

Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Ilocos Sur  
**MUNICIPALITY OF VIGAN**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**Ordinance No. 17**  
**Series of 1997**

**“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO BARANGAY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF VIGAN, ILOCOS SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”**

**SECTION 1.** The Municipal Government of Vigan shall hereby provide legal assistance to barangay and municipal officials and employees of Vigan, Ilocos Sur who, in the performance of their official duties or on the occasion thereof, have to defend themselves against legal action.

**SECTION 2.** The term “barangay officials” shall cover all duly elected and appointed barangay officials of Vigan, Ilocos Sur, including Sangguniang Kabataan officers and barangay tanods.

The term “municipal officials and employees” shall include all the elected and appointed officials and employees of Vigan. Provided, however, that the appointed officials and employees must have a permanent status of employment.

**SECTION 3.** The following shall be observed in availing the legal assistance program:

- a. The legal controversy, whether criminal, civil, or administrative in nature must be work – related;
- b. If the legal controversy is between or among the barangay and municipal officials and employees, this legal assistance program does not apply.
- c. The legal assistance herein mentioned shall include but not limited to engaging the services of lawyer(s), payment of judicial and litigation expenses, and counseling;
- d. The sustainability of this program shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated.

**SECTION 4.** A minimum amount of Forty Thousand Pesos (P40,000.00) shall be appropriated annually from the development fund of the Municipality of Vigan for the aforesaid legal assistance.

**SECTION 5.** Any ordinance found inconsistent with this shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6.** Any provision of this ordinance declared as unconstitutional or ultra vires shall not affect the others which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 7.** This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 1998.

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