



LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Dear **Director Bonagua**:

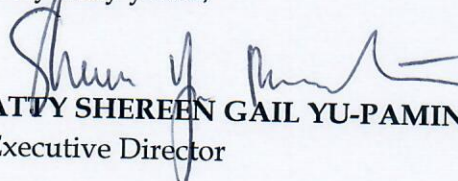
This has reference to your letter dated 01 August 2019 requesting feedback on the draft memorandum circular on the "Guidelines in the Integration of Barangay Clearance in the LGU Permitting Processes of Cities and Municipalities."

We thank you for your consistently counting us in from the early phase of drafting the circular to its finalization stage leading to issuance. We also laud the inclusion of the provision we recommended that allow cities and municipalities to release the barangay clearance in cases of non-issuance of the concerned barangay within three (3) working days, as prescribed by the Ease of Doing Business Act. This will ensure our members' adherence to the letter and spirit of the law.

Having said this, we would like the said provision to be reiterated in paragraph 6.1.2.2 for the guidance of the barangays. We also recommend the inclusion of general principles for keeping track of the coordination between a city/municipality and barangays in the issuance of barangay clearance and remittance of fees for the same to protect both parties in cases of disputes. Given that the collection of barangay clearance fees shall be centralized at the city/municipal level, guidelines to standardize them in all barangays within a city/municipality should immediately follow to preempt possible confusion among permit applicants and facilitate its seamless integration in the Business Permit Charges & Fees and Order of Payment of cities and municipalities. We submit these recommendations for the consideration of the Bureau.

Again, thank you very much for always treading the path towards local governments' continued compliance with national laws. Rest assured of our steadfast cooperation with the Department in similar endeavors.

Very truly yours,

  
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Executive Director