



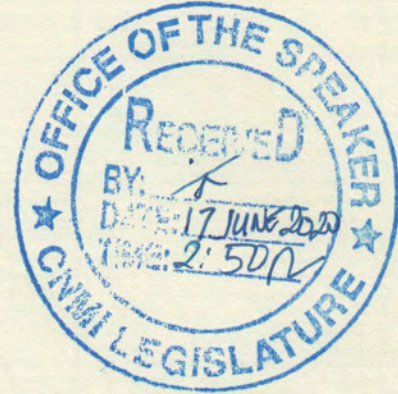
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COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



The Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 21-40**, entitled, "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.", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 21-14**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

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cc: Lt. Governor; President of the Senate; Press Secretary; Mayor of Saipan; Saipan Zoning Board; Commonwealth Law Revision; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review



**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2020**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-40

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Offered by

Representative John Paul P. Sablan

On February 7, 2020

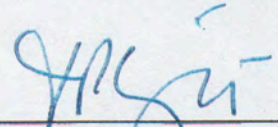
HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on

February 19, 2020

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To	: None
Comments Solicited	: Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; : Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (2/19/2020) [DM 21-64, 21-65, 21-66]
Comments Received	: Mayor of Saipan; (2/24/2020 re Mayors Comm. 21-35)
Standing Committee Report	: None
Passed First & Final Reading	: May 12, 2020



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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

SECTION 1. TITLE.

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

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

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

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

Twenty-one years after the adoption of the Saipan street name master map, the

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1 development of the street addressing master map has been completed. The street addressing
2 master map is now ready for implementation.

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

12 This Act shall repeal 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120, in response to issues of potential violation
13 of Article VI, § 8 of the NMI Constitution regarding the establishment of a new agency of local
14 government. Article VI, § 8 require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of persons qualified to
15 vote in the senatorial district to be served by the new agency of local government. Concerns
16 have been raised that the establishment of the Saipan Street Directory Commission in S.L.L. No.
17 5-6, codified at 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120, might have violated article VI, § 8 of the NMI
18 Constitution. Repealing 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120 in their entirety would remove any question
19 that the establishment of the Saipan Street Directory Commission was unconstitutional.

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

SECTION 3. REPEALERS.

24 A. This Act repeals 10 CMC §§ 3111 – 3120 in their entirety.

25 B. This Act repeals 10 CMC § 3157 in its entirety and the remaining subsections shall be
26 renumbered accordingly.

SECTION 4. REPEALER AND REENACTMENT

27 This Act repeals the first paragraph in section in 10 CMC § 3151 in its entirety and
28 reenacts, as set forth below in A. Further, this Act repeals 10 CMC § 3156 and 10 CMC § 3158
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1 in their entirety and reenacts as set forth below in B and C, respectively.

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

3 **“10 CMC § 3151. Establishment and Ratification.**

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

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

14 **“10 CMC § 3159. Naming of Public Buildings.**

15 Where practical, the Mayor of Saipan may identify on the master map the names
16 of public buildings as buildings are named by the Saipan local delegation from time to
17 time. Identification of the name of buildings shall include the name given by local law,
18 the location of the building, and street address number. The Saipan local delegation shall
19 have the sole discretion to enact local laws naming public buildings in Saipan”

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

21 **“10 CMC § 3158. Street Signage.**

22 The Mayor of Saipan shall be responsible for reviewing any change of street name
23 as proposed by any government agency or private member of the public, and shall have
24 full discretion whether to approve or disapprove such proposal. The Mayor of Saipan
25 shall charge the agency or private member of the public requesting a change of street
26 name a fee that covers the actual cost to produce the new street name sign plus 40 percent
27 of the actual cost to cover its administrative processing and labor cost to install the new
28 street name sign. No new street name sign shall be installed until full payment of the
29 charge is paid and received by the Mayor of Saipan. The Mayor of Saipan shall deliver

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to the presiding officer of the Saipan local delegation a written report showing all change of street names approved and installed, the amount collected and received by the Mayor of Saipan. The amount collected and received by the Mayor of Saipan shall be deposited into an account to be established by the Secretary of the Department of Finance. The Mayor of Saipan shall be the expenditure authority of the funds deposited into this account. The Mayor of Saipan shall expend the funds only for expenses incurred in implementing the master map, which may include paying for operational cost and Saipan street naming and addressing personnel cost.”

SECTION 5. AMENDMENTS.

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

A. 10 CMC § 3152.

“§ 3152. Definitions. As used in this article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

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

(b) “Mayor of Saipan” means Office of the Mayor of Saipan.

(c) “Delegation” means the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.”

B. 10 CMC § 3153.

“§ 3153. Master Street Map Adoption.

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

<i>Name on Master Map</i>	<i>Name to be Used</i>
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 appears on the
8 master map, as above amended, are hereby expressly repealed and replaced by those
9 names on the master map, as above amended.

10 Provided, however, the Mayor of Saipan shall have 90 days from the effective
11 date of this article within which to address requests from the public regarding changing
12 the names of specific roads and reporting recommended amendments to the delegation
13 for final adoption. In order to insure that any affected party has adequate opportunity to
14 present its position, the Mayor of Saipan shall, within 10 days of the effective date of this
15 article, publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation that the master map has
16 been completed and that any person may request changes to any specific names contained
17 thereon to the Mayor of Saipan. Said notice shall be published for a period of seven days
18 and shall instruct the public as to where to view the master map, where to file a request
19 for the name change for any particular street, the deadline for submittal of such request
20 to the Mayor of Saipan and that failure to make a request by said deadline shall result in
21 the final adoption of a street name as shown on the master map. No later than 90 days
22 after the effective date of this article, the Mayor of Saipan shall submit a final report to
23 the delegation regarding the requests received. Said report shall also contain the
24 commission's final recommendation for any amendments to the names of streets for final
25 adoption by the delegation. Should no recommendation be contained in the report from
26 the Mayor of Saipan at the end of the 90 days period, the names shown on the master
27 map shall become final and may only be amended biannually by the Mayor of Saipan to
28 include newly created or discovered streets.

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1 Any streets on Saipan which are not on the master map shall be promptly
2 identified whenever discovered or created by the Mayor of Saipan and referred to the
3 Mayor of Saipan for naming. Once the Mayor of Saipan has named any new street, it
4 shall include such name and street on the amended master map.”

5 C. 10 CMC § 3154.

6 “§ 3154. Implementation of Numbering of Streets.

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

10 (1) Creation of Numbering System. The Mayor of Saipan shall prepare a master
11 numbering map in accordance with this section. The street naming and addressing master
12 map shall be based on the street naming and addressing standards as set out in the Street-
13 Naming and Property-Numbering Systems, by Margaret A. Corwin (1978), and the Street
14 Addressing Standards and Guidelines for the State of Georgia, as prepared by the Georgia
15 Spatial Data Infrastructure, GIS (geographic information system) Coordinating
16 Committee, Framework Transportation Technical Group (August 2000). These standards
17 comply with the United States Postal Service standard for door-to-door delivery of mail.

18 The 0,0 grid is located in the Pacific Ocean from Agingan Point of Saipan. The
19 grid measurement is six meters per one street address number. The 0,0 grid will derive
20 all beginning from north and east number when the number of roads has been established.
21 It is situated on 4,400 meters east longitude and 500 meters north latitude of the reference
22 numerical system in meters, and ending on 2,700 meters north latitude and 3490 meters
23 east longitude

24 (b) Implementation by Mayor of Saipan. The Mayor of Saipan shall promptly
25 implement the Saipan street naming and addressing master map as follows:

26 (i) The Mayor of Saipan shall immediately create and expeditiously post street
27 name and street number range signs for named streets in Saipan.

28 (ii) Simultaneously, the Mayor of Saipan shall deliver in person written
29 notification to all homeowners and owners of commercial and non-commercial buildings

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1 of their assigned designated street address number.

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

5 D. 10 CMC § 3155.

6 “§ 3155. Enforcement.

7 It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessor, lessee or other occupier of any
8 premises to display, advertise or willfully use the wrong address number after written
9 notification by Mayor of Saipan of designated street address number. The owner, agent,
10 lessor, lessee, or other occupier of any premises shall install the street address number as
11 recommended in writing by the Mayor of Saipan, which shall be delivered in person to
12 said owner, agent, lessor, lessee, or other occupier of any premises. Should Mayor of
13 Saipan find any building, structure or premise that is not properly provided with an
14 address, is not correctly addressed, or is not using the assigned address, it shall first, if
15 necessary, assign an address, and then shall in any event notify the owner, agent or lessor
16 and lessee of the correct address and the requirement that such address be used. If the
17 appropriate person or entity fails to comply with the foregoing requirement within 15
18 working, weekends and holidays excluded, days of written notification by Mayor of
19 Saipan, or is found at any time thereafter to be out of compliance with the notification by
20 the Mayor of Saipan, the penalty therefor shall be as follows:

21 (a) On the first occurrence, the person or entity shall be fined \$100 and again
22 instructed to comply within 15 days and apprised of the progressive penalties which will
23 apply if failure to comply continues.

24 (b) On the second and subsequent occurrences, the fine shall increase by \$100
25 per occurrence with 15 days to comply between each. For example, the second
26 occurrence (any time 15 or more days after the above initial notice and \$100 fine) is a
27 \$200 fine; the third is \$300 fine, etc. and may be assessed as frequently as every 15 days.”

28 **SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

29 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or

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1 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
2 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it
3 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

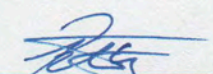
SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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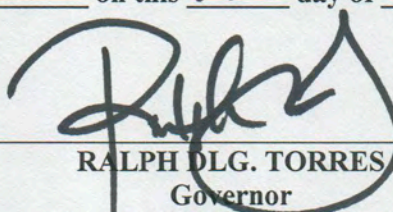
JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
Chairman

Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation



BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this **17th** day of **June**, 2020.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands