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DILG-13 OPINION NO. 19-A

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Atty. CONRAD C. CEJOCO
Vice Mayor
City of Bislig

Thru: Mr. Pedrito P. Alacaba
Provincial Director, DILG
Surigao del Sur

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Dear Atty. Cejoco:

This refers to your letter seeking opinion on the validity and legality of Memorandum Order No. 52 dated April 12, 2012 requiring all department heads under the executive department to seek mayor's permission before they can appear in the sanggunian and the invitation by the latter should be in writing specifying the information to be elicited.

In response thereto, please be informed that the Department has already answered a similar query in DILG Opinion No. 8, s. 2004 that it is proper and legal that a department head or any official under the executive department should first secure mayor's permission or approval before any appearance is made by him/her before the sanggunian, in aid of legislation. Nevertheless, it is also the duty of the mayor to furnish necessary information and data to the sanggunian.

For your ready reference, attached is the copy of the said opinion.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
LILIBETH A. FAMACION, CESO IV
OIC - Regional Director