

March 19, 2007

HON. ANTONIO D. RENACIA
Mayor
Sibulan Municipal Hall
6201 Oriental Negros

Dear Mayor Renacia:

Under the Local Government Code of 1991 (Section 447(a)(1)(xi)), local government units shall provide for additional allowances to national government officials stationed in their respective areas of jurisdiction when their finances allow. And so for several years, the Municipality of Sibulan has been giving allowances to our field officer assigned in its jurisdiction. But suddenly the grant of such allowances was stopped. It seems that it has become an issue whether or not our field officer is entitled to the additional allowances from the municipality. The issue was raised before the Provincial Budget Officer of Oriental Negros, who in turn referred the matter to the Department of Budget and Management, Region VII.

In her reply to the Provincial Budget Officer of Oriental Negros, Atty. Carmela Fernan, the Regional Director of Department of Budget and Management in Region VII, said that national government employees assigned in local government units are entitled to receive allowances in the form of honoraria, not as RATA pursuant to LBC No. 62 dated July 29, 1996. She added that under Item 5.1 of LBC 62, the rates of honoraria shall not exceed the rate of RATA authorized for department heads in the local government unit.

In view of the pronouncement made by Dir. Carmela Fernan in her letter dated February 13, 2007, to the Provincial Budget Officer of Oriental Negros, (a copy hereto attached), we appeal to you for the restoration of the grant of additional allowances to our field officer assigned in your municipality at the rate not to exceed the rate of the RATA authorized for your department heads.

Your consideration shall be highly appreciated.

Truly yours,

RENE K. BURDEOS
Regional Director

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