

April 10, 2006

MR. ROGELIO DIAZ BARRAQUIAS
Barangay Pulantubig
6200 Dumaguete City
Oriental Negros

Dear Mr. Barraquias:

This has reference to your letter dated March 28, 2006, requesting for guidance on the action to take against Punong Barangay Franklin G. Elemia of Pulantubig, Dumaguete City for his failure to act on your complaint against his brother Roosevelt G. Elemia.

Please be advised that administrative complaints against erring elected barangay officials shall be filed before the sangguniang panlungsod or sangguniang bayan concerned in accordance with Section 61 of the Local Government Code of 1991. Among the grounds an elected barangay official can be administratively disciplined are oppression, misconduct in office, gross negligence and dereliction of duty.

In the same token, the Office of the Ombudsman also has disciplinary authority over elected local officials, among other public officials and employees. Your complaint against your Punong Barangay may be filed before said office, should you decide not to file it before the sangguniang panlungsod of Dumaguete. The Office of the Ombudsman (Visayas) is located at the Department of Agriculture Compound on M. Velez Street, Cebu City.

Truly yours,

RENE K. BURNDEOS
Regional Director

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