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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CORMOC CITY
Office of the Municipal Board
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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD BY
THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF CORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, IN ITS
SESSION HALL ON JULY 22, 1950

PRESENT:

His Honor, Lucile A. Comal		Presiding Officer
Hon. Flaviano Montesclaros		City Councilor
" Cleto P. Evangelista		" "
" Margarito G. Tugonon		" "
" Pablo S. Pajaron		" "
" Guillermo T. Parrilla		" "
" Antonio C. Cataag		" "

ABSENT:

Hon. Victorino C. Teleron		City Councilor
" Rafael D. Omega		" "

RESOLUTION NO. 127

WHEREAS, the Municipal Board, Cormoc City, upon receipt of Provincial Circular Unnumbered dated April 11, 1950 of the Department of the Interior, Manila signed by Honorable Sotero Balagut, Secretary of the Interior, the same was referred to the Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Ordinances, Honorable Victorino C. Teleron;

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Chairman on 3rd indorsement dated July 12, 1950 returned the same to the Secretary of the Municipal Board with the following comments:

"It is the opinion of the undersigned that any ordinance seeking to implement the provisions of the within attached provincial circular (unnumbered) would be illegal and would be violative of the constitutional guarantees of our citizens. We respectfully submit as basis of the foregoing opinion the highly illuminating editorial of the "Manila Chronicle" of July 11, 1950 which is quoted hereunder verbatim as follows:

"FISCAL ANGELES" RULING

"City Fiscal Eugenio Angeles must be commended for an unequivocal ruling he made the other day on a measure filed in the municipal board which would require residents of the city to report the presence and movement of strangers in their neighborhood on pain of harsh penalty. Fiscal Angeles declared that the proposed ordinance was illegal.

"Latest reports from municipal board circles state that because of the adverse opinion from the city fiscal's office, the councilors who sponsored the measure had decided to recall it.

"It is also a credit to the majority of the members of the municipal board that even before the city fiscal's opinion was sought, they had come out against the proposal. This action on their part speaks well of their understanding of civil right and indicates that so long as they remain in the majority, the people need not fear any anti-democratic ordinance from them.

"With the ruling of Fiscal Angeles we trust that no official of the city of Manila, whether appointed by higher authority or elected by the people, will have the temerity to sponsor fascist methods in order to

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safeguard democracy. We hope that those who administer city affairs realize that the most effective way of protecting the people from subversive infection is by a rigid observance of democratic processes."

The Manila Chronicle
Tuesday, July 11, 1950
Page 4, Col. 1

(SGD) VICTORINO C. TELERON
City Councilor
Chairman, Committee on Laws & Ordinances"

NOW THEREFORE;

The Board, on motion of Councilor Antonio G. Catang seconded by Councilor Guillermo T. Parrilla;

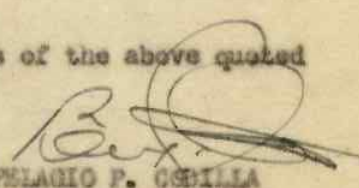
BE IT RESOLVED, as is hereby resolved to respectfully inform the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, Manila to the effect that no resolution could be passed by the Municipal Board of Ormoc City implementing on the circular unnumbered above referred to on two grounds:

1. That it is illegal and violative of the constitutional guarantees of our citizens.
2. That there is no need for implementing the circular unnumbered in question in so far as the city of Ormoc is concerned for the reason that there is no problem which affect peace and order in this city.

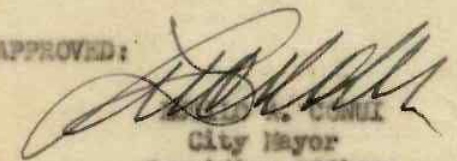
BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, to furnish copy of this resolution each to His Excellency President of the Philippines, Malacañan Palace, Manila; the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, Manila; the City Mayor, Ormoc City; the Chief of Police, Ormoc City; and the Station Commander PC, Ormoc City.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO the correctness of the above quoted resolution.


PELAGIO P. CEBILLA
Secretary

APPROVED:


City Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


FRANCISCO P. ABAS
Secretary to the City Mayor

COPY FURNISHED:

His Excellency President of the Philippines, Malacañan Palace,
Manila

Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, Manila

The City Mayor, Ormoc City

The Chief of Police, Ormoc City

The Station Commander PC, Ormoc City

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7/20/50
Crispin Solano
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