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AN ACT CREATING BARANGAY COMMUNITY PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL FOR THE UTILIZATION OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND ITS CONSTITUENTS IN CRIME PREVENTION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution mandates the maintenance of peace and order, protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of general welfare of the people. Towards this end, the community relies upon the national government, through its local executives, for the delivery of these services.

To promote public safety, several Local Government Units (LGUs) have already adopted various anti-criminality strategies. However, most of these strategies are not being implemented down to the barangay level. It is for this reason that the State shall endeavor to promote and strengthen a system of cooperation among the citizenry and local executives.

Currently, the ratio of our PNP officers to individual citizen is 1:40, hence, there is a need for the establishment of an effective machinery policing system having partnership with the community.

The bill seeks to establish a **BARANGAY COMMUNITY PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL** that will help our existing Philippine National Police (PNP) and City and Municipal Local Government Unit (LGUs) in handling peace and order matters such as drug and petty crime prevention, resolving traffic and disaster management. It also aims to assist the PNP in implementing other national and local programs/projects for the benefit of the community, particularly in barangay level.

The establishment of **BARANGAY COMMUNITY PEACE AND ORDER COUNCIL** finds its legal authority in Section 116 of the Local Government Code of 1991 and Executive Order No. 309, series of 1987, as amended by Executive Order No. 773, series of 2009. Executive Order No. 366, series of 1996, also mandates the organization of a Barangay Peace and Order Committee in every barangay. The Local Chief Executives and Sanggunian Members at all levels has significant role in maintaining peace and order through the implementation of the provisions of this Bill.

In view thereof the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

Adopted,


JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO
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6 **Section 1.** This Act shall also be known as the **“Barangay Community Peace**
7 **and Order Council Act of 2015”**
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9 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy-** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the
10 State to promote peace and order, ensure public safety and further strengthen
11 local government capability in the effective delivery of the basic services to its
12 people. Towards this end, the State shall bolster a system of participation and
13 cooperation among the Citizenry in crime prevention particularly down to the
14 Barangay level.
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16 **Section 3. Coverage-** This shall apply to all barangays in all cities,
17 municipalities and provinces.
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19 **Section 4. Creation and Composition of Barangay Community Peace and**
20 **Order Council-** Every barangay shall organize a Barangay Community Peace
21 and Order Council to serve as primary government institution that prevents
22 and suppresses criminality and maintains public order and safety in the
23 community level. Such unit shall be composed of the following members:
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- 25 1. The Punong Barangay as Chairperson;
- 26 2. The Sanggunian Barangay Member, who chairs the Committee
- 27 on Peace and Order, as Vice Chairperson;
- 28 3. The Barangay Secretary;
- 29 4. The Chairperson of the Sangguniang Kabataan;
- 30 5. One (1) representative from the Lupon Tagapamayapa;
- 31 6. At least three (3) representatives from the private sector who
- 32 shall be appointed by the Chairperson, representing academic,
- 33 civic and religious organizations;
- 34 7. At least one (1) PNP Officer designated by the Municipal / City
- 35 Chief of Police; and
- 36 8. All barangay tanods.

1 As may be necessary or depending upon the need and situation in the
2 community, the Punong Barangay, in his capacity as Chairman, may appoint
3 additional Sectoral Representatives.

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5 **Section 5. Responsibility of Barangay Peace and Order Unit-** The Barangay
6 Community Peace and Order Unit shall have the following functions and
7 responsibilities:

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9 1. Formulate the Barangay Community Peace and Order Plan, which
10 shall be incorporated in the Barangay Development Plan, and
11 recommend measures to improve or enhance peace and order and
12 public safety in the community;
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- 14 2. Monitor and coordinate with the Local Government Unit (LGU)
15 concerned, Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire protection
16 (BFP), City and Municipal Disaster Office, Public Order and Safety
17 Department and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) in the
18 implementation of peace and order programs and projects at the
19 Barangay level;
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- 21 3. Serve as an information-gathering mechanism and maintain profile of
22 all residents in the Barangay;
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- 24 4. Monitor and check the nefarious activities of criminal elements;
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- 26 5. Identify barangay constituents with strong deviant behavior for
27 referral to appropriate authorities;
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- 29 6. Maintain continuing dialogue, close coordination and rapport with the
30 higher levels of the peace and order councils and law enforcement
31 units;
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- 33 7. Monitor, coordinate and supervise the operation of all community-
34 based anti-crime movements within the barangay;
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- 36 8. Make periodic assessment of the prevailing peace and order situation
37 in their respective areas of responsibility and submit report with
38 appropriate recommendations to the higher level Peace and Order
39 Council and;
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- 41 9. Recommend purchase of equipment and other materials necessary for
42 the discharge of their duties and functions;
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- 44 10. Perform such other functions which may be assigned by the city,
45 municipal, provincial and/or national government agencies.
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47 **Section 6. Funding-** The Sangguniang Barangay shall allocate at least five
48 percent (5%) of the barangay's total budget appropriation to fund the
49 implementation of the Community Peace and Order Program.
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52 **Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Local Government
53 Unit concerned together with the Philippine National Police and other
54 barangay-based organizations shall issue an appropriate implementing rules
55 and regulations to carry out the objectives of this Bill.

1 **SEC. 8. Repealing Clause.** - All prior issuances on the organization and
2 functions of the Barangay Community Peace and Order Council inconsistent
3 herewith shall be deemed superseded.

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5 **SEC. 9. Effectivity.** - The Barangay Community Peace and Order Council as
6 herein provided shall take effect immediately and be completed within thirty
7 (30) days thereafter.

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10 **Approved,**