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Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH of the NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

March 21, 2020

The Honorable John Paul P. Sablan
Chairman
The Saipan and Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

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The Honorable Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao
Speaker
House of Representatives
Twenty-First Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 21-37** entitled, "To amend the Saipan and Zoning Law of 2013 to rezone lots # 004 G 43, 004 G 44, 004 G 24, 004 G 23, and 004 G 22 from 'Agricultural' to 'Rural.'", which was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Saipan Local Law No. 21-12**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Zoning Board; Office of Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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**SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2020**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 21-37

**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 to rezone lots # 004 G 43, 004 G 44, 004 G 24, 004 G 23, and 004 G 22 from “Agricultural” to “Rural”.

Offered by

Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente,
Luis John DLG. Castro and John Paul P. Sablan

on

December 10, 2019

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation for action on
December 30, 2019

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred To	: None
Comments Solicited	: Mayor of Saipan; Mayor of Northern Islands; Chairman, SNI Municipal Council (12/30/19)
Comments Received	: Mayor of Saipan; (1/13/2020 re Mayors Comm. 21-28) Mayor of Northern Islands; (01/2020 re Mayors Comm. 21-27)
Standing Committee Report	: None
Passed First & Final Reading	: February 11, 2020

Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



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Third Senatorial District
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

1 The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation find that it is appropriate to
2 rezone certain districts that the Commonwealth Zoning Board has recommended for rezoning
3 pursuant to Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Resolution No. 16-2, D1,
4 entitled “To affirm the authority of the Saipan Zoning Board under the Commonwealth Zoning
5 Code to make determinations on zoning district boundary changes.” The Commonwealth
6 Zoning Board has held a public hearing with respect to the district rezones listed below and has
7 transmitted its recommendations, based on the evidence presented at the hearing, to the
8 Delegation. The Delegation agrees that rezoning these areas is in the best interests of the
9 community.
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1 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.**

2 This Act amends the Official Saipan Zoning Map, dated July 15, 2013 of the Saipan
3 Zoning Law of 2013. The amended sheet, listed below showing the rezoned district, is attached
4 hereto and replaces the prior version of this sheet as part of the appendix to the Saipan Zoning
5 Law of 2013:

6 *Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 18 of 29: Lots # 004 G 43, 004 G 44, 004 G 24,*
7 *004 G 23, and 004 G 22 from "Agricultural (AG)" zoning district to "Rural (R)" zoning*
8 *district.*

9 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

10 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
11 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
12 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it
13 is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

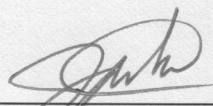
14 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

15 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any
16 existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule,
17 regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect
18 any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not
19 have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which
20 shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.


1 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or its becoming law
3 without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

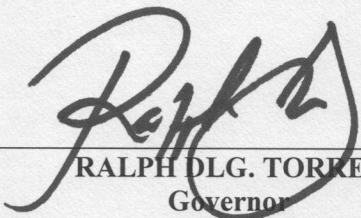


JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN
Chairman
Saipan & Northern Islands
Legislative Delegation



BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approval on this *21st* day of *March*, 2020.



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands