



ORDINANCE NO. SP- **1334**, S-2003

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING GRANADA STREET, BARANGAY VALENCIA, QUEZON CITY, TO JOSE O. VERA STREET.

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Introduced by Councilors ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, JANET M. MALAYA, RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN, III, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ERIC Z. MEDINA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN and JORGE L. BANAL.

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WHEREAS, streets, avenues, boulevards, parks, playgrounds, historical spots and other public places are so named so as to signify and perpetuate the greatness and nobility of certain personage of note, or the significance of certain events;

WHEREAS, Section 13, paragraph b (2) of the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that:

“The *sanggunian* of highly urbanized cities and component cities whose charters prohibit their voters from voting for provincial elective officials hereinafter referred to in this Code as independent component cities, may, in consultation with Philippine Historical Commission, change the name of the following within its territorial jurisdiction:

(1) x x x x x x x

(2) City roads, avenues, boulevards, thoroughfares and bridges”

x x x x x x x

WHEREAS, as mandated by the above-quoted provision of the Local Government Code, consultation was made with the National Historical Institute and said government agency interposed no objection to the herein measure;

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WHEREAS, Jose O. Vera who was born in Pandan, Catanduanes, was a brilliant student, always garnering the highest honors. He finished Licentiate in Commerce, Summa Cum Laude, in 1906 and Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, in 1909 from San Juan de Letran;

WHEREAS, he graduated as Valedictorian with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1913 at Escuela de Derecho and was a winner of the Dean's Medal of Excellence. He finished his post-graduate study as Doctor of Civil Law in 1941 at the University of Sto. Tomas;

WHEREAS, at the age of 26, he was elected Representative of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Albay in 1916. He was elected Governor of Albay 1919-1925, and became Senator from the 6<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District until 1935. He was the first eight Senators elected nationwide in 1946, the first from Bicolandia;

WHEREAS, he was a Judge of the Court of First Instance of Manila in 1936 -1943, and was later appointed Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals in 1943;

WHEREAS, an authority in Civil Law, he authored the present Marriage Law, popularly known as the Vera Law;

WHEREAS, in 1938, he became one of the pioneers of the Motion Picture Industry in the Philippines, and, together with his nephew, Cong. Pedro Vera, they founded Sampaguita Pictures;

WHEREAS, the late Sen. Jose O. Vera, the founder of Sampaguita Pictures, has served our country as Senator and Governor of Albay;

WHEREAS, in 1940, he moved his family from Manila to Quezon City, where the Sampaguita Pictures property is currently located;

WHEREAS, he has also a big contribution to the enhancement of our Philippine movie industry, employing thousands in the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, Sampaguita Pictures became the center of activity for movie entertainment, the other studios followed by establishing their outfits here in Quezon City, thus making the City the Entertainment Capital of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, as a faithful resident of Quezon City with an abiding commitment toward the progress of the city and its inhabitants, the late Senator Jose O. Vera exemplified a life centered on others, not on him;

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*



WHEREAS, in order to extol his name, virtues and accomplishments to our society, it is most befitting to use his name on a street where motorists and pedestrians passing along the street from all over Metro Manila and from the different parts of the country will remember him.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

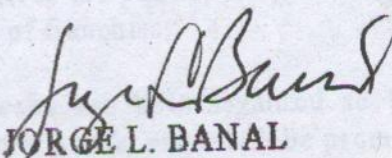
SECTION 1. Granada Street in Barangay Valencia, Quezon City, is hereby renamed as Jose O. Vera Street.

SECTION 2. To avoid the inconvenience that may arise in the delivery of postal matters and in guiding people accustomed to the old name, the signage of the new street shall include "Granada Street" to be printed at the bottom of the signage "Jose O. Vera Street" for at least two (2) years.

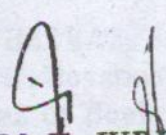
SECTION 3. The Office of the President, the Congressman of the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Quezon City and the Director of the Postal Services Office, as well as all agencies concerned, shall be notified of this Ordinance pursuant to Section 13 paragraph (h) of the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

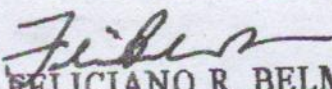
ENACTED: October 7, 2003.

  
JORGE L. BANAL  
President Pro-Tempore  
Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

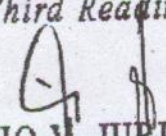
  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: Nov. 27, 2003

  
FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on October 7, 2003, was finally PASSED on Third Reading by the City Council on October 21, 2003.

  
EUGENIO V. JURILLA  
City Council Secretary

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