



COMMITTEE REPORT  
**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND LAND UTILIZATION**

The agenda was referred to the herein committee for review, in accordance with the Order of Business, to wit:

**Agenda No. 480 - Municipal Ordinance No. 22-015**, passed by the **Sangguniang Bayan of Samal, Bataan**, entitled, “AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION OF PARCELS OF LAND COVERED BY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NUMBERS 142756, 142757, 54907, 038-2021005317 AND 038-2021005318 WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 275,232 SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS FROM AGRICULTURAL INTO INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (FAB EXPANSION AREA) LOCATED AT BRGY. TABING ILOG AND BARANGAY LALAWIGAN, SAMAL, BATAAN. ”

The said ordinance was initially discussed last November 16, 2022 however, one of the committee members had concerns on the following: 1) exemption to Real Property Tax; 2) waived of board resolution; and 3) requirements for Freeport Area of Bataan (FAB) expansion area. In response to this, the Sangguniang Bayan of Samal submitted the Application for the Declaration as FAB expansion area, Certification and Official Receipt from the Office of the Provincial and Municipal Treasurer, and a resolution entitled “Concurrence on the application of High Tech-Global Cement Corporation of its land located at Barangay Tabing Ilog and Barangay Lalawigan, Samal, Bataan with an area of more or less 275,232 square meters to be a FAB Expansion Area and be called as “Other Fab Zone”. Furthermore, we are requesting the High Tech-Global Cement Corporation for a board resolution regarding the waiving of RPT.

In pursuant to Section 20 of the Local Government Code of 1991, a city or municipality may, through an ordinance passed by the Sanggunian after conducting public hearings for the purpose, authorize the reclassification of agricultural lands and provide for the manner of their utilization or disposition in the following cases: (1) when the land ceases to be economically feasible and sound for agricultural purposes as determined by the Department of Agriculture or (2) where the land shall have substantially greater economic value for residential, commercial, or industrial purposes, as determined by the Sanggunian concerned.

After deliberation during our Committee Meeting on **November 23, 2022**, we find that the said ordinance was passed within the scope of prescribed powers of the Sanggunian. The committee therefore recommends to declare the validity of Agenda No. 480 upon suspension of the rules in today’s session.

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Chair

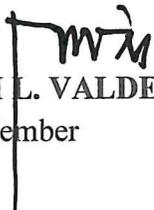
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