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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BARANGAY LEGAL ASSISTANCE UNIT UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR TO PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ALL BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND BARANGAY SECURITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS (BSDO) WHO, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES OR ON THE OCCASION THEREOF, HAVE TO INITIATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS OR DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST LEGAL ACTION AND ALLOCATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS THEREFOR.

Introduced by Councilors RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR., ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, AIKO MELENDEZ-YLLANA, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, ERIC Z. MEDINA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, JORGE L. BANAL, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY, DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DE LEON, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., JANET M. MALAYA, RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO, XYRUS L. LANOT and JUNIE MARIE L. CASTELO.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (a)(1)(xii) of the Local Government Code of 1991, enjoins the legislative body to "provide legal assistance to barangay officials who, in the performance of their duties or on the occasion thereof, have to initiate judicial proceedings or defend themselves against legal action;"

WHEREAS, by the nature of their work as peace officers, are vulnerable to suits from offenders whose motive could be merely to discourage the BSDO from participating in the prosecution of the case;

WHEREAS, barangay officials, especially BSDO's, must not be hampered in the performance of their sworn duties because of their lack of means to hire lawyers to represent them in judicial proceedings.

Orig.