

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Imus City, Cavite

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE**

IN RE: PETITION FOR RENEWAL OF  
ACCREDITATION TO PUBLISH  
LEGAL AND JUDICIAL NOTICES,

P.A. No. 232-21

**CAVITE TIMES JOURNAL,**  
Represented by FRANCIA A.  
ORLAIN,

*Petitioner,*

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**ORDER**

This is a verified petition<sup>1</sup> for renewal of accreditation to publish legal and judicial notices filed by petitioner on March 3, 2021.

The Court issued a Notice of Hearing dated March 4, 2021<sup>2</sup> setting the petition for initial hearing on April 26, 2021. The initial hearing was reset to May 24, 2021 due to technical difficulties during the videoconference hearing.<sup>3</sup>

On May 24, 2021, however, the Court received an opposition to the petition and submitted the same for resolution.<sup>4</sup> The opposition was denied for lack of merit on May 27, 2021.<sup>5</sup>

At the initial hearing on June 21, 2021, petitioner's counsel marked several exhibits to prove compliance with the jurisdictional requirements. There being no opposition, the Court allowed petitioner to present evidence *ex parte* on June 30, 2021.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Petition, marked as Exhibit "A".

<sup>2</sup>Notice of Hearing, marked as Exhibit "B".

<sup>3</sup>Court's Order dated April 26, 2021.

<sup>4</sup>Court's Order dated May 24, 2021.

<sup>5</sup>Court's Resolution dated May 27, 2021.

<sup>6</sup>Court's Order dated June 21, 2021.

The petitioner presented the testimony of its publisher and offered its documentary exhibits on July 22, 2021 and submitted additional exhibits on November 5, 2021.<sup>7</sup>

On November 8, 2021, the Court issued an Order finding the documents submitted by petitioner to be in proper order and thereby admitting Exhibits "A" to "U" and series as evidence for petitioner. The Court also submitted the petition for decision in the same Order.<sup>8</sup>

After going over the petition and the documentary evidence presented, the Court made the following findings:

Cavite Times Journal is a weekly local newspaper published every Tuesday and is duly registered with the Department of Trade and Industry ("DTI"), National Library of the Philippines ("NLP"), Philippine Post Office ("Philpost"), and Publishers Association of the Philippines ("PAP").

It has secured business permits from the City of Imus, Cavite, the Barangay, and the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Its DTI-registered principal place of business is Lot 15 B-4 Street Sunnydale The Garden Village, Bucandala 5, Imus City, Cavite with landline number at 046-489-9480 and email address at cavitetimesjournal\_mf@yahoo.com.

The publisher of the newspaper is Francis A. Ordain, of legal age single, Filipino, and a resident of Lot 15 B-4 St. Sunnydale The Garden Village, Bucandala 5, Imus City, Cavite. The editorial consultant is Eli Taparan II, Filipino, of legal age, and with postal address at Bldg. 13 Lot 14 Tiepolo Street, Phase 2 Citta Italia Mambag 3, Bacoor City, Cavite.

The total number of copies printed as of January 2020 is One Thousand (1,000) copies per week and has been regularly published for about seventeen (17) years now. It has its first issue on March 29 to May 4 to 10, 2004. The newspaper is edited, published, and circulated within the province of Cavite, where accreditation is sought. It does not reproduce or reprint news from other newspaper or periodicals within the National Capital Region and the Regional Trial Court involved.

<sup>7</sup>Court's Order dated November 8, 2021.  
<sup>8</sup>Id.

It carries a commercial display advertising and has submitted a copy of its advertising contract, newspaper issue containing advertisements, statement of account and official receipts.

It also submitted at least three (3) of its newspaper issues, showing format for legal and judicial notices prescribed under Section 4 of P.D. 1079 prescribing the following:

- i. Font size of eight points for the text or less and not more than 10 points for the heading;
- ii. Column width of more, but not less than nine cms; and
- iii. Single spacing for text and heading.

From the foregoing, it is established that the petitioner has all the qualifications and none of the disqualifications as set forth under Presidential Decree No. 1079 and A.M. No. 01-1-07-SC (Guidelines in the Accreditation of Newspapers and Periodicals Seeking to Publish Judicial and Legal Notices and Other Similar Announcements and in the Raffle Thereof).

**WHEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, the instant petition is hereby **GRANTED**. The accreditation shall be valid within five (5) years from the date of approval unless suspended or revoked in accordance with the guidelines.

Let **CAVITE TIMES JOURNAL** be included in the list of accredited newspapers, which shall be posted in three conspicuous places, including the bulletin boards of the Courts in Imus City, Cavite.

SO ORDERED.

City of Imus, Cavite, November 15, 2021.

  
**MARY CHARLENE V. HERNANDEZ-AZURA**  
Executive Judge