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Policy Procedures for Applying Building Permit of Cell site Base Station By Councilor Pilar C. Braga, PhD

With more and more people in even the remotest corner of the country acquiring cell phones, competition between the two giant mobile phone networks is also reaching a deafening crescendo. And with this, cell sites everywhere are also mushrooming. With cell sites being constructed or put up everywhere, communication with the mobile phone is made even easier.

Madam President, this may sound too encouraging because it smells of technological progress – more and more people are beginning to be connected in places unreachable a decade ago. But then for those who have to file all the permits and other related processes, it is just beginning to be a nightmare.

And quite an irony, too, because even the agencies and offices of the government that should make the processes easier, are they themselves not too clear on their roles and tasks to do.

Many individuals, especially land owners, are interested to have their lands leased for construction of cell site base station. Many are asking where and how do they apply?

Many so-called contractors are also asking the same thing. How and what do we do to apply?

The Committee on Energy, Transportation and Communications, chaired by yours truly, called a meeting of all those concerned and discussed the conditions. There was a general consensus that procedures should be established, so that all involved agencies and offices will know their respective tasks.

Through the established procedures, interested individuals such as land owners and contractors can follow the process and with ease, conveniently process their application.

The procedures are necessary because for one it will assure that official transactions are followed and no “underground” or “under the table” negotiations will transpire. At best, it may minimize undesirable transactions.

The procedures are also necessary because it would establish steps for all to follow placing the entire application process on a very professional and transparent level.

Most of all, the procedures would define very clear areas of accountabilities and responsibilities for every involved offices, agencies or sectors of the government. Offices like the City Planning, City Engineer, bodies like the Barangay Council and the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and agencies like the Bureau of Fire Protection.

Madam President, there is a need to establish guidelines and policies in the entire process of applying for building permit of cell site base station.

Allow me, therefore, to present a resolution regarding this matter at the appropriate time.

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TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
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Resolution No. _____

Introduced by: **Hon. PILAR C. BRAGA**
City Councilor, 1st District

**A RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH POLICY
PROCEDURES IN APPLYING FOR BUILDING PERMIT OF CELL
SITE BASE STATION**

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Davao City in session assembled:

WHEREAS, cell sites everywhere are also mushrooming. With cell sites being constructed or put up everywhere, communication with the mobile phone is made even easier;

WHEREAS, more and more people are beginning to be connected in places unreachable a decade ago; but for those who have to file and process all the documents and other related papers, it is just beginning to be a nightmare;

WHEREAS, even the agencies and offices of the government that should make the processes easier, are they themselves not too clear on their roles and tasks to do;

WHEREAS, many individuals, especially land owners, are interested to have their lands leased for construction of cell site base station, and therefore, many are asking where and how do they apply?

WHEREAS, the Committee on Energy, Transportation and Communications called a meeting of all those concerned and discussed the conditions and there was a general consensus that procedures should be established, so that all involved agencies and offices will know their respective tasks;

WHEREAS, through the established procedures, interested individuals such as land owners and contractors can follow the process and with ease, conveniently process their application;

WHEREAS, the procedures are necessary because for one it will assure that official transactions are followed and no “underground” or “under the table” negotiations will transpire and at best, it may minimize undesirable transactions;

WHEREAS, the procedures are also necessary because it would establish steps for all to follow placing the entire application process on a very professional and transparent level;

WHEREAS, the procedures would define very clear areas of accountabilities and responsibilities for every involved offices, agencies or sectors of the government with offices like the City Planning and City Engineer, bodies like the Barangay Council and the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and agencies like the Bureau of Fire Protection;

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish policy guidelines in the entire process of applying for building permit of cell site base station.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a resolution enacting an ordinance to establish policy guidelines and procedures in applying for building permit of cell site base station be considered and passed by this body.

Councilor Pilar C. Braga, PhD
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Davao City

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