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PROVINCE OF BENGUET
La Trinidad
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

REGULAR MEETING: April 28, 1997

- PRESENT:** HON. WASING D. SACLA, Provincial Vice Governor
Presiding Officer
- HON. VICTORINA P. ALIPIT, Board Member
 HON. JAMES M. MALAYA, Board Member
 HON. FRANCISCO E. GOLINGAB, JR., Board Member
 HON. BIAL A. PALAEZ, Board Member
 HON. MARCIANO T. INSO, SR., Board Member
 HON. SAMSON C. PARAN, Board Member
 HON. AGOSTO P. SANTOS, Board Member
 HON. DANIO L. BOLISLIS, Board Member
 HON. FERNANDO M. ARITAO, Board Member
 HON. JAIME A. GALASGAS, Board Member
 HON. LIMSON A. OGAS, Liga ng mga Barangay Pres.,
Member
- HON. DOMINGO B. BAY-AN, PCL Pres., Member
 HON. REDENTOR P. EDOC, SKF President, Member

ABSENT: NONE

PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 97-36

REQUIRING THE HIRING OF A PRIVATE SECURITY AGENCY TO SECURE THE PREMISES OF THE CAPITOL BUILDING AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS , AND THEIR PREMISES , OWNED BY THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The security of government properties of the province is the utmost purpose of this measure.

It is aptly observed by many that the security of provincial properties, especially office supplies and equipment, are not being taken seriously by the province since the inception of the provincial government resulting to various loss of government properties. Provincial buildings and its premises are not also closely guarded which allows any person, including many vendors, ticket sellers, shine boys, and students from nearby schools to roam around and enter any room of the capitol building and other provincial buildings. These resulted to many un-estimated damages of parts of the building and the mutilation of notices, plants, and other accessories of provincial properties. Uncontrolled entries of vendors also brings disturbance to work concentration of employees and officials while several employees report loss of

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bags and other belongings allegedly taken by people posing as vendors or sellers. Unverified reports also states that some employees usually bring home office supplies and even office equipment such as typewriters. There are also some allegations that spare parts of service vehicles and equipment are being carted away by some drivers or operators and employees. These maybe true because of the laxity of security within provincial buildings and its other properties. If the allegations are true then the loss of the province of its several properties may run to several millions. In addition, the Provincial Equipment Management and Services Office (PEMSO) is soon to be created and the various equipment under it shall be well-secured and protected in order that the investment of the province shall not go to waste.

The present guards of the provincial capitol were borrowed from the Provincial Warden's Office and their training, duties, and responsibilities are for guarding the safety and security of prisoners. The present arrangement is very loose such that nobody can be pinpointed as directly responsible for any loss or destruction of provincial properties. With the recent escape of prisoners in the provincial jail and actually the lack of jail guards, the Provincial Warden requested that the jail guards assigned to the provincial capitol be returned to the warden's office and he suggested that blue guards be hired by the province instead.

Watchmen hired by the province had repeatedly been clamoring for additional benefits such as clothing allowance owing to their low salaries and benefits. But in accordance with existing rules, the PFC had also repeatedly denied the request. If the province cannot give their additional benefits, which they claimed they are entitled to, due to government rules and regulations, then the hiring of blue guards or private security agency would at least solve the problem. The present watchmen may then be hired for other purposes.

Other government offices, provincial offices, and also municipal offices, had been hiring private security agencies to secure their respective properties. There is no other more appropriate reason to effectively secure government properties than for the province to save on losses which eventually be converted to more services to the people.

Hence, this measure for deliberation and discussion of this august body before appropriate action may be taken.

NOW, THEREFORE, as proposed by HONS. SAMSON C. PARAN, FRANCISCO E. GOLINGAB, JR., HON. FERNANDO M. ARITAO and HON. AGOSTO P. SANTOS and on motion duly seconded, be it

ORDAINED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, THAT:

SECTION 1. It is hereby required that the Province of Benguet shall hire the services of private security agency to secure the public buildings, its premises, and other properties of the province, including the safety of all officials and personnel thereof, as well as prevent irregular or illegal ingress or egress of any person such as, but not limited to, vendors, vandals, and other persons with similar motive to destroy, steal, rob, sell any kind of wares or things, or to vandalize;

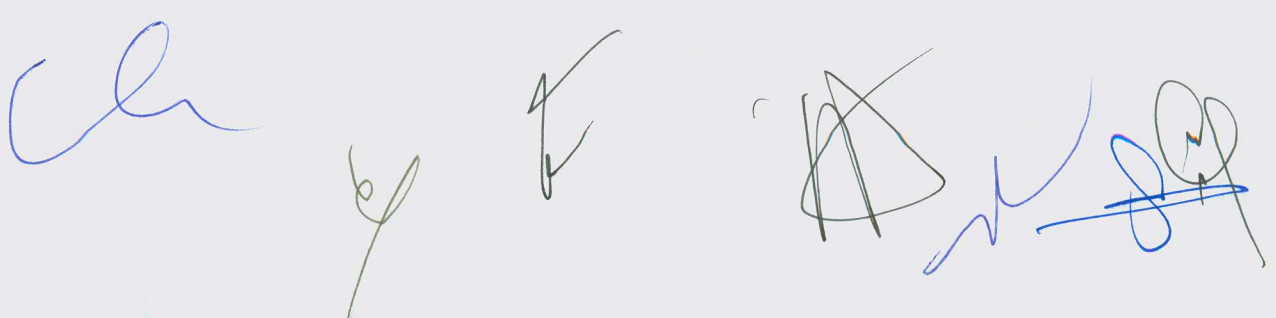
SECTION 2. The Provincial Governor, representing the province, is hereby authorized to enter into contract or memorandum of agreement with a private security agency after conducting a public bidding thereof and insuring that the welfare and interest of the province is well protected;

SECTION 3. The private security agency shall be in place starting July 1, 1997 in all public buildings of the province where security is required. The jail guards assigned to the provincial capitol shall be returned to their mother unit. Provincial watchmen who are directly affected by this Ordinance maybe transferred to other jobs within the provincial bureaucracy; PROVIDED, however, that the security of tenure of regular or permanent watchmen shall be protected;

SECTION 4. Any funds necessary for the implementation of this Ordinance shall be charged to the Un-appropriated Surplus of the General Fund of the province or to any available funds in the budget;

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

APPROVED, "

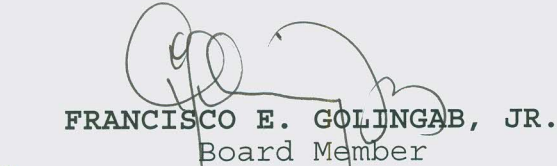
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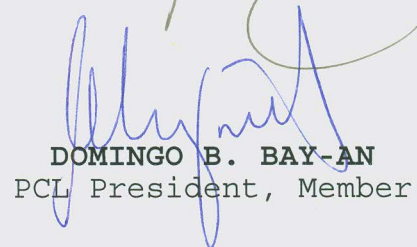

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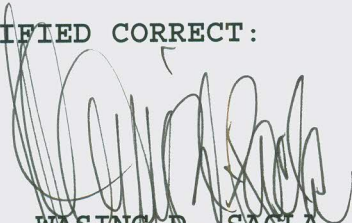

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Date: 07 MAY 1997



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