

September 16, 2009

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Dear Kagawad Sable:

This has reference to your letter dated August 28, 2009, inquiring on the validity of certain measures the Sangguniang Barangay of Pondol plans to adopt to address absenteeism during session.

It will be up to the sanggunian to change its session day to any day of the week which the members may find most convenient. The corresponding provision in the internal rules of procedure will just be amended. But this has to be the consensus of the body. In the same manner, the internal rules of procedure may be amended to incorporate the imposition of a fine on a member who failed to attend sanggunian session without prejudice to the filing of appropriate administrative complaint for such absences.

Continuous absences during session could be a ground for administrative complaint which may result in the imposition of administrative sanction. The complaint may be filed before the sangguniang bayan of Balamban or before the Office of the Ombudsman (Visayas)

Truly yours,

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR.
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