

November 7, 2007

HON. ARTILLO P. REQUIZO, JR.
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Dear Punong Barangay Requizo:

This has reference to your letter dated October 31, 2007, seeking guidance on whether or not the newly elected SK Chairperson can assume the position and discharge the duties and functions after taking her oath despite the fact that there are only two elected members of the SK Council.

In reply thereto, please be advised that the newly elected SK Chairperson in your barangay shall commence to discharge her duties and functions after taking her oath at noontime of November 30, 2007, even if there are only two elected members of the SK Council. And as the SK Chairperson she will have a seat in the sangguniang barangay as an ex-officio member. As such, she shall exercise the same powers, discharge the same duties and functions, and enjoy the same privileges as the regular sangguniang barangay members (Sec. 430, LGC). Hence, she will be entitled to receive honorarium for every sangguniang barangay session she is able to attend.

As to the second query which is on the manner of completing the membership of the SK Council, there will be a subsequent issuance on this regard just as in the last synchronized barangay and SK elections in 2002. The council membership will be completed through appointment upon authority of the President after a special election called for the purpose of completing the SK council membership still fails.

Truly yours,

PEDRO A. NOVAL, JR.
Regional Director

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