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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 40114.1 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ASSIGNING A PORTION OF LOT NO. 87-5-R2 IN HAGÅTÑA, TO THE HAGÅTÑA MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES, AND TO FURTHER AUTHORIZING THAT OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF A FOOTBALL PITCH AND RELATED FACILITIES ON A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED HEREIN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds

that the vacant property located across the street from the *Hagåtña* Mayor's Office, identified as Lot No. 87-5-R2, previously identified in Public Law 22-18 as Lot No. 87-5-R1, Municipality of *Hagåtña*, is suitable for the development of a community sports and recreation area, including a football (soccer) facilities, to benefit the residents of *Hagåtña* and surrounding villages. Through this Act, the *Hagåtña* Mayor's Office is authorized to identify a portion of the vacant property to which it is assigned by this policy for a football pitch and related facilities and establish a Memorandum of Agreement with the Guam Football Association as may be necessary for the construction and management of such facilities.

1 **Section 2. Assignment of a Portion of Lot No. 87-5-R2 in Hagåtña to the**
2 **Hagåtña Mayor’s Office.** A new § 40114.1 is *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 40,
3 Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

4 **“§ 40114.1. Hagåtña Community Sports and Recreational Facilities.**

5 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law including, but not limited to,
6 the Government of Guam Reserved Lands List adopted in Public Law 22-18, a
7 portion not to exceed 18,000 square meters of the property identified as Lot No. 87-
8 5-R2 consisting of approximately 49,777 square meters (referenced in Parceling
9 Survey Map – Department of Land Management Instrument Number 989376
10 recorded on August 1, 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”), previously identified
11 in Public Law 22-18 as Lot No. 87-5-R1, Municipality of Hagåtña, as described
12 herein, is hereby placed under the administrative jurisdiction of the Hagåtña
13 Mayor’s Office for the purposes authorized by this Act.

14 (b) The Hagåtña Mayor’s Office shall utilize the property solely for the
15 construction and operation of a football pitch and community sports and recreational
16 facilities which shall be made available for public use.

17 (c) The Hagåtña Mayor’s Office shall ensure that the property remains
18 accessible to the public and that no portion of the land is used for commercial
19 purposes inconsistent with community recreational use.

20 (d) The Hagåtña Mayor’s Office shall have full authority over the planning
21 and public procurement of construction, operation, repair, and maintenance of the
22 facilities if public or grant funds are to be utilized. All upkeep, improvements, and
23 related work shall further be carried out under the direction and supervision of the
24 Hagåtña Mayor’s Office.

25 (e) The Hagåtña Mayor’s Office is authorized to seek funding from public
26 and private sources, including grants, appropriations, and donations, for the purpose

1 of developing, maintaining, and repairing community sports and recreational
2 facilities established on the property pursuant to this Act.

3 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the *Hagåtña* Mayor's Office
4 is authorized to lease a portion of the land identified herein to the Guam Football
5 Association for a period to be mutually agreed upon by both parties, but not to
6 exceed thirty (30) years. Such lease shall be limited to management and maintenance
7 operations; the scheduling of games and events; the sale of advertising signage; and
8 improvement of the football pitch, structures, lighting, and other provisions mutually
9 agreed upon between the *Hagåtña* Mayor's Office and the Guam Football
10 Association and not inconsistent with existing laws. The Guam Football Association
11 shall not have the authority to sublet, transfer or assign such lease to other parties
12 without prior approval of *I Liheslatura*.

13 (g) The Department of Land Management shall cause a survey of the property
14 identified as Lot Not. 87-5-R2, previously identified in Public Law 22-18 as Lot No.
15 87-5-R1, Municipality of *Hagåtña*, to be conducted in order to establish and confirm
16 the metes and bounds and to prepare an official survey map of said property. The
17 Director of Land Management is hereby authorized to undertake such actions as may
18 be necessary to complete the survey, subdivide the property if necessary and to
19 coordinate with the Department of Public Works or any other relevant agencies as
20 needed.

21 (h) If space permits, the *Hagåtña* Mayor's Office may include additional
22 community amenities such as walking paths including routes connecting to the
23 *Hagåtña* Riverwalk Trail as described and developed in accordance with the
24 *Hagåtña* Master Plan, a children's playground, and a community pavilion or covered
25 gathering area to enhance recreational opportunities and encourage community
26 engagement. All such improvements shall be designed and constructed in harmony

1 with the primary purpose of the property as a football pitch and community sports
2 and recreation area.”

3 **Section 3. Exemption.** § 2107 of Chapter 2, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated,
4 and the Standing Rules of *I Mina Trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* relative to
5 the appraisals of land, shall not apply to this Act.

6 **Section 4. Effective Date.** The provisions of this Act shall be effective upon
7 enactment.

