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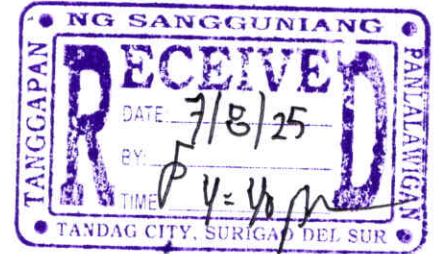
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**SUBJECT: LETTER DATED JUNE 24, 2025 REGARDING COMPLAINT AGAINST LGU OF MADRID, SURIGAO DEL SUR**

*Refer To: Committee on Laws and Justice and Human Rights*

**1<sup>st</sup> Indorsement**  
July 4, 2025



Respectfully indorsed to **Mr. Edgar G. Perez, II, J.D., Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan**, this Province, the herein basic communication from Atty. Avelino U. Falcon, Falcon Law Office & Associates, Madrid, this province, for your appropriate action.

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June 24, 2025

Hon. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL  
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**SUBJECT: COMPLAINT AGAINST LGU OF MADRID, SURIGAO DEL SUR**

Dear sir:

This is to complain against the Local Government Unit of Madrid Surigao del Sur for the installation of tomb stones (mga lapida) along the barangay road of Panayogon, Madrid, Surigao del Sur.

Engraved in the golden steel plate of these tomb/grave stones are the names of the Mayor, the Vice Mayor and its SB members. Also included in a 12 inches golden steel plate are the names of heads of various government agencies.

The tomb stones are installed 400 meters apart along the barangay road. The place where these "lapidas" are installed is just beside the barangay road that was recently concreted partially (about 500 meters) and another 500 meters where another lapida is installed with the same names as engraved in the first lapida about a few meters from the National Highway.

Another 500 meters of the same barangay road has yet to be concreted and it is expected that another tomb stone will be installed engraving therein the same names. It is rumoured that the barangay officials would like also to have their own tombs stone in the remaining unconcreted portion.

The barangay official cannot protest because they are political party mates of the same local government unit.

A number of passers by the road that is sort of a diversion to the next town, Cantilan, wonder such installation of tomb stones along the barangay road.

The presence of such lapidas are indeed attention getter and pose danger to motorists and hikers alike. With the presence of such lapidas our barangay appears to be like a Memorial Park. Vandals lighted a candle on its base and installed a wooden cross

The presence of these lapidas ruin the rather entrance from the highway to the barangay where a nice looking waiting shed and landmark were built therein. The same waiting shed and landmark were installed by a private individual without the help of the local barangay officials.

When these structures were completed, bloggers flocked the area prompting them to admire the ingenuity of the barangay officials. No less than the mayor had himself photographed by bloggers in the said area making it appear that the nice structures therein were his project.

A number of barangay residents raised howls in protest against the installations of these lapidas along our barangay road. According to them they dislike these lapidas as it appears that there is mass grave along the barely a kilometer barangay road. It ruin the landscaped the sidewalk of the said barangay road that is planted of Chinese bamboo and yellow plants.

We therefore most respectfully seek the attention of your honorable office to these seemingly lack of delicadeza if not gross ignorance of an earlier DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2010-101 re: Banning of putting names and etc. in government properties .

Thank you for your utmost and kind attention

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Very truly yours,

  
**ATTY. AVELINO U. FALCON**