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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

COMMITTEE ON HERITAGE, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 01, s. 2024

Referred to this committee is Ordinance No. 2023-19 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Calubian, Leyte entitled "AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE VILLANUEVA-DALUMPINES MUNICIPAL ROAD INTO VICENTE MAURICIO VELOSO, SR. IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE, IN RECOGNITION TO ONE DISTINGUISHED PERSON AND PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE"

The subject ordinance was forwarded to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for review and approval; and was referred to the Provincial Legal Office for their opinion. The Provincial Legal Office opined that the consultation with and recommendation of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) be complied with in accordance with Section 13 (c) and (d) and observe the provision on Section 13 (h) of the Local Government Code, quoted hereunder:

"Section 13 (c) The Sanggunians of component Cities and Municipalities may, in consultation with the Philippine Historical Commission, change the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:

- (1) City and municipal barangays, upon recommendation of the Sangguniang barangay concerned:*
- (2) City, municipal and barangay roads, avenues, boulevards, thoroughfares, and bridges:*
- (3) City and municipal public elementary, secondary and vocational or technical schools, post-secondary and other tertiary schools;*
- (4) City and municipal hospitals, health centers and other health facilities; and*
- (5) Any other public place or building owned by the municipal government.*

(d) None of the foregoing local government units, institutions, places, or buildings shall be named after a living person nor may a change of name be made unless for a justifiable reason and, in any case, not oftener than once every ten (10) years. The name of a local government unit or a public place, street or structure with historical, cultural, or ethnic significance shall not be changed, unless by a unanimous vote of the sanggunian concerned and in consultation with the NHCP.

(h) In any change of name, the Office of the President, the representative of the legislative district concerned, and the Bureau of Posts shall be notified.

The committee then referred the matter to the NHCP for their comments and recommendation and obtain the following response:

- a. *That should there be any move to name or rename public streets and structures, **prior consultation** with the NHCP must be made, pursuant to Section 13 of RA 7160 also known as the Local Government Code of the Philippines. Otherwise, the validity of said ordinance may be put into question.*
- b. *Nevertheless, the NHCP does not object to the proposed renaming based on the thorough deliberation of the Sangguniang Bayan of Calubian.*

Since the Sangguniang Bayan of Calubian failed to consult the NHCP **prior to enacting** the ordinance, the committee finds it appropriate for the municipality to refer to the Revised Guidelines on the Naming and Renaming of Streets, Public Schools, Plazas, Buildings, Bridges and Other Public Structures particularly the following provisions:

III. CHARACTER OF NAMES

1. *Proposed names **must have historical and cultural significance and must contribute to the positive development of national pride through the good example exhibited by the name being used.***
2. *Recommended names **for public places should be appropriate in terms of historical value and significance to the place to be named or renamed.***
3. *...XXX..*
4. *Hispanized and foreign terms should be retained if they have attained a degree of historical significance and have been sanctified by usage.*
5. *...XXX..*
6. *...XXX..*
7. ***The use of names which are complicated and confusing shall be discouraged. In cases where the name and initials are the same with other prominent personages, the full name of the person intended to be honored should be specified.***
8. *...XXX..*
9. ***The old name, of streets, schools, hospitals, etc, which have been sanctified by usage by the residents of the community, should be placed underneath the new name in the signage to facilitate the delivery of postal matter and serve as direct guide for people accustomed to the former names***

IV. NAMING/RENAMING AFTER PERSONS

10. ***To avoid confusion in the maintenance of records and delivery of postal matters the former name of the public place must always be recommended to be placed beneath the new name in the signage.***

In reference to III (9) and IV (10) of the preceding guidelines, it should be renamed as and or use,

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Considering the foregoing, the committee does not object on the approval of Ordinance No. 2023-19 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Calubian, Leyte entitled "AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE VILLANUEVA-DALUMPINES MUNICIPAL ROAD INTO VICENTE MAURICIO VELOSO, SR. IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALUBIAN, LEYTE, IN RECOGNITION TO ONE DISTINGUISHED PERSON AND PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE" which was enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Calubian, provided that the necessary provisions on Section 13 (c), (d) and (h) of the Local Government Code and the Revised Guidelines on the Naming and Renaming of Streets, Public Schools, Plazas, Buildings, Bridges and Other Public Structures be complied with.

Submitted this 19th day of June, 2024,

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