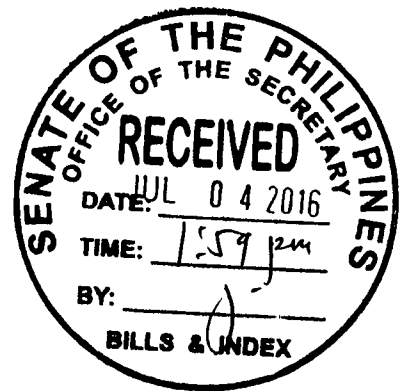


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Our Constitution mandates the maintenance of peace and order, protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of general welfare of the people. The community relies upon the National government through its local executives in terms of the delivery of the services aimed towards that end.

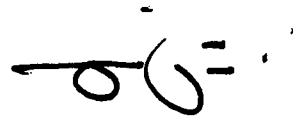
In the past, several Local Government Units adopted various anti-criminality strategies to promote public safety. However, most of the strategies are not being implemented down to the Barangay level. In this regard, the State shall likewise bolster a system of cooperation among the citizenry and local executives.

Currently the lead agency for securing the public is the Philippine National Police under the Department of Interior and Local Government. The ratio of our PNP officers to individual citizen is 40:1, 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 in crime prevention and implementation of other National and Local programs/projects for the benefit of the community particularly in Barangay level. This Bill also aims to assist City and Municipal Local Government Units (LGU) in handling Peace and Order matters such as drug and petty crime prevention, resolving traffic and disaster management.

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.

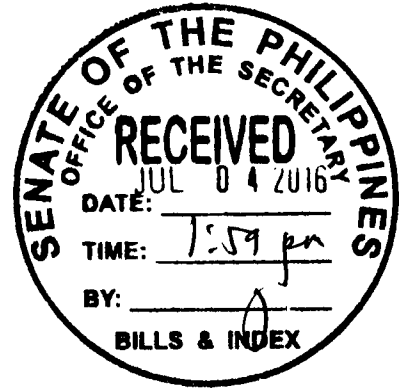
In view thereof the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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1 **Section 1.** This Act shall also be known as the ***“Barangay***  
2 ***Community Peace and Order Council Act of 2016”***  
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4 **Section 2. Declaration of Policy-** It is hereby declared to be the  
5 policy of the State to promote peace and order, ensure public safety  
6 and further strengthen local government capability in the effective  
7 delivery of the basic services to its people. Towards this end, the State  
8 shall bolster a system of participation and cooperation among the  
9 Citizenry in crime prevention particularly down to the Barangay level.

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11 **Section 3. Coverage-** This shall apply to all barangays in all cities,  
12 municipalities and provinces.  
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14 **Section 4. Creation and Composition of Barangay Community**  
15 ***Peace and Order Council-*** Every barangay shall organize a Barangay  
16 Community Peace and Order Council to serve as primary government  
17 institution that prevents and suppresses criminality and maintains  
18 public order and safety in the community level. Such unit shall be  
19 composed of the following members:  
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- 21 1. The Punong Barangay as Chairperson;
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- 23 2. The Sanggunian Barangay Member, who chairs the
- 24 Committee on Peace and Order, as Vice Chairperson;
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- 26 3. The Barangay Secretary;
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- 28 4. The Chairperson of the Sangguniang Kabataan;
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- 1                   5. One (1) representative from the Lupon Tagapamayapa;
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- 3                   6. At least three (3) representatives from the private
- 4                   sector who shall be appointed by the Chairperson,
- 5                   representing academic, civic and religious
- 6                   organizations;
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- 8                   7. At least one (1) PNP Officer designated by the
- 9                   Municipal / City Chief of Police; and
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13                   As may be necessary or depending upon the need and situation  
14 in the community, the Punong Barangay, in his capacity as  
15 Chairman, may appoint additional Sectoral Representatives.

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

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- 21                   1. Formulate the Barangay Community Peace and Order Plan,
- 22                   which shall be incorporated in the Barangay Development
- 23                   Plan, and recommend measures to improve or enhance peace
- 24                   and order and public safety in the community;
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- 26                   2. Monitor and coordinate with the Local Government Unit
- 27                   (LGU) concerned, Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of
- 28                   Fire Protection (BFP), City and Municipal Disaster Office,
- 29                   Public Order and Safety Department and Metro Manila
- 30                   Development Authority (MMDA) in the implementation of
- 31                   peace and order programs and projects at the Barangay level;
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- 33                   3. Serve as an information-gathering mechanism and maintain
- 34                   profile of all residents in the Barangay;
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- 36                   4. Monitor and check the nefarious activities of criminal
- 37                   elements;
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- 39                   5. Identify barangay constituents with strong deviant behavior
- 40                   for referral to appropriate authorities;
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- 42                   6. Maintain continuing dialogue, close coordination and rapport
- 43                   with the higher levels of the peace and order councils and
- 44                   law enforcement units;
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- 46                   7. Monitor, coordinate and supervise the operation of all
- 47                   community-based anti-crime movements within the
- 48                   barangay;
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8. Make periodic assessment of the prevailing peace and order situation in their respective areas of responsibility and submit report with appropriate recommendations to the higher level Peace and Order Council and;
  9. Recommend purchase of equipment and other materials necessary for the discharge of their duties and functions;
  10. Perform such other functions which may be assigned by the city, municipal, provincial and/or national government agencies.

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**Section 6. Funding-** The Sangguniang Barangay shall allocate at least five percent (5%) of the barangay's total budget appropriation to fund the implementation of the Community Peace and Order Program.

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**Section 7. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** - The Local Government Unit concerned together with the Philippine National Police and other barangay-based organizations shall issue an appropriate implementing rules and regulations to carry out the objectives of this Bill.

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

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

**Adopted,**