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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DENR, MIMAROPA Region  
DENR by the Bay Bldg.,  
1515 Roxas Blvd.  
Ermita, Manila

**FROM :** THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
Field Operations - Luzon & Visayas and Concurrent Supervising  
Assistant Secretary of the Metropolitan Environmental Offices (MEOs)

**SUBJECT :** LETTER DTD 12/28/2021 RE: COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. 1504-2021 OF THE OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PALAWAN

**DATE :** 13 JUL 2022

Referred herewith is the letter dated December 28, 2021 from Atty. Philip Jerome J. Hilario, Secretary, Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, furnishing the DENR, Central Office with a copy of RESOLUTION NO. 1504-2021 entitled: "A RESOLUTION REITERATING THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD RESOLUTION NO. 1325-2021, EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR THE LIFTING OF THE MORATORIUM ON TITLING IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA."

For your evaluation and further appropriate action in coordination with the concerned party consistent with the existing policies, rules, and regulations. Copy furnish this office of the action taken citing document tracking no. DENRCO-ASRMD-2022-016500 for record and monitoring purposes.

FOR COMPLIANCE.

  
GILBERT C. GONZALES, CESO III



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**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD**  
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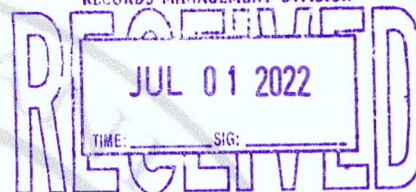
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**HON. ROY AGUILLANA CIMATU**

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1100

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION



Ing mamaal nga Hon. Cimat:

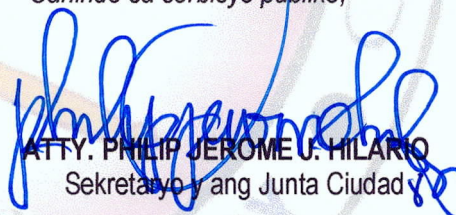
*Mayad nga adlao agalin sa Opisina y ang Junta Ciudad y ang Puerto Princesa!*

We are pleased to furnish you a copy of **RESOLUTION NO. 1504-2021** entitled: **"A RESOLUTION REITERATING THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD RESOLUTION NO. 1325-2021, EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR THE LIFTING OF THE MORATORIUM ON TITLING IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA."**; which was passed by the 16<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Puerto Princesa during its 121<sup>st</sup> Regular Session held on December 13, 2021.

For information and appropriate action.

*Matamang salamat ig maboi kita sa gracia ateng Guinoo.*

*Canindo sa serbisyo publiko,*

  
ATTY. PHILIP JEROME U. HILARIO  
Sekretaryo y ang Junta Ciudad

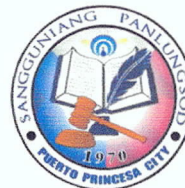
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD  
City of Puerto Princesa



EXCERPTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE 121<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2021 AT THE MINI CITY HALL OF BARANGAY MACARASCAS.

**PRESENT:**

Hon. MARIA NANCY M. SOCRATES  
Hon. MATTHEW K. MENDOZA  
Hon. JIMMY L. CARBONELL  
Hon. VICTOR S. OLIVEROS  
Hon. HENRY A. GADIANO  
Hon. PETER Q. MARISTELA  
Hon. PATRICK ALEX M. HAGEDORN  
Hon. ELGIN ROBERT L. DAMASCO  
Hon. NESARIO G. AWAT  
Hon. ROY GREGORIO G. VENTURA  
Hon. HERBERT S. DILIG  
Hon. FRANCISCO R. GABUCO  
Hon. JOHNMART M. SALUNDAY

City Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer  
City Councilor, Chairman Protempore  
City Councilor, Asst. Chairman Protempore  
City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader  
City Councilor, Asst. Majority Floor Leader,  
City Councilor, Minority Floor Leader  
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Ex-Officio Member, Pres., Liga ng mga Barangay  
Ex-Officio Member, Indigenous Peoples  
Mandatory Representative  
Ex-Officio Member, SK Federation President

Hon. MYKA MABELLE L. MAGBANUA

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**RESOLUTION NO. 1504-2021**

*Authored by: Hon. Nesario G. Awat, City Councilor*

*Co-authored by: Hon. Maria Nancy M. Socrates, City Vice Mayor, Hon. Matthew K. Mendoza, Hon. Jimmy L. Carbonell, Hon. Victor S. Oliveros, Hon. Henry A. Gadiano, Hon. Peter Q. Maristela, Hon. Patrick Alex M. Hagedorn, Hon. Elgin Robert L. Damasco, Hon. Roy Gregorio G. Ventura, Hon. Herbert S. Dilig, Hon. Francisco R. Gabuco, Hon. Johnmart M. Salunday, and Hon. Myka Mabelle L. Magbanua, City Councilors*

**A RESOLUTION REITERATING THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD RESOLUTION NO. 1325-2021, EARNESTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) FOR THE LIFTING OF THE MORATORIUM ON TITLING IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA.**

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides, that: "The protection of life, liberty and property and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy;

**WHEREAS**, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, states, that: "Every local government unit shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare";

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, 2015, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Undersecretary Demetrio L. Ignacio, Jr. issued a Memorandum directing the Regional Director of DENR Region IV and the PENRO Officer of Palawan to suspend the issuance of survey authority, conduct and approval of survey of untitled lands and acceptance and processing of public land application within the Province of Palawan including Puerto Princesa City;

**WHEREAS**, on March 2, 2020 there was a Memorandum signed by Undersecretary Jim O. Sampulna, entitled: "Lifting of suspension in the issuance, processing and approval of survey activity, survey plans, and public land applications (PLAS) covering lots in the selected municipalities in Palawan";

**WHEREAS**, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Puerto Princesa passed a Resolution No. 723-2020 on August 10, 2020, requesting the Honorable Secretary Roy A. Cimatu of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to lift the DENR Memorandum dated May 28, 2015 issued by Undersecretary Demetrio L. Ignacio, Jr.,

*Philip Jeremie J. Hilario*  
ATTY. PHILIP JEREMIE J. HILARIO  
Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod



suspending the issuance of survey authority, conduct and approval of survey of untitled lands and acceptance and processing of public and processing of public land applications in the City of Puerto Princesa;

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2021, this August Body also passed a Resolution No. 1124-2021, earnestly requesting the DENR Secretary Roy Cimatu to lift the suspension (moratorium) of titling of lands in the City of Puerto Princesa;

**WHEREAS**, furthermore, on August 09, 2021, this August Body passed Resolution No. 1325-2021, reiterating the request to his Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary, Honorable Roy A. Cimatu, to lift the suspension on issuance of survey authority, conduct and approval of survey of untitled alienable and disposable lands, and acceptance and processing of public land applications in the City of Puerto Princesa;

**WHEREAS**, after passage of numerous resolutions by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, the City Government still has not received any response from the concerned agency, most likely due to the issue of complexity of the request;

**WHEREAS**, not only real estate and legitimate property owners are discouraged on prolonged moratorium on land titling, as well as potential investors in the City;

**WHEREAS**, this August Body, after thorough deliberation and considering that the said moratorium on titling has been suspended for more than six (6) years and affecting the economic development of the City, sees it high time to pass this measure.


**NOW THEREFORE**, on motion of Hon. Victor S. Oliveros, City Councilor, Majority Floor Leader,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to reiterate the Sangguniang Panlungsod Resolution No. 1325-2021, earnestly requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the lifting of the moratorium on titling in the City of Puerto Princesa,


**RESOLVED further**, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Honorable City Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, the City Administrator, the City Legal Officer, the City Information Officer, all of this City, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, for their information and appropriate action.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT BY:

  
ATTY. PHILIP JEROME S. HILARIO  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED  
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:**

  
**MARIA NANCY M. SOCRATES**  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer  
PJH/HGS/RAR/JAA/don

APPROVED: Resolution No. 1504-2021 on

DEC 27 2021

  
**LUCILO R. BAYRON**  
City Mayor

**ATTESTED:**

  
**ATTY. ARNEL M. PEDROSA**  
City Administrator

**"FOR THE GREATEST GLORY OF GOD"**