showing all

1 change of street names approved and installed, the amount  
2 collected and received by the Mayor of Saipan.  
3 The amount collected and received by the Mayor of Saipan  
4 shall be deposited into an account to be established by the  
5 Secretary of the Department of Finance. The Mayor of  
6 Saipan shall be the expenditure authority of the funds  
7 deposited into this account. The Mayor of Saipan shall  
8 expend the funds only for expenses incurred in  
9 implementing the master map, which may include paying  
10 for operational cost and Saipan street naming and  
11 addressing personnel cost.”

12 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENTS.**

13 This Act amends the following sections in 10 CMC § 3152 – 3159 as  
14 follows:

- 15 A. 10 CMC § 3152.
  - 16 “§ 3152. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context
  - 17 clearly requires otherwise:
    - 18 (a) “DPW” means the Department of Public Works.
    - 19 (b) “DPS” means the Department of Public Safety.
    - 20 (c) “DPL” means the Division of Public Lands.



1 (da) “Master Map” means the Saipan street naming and addressing  
2 Master Street Map, dated January 6, 1998, as prepared under  
3 the direction of the Office of the Mayor of Saipan by Henry K.  
4 Pangelinan and Associates, as approved and adopted by the Saipan  
5 and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation in December 1998,  
6 and as updated by H.K. Pangelinan and Associates, LLC, in  
7 September 2019. The Saipan street addressing (street and property  
8 numbering) sub-map is included in the updated master map of  
9 September 2019.

10 (e) “Commission” means the ~~Street Directory Commission.~~

11 (fb) “Mayor of Saipan” means Office of the Mayor of Saipan.

12 (gc) “Delegation” means the Saipan and Northern Islands  
13 Legislative Delegation.”

14 B. 10 CMC § 3153.

15 “§ 3153. Master Street Map Adoption.

16 The street names for the island of Saipan shall be as shown on the  
17 master map. A copy of the master map is attached to this bill as Exhibit  
18 A and incorporated herein by this reference, with the following  
19 amendments:

20	<i>Name on Master Map</i>	<i>Name to be Used</i>
21	Sunset Drive	Beach Road

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1	Magellan Drive	Robat Drive
2	Entrance of Post Office (Doctor)	Tun Segundo St.
3	Chalan Joaquin Doi	Chalan Tun Joaquin Doi
4	Chalan Thomas P. Sablan	Chalan Tun Tomas P. Sablan
5	Chalan Antonio Apa	Chalan Tun Antonio Apa
6	Chalan Herman Pan	Chalan Tun Herman Pan

7           Any streets which were previously named differently from what  
8 appears on the master map, as above amended, are hereby expressly  
9 repealed and replaced by those names on the master map, as above  
10 amended.

11           Provided, however, the ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan shall have 90  
12 days from the effective date of this article within which to address  
13 requests from the public regarding changing the names of specific roads  
14 and reporting recommended amendments to the delegation for final  
15 adoption. In order to insure that any affected party has adequate  
16 opportunity to present its position, the ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan  
17 shall, within 10 days of the effective date of this article, publish a notice  
18 in a newspaper of general circulation that the master map has been  
19 completed and that any person may request changes to any specific  
20 names contained thereon to the ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan. Said  
21 notice shall be published for a period of seven days and shall instruct the



1 public as to where to view the master map, where to file a request for the  
2 name change for any particular street, the deadline for submittal of such  
3 request to the ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan and that failure to make a  
4 request by said deadline shall result in the final adoption of a street name  
5 as shown on the master map. ~~The commission shall also post the notice~~  
6 ~~and master map in each district identified on the master map at a~~  
7 ~~minimum of one public meeting place commonly known to all residents~~  
8 ~~thereof, which shall be the site identified in notice.~~ No later than 90 days  
9 after the effective date of this article, the ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan  
10 shall submit a final report to the delegation regarding the requests  
11 received, ~~and any potential private land affected by the master map, as~~  
12 ~~identified with assistance of DPL and the landowner(s).~~ Said report shall  
13 also contain the commission's final recommendation for any  
14 amendments to the names of streets for final adoption by the delegation.  
15 Should no recommendation be contained in the report from the  
16 ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan at the end of the 90 day period, the names  
17 shown on the master map shall become final and may only be amended  
18 biannually by the ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan to include newly created  
19 or discovered streets.

20 Any streets on Saipan which are not on the master map shall be  
21 promptly identified whenever discovered or created by the Mayor of

1            ~~Saipan mayor~~ and referred to the ~~commission~~ Mayor of Saipan for  
2            naming pursuant to the categories designated on the master map for each  
3            respective district identified thereon. Once the ~~commission~~ Mayor of  
4            Saipan has named any new street, it shall include such name and street  
5            on the amended master map.”

6            C.     10 CMC § 3154.

7            “§ 3154. Implementation of Numbering of Streets.

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

12                    (1) Creation of Numbering System. The ~~commission~~ Mayor  
13                    of Saipan shall prepare a master numbering map in accordance  
14                    with this section. ~~The street numbering system shall have a~~  
15                    ~~datum point located southwest of Agingan Point at the~~  
16                    ~~coordinates N: 4,474.1785 m; E: 46,536.9626 m. Address~~  
17                    ~~numbers shall be assigned based on the use of frontage intervals~~  
18                    ~~with equal interval grid lines. The street naming and addressing~~  
19                    ~~master map shall be based on the street naming and addressing~~  
20                    ~~standards as set out in the Street-Naming and Property-~~  
21                    ~~Numbering Systems, by Margaret A. Corwin (1978), and the~~



1                   Street Addressing Standards and Guidelines for the State of  
2                   Georgia, as prepared by the Georgia Spatial Data Infrastructure,  
3                   GIS (geographic information system) Coordinating Committee,  
4                   Framework Transportation Technical Group (August 2000).  
5                   These standards comply with the United States Postal Service  
6                   standard for door-to-door delivery of mail.  
7                   The 0,0 grid is located in the Pacific Ocean from Agingan Point  
8                   of Saipan. The grid measurement is six meters per one street  
9                   address number. The 0,0 grid will derive all beginning from  
10                  north and east number when the number of roads have been  
11                  established. It is situated on 4,400 meters east longitude and  
12                  500 meters north latitude of the reference numerical system in  
13                  meters, and ending on 2,700 meters north latitude and 3490  
14                  meters east longitude. The frontage interval for Saipan is five  
15                  meters per number and shall be used on all streets. The frontage  
16                  interval shall be marked on every street identified in the master  
17                  map, as amended.

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

20   (A) The building numbers on parallel streets  
21                                   shall be comparable. By implication this means numbers on any

1 street should progress in the same direction as numbers on  
2 parallel streets.

3 (B) Property numbering will be uniform  
4 based on the frontage interval, not property lines. There will be  
5 uniform intervals within blocks and between blocks.

6 As much as possible, subdivisions will adhere to uniform  
7 frontage intervals regardless of the presence of curvilinear  
8 streets.

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

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

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

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

19 (2) Transmittal to the Department of Public Works.  
20 Once completed by the mayor, the master numbering map shall



1 . be transmitted to DPW, DPS, DPL and a copy of the map shall  
2 be transmitted to both houses of the legislature.

3 (b) ~~Implementation by DPW.~~ Implementation by Mayor of  
4 Saipan. ~~Upon receipt of the master map, as amended and the~~  
5 ~~master numbering map from the mayor, DPW~~ The Mayor of  
6 Saipan shall promptly implement the two Saipan street naming and  
7 addressing master map as follows:

8 (i) The Mayor of Saipan shall  
9 immediately create and expeditiously post street name  
10 and street number range signs for named streets in  
11 Saipan.

12 (ii) Simultaneously, the Mayor of Saipan  
13 shall deliver in person written notification to all  
14 homeowners and owners of commercial and non-  
15 commercial buildings of their assigned designated street  
16 address number.

17 (iii) As new buildings are built or as new  
18 parcels are submitted (providing for a subdivision with  
19 streets), the Mayor of Saipan shall assign the new  
20 buildings or subdivision lots their designated street  
21 address number.

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

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

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

9 (4) DPW shall maintain and update the master map  
10 and the master numbering map with a listing of all buildings and  
11 their addresses and reflecting the addition of any new streets in  
12 Saipan. This listing shall be shared with all pertinent government  
13 agencies and with private agencies as requested in accordance with  
14 applicable law concerning requests for public information (the  
15 Open Government Act [9 CMC §§ 9901 et seq.]).”

16 D. 10 CMC § 3155.

17 “§ 3155. Enforcement.

18 It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessor, lessee or other occupier  
19 of any premises to display, advertise or willfully use the wrong address  
20 number after written notification by DPW Mayor of Saipan of designated  
21 street address number. The owner, agent, lessor, lessee, or other occupier of



1        any premises shall install the street address number as recommended in  
2        writing by the Mayor of Saipan, which shall be delivered in person to said  
3        owner, agent, lessor, lessee, or other occupier of any premises. Should  
4        ~~DPW~~ Mayor of Saipan find any building, structure or premise that is not  
5        properly provided with an address, is not correctly addressed, or is not using  
6        the assigned address, it shall first, if necessary, assign an address, and then  
7        shall in any event notify the owner, agent or lessor and lessee of the correct  
8        address and the requirement that such address be used. If the appropriate  
9        person or entity fails to comply with the foregoing requirement within 15  
10       working, weekends and holidays excluded, days of written notification by  
11       ~~DPW~~ Mayor of Saipan, or is found at any time thereafter to be out of  
12       compliance with the notification by the Mayor of Saipan ~~address rules,~~ the  
13       penalty therefor shall be as follows:

14                (a) On the first occurrence, the person or entity shall be fined \$100  
15                and again instructed to ~~come into compliance~~ comply within 15 days  
16                and ~~apprized~~ apprised of the progressive penalties which will apply if  
17                failure to non-compliance comply continues.

18                (b) On the second and subsequent occurrences, the fine shall  
19                increase by \$100 per occurrence with 15 days to comply between each.  
20                For example, the second occurrence (any time 15 or more days after the

1           above initial notice and \$100 fine) is a \$200 fine; the third is \$300 fine,  
2           etc. and may be assessed as frequently as every 15 days.”

3   **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

4           If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any  
5   person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
6   the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
7   circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected  
8   thereby.

9   **SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

10          This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as  
11   affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes  
12   repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
13   Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or  
14   pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of  
15   terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall  
16   already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

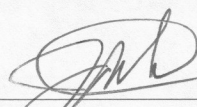
17   **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

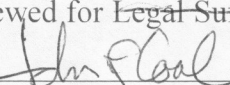
18          This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming  
19   law without such approval.

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