



*Atty. N. Corpuz*



October 3, 2014

MS. LUZ B. VALE  
 Secretary to the Sanggunian  
 Alaminos City, Pangasinan



Dear Ms. Vale:

This pertains to your letter request seeking clarification on whether the provision under Rule XIX, Article 130 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 on the ninety (90) day period to terminate an administrative investigation by the Local Sanggunian be strictly complied with and what is the reckoning date.

The answer is in the affirmative. The ninety (90) day period should be strictly complied with considering that it is mandated by law particularly by Section 66 of RA 7160 which provides that *“the investigation of the case shall be terminated within ninety (90) days from the start thereof.”*

The reckoning date of the investigation shall be determined from the date of the first hearing set by the Sanggunian concerned which was provided in the “Notice of Hearing” issued and served to the parties involved.

We hope to have enlightened you on the issues at hand. This opinion, however, is without prejudice to any ruling or opinion rendered by a higher authority or a competent tribunal.

Warm regards.

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