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AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS IN THE  
PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE  
KNOWN AS THE CITY OF IMUS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in  
Congress assembled:*

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Charter of the  
City of Imus”.

SEC. 2. *The City of Imus.* – The Municipality of Imus shall be  
converted into a component city to be known as the City of Imus, hereinafter  
referred to as the City, which shall comprise the present territory of the  
Municipality of Imus, Province of Cavite.

The territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be within the present metes  
and bounds of the Municipality of Imus.

1           The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by  
2 the appropriate agency or forum of any boundary dispute or case involving  
3 questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Imus and the adjoining  
4 local government units: *Provided*, That the territorial jurisdiction of the  
5 disputed area or areas shall remain with the local government unit which has  
6 existing administrative supervision over said area or areas until the final  
7 resolution of the case.

8           SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers of the City.* – The City constitutes a  
9 political body corporate and as such is endowed with the attributes of perpetual  
10 succession and possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal  
11 corporation to be exercised in conformity with the provision of this Charter.  
12 The City shall have the following corporate powers:

- 13           (a) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;  
14           (b) To sue and be sued;  
15           (c) To have and use a corporate seal;  
16           (d) To acquire, hold and convey real or personal property;  
17           (e) To enter into any contract and/or agreement; and  
18           (f) To exercise such other powers, prerogatives or authority subject to  
19 the limitations provided in this Act or laws.

20           SEC. 4. *General Powers.* – The City shall have a common seal and  
21 may alter the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That any change of corporate seal  
22 shall be registered with the Department of the Interior and Local Government  
23 (DILG). It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes; to close and open roads,  
24 streets, alleys, parks or squares; to take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey  
25 and dispose of real and personal property for the general interests of the City;  
26 to expropriate or condemn private property for public use; to contract and to be

1 contracted with; to sue and be sued; to prosecute and defend to final judgment  
2 and execution suits wherein the City is involved or interested in; and to  
3 exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations or as hereinafter  
4 conferred.

5       SEC. 5. *Liability for Damages.* – The City and its officials shall  
6 not be exempt from liability for death or injury to persons or damage to  
7 property.

8       SEC. 6. *Jurisdiction of the City.* – The jurisdiction of the City, for  
9 police purposes only, shall be coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction and,  
10 for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the purity of the water supply of the  
11 City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all the territory within the  
12 drainage area of such water supply, or within one hundred meters (100 m.) of  
13 any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station used in connection  
14 with the city water service.

15       The city court of the City of Imus shall have concurrent jurisdiction with  
16 the city or municipal court of the adjoining municipalities or cities, to try  
17 crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area or within said  
18 spaces of one hundred meters (100 m.).

19       The court first taking cognizance of such an offense shall have  
20 jurisdiction to try cases to the exclusion of others. The police forces of several  
21 municipalities and cities concerned shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the  
22 police forces of the City for the maintenance of good order and the  
23 enforcement of ordinances throughout said zone, area or spaces. But any  
24 license that may be issued within said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by  
25 the proper authorities of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees  
26 arising therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality  
27 concerned and not to the City.

## ARTICLE II

## CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL

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3       SEC. 7. *The Officials of the City of Imus.* – (a) There shall be in the  
4 City of Imus: a city mayor, a city vice mayor, sangguniang panlungsod  
5 members, a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer and an  
6 assistant city treasurer, a city assessor and an assistant city assessor, a city  
7 accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and development officer, a  
8 city engineer and an assistant city engineer, a city health officer and an  
9 assistant city health officer, a city civil registrar and an assistant city civil  
10 registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city social welfare and  
11 development officer, a city veterinarian, a city general services officer, a city  
12 environment and natural resources officer, a city architect, a city information  
13 officer, a city cooperatives officer, a city agriculturist, a city tourism and  
14 cultural affairs officer and a city human resource development officer.

15       (b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint a city population  
16 officer and a city building official.

17       (c) There shall be established in the City, a city fire station to be  
18 headed by a city fire marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden and  
19 a city schools division to be headed by a city schools division superintendent.

20       (d) The City of Imus may:

21       (1) Maintain existing offices not mentioned in subsections (a), (b) and  
22 (c) hereof;

23       (2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the  
24 purposes of the City; or

25       (3) Consolidate the functions of any office with those of another in the  
26 interest of efficiency and economy.

27       (e) Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices  
28 shall be appointed by the city mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all

1 the sangguniang panlungsod members, subject to civil service law, rules and  
2 regulations. The sangguniang panlungsod shall act on the appointment within  
3 fifteen (15) days from the day of its submission, otherwise the same shall be  
4 deemed confirmed.

### 5 ARTICLE III

#### 6 THE CITY MAYOR AND THE CITY VICE MAYOR

7 SEC. 8. *The City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor shall be the chief  
8 executive of the City and shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the  
9 City. No person shall be eligible for the position of city mayor unless, at the  
10 time of the election, one is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of  
11 the City for at least one (1) year prior to his election and a qualified voter  
12 therein. The city mayor shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner  
13 removed, and shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding  
14 to Salary Grade Thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758,  
15 otherwise known as the “Compensation and Position Classification Act of  
16 1989” and its implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

17 The city mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall  
18 exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided  
19 herein.

20 (b) For efficient, effective and economical governance, the purpose of  
21 which is the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants, the city mayor  
22 shall:

23 (l) Exercise those powers expressly granted to him by law, those  
24 necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or  
25 incidental for the efficient and effective governance of the City, and those  
26 which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare:

27 (i) Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to the  
28 sangguniang panlungsod for the program of government;

1 (ii) Direct the formulation of the city development plan, with the  
2 assistance of the city development council and, upon approval thereof by the  
3 sangguniang panlungsod, implement the same;

4 (iii) Present the program of government and propose policies and  
5 projects for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod at the opening of  
6 the regular session of the sangguniang panlungsod every calendar year and as  
7 often as may be deemed necessary as the general welfare of the inhabitants and  
8 the needs of the city government may require;

9 (iv) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the sangguniang  
10 panlungsod and, as often as may be deemed necessary, provide such  
11 information and data needed or requested by said sanggunian in the  
12 performance of its legislative functions;

13 (v) Appoint all officials and employees whose appointments are not  
14 otherwise provided for in this Act, as well as those he may be authorized by  
15 law to appoint;

16 (vi) Represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its  
17 behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations, and such other documents upon the  
18 authority of the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance;

19 (vii) Carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during  
20 and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

21 (viii) Determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or  
22 wages of the officials and employees of the City, in accordance with law or  
23 ordinance;

24 (ix) Allocate and assign office space to the City and other officials and  
25 employees who, by law or ordinance, are entitled to such space in the office  
26 and other buildings owned or leased by the city government;

27 (x) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City  
28 faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided for by law and

1 Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local  
2 Government Code of 1991, and cause to be instituted administrative or judicial  
3 proceedings against any official or employee of the City who may have  
4 committed an offense in the performance of his official duties;

5 (xi) Examine the books, records and other documents of all offices,  
6 officials, agents or employees of the City and, in aid of executive powers and  
7 authority, require all national officials and employees stationed in or assigned  
8 to the City to make available to him such books, records and other documents  
9 in their custody, except those classified by law as confidential;

10 (xii) Furnish copies of executive orders issued to the Office of the  
11 President and the Office of the Secretary of the DILG within seventy-two (72)  
12 hours after their issuance;

13 (xiii) Visit component barangays of the City at least once every six (6)  
14 months to deepen his understanding of the problems and conditions, listen and  
15 give appropriate counsel to local officials and inhabitants of general laws and  
16 ordinances which especially concern them, and otherwise conduct visits and  
17 inspections to ensure that the governance of the City will improve the quality  
18 of life of the inhabitants;

19 (xiv) Act on leave applications of officials and employees appointed  
20 and on the commutation of the monetary value of their leave credits in  
21 accordance with law;

22 (xv) Authorize official trips of city officials and employees outside of  
23 the City for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days: *Provided*, That the trips  
24 abroad or for a longer period may be authorized in accordance with the Local  
25 Government Code of 1991;

26 (xvi) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or  
27 assigned to the City for advise on matters affecting the City and to make  
28 recommendations thereon; coordinate with the said officials and employees in

1 the formulation and the implementation of plans, programs and projects; and,  
2 when appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national  
3 government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the  
4 performance of official duties while stationed in or assigned to the City;

5 (xvii) Authorize payment for medical care, necessary transportation,  
6 subsistence, hospital or medical fees of city officials and employees who are  
7 injured while in the performance of their official duties and functions, subject  
8 to the availability of funds;

9 (xviii) Solemnize marriages, any provision of law to the contrary  
10 notwithstanding;

11 (xix) Conduct an annual palarong panlungsod which shall feature  
12 *traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international games*,  
13 in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED); and

14 (xx) Submit to the provincial governor the following reports: an annual  
15 report containing a summary of all matters pertinent to the management,  
16 administration and development of the City and all information and data  
17 relative to its political, social and economic conditions; and supplemental  
18 reports when unexpected events and situations arise at any time during the  
19 year, particularly when man-made and natural disasters or calamities affect the  
20 general welfare of the City.

21 (2) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the  
22 City and in the exercise of its appropriate corporate powers, as well as  
23 implement all approved policies, programs, projects, services and activities of  
24 the City; and, in addition, shall:

25 (i) Ensure that the acts of the City's component barangays and of its  
26 officials and employees are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties  
27 and functions;



1 (ii) Call conventions, conferences, seminars or meetings of elective and  
2 appointive officials of the City, including national officials and employees  
3 stationed in or assigned to the City, at such time and place and on such subject  
4 as may be deemed important for the promotion of the general welfare of the  
5 local government unit and its inhabitants;

6 (iii) Issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate  
7 enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

8 (iv) Be entitled to carry the necessary firearms within the territorial  
9 jurisdiction;

10 (v) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police  
11 Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City and, upon its  
12 approval, implement the same, and as such, exercise general and operational  
13 control and supervision over police forces in the City in accordance with  
14 Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the "Department of the Interior  
15 and Local Government Act of 1990"; and

16 (vi) Call upon the law enforcement agencies to suppress disorder, riot,  
17 lawless violence, rebellion, sedition, or apprehend violators of the law when  
18 public interest so requires and the city police forces are inadequate to cope  
19 with the situation or the violators.

20 (3) Initiate and maximize the generation of resources and revenues, and  
21 apply the same to the implementation of development plans, program  
22 objectives and priorities, particularly those resources and revenues  
23 programmed for agro-industrial development and countryside growth and  
24 progress and, relative thereto, shall:

25 (i) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and  
26 submit an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in  
27 accordance with the budget preparation process enshrined under the Local  
28 Government Code of 1991;

1           (ii) Prepare and submit to the sanggunian for approval the executive  
2 and supplemental budgets of the City for the ensuing calendar year in the  
3 manner provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

4           (iii) Ensure that all taxes and other revenues of the City are collected,  
5 and that city funds are applied to the payment of expenses and the settlement of  
6 obligations of the City, in accordance with law or ordinance;

7           (iv) Issue licenses and permits and suspend or revoke the same for any  
8 violation of the conditions upon which said licenses or permits had been  
9 issued, pursuant to law or ordinance;

10           (v) Issue permits, without need of approval therefore from any national  
11 agency, for the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare purpose,  
12 excluding prohibited games of chance or shows contrary to law, public policy  
13 and public morals;

14           (vi) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or other  
15 structures to obtain the necessary permits, subject to such fines and penalties as  
16 may be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make necessary changes in the  
17 construction of the same when said construction violates any law or ordinance,  
18 or to order the demolition or removal of said house, building or structure  
19 within the period prescribed by law or ordinance;

20           (vii) Adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral,  
21 marine, forest and other resources of the City;

22           (viii) Provide efficient and effective property and supply management  
23 in the City and protect the funds, credits, rights and other properties of the  
24 City; and

25           (ix) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial  
26 proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes, fees, charges,  
27 and for the recovery of funds and property; and cause the City to be defended

1 against all suits to ensure that its interests, resources and rights shall be  
2 adequately protected.

3 (4) Ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate  
4 facilities and, in addition thereto, shall:

5 (i) Ensure that the construction and repair of roads and highways  
6 funded by the national government shall be, as far as practicable, carried out in  
7 a spatially contiguous manner and in coordination with the construction and  
8 repair of the roads and bridges of the City; and

9 (ii) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including  
10 public works and infrastructure programs, rendered by national offices.

11 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
12 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
13 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

14 (c) During his incumbency, the city mayor shall hold office in the city  
15 hall.

16 SEC. 9. *The City Vice Mayor.* – (a) There shall be a city vice mayor  
17 who shall be elected in the same manner as the city mayor and shall, at the time  
18 of the election, possess the same qualifications as the city mayor. The city vice  
19 mayor shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall  
20 receive a monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-six  
21 (26) as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing  
22 guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

23 (b) The city vice mayor shall:

24 (1) Be the presiding officer of the sangguniang panlungsod and sign all  
25 warrants drawn on the city treasury for all expenditures appropriated for the  
26 operation of the sangguniang panlungsod;

1 (2) Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all  
2 officials and employees of the sangguniang panlungsod, except those whose  
3 manner of appointment is specifically provided for under existing laws;

4 (3) Assume the office of the city mayor for the unexpired term of the  
5 latter in the event of permanent vacancy;

6 (4) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the city  
7 mayor in case of temporary vacancy; and

8 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
9 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
10 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

#### 11 ARTICLE IV

#### 12 THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

13 SEC. 10. *Composition.* – (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, the  
14 legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as the  
15 presiding officer, the twelve (12) regular sanggunian members, the president of  
16 the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na  
17 pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and the sectoral representatives, as  
18 members.

19 (b) In addition thereto, there shall be three (3) sectoral representatives:  
20 one (1) from the women sector; and, as shall be determined by the sangguniang  
21 panlungsod within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections,  
22 one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers sector; and one (1) from the  
23 other sectors, including urban poor or disabled persons.

24 (c) The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod and sectoral  
25 representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided by law.

26 SEC. 11. *Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation.* – (a) The  
27 sangguniang panlungsod, as the legislative body of the City, shall enact  
28 ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare

1 of the City and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government  
2 Code of 1991 and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the City as  
3 provided for under Section 22 of the Local Government Code of 1991, and  
4 shall:

5 (l) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient  
6 and effective city government and, in this connection, shall:

7 (i) Review all ordinances approved by the sangguniang barangay and  
8 executive orders issued by the punong barangay to determine whether these are  
9 within the scope of the prescribed powers of the sangguniang barangay and of  
10 the punong barangay;

11 (ii) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and  
12 suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose  
13 penalties for the violation of said ordinances;

14 (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five thousand  
15 pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year,  
16 or both, at the discretion of the court, for violation of a city ordinance;

17 (iv) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from the  
18 harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide  
19 relief services and assistance to victims during and in the aftermath of said  
20 disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following  
21 said events;

22 (v) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose  
23 appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy,  
24 mendicancy, prostitution, the establishment and maintenance of house of  
25 ill-repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices  
26 and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug  
27 dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or

1 exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications and such other  
2 activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the City;

3 (vi) Protect the environment and, to this end, it may set aside at least  
4 ten percent (10%) of its development funds for the purpose of maintaining and  
5 enhancing the ecological balance of the City. It may also impose appropriate  
6 penalties for acts which endanger the environment, such as smuggling of  
7 natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and fauna,  
8 slash-and-burn farming and such other activities which result in pollution,  
9 acceleration of siltation of rivers and lakes or of ecological imbalance;

10 (vii) Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991  
11 and other pertinent laws, determine the powers and duties of officials and  
12 employees of the City;

13 (viii) Determine the positions and the salaries, wages, allowances and  
14 other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or  
15 mainly from city funds and provide for expenditures necessary for the proper  
16 conduct of programs, projects, services and activities of the city government;

17 (ix) Authorize the payment of compensation to a qualified person not in  
18 the government service who fills in a temporary vacancy or grant honoraria to  
19 any qualified official or employee designated to fill in a temporary vacancy in  
20 a concurrent capacity at the rate authorized by law;

21 (x) Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefore for the  
22 safety and protection of all city government properties, public documents or  
23 records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership, records of  
24 births, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business permits and  
25 such other records and documents of public interest in the offices and  
26 departments of the city government;

27 (xi) When the finances of the city government allow, provide for  
28 additional allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public

1 elementary and high school teachers, and other national government employees  
2 stationed in or assigned to the City;

3 (xii) Provide legal assistance to barangay officials who, in the  
4 performance of their official duties or on the occasion thereof, have to initiate  
5 judicial proceedings or defend themselves against legal actions; and

6 (xiii) Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverage for  
7 all barangay officials, including members of barangay tanod brigades and  
8 service units, with public or private insurance companies, when the finances of  
9 the city government allow said coverage.

10 (2) Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the  
11 development plans, program objectives and priorities of the City, with  
12 particular attention to agro-industrial development and citywide growth and  
13 progress, and relative thereto, shall:

14 (i) Approve the annual and supplemental budgets of the city  
15 government and appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and  
16 activities of the City, or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to  
17 promote the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants;

18 (ii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code  
19 of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the members of  
20 the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances levying taxes, fees and charges,  
21 prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific purposes and granting tax  
22 exemptions, incentives or reliefs;

23 (iii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government  
24 Code of 1991 and, upon the majority vote of all the members of the  
25 sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to negotiate and contract  
26 loans and other forms of indebtedness;

27 (iv) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government  
28 Code of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the

1 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances authorizing the  
2 floating of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness, for the purpose of  
3 raising funds to finance development projects;

4 (v) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the  
5 rental of buildings for the use of the City and, upon the majority vote of all the  
6 members of the sangguniang panglungsod, authorize the city mayor to lease to  
7 private parties such public buildings held in a proprietary capacity, subject to  
8 existing laws, rules and regulations;

9 (vi) Prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property  
10 within the jurisdiction of the City;

11 (vii) Adopt a comprehensive land-use plan for the City and ensure that  
12 the formulation, adoption or modification of said plan shall be in coordination  
13 with the approved provincial comprehensive land-use plan;

14 (viii) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to the  
15 pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

16 (ix) Enact integrated zoning ordinances in consonance with the  
17 approved comprehensive land-use plan, subject to existing laws, rules and  
18 regulations; establish fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers; and  
19 regulate the construction, repair or modification of buildings within said limits  
20 or zones in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Code of the Philippines;

21 (x) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for  
22 residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development purposes,  
23 and to collect processing fees and other charges, the proceeds of which shall  
24 accrue entirely to the City: *Provided, however,* That where approval of a  
25 national agency or office is required, said approval shall not be withheld for  
26 more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the application. Failure to act on the  
27 application within the period stated above shall be deemed as approval thereof;



1 (xi) With the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the  
2 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, grant tax exemptions, incentives or  
3 reliefs to entities engaged in community growth-inducing industries, subject to  
4 the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

5 (xii) Grant loans or provide grants to other local government units or to  
6 national, provincial and city charitable, benevolent or educational institutions:  
7 *Provided*, That said institutions are operated and maintained within the City;

8 (xiii) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other  
9 buildings; and

10 (xiv) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles of  
11 commerce.

12 (3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code  
13 of 1991, enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of  
14 permits or licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to  
15 promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and, pursuant to this  
16 legislative authority, shall:

17 (i) Fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all services  
18 rendered by the city government to private persons or entities;

19 (ii) Regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of  
20 profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for said  
21 business or practice of profession may be revoked and enact ordinances  
22 levying taxes thereon;

23 (iii) Provide for and set the terms and conditions under which public  
24 utilities owned by the City shall be operated by the city government and  
25 prescribe the conditions under which the same may be leased to private  
26 persons or entities, preferably cooperatives;

1 (iv) Regulate the display of and fix the license fees for signs,  
2 signboards or billboards at the place or places where the profession or business  
3 advertised thereby is, in whole or in part, conducted;

4 (v) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the  
5 establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate  
6 cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: *Provided*, That existing  
7 rights should not be prejudiced;

8 (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of  
9 Transportation and Communications (DOTC), regulate the operation of  
10 tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial  
11 jurisdiction of the City; and

12 (vii) Upon approval by a majority vote of all the members of the  
13 sangguniang panlungsod, grant a franchise to any person, partnership,  
14 corporation or cooperative to do business within the City; establish, construct,  
15 operate and maintain ferries, wharves, markets or slaughterhouses; or  
16 undertake such other activities within the City as may be allowed by existing  
17 laws: *Provided*, That cooperatives shall be given preference in the grant of  
18 such franchise.

19 (4) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and  
20 structures within the City in order to promote the general welfare and, for the  
21 said purpose, shall:

22 (i) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;

23 (ii) Require that buildings and the premises thereof and any land within  
24 the City be kept and maintained in a sanitary condition; impose penalties for  
25 any violation thereof; or upon failure to comply with the said requirement,  
26 have the work done at the expense of the owner, administrator or tenant  
27 concerned; and require the filling up of any lands or premises to a grade  
28 necessary for proper sanitation;

1 (iii) Regulate the disposal of clinical and other wastes from hospitals,  
2 clinics and other similar establishments;

3 (iv) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of  
4 restaurants, beerhouses, hotels, motels, inns, pension houses, lodging houses  
5 and other similar establishments, including tourist guides and transports;

6 (v) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any intoxicating  
7 malt, vino, mixed of fermented liquors at any retail outlets;

8 (vi) Regulate the establishment and provide for the inspection of steam  
9 boilers or any heating device in buildings and the storage of inflammable and  
10 highly combustible materials within the City;

11 (vii) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of any  
12 entertainment or amusement facilities, including the theatrical performances,  
13 circuses, billiard halls, public dancing schools, public dance halls, sauna baths,  
14 massage parlors and other places for entertainment or amusement; regulate  
15 such other events or activities for amusement or entertainment, particularly  
16 those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants, or require  
17 the suspension or suppression of the same; or prohibit certain forms of  
18 amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of  
19 the community;

20 (viii) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping  
21 of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or  
22 disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to  
23 animals; and

24 (ix) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral  
25 parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws, rules  
26 and regulations.

1           (5) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective  
2 delivery of basic services and facilities as provided for under the Local  
3 Government Code of 1991 and, in addition to said services and facilities, shall:

4           (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection and  
5 conservation of tree parks and greenbelts;

6           (ii) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize  
7 the operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction and  
8 operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and  
9 structures;

10           (iii) Authorize the establishment, maintenance and operation by the  
11 city government of ferries, wharves, and/or other structures intended to  
12 accelerate productivity related to marine life in the preservation thereof;

13           (iv) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish,  
14 vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products and other foodstuffs for public  
15 consumption;

16           (v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges,  
17 parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement,  
18 repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and  
19 terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which  
20 serve the public; regulate garages and the operation of conveyances for hire;  
21 designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate  
22 the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; and  
23 provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

24           (vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit encroachment  
25 or obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare,  
26 authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public  
27 places;

1           (vii) Subject to existing laws, establish and provide for the  
2 maintenance, repair and operation of an efficient waterworks system to supply  
3 water for the inhabitants and to purify the source of the water supply; regulate  
4 the construction, maintenance, repair and use of hydrants, pumps, cisterns and  
5 reservoirs; protect the purity and the quantity of the water supply of the City  
6 and, for this purpose, extend the coverage of appropriate ordinances over all  
7 territory within the drainage area of said water supply within one hundred  
8 meters (100 m.) of the reservoir, canal, conduit, aqueduct, pumping station and  
9 watershed used in connection with the water service; and regulate the  
10 consumption, use or wastage of water and fix and collect charges thereof;

11           (viii) Regulate the drilling and excavation of the ground for the laying  
12 of water, gas, sewer and other pipes, and the construction, repair and  
13 maintenance of public drains, sewers, cesspools, tunnels and similar structures;  
14 regulate the placing of poles and the use of crosswalks, curbs and gutters;  
15 adopt measures to ensure public safety against open canals, manholes, live  
16 wires and other similar hazards to life and property; and regulate the  
17 construction and use of private water closets, privies and other similar  
18 structures in buildings and homes;

19           (ix) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair and  
20 construction of all gas mains, electric telegraph and telephone wires, conduits,  
21 meters and other apparatus; and provide for the correction, condemnation or  
22 removal of the same when found to be dangerous to the welfare of the  
23 inhabitants;

24           (x) Subject to the availability of funds and to existing laws, rules and  
25 regulations, establish and provide for the operation of vocational and technical  
26 schools and similar post-secondary institutions and, with the approval of the  
27 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and subject

1 to existing laws on tuition fees, fix and collect reasonable tuition fees and other  
2 school charges in educational institutions supported by the city government;

3 (xi) Establish a scholarship fund for the poor but deserving students in  
4 schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

5 (xii) Approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent  
6 the introduction and the spread of diseases;

7 (xiii) Provide for an efficient and effective system of solid waste and  
8 garbage collection and disposal and prohibit littering and the placing or  
9 throwing of garbage, refuse and other filth and wastes;

10 (xiv) Provide for the care of persons with disabilities (PWD), paupers,  
11 the aged, the sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile  
12 delinquents, drug dependents, abused children and the youth below eighteen  
13 (18) years of age, and subject to the availability of funds, establish and provide  
14 for the operation of centers and facilities for the said needy and disadvantaged  
15 persons;

16 (xv) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement of  
17 jails and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program and  
18 appropriate funds for the subsistence of detainees and convicted prisoners in  
19 the City;

20 (xvi) Establish a city council whose purpose is the promotion of  
21 culture and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and  
22 nongovernmental organizations and, subject to the availability of funds,  
23 appropriate funds for the support and development of the same; and

24 (xvii) Establish a city council for the elderly and senior citizens which  
25 shall formulate policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly  
26 and to the community; provide incentives for nongovernmental agencies and  
27 entities and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support  
28 programs and projects for the benefit of the elderly.



1 more than sixty (60) days or expelled: *Provided*, That the penalty of  
2 suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds  
3 (2/3) vote of all the sanggunian members: *Provided, further*, That the member  
4 convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any  
5 crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the  
6 sanggunian; and

7 (6) Such other rules as the sanggunian may adopt.

8 SEC. 13. *Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interests of*  
9 *Sangguniang Panlungsod Members.* – (a) Every sangguniang panlungsod  
10 member shall, upon assumption to office, make a full disclosure of business  
11 and financial interests. They shall also disclose any business, financial,  
12 professional relationship or any relation by affinity or consanguinity within the  
13 fourth civil degree, which they may have with any person, firm or entity  
14 affected by any ordinance or resolution under consideration by the sanggunian  
15 of which one is a member, which relationship may result in conflict of  
16 interests. Such relationship shall include:

17 (1) Ownership of stock or capital, or investment in the entity or firm to  
18 which the ordinance or resolution may apply; and

19 (2) Contracts or agreements with any person or entity which the  
20 ordinance or resolution under consideration may affect.

21 In the absence of a specific constitutional or statutory provision  
22 applicable to this situation, “conflict of interest” refers, in general, to one  
23 where it may be reasonably deduced that a member of a sanggunian may not  
24 act in the public interest due to some private, pecuniary or other personal  
25 considerations that may tend to affect his judgment to the prejudice of the  
26 service or the public.

27 (b) The disclosure required under this Act shall be made in writing  
28 submitted to the secretary of the sanggunian or the secretary of the committee



1 of which he is a member. The disclosure shall, in all cases, form part of the  
2 record of the proceedings and shall be made in the following manner:

3 (1) Disclosure shall be made before the member participates in  
4 deliberations on the ordinance or resolution under consideration: *Provided*,  
5 That if the member did not participate during the deliberations, the disclosure  
6 shall be made before voting on the ordinance or resolution on second and third  
7 readings; and

8 (2) Disclosure shall be made when a member takes a position or makes  
9 a privilege speech on a matter that may affect the business interest, financial  
10 connection or professional relationship described herein.

11 SEC. 14. *Sessions.* – (a) On the first day of the session immediately  
12 following the election of its members, the sangguniang panlungsod shall, by  
13 resolution, fix the day, time and place of its sessions. The minimum number of  
14 regular sessions shall be once a week for the sangguniang panlungsod and  
15 twice a month for the sangguniang barangay.

16 (b) When the public interest so demands, special sessions may be  
17 called by the city mayor or by a majority of the members of the sanggunian.

18 (c) All sanggunian sessions shall be open to the public unless a  
19 closed-door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of the majority of the  
20 members present, there being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of  
21 security, decency or morality. No two (2) sessions, regular or special, may be  
22 held in a single day.

23 (d) In the case of special sessions of the sanggunian, a written notice to  
24 the members shall be served personally at the members' usual place of  
25 residence at least twenty-four (24) hours before the special session is held.

26 Unless otherwise concurred in by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the  
27 sanggunian members present, there being a quorum, no other matters may be  
28 considered at a special session except those stated in the notice.

1 (e) The sangguniang panlungsod shall keep a journal and a record of its  
2 proceedings, which may be published upon resolution of the majority of its  
3 members.

4 SEC. 15. *Quorum.* – (a) A majority of all the members of the  
5 sanggunian who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to  
6 transact official business. Should a question of quorum be raised during a  
7 session, the presiding officer shall immediately proceed to call the roll of the  
8 members and thereafter announce the results.

9 (b) Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a  
10 recess until such time a quorum is constituted, or a majority of the members  
11 present may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate  
12 attendance of any member absent without justifiable cause by designating a  
13 member of the sanggunian, to be assisted by a member or members of the  
14 police force assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Imus, to arrest  
15 the absent member and present him at the session.

16 (c) If there is still no quorum despite the enforcement of the  
17 immediately preceding subsection, no business shall be transacted. The  
18 presiding officer, upon proper motion duly approved by the members present,  
19 shall then declare the session adjourned for lack of quorum.

20 SEC. 16. *Approval of Ordinances.* – (a) Every ordinance enacted by  
21 the sangguniang panlungsod shall be presented to the city mayor. If the city  
22 mayor approves the same, the signature shall be affixed on each and every  
23 page thereof, otherwise, the ordinance shall be vetoed and returned with the  
24 statement on the objections to the sanggunian, which may proceed to  
25 reconsider the same. The sanggunian may override the veto of the city mayor  
26 by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance or  
27 resolution effective for all legal intents and purposes.

1 (b) The veto shall be communicated by the city mayor to the  
2 sanggunian within ten (10) days, otherwise, the ordinance shall be deemed  
3 approved as if he had signed it.

4 SEC. 17. *Veto Power of the City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor may  
5 veto any ordinance of the sangguniang panlungsod on the ground that it is *ultra*  
6 *vires* or prejudicial to the public welfare, stating the reasons thereof in writing.

7 (b) The city mayor shall have the power to veto any particular item or  
8 items of an appropriations ordinance, an ordinance or resolution adopting a  
9 local development plan, any public investment program or an ordinance  
10 directing the payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the vetoed  
11 item or items shall not affect the item or items which are not objected to. The  
12 vetoed item or items shall not take effect unless the sangguniang panlungsod  
13 overrides the veto in the manner herein provided; otherwise, the item or items  
14 in the appropriations ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those  
15 vetoed, if any, shall be deemed enacted.

16 (c) The city mayor may veto an ordinance or resolution only once.  
17 The sanggunian may override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3)  
18 vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance effective even without  
19 the approval of the city mayor.

20 SEC. 18. *Review of City Ordinances by the Sangguniang*  
21 *Panlalawigan.* – (a) Within three (3) days after approval, the secretary to the  
22 sangguniang panlungsod shall forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan for  
23 review, copies of approved ordinances and the resolutions approving the local  
24 development plans and the public investment programs formulated by the local  
25 development councils.

26 (b) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of copies of such ordinances  
27 and resolutions, the sangguniang panlalawigan shall examine the documents or  
28 transmit them to the provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor for prompt

1 examination. The provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor shall, within  
2 a period of ten (10) days from receipt of the documents, inform the  
3 sangguniang panlalawigan in writing of his comments or recommendations,  
4 which may be considered by the sangguniang panlalawigan in making its  
5 decision.

6 (c) If the sangguniang panlalawigan finds that such an ordinance or  
7 resolution is beyond the power conferred upon the sangguniang panlungsod  
8 concerned, it shall declare such ordinance or resolution invalid in whole or in  
9 part. The sangguniang panlalawigan shall enter its action in the minutes and  
10 shall advise the corresponding city authorities of the action it has taken.

11 (d) If no action has been taken by the sangguniang panlalawigan within  
12 thirty (30) days after submission of such an ordinance or resolution, the same  
13 shall be presumed to be consistent with law and therefore valid.

14 *SEC. 19. Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang*  
15 *Panlungsod.* – (a) Within ten (10) days after its enactment, the  
16 sangguniang barangay shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the  
17 sangguniang panlungsod for review as to whether the ordinances are consistent  
18 with law or city ordinances.

19 (b) If the sangguniang panlungsod fails to take action on barangay  
20 ordinances within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, the same shall be  
21 deemed approved.

22 (c) If the sangguniang panlungsod finds the barangay ordinances  
23 inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the sangguniang panlungsod shall,  
24 within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments  
25 and recommendations to the sangguniang barangay concerned for adjustment,  
26 amendment or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the barangay  
27 ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is effected.

1           SEC. 20. *Enforcement of Disapproved Ordinances or Resolutions.*

2    -- Any attempt to enforce any ordinance or any resolution approving the local  
3    development plan and the public investment program after disapproval thereof,  
4    shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or  
5    employee concerned.

6           SEC. 21. *Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions.*    -- (a) Unless

7    otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local  
8    development plan and the public investment program, the same shall take  
9    effect after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin  
10   board at the entrance of the City Hall of Imus and in at least two (2) other  
11   conspicuous places in the City of Imus not later than five (5) days after  
12   approval thereof.

13           (b) The secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall cause the  
14   posting of an ordinance or resolution in the bulletin board at the entrance of the  
15   city hall and in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the City of Imus not later  
16   than five (5) days after approval thereof. The text of the ordinance or  
17   resolution shall be disseminated and posted in Filipino or English and the  
18   secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall record such fact in a book kept  
19   for the purpose, stating the dates of approval and posting.

20           (c) The main features of the ordinance or the resolution duly enacted or  
21   adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a local  
22   newspaper of general circulation within the City: *Provided*, That in the  
23   absence thereof, the ordinance or the resolution shall be published in any  
24   newspaper of general circulation: *Provided, further*, That the gist of all  
25   ordinances with penal sanctions shall also be published in a newspaper of  
26   general circulation.

## ARTICLE VI

DISQUALIFICATION AND SUCCESSION OF  
ELECTIVE CITY OFFICIALS

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4       SEC. 22. *Disqualification of Elective Public City Officials.* – The  
5 following persons are disqualified from running for any elective position in the  
6 City:

7       (a) Those sentenced by final judgment for an offense involving moral  
8 turpitude or an offense punishable by one (1) year or more of imprisonment  
9 within two (2) years after serving sentence;

10       (b) Those removed from office as a result of an administrative case;

11       (c) Those convicted by final judgment for violating the oath of  
12 allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines;

13       (d) Those with dual citizenship;

14       (e) Fugitives from justice in criminal or nonpolitical cases here and  
15 abroad;

16       (f) Permanent residents in a foreign country or those who have  
17 acquired the right to reside abroad and continue to avail of the same right after  
18 the effectivity of the Local Government Code of 1991; and

19       (g) The insane or feeble-minded.

20       SEC. 23. *Permanent Vacancy in the Offices of the City Mayor and the*  
21 *City Vice Mayor.* – (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the  
22 city mayor, the city vice mayor concerned shall become the city mayor. If a  
23 permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice mayor, the highest  
24 ranking sangguniang panlungsod member or, in case of permanent incapacity,  
25 the second highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member becomes the city  
26 mayor or the city vice mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent vacancies in the  
27 said offices shall be filled automatically by the other sanggunian members  
28 according to their ranking as defined herein.

1 (b) A tie between or among the highest ranking sangguniang  
2 panlungsod members shall be resolved by drawing of lots.

3 (c) The successors as defined herein shall serve only the unexpired  
4 terms of their predecessors.

5 (d) For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an  
6 elective local official fills in a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office,  
7 fails to qualify, dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise  
8 permanently incapacitated to discharge the functions of his office.

9 (e) For purposes of succession as provided for in this Act, ranking in  
10 the sanggunian shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of votes  
11 obtained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in  
12 the City in the immediately preceding local election.

13 SEC. 24. *Permanent Vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* --

14 Permanent vacancies in the sangguniang panlungsod where automatic  
15 succession as provided above does not apply shall be filled in by appointments  
16 in the following manner:

17 (a) The provincial governor shall make the aforesaid appointments;

18 (b) Only the nominee of the political party under which the sanggunian  
19 member concerned had been elected shall be appointed in the manner herein  
20 provided. The appointee shall come from the same political party as that of the  
21 sanggunian member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired  
22 term of the vacant office.

23 In the appointment herein mentioned, a nomination and a certificate of  
24 membership of the appointee from the highest official of the political party  
25 concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any appointment without such  
26 nomination and certification shall be null and void *ab initio* and shall be a  
27 ground for administrative action against the official responsible therefor;

1 (c) In case the permanent vacancy is caused by a sanggunian member  
2 who does not belong to any political party, the city mayor shall, upon the  
3 recommendation of the sangguniang panlungsod, appoint a qualified person to  
4 fill in the vacancy; and

5 (d) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth and the  
6 barangay in the sangguniang panlungsod, said vacancy shall be filled in  
7 automatically by the official next-in-rank of the organization concerned.

8 SEC. 25. *Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor.* —

9 (a) When the city mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform the duties for  
10 physical or legal reasons such as, but not limited to, leave of absence, travel  
11 abroad and suspension from office, the city vice mayor or the highest  
12 sangguniang panlungsod member shall automatically exercise the powers and  
13 perform the duties and functions of the city mayor, except the power to  
14 appoint, suspend or dismiss employees which can only be exercised if the  
15 period of temporary incapacity exceeds thirty (30) working days.

16 (b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the  
17 sangguniang panlungsod of a written declaration by the city mayor of having  
18 reported back to office. In case where the temporary incapacity is due to legal  
19 cause, the city mayor shall also submit necessary documents showing that the  
20 said legal cause no longer exists.

21 (c) When the city mayor is traveling within the country but outside the  
22 territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days,  
23 the officer-in-charge of the office may be designated in writing. Such  
24 authorization shall specify the powers and functions that the local official  
25 concerned shall exercise in the absence of the city mayor, except the power to  
26 appoint, suspend or dismiss employees.

27 (d) In the event, however, that the city mayor fails or refuses to issue  
28 such authorization, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang



1 panlungsod member, as the case may be, shall have the right to assume the  
2 powers, duties and functions of the said office on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day of  
3 absence of the city mayor, subject to the limitations provided for in subsection  
4 (c) hereof.

5 (e) Except as provided above, the city mayor shall, in no case,  
6 authorize any local official to assume the powers, duties and functions of the  
7 office other than the city vice mayor or the highest ranking member of the  
8 sangguniang panlungsod, as the case may be.

## 9 ARTICLE VII

### 10 THE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY

11 SEC. 26. *The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – (a) There  
12 shall be a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod who shall be a career  
13 official with the rank and salary equal to a head of a department or office.

14 (b) No person shall be appointed secretary to the sangguniang  
15 panlungsod unless one is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of  
16 Imus, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in law,  
17 commerce or public administration from a recognized college or university and  
18 a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.

19 (c) The secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod shall take charge of  
20 the office of the sangguniang panlungsod, and shall:

21 (1) Attend meetings of the sangguniang panlungsod and keep a journal  
22 of its proceedings;

23 (2) Keep the seal of the City and affix the same with one's signature to  
24 all ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the sangguniang  
25 panlungsod, and present the same to the presiding officer for his signature;

26 (3) Forward to the city mayor for approval, copies of ordinances  
27 enacted by the sangguniang panlungsod, duly certified by the presiding officer;

1           (4) Forward to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)  
2 copies of the appropriations ordinances passed by the sangguniang panlungsod  
3 as provided for under Section 326, Book II of the Local Government Code of  
4 1991;

5           (5) Forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan copies of duly approved  
6 ordinances in the manner as provided for in Sections 56 and 57 of the Local  
7 Government Code of 1991;

8           (6) Furnish, upon the request of any interested party, certified copies of  
9 records of public character in custody, upon payment to the city treasurer of  
10 such fees as may be prescribed by ordinance;

11           (7) Record in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and  
12 resolutions enacted or adopted by the sangguniang panlungsod, with the dates  
13 of passage and publication thereof;

14           (8) Keep the office and all nonconfidential records therein open to the  
15 public during usual business hours;

16           (9) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of the inhabitants,  
17 ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval, and cause the  
18 publication of the same together with the original version in the manner  
19 provided under the Local Government Code of 1991;

20           (10) Take custody of the local archives and, where applicable, the local  
21 library and annually account for the same; and

22           (11) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
23 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
24 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

25           SEC. 27. *The City Treasurer.* – (a) The city treasurer shall be  
26 appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF) from a list of  
27 at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to  
28 civil service law, rules and regulations.

1           (b) The city treasurer shall be under the administrative supervision of  
2 the city mayor, to whom one shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts  
3 of the City.

4           (c) No person shall be appointed city treasurer unless one is a citizen of  
5 the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, a  
6 holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or  
7 law from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service  
8 eligible or its equivalent. One must have acquired experience in treasury or  
9 accounting service for at least five (5) years.

10          (d) The city treasurer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and  
11 allowances as may be determined by law.

12          (e) The city treasurer shall take charge of the city finance department,  
13 and shall:

14           (1) Advise the city mayor, the sangguniang panlungsod and other local  
15 government and national officials concerned regarding disposition of local  
16 government funds and on such other matters relative to public finance;

17           (2) Take custody and exercise proper management of the funds of the  
18 City;

19           (3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and such  
20 other funds, the custody of which has been entrusted by law or other competent  
21 authority;

22           (4) Inspect private commercial and industrial establishments within the  
23 jurisdiction of the City in relation to the implementation of tax ordinances,  
24 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

25           (5) Maintain and update the tax information system of the City; and

26           (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
27 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
28 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1           SEC. 28. *The Assistant City Treasurer.* – (a) The assistant city  
2 treasurer may be appointed by the Secretary of the DOF from a list of at least  
3 three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to civil  
4 service law, rules and regulations.

5           (b) No person shall be appointed assistant city treasurer unless one is a  
6 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
7 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public  
8 administration or law from a recognized college or university, and a first grade  
9 civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have acquired at least  
10 four (4) years of experience in treasury or accounting.

11           (c) The assistant city treasurer shall receive such compensation,  
12 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

13           (d) The assistant city treasurer shall assist the city treasurer in  
14 performing such other duties as may be assigned to him and shall have  
15 authority to administer oaths concerning notices and notifications to those  
16 delinquent in the payment of the real property tax and concerning official  
17 matters relating to the accounts of the city treasurer or otherwise arising from  
18 the offices of the city treasurer and the city assessor.

19           SEC. 29. *The City Assessor.* – (a) The city assessor must be a citizen  
20 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, a  
21 holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering,  
22 commerce or any other related course from a recognized college or university,  
23 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have an  
24 experience in real property assessment work or in any related field for at least  
25 five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

26           (b) The city assessor shall receive such compensation, emoluments and  
27 allowances as may be determined by law.

1 (c) The city assessor shall take charge of the city assessor's  
2 department, and shall:

3 (1) Ensure that all laws and policies governing the appraisal and  
4 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes are properly executed;

5 (2) *Initiate, review and recommend changes* in policies and objectives,  
6 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in the evaluation and  
7 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes;

8 (3) Establish a systematic method of real property assessment;

9 (4) Install and maintain real property identification and accounting  
10 systems;

11 (5) Prepare, install and maintain a system of tax mapping, showing  
12 graphically all properties subject to assessment and gather all data concerning  
13 the same;

14 (6) Conduct regular physical surveys to verify and determine whether  
15 all real properties within the City are properly listed in the assessment rolls;

16 (7) Exercise the functions of appraisal and assessment primarily for  
17 taxation purposes of all real properties in the City;

18 (8) Prepare a schedule of the fair market value of the different classes  
19 of real properties in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government  
20 Code of 1991;

21 (9) Issue, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of  
22 assessment records of real properties and all other records relative to its  
23 assessment, upon payment of a service charge or fee to the city treasurer;

24 (10) Submit every semester a report of all assessments, as well as  
25 cancellations and modifications of assessments to the city mayor and the  
26 sangguniang panlungsod; and

27 (11) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
28 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the

1 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or  
2 ordinance.

3       SEC. 30. *The Assistant City Assessor.* -- (a) The assistant city assessor  
4 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good  
5 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical  
6 engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized college or  
7 university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. The  
8 assistant city assessor must have acquired experience in assessment or in any  
9 related field for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of  
10 appointment.

11       (b) The assistant city assessor shall receive such compensation,  
12 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

13       (c) The assistant city assessor shall assist the city assessor and perform  
14 such other duties as may be assigned to him and shall have authority to  
15 administer oaths on all declarations of all real properties for purposes of  
16 assessment.

17       SEC. 31. *The City Accountant.* -- (a) The city accountant must be  
18 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
19 character, a certified public accountant and must have acquired experience in  
20 the treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years immediately  
21 preceding the date of the appointment.

22       (b) The city accountant shall receive such compensation, emoluments  
23 and allowances as may be determined by law.

24       (c) The city accountant shall take charge of both the office of the  
25 accounting and internal audit services, and shall:

26       (1) Install and maintain an internal audit system in the City;

27       (2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the city mayor and to the  
28 sangguniang panlungsod;

1           (3) Apprise the sangguniang panlungsod and other officials on the  
2 financial condition and operations of the City;

3           (4) Certify to the availability of budgetary allotment from which  
4 expenditures and obligations may be properly charged;

5           (5) Review supporting documents before the preparation of vouchers to  
6 determine completeness of requirements;

7           (6) Prepare statement of cash advances, liquidations, salaries,  
8 allowances, reimbursements and remittances pertaining to the City;

9           (7) Prepare statements of journal vouchers and liquidations of the same  
10 and other adjustments related thereto;

11          (8) Post individual disbursements to subsidiary ledgers and index  
12 cards;

13          (9) Maintain individual ledgers for officials and employees of the City  
14 pertaining to payrolls and deductions;

15          (10) Record and post in index cards details of purchased furniture,  
16 fixtures and equipment, including disposal thereof, if any;

17          (11) Account for all issued requests for obligations and maintain and  
18 keep all records and reports related thereto;

19          (12) Prepare journals and the analysis of obligations and maintain and  
20 keep all records and reports related thereto; and

21          (13) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
22 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
23 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

24          SEC. 32. *The City Budget Officer.* – (a) The city budget officer must  
25 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
26 character, holder of a college degree preferably in accounting, economics,  
27 public administration or any related course from a recognized college or  
28 university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. The city

1 budget officer must have acquired experience in government budgeting or in  
2 any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of  
3 the appointment.

4 (b) The city budget officer shall take charge of the city budget  
5 department, and shall:

6 (1) Prepare forms, orders and circulars embodying instructions on  
7 budgetary and appropriation matters for the signature of the city mayor;

8 (2) Review and consolidate the budget proposals of different  
9 departments and offices of the City;

10 (3) Assist the city mayor in the preparation of the budget and during  
11 and after the budget hearings;

12 (4) Study and evaluate budgetary implication of proposed legislation  
13 and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

14 (5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the DBM;

15 (6) Coordinate with the city treasurer, the city accountant and the city  
16 planning and development officer for the purpose of budgeting;

17 (7) Assist the sangguniang panlungsod in reviewing the approved  
18 budgets of the component barangays;

19 (8) Coordinate with the city planning and development office in the  
20 formulation of the development plan of the City; and

21 (9) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
22 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
23 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

24 SEC. 33. *The City Planning and Development Officer.* – (a) The city  
25 planning and development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a  
26 resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, a holder of a college  
27 degree preferably in urban planning, development studies, economics, public  
28 administration or in any related course from a recognized college or university,



1 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have  
2 acquired experience in development planning or in any related field for at least  
3 five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

4 (b) The city planning and development officer shall receive such  
5 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

6 (c) The city planning development officer shall take charge of the city  
7 planning and development coordinating office, and shall:

8 (1) Formulate integrated economic, social, physical and other  
9 development plans and policies for the consideration of the City;

10 (2) Conduct continuing studies, researches and training programs  
11 necessary to evolve plans and programs for implementation;

12 (3) Integrate and coordinate all sectoral plans and studies undertaken  
13 by the different functional groups or agencies;

14 (4) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the different  
15 development programs, projects and activities in the City in accordance with  
16 the approved development plan;

17 (5) Prepare comprehensive plans and other development planning  
18 documents for the consideration of the local development council;

19 (6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and  
20 recommend fiscal plans and policies for the consideration of the finance  
21 committee of the sangguniang panlungsod;

22 (7) Promote people's participation in development planning within the  
23 City;

24 (8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the local  
25 development council; and

26 (9) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
27 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
28 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1           SEC. 34. *The City Engineer.* – (a) The city engineer must be a  
2 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
3 character and a licensed civil engineer. One must have acquired experience in  
4 the practice of his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding  
5 the date of the appointment.

6           (b) The city engineer shall receive such compensation, emoluments and  
7 allowances as may be determined by law.

8           (c) The city engineer shall take charge of the city engineering office,  
9 and shall:

10           (1) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,  
11 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in infrastructure  
12 development and public works in general of the City;

13           (2) Advise the city mayor on infrastructure, public works and other  
14 engineering matters;

15           (3) Administer, coordinate, supervise and control the construction,  
16 maintenance, improvement and repair of roads, bridges, other engineering and  
17 public works projects of the City;

18           (4) Provide engineering services to the City, including investigations  
19 and surveys, engineering designs, feasibility studies and project management;  
20 and

21           (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
22 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
23 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

24           SEC. 35. *The Assistant City Engineer.* – (a) The assistant city  
25 engineer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of  
26 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or  
27 mechanical engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized  
28 college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.

1 One must have acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at  
2 least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

3 (b) The assistant city engineer shall assist the city engineer and perform  
4 such other duties as the latter may assign to him.

5 (c) The assistant city engineer shall receive such compensation,  
6 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

7 SEC. 36. *The City Health Officer.* -- (a) The city health officer  
8 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good  
9 moral character and a licensed medical practitioner. One must have acquired  
10 experience in the practice of his profession for at least five (5) years  
11 immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

12 (b) The city health officer shall receive such compensation,  
13 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

14 (c) The city health officer shall take charge of the office of the city  
15 health services, and shall:

16 (1) Supervise the personnel and staff of the office, formulate program  
17 implementation guidelines and rules and regulations for the operation of the  
18 office for the approval of the city mayor in order to assist in the efficient,  
19 effective and economical implementation of health service program geared to  
20 implement health-related projects and activities;

21 (2) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
22 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
23 carrying out activities to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
24 of adequate facilities relative to health services as provided for under Section  
25 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

26 (3) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
27 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with health  
28 programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and

1 which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the  
2 Local Government Code of 1991;

3 (4) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city health  
4 officer shall:

5 (i) Formulate and implement policies, plans and projects to promote  
6 the health of the people in the City;

7 (ii) Advise the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod on matters  
8 pertaining to health;

9 (iii) Execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating  
10 to public health;

11 (iv) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod through the local  
12 health board, the passage of such ordinance as he may deem necessary for the  
13 preservation of public health;

14 (v) Recommend the prosecution of any violation of sanitary laws,  
15 ordinances or regulations;

16 (vi) Direct the sanitary inspection of all business establishments, stores  
17 selling food items or providing accommodations such as hotels, motels, local  
18 houses, pension houses and the like, in accordance with the Sanitation Code of  
19 the Philippines;

20 (vii) Conduct health information campaigns and render health  
21 intelligence services;

22 (viii) Coordinate with other government agencies and nongovernment  
23 organizations involved in the promotion and delivery of health services; and

24 (ix) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly  
25 during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities.

26 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
27 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
28 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1           SEC. 37. *The Assistant City Health Officer.* – (a) The assistant city  
2 health officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of  
3 Imus, of good moral character and a licensed medical practitioner. One must  
4 have acquired experience in the practice of his profession for at least three (3)  
5 years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

6           (b) The term of the assistant city health officer shall be coterminous  
7 with that of the appointing authority.

8           (c) The assistant city health officer shall assist the city health officer  
9 and perform such other duties as the latter may assign.

10          (d) The assistant city health officer shall receive such compensation,  
11 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

12          SEC. 38. *The City Civil Registrar.* – (a) The city civil registrar must  
13 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
14 character, a holder of a college degree from a recognized college or university,  
15 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have  
16 acquired experience in civil registry work for at least five (5) years  
17 immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

18          (b) The city civil registrar shall receive such compensation,  
19 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

20          (c) The city civil registrar shall be responsible for the civil registration  
21 program in the City of Imus, pursuant to the Civil Registry Law, the Omnibus  
22 Election Code and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to  
23 implement them.

24          (d) The city civil registrar shall take charge of the office of the city  
25 civil registry, and shall:

26           (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
27 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
28 management and administration-related programs and projects which the city

1 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
2 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991; and

3 (2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city civil  
4 registrar shall:

5 (i) Accept all registrable documents and judicial decrees affecting the  
6 civil status of persons;

7 (ii) File, keep and preserve in a secure place the books required by law;

8 (iii) Transcribe and enter immediately upon receipt all registrable  
9 documents and judicial decrees affecting the civil status of persons in the  
10 appropriate civil registry books;

11 (iv) Transmit to the Office of the Civil Registrar, within the prescribed  
12 period, duplicate copies of registered documents required by law;

13 (v) Issue certified transcripts or copies of any certificate or registered  
14 documents upon payment of the required fees to the city treasurer;

15 (vi) Receive application for the issuance of a marriage license and, after  
16 determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and publication  
17 thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue the license  
18 upon payment of the authorized fee to the city treasurer; and

19 (vii) Coordinate with the National Statistics Office (NSO) in  
20 conducting educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the  
21 preparation of demographic and other statistics for the City of Imus.

22 (3) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
23 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
24 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

25 SEC. 39. *The Assistant City Civil Registrar.* – (a) The assistant city  
26 civil registrar must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of  
27 Imus, of good moral character and a holder of a college degree from a  
28 recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its

1 equivalent. One must have acquired experience in civil registry work or in any  
2 related field for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of the  
3 appointment.

4 The assistant city civil registrar shall assist the city civil registrar and  
5 perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him.

6 The assistant city civil registrar shall receive such compensation,  
7 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

8 SEC. 40. *The City Administrator.* – (a) The city administrator must  
9 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
10 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in public administration or in  
11 any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first  
12 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have acquired  
13 experience in management and administrative work for at least five (5) years  
14 immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

15 (b) The term of the city administrator is coterminous with that of his  
16 appointing authority.

17 (c) The city administrator shall receive such compensation,  
18 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

19 (d) The city administrator shall take charge of the city administrator's  
20 office, and shall:

21 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
22 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
23 management and administration-related programs and projects which the city  
24 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
25 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

26 (2) Be in the frontline of the delivery of administrative support  
27 services, particularly those related to the situations during and in the aftermath  
28 of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

1           (3) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
2 mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the City;  
3 and

4           (4) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
5 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
6 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

7           SEC. 41. *The City Legal Officer.* – (a) The city legal officer must  
8 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
9 character and a member of the Philippine Bar. One must have practiced his  
10 profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the  
11 appointment.

12           (b) The city legal officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments  
13 and allowances as may be determined by law.

14           (c) The city legal officer, the chief legal counsel of the City, shall take  
15 charge of the office of the city legal service, and shall:

16           (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
17 panlungsod and provide legal assistance and support to the city mayor in  
18 carrying out the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate  
19 facilities;

20           (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
21 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
22 programs and projects related to legal services which the city mayor is  
23 empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
24 empowered to provide;

25           (3) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise  
26 the city mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;



1 (4) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting any  
2 violation thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the aftermath of  
3 man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and

4 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
5 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
6 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

7 SEC. 42. *The City Social Welfare and Development Officer.* – (a) The  
8 city social welfare and development officer must be a citizen of the  
9 Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, a licensed  
10 social worker or a holder of a college degree preferably in social work or in  
11 any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first  
12 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have acquired  
13 experience in the practice of social work for at least five (5) years immediately  
14 preceding the date of the appointment.

15 (b) The city social welfare and development officer shall receive such  
16 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

17 (c) The city social welfare and development officer shall take charge of  
18 the office of the social welfare and development, and shall:

19 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang  
20 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
21 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
22 of adequate facilities relative to social welfare and development services;

23 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
24 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with social  
25 welfare programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to  
26 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide;

1           (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services particularly those  
2 which have to do with the immediate relief and assistance during and in the  
3 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

4           (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
5 mayor on all other matters related to social welfare and development services  
6 which will improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the inhabitants;  
7 and

8           (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
9 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
10 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

11           SEC. 43. *The City Veterinarian.* – (a) The city veterinarian must be  
12 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
13 character and a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. One must have  
14 practiced his profession for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the  
15 date of the appointment.

16           (b) The city veterinarian shall receive such compensation, emoluments  
17 and allowances as may be determined by law.

18           (c) The city veterinarian shall take charge of the office of the veterinary  
19 services, and shall:

20           (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
21 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
22 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
23 of adequate facilities;

24           (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
25 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with  
26 veterinary-related activities which the city mayor is empowered to implement  
27 and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide;

1 (3) Be in the frontline of the veterinary-related activities, such as the  
2 outbreak of highly-contagious and deadly diseases, and in situations resulting  
3 in the depletion of animals for work and for human consumption, particularly  
4 those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or  
5 calamities;

6 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
7 mayor on all other matters relative to the veterinary services which will  
8 increase the number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry and other  
9 domestic animals used for work or for human consumption; and

10 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
11 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
12 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

13 SEC. 44. *The City General Services Officer.* – (a) The city general  
14 services officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of  
15 Imus, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree in public  
16 administration, business administration or management from a recognized  
17 college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.  
18 One must have acquired experience in general services, including the  
19 management of supply, property, solid waste disposal and general sanitation  
20 for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

21 (b) The city general services officer shall receive such compensation,  
22 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

23 (c) The city general services officer shall take charge of the office of  
24 the general services, and shall:

25 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
26 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
27 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision

1 of adequate facilities which require general services expertise in technical  
2 support services;

3 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
4 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with general  
5 services supportive of the welfare of the inhabitants of the City which the city  
6 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
7 empowered to provide;

8 (3) Take custody of and be accountable for all properties, real or  
9 personal, owned by the City and those granted to it in the form of donation,  
10 reparation, assistance and counterpart of joint projects;

11 (4) Be in the frontline of general services-related activities, such as the  
12 possible and imminent destruction or damage to records, supplies, properties  
13 and structure materials or debris, particularly during and in the aftermath of  
14 man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

15 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
16 mayor on all matters relative to general services; and

17 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
18 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
19 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

20 SEC. 45. *The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer.* –

21 (a) The city environment and natural resources officer must be a citizen of the  
22 Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, a holder of  
23 a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or in any other  
24 related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil  
25 service eligible or its equivalent. One must have acquired experience in  
26 environment and natural resources management, conservation and utilization  
27 work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the  
28 appointment.

1 (b) The city environment and natural resources officer shall receive  
2 such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The city environment and natural resources officer shall take charge  
4 of the city environment service department, and shall:

5 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
6 panlungsod and provide assistance and support to the city mayor in carrying  
7 out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of  
8 adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services as  
9 provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991;

10 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
11 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
12 environment and natural resources programs and projects which the city mayor  
13 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
14 empowered to provide;

15 (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the  
16 environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and  
17 rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and  
18 natural disasters or calamities;

19 (4) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise  
20 the city mayor on all matters relative to the protection, conservation, maximum  
21 utilization, application of appropriate technology and other matters related to  
22 the environment and natural resources; and

23 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
24 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
25 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

26 SEC. 46. *The City Architect.* – (a) The city architect must be a citizen  
27 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, and

1 a duly licensed architect. One must have practiced his profession for at least  
2 five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

3 (b) The city architect shall receive such compensation, emoluments and  
4 allowances as may be determined by law.

5 (c) The city architect shall take charge of the office of the architectural  
6 planning and design, and shall:

7 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
8 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
9 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
10 of adequate facilities relative to architectural planning and design;

11 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
12 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with  
13 architectural planning and design programs and projects which the city mayor  
14 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
15 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

16 (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services involving architectural  
17 planning and design, particularly those related to the redesigning of spatial  
18 distribution of basic facilities and physical structures during and in the  
19 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

20 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
21 mayor on all other matters relative to architectural planning and design as it  
22 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

23 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
24 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
25 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

26 SEC. 47. *The City Information Officer.* – (a) The city information  
27 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of  
28 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in journalism,

1 mass communication or in any related course from a recognized college or  
2 university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must  
3 have experience in writing articles and research papers, or writing for print,  
4 television or broadcast media for at least five (5) years immediately preceding  
5 the date of the appointment.

6 (b) The city information officer shall receive such compensation,  
7 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

8 (c) The city information officer shall take charge of the city  
9 information and community relations department, and shall:

10 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
11 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
12 providing the information and research data required for the delivery of basic  
13 services and the provision of adequate facilities so that the public becomes  
14 aware of said services and may fully avail of the same;

15 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
16 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with public  
17 information and research data to support programs and projects which the city  
18 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
19 empowered to provide;

20 (3) Be in the frontline in providing information during and in the  
21 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities, with special  
22 attention to the victims thereof, to help minimize injuries and casualties after  
23 the emergency, and to accelerate relief and rehabilitation;

24 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
25 mayor on all other matters relative to public information and research data as it  
26 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

1           (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
2 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
3 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

4           SEC. 48. *The City Cooperatives Officer.* – (a) The city cooperatives  
5 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of  
6 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business  
7 administration with special training on cooperatives or in any related course  
8 from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible  
9 or its equivalent. One must have acquired experience in cooperatives  
10 organization and management for at least five (5) years immediately preceding  
11 the date of the appointment.

12           (b) The city cooperatives officer shall receive such compensation,  
13 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

14           (c) The city cooperatives officer shall take charge of the office for the  
15 development of cooperatives, and shall:

16           (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
17 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
18 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
19 of facilities through the development of cooperatives and in providing access  
20 to such services and facilities;

21           (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
22 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
23 integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs which the city  
24 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
25 empowered to provide;

26           (3) Be in the frontline of cooperatives organization, rehabilitation or  
27 viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made



1 and natural disasters or calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary,  
2 subsequent rehabilitation;

3 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
4 mayor on all other matters relative to cooperatives development and viability  
5 enhancement which will improve the livelihood and the quality of life of the  
6 inhabitants; and

7 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
8 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
9 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

10 SEC. 49. *The City Agriculturist.* – (a) The city agriculturist must be a  
11 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good moral  
12 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in agriculture or in any other  
13 related course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil  
14 service eligible or its equivalent. One must have practiced his profession in  
15 agriculture or acquired the experience in a related field for at least five (5)  
16 years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

17 (b) The city agriculturist shall receive such compensation, emoluments  
18 and allowances as may be determined by law.

19 (c) The city agriculturist shall take charge of the office of the  
20 agricultural services, and shall:

21 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang  
22 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
23 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
24 of adequate facilities relative to agricultural services;

25 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
26 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
27 agricultural programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to  
28 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide;

1 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city  
2 agriculturist, shall:

3 (i) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the  
4 production, processing and marketing of agricultural and aquacultural and  
5 marine products are extended to farmers, fishermen and local entrepreneurs;

6 (ii) Conduct or cause to be conducted location-specific agricultural  
7 researches and assist in making available the appropriate technology arising  
8 out of and disseminating information on basic research on crops, prevention  
9 and control of plant diseases and pests, and other agricultural matters which  
10 will maximize productivity;

11 (iii) Assist the city mayor in the establishment and extension services  
12 of demonstration farms on aquaculture and marine products;

13 (iv) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture and  
14 aquaculture;

15 (v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental  
16 organizations, which promote agricultural productivity through applied  
17 technology compatible with environmental integrity;

18 (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of basic agricultural services,  
19 particularly those needed for the survival of the inhabitants during and in the  
20 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

21 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
22 mayor on all other matters related to agriculture and aquaculture which will  
23 improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the inhabitants; and

24 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
25 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
26 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

27 SEC. 50. *The City Tourism and Cultural Affairs Officer.* - (a) The  
28 city tourism and cultural affairs officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a

1 resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, a holder of a college  
2 degree and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have  
3 acquired experience in tourism and cultural affairs work for at least three (3)  
4 years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

5 (b) The city tourism and cultural affairs officer shall receive such  
6 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

7 (c) The city tourism and cultural affairs officer shall take charge of the  
8 office of the city tourism and cultural affairs, and shall:

9 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the  
10 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with  
11 tourism and cultural affairs programs and projects which the city mayor is  
12 empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
13 empowered to provide;

14 (2) Be in the frontline of the delivery of repair and reconstruction  
15 work related to tourism and cultural affairs, particularly during and in the  
16 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

17 (3) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
18 mayor on all matters relative to the cultural affairs of the City; and

19 (4) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
20 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
21 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

22 SEC. 51. *The City Human Resource Development Officer.* – (a) The  
23 city human resource development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a  
24 resident of the City of Imus, of good moral character, a holder of a college  
25 degree preferably in psychology or in any related course from a recognized  
26 college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.  
27 One must have acquired experience in personnel administration for at least five  
28 (5) years immediately preceding the date of the appointment.

1 (b) The city human resource development officer shall receive such  
2 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The city human resource development officer shall take charge of  
4 the human resource development office, and shall:

5 (1) Develop a human resource management program for approval by  
6 the city mayor and the *sangguniang panlungsod*;

7 (2) Assist the city mayor in implementing the City's policies and  
8 programs relative to recruitment and selection, appointments, training,  
9 promotion, compensations and other personnel actions involving officials and  
10 employees of the City;

11 (3) Recommend to the *sangguniang panlungsod* and advise the city  
12 mayor on all matters relative to human resource management and development;

13 (4) Establish and maintain a sound personnel program for the City  
14 designed to promote career development and uphold the merit principle in the  
15 local government service;

16 (5) Conduct a continuing organizational development of the City, with  
17 the end in view of instituting effective administrative reforms; and

18 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
19 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
20 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

21 *SEC. 52. The City Population Officer.* – (a) The city population  
22 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of  
23 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized  
24 training in population development from a recognized college or university,  
25 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. One must have  
26 acquired experience in the implementation of programs on population  
27 development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years immediately  
28 preceding the date of the appointment.

1 (b) The city population officer shall receive such compensation,  
2 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The city population officer shall take charge of the office of the  
4 population development, and shall:

5 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
6 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
7 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
8 of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population development  
9 principles and in providing access to said services and facilities.

10 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
11 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
12 integration of the population development principles and methods in programs  
13 and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the  
14 sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide; and

15 (3) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
16 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
17 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

18 SEC. 53. *The City Building Official.* – (a) The city building official  
19 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Imus, of good  
20 moral character and a licensed engineer or a licensed architect. One must have  
21 acquired experience in the practice of profession for at least five (5) years.

22 (b) The city building official shall receive such compensation,  
23 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

24 (c) The city building official shall take charge of the office of the city  
25 building official, and shall:

26 (1) Process and take appropriate action on applications for building  
27 permits;

1 (2) Oversee and ensure the proper implementation of the National  
2 Building Code and city ordinances pertaining to buildings and similar  
3 structures;

4 (3) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
5 mayor on matters involving buildings and similar structures; and

6 (4) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other  
7 powers as provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, and those  
8 that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

9 ARTICLE VIII

10 THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL SERVICE, THE CITY  
11 SCHOOLS DIVISION AND THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE  
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13 *SEC. 54. The City Fire Station Service.* – (a) There shall be  
14 established in the City of Imus at least one (1) fire station with adequate  
15 personnel, firefighting facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules  
16 and regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of the Interior and  
17 Local Government (DILG). The City shall provide the necessary land or site  
18 of the station.

19 (b) The city fire station shall be headed by a city fire marshal whose  
20 qualifications shall be as those provided for under Republic Act No. 9263, as  
21 amended, otherwise known as the “Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of  
22 Jail Management and Penology Professionalization Act of 2004”;

23 (c) The city fire station shall be responsible for providing emergency  
24 services such as the rescue and evacuation of injured people related to  
25 incidents and, in general, all fire prevention and suppression measures to  
26 secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

27 *SEC. 55. The City Jail Service.* – (a) There shall be established and  
28 maintained in the City of Imus a secured, clean, adequately equipped and  
29 sanitary jail for the custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from

1 justice, or person detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or violent  
2 mentally ill person who endangers oneself or the safety of others, duly certified  
3 as such by the proper medical health officer, pending the transfer to a mental  
4 institution.

5 (b) The city jail service shall be headed by a city jail warden whose  
6 qualifications shall be as those provided for under Republic Act No. 9263, as  
7 amended, otherwise known as the "Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of  
8 Jail Management and Penology Professionalization Act of 2004". One shall  
9 assist in the immediate rehabilitation of individuals or detention of prisoners.  
10 Great care must be exercised so that human rights of these prisoners are  
11 respected and protected, and their spiritual and physical well-being are  
12 properly and promptly attended to.

13 SEC. 56. *The City Schools Division.* - (a) There shall be established  
14 and maintained by the Department of Education (DepED), a city schools  
15 division in the City of Imus whose area of jurisdiction will cover all the school  
16 districts within the City.

17 (b) The city schools division shall be headed by a city schools division  
18 superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the  
19 DepED.

20 SEC. 57. *The City Prosecution Service.* - (a) There shall be  
21 established in the City of Imus, a city prosecution service to be headed by a  
22 city prosecutor and such number of assistant city prosecutors, as may be  
23 necessary, who shall be organizationally part of the Department of Justice  
24 (DOJ), and under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice, and  
25 whose qualifications, manner of appointment, rank, salary and benefits shall be  
26 governed by existing laws covering prosecutors in the DOJ.

27 (b) The city prosecutor shall handle the criminal prosecution in the  
28 municipal trial courts in the City as well as in the regional trial courts for

1 criminal cases originating in the territory of the City, and shall render to or for  
2 the City such services as are required by law, ordinance or regulation of the  
3 DOJ.

4 The Secretary of Justice shall always ensure the adequacy and the  
5 quality of prosecution service in the City and, for this purpose, shall, in the  
6 absence or lack or insufficiency in number of assistant city prosecutors as  
7 provided hereinabove, designate from among the assistant provincial  
8 prosecutors a sufficient number to perform and discharge the functions of the  
9 city prosecution service as provided hereinabove.

## 10 ARTICLE IX

### 11 TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

12 SEC. 58. *Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval of*  
13 *this Act.* – All municipal ordinances of the Municipality of Imus existing at  
14 the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in force within the City  
15 of Imus until the sangguniang panlungsod shall declare otherwise.

16 SEC. 59. *Plebiscite.* – The City of Imus shall acquire corporate  
17 existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by  
18 the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present Municipality  
19 of Imus within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act. The Commission  
20 on Elections shall conduct and supervise such plebiscite.

21 The expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of  
22 Imus.

23 SEC. 60. *Officials of the City of Imus.* – The present elective officials  
24 of the Municipality of Imus shall continue to exercise their powers and  
25 functions until such time that a new election is held and the duly-elected  
26 officials shall have already qualified and assumed their offices. Appointive  
27 officials and employees of the municipality shall likewise continue exercising



1 their functions and duties and they shall be automatically absorbed by the city  
2 government of the City of Imus.

3 SEC. 61. *Succession Clause.* – The City of Imus shall succeed to all  
4 the assets, properties, liabilities and obligations of the Municipality of Imus.

5 SEC. 62. *Election of Provincial Governor and Sangguniang*  
6 *Panlalawigan Members of the Province of Cavite.* – The qualified voters of  
7 the City of Imus shall be qualified to vote and run for any elective position in  
8 the elections for provincial governor, provincial vice governor, sangguniang  
9 panlalawigan members and other elective officials for the Province of Cavite.

10 SEC. 63. *Jurisdiction of the Province of Cavite.* – The City of Imus  
11 shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the jurisdiction  
12 of the Province of Cavite.

13 SEC. 64. *Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.* – No  
14 increase in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the  
15 period of five (5) years from its acquisition of corporate existence: *Provided,*  
16 *That the Province of Cavite shall continue to receive its shares in real property*  
17 *taxes within two (2) years after commencement of corporate existence of the*  
18 *City.*

19 SEC. 65. *Representative District.* – The City of Imus shall have its  
20 own legislative district to commence in the next national election after the  
21 effectivity of this Act. Henceforth, the City shall cease to be called the Third  
22 Legislative District of the Province of Cavite. Consequently, the legislative  
23 districts of the Province of Cavite pursuant to the provision of Republic Act  
24 No. 9727 shall be renumbered accordingly. The Commission on Elections  
25 (COMELEC) shall implement the provision of this Act.

1           SEC. 66. *Reservation.* – Nothing herein contained shall preclude the  
2 determination by the appropriate agency or forum of boundary disputes or  
3 cases involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Imus  
4 and any of the adjoining local government units even after the effectivity of  
5 this Act.

6           SEC. 67. *Applicability of Laws.* – The provisions of the Local  
7 Government Code of 1991, and other laws pertaining to the Province of Cavite  
8 and such laws as are applicable shall govern the City of Imus insofar as they  
9 are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

10          SEC. 68. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason or reasons, any  
11 part or provision of this Charter shall be held unconstitutional, invalid or  
12 inconsistent with the Local Government Code of 1991, other parts or  
13 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full  
14 force and effect.

15          SEC. 69. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days  
16 after its complete publication in any newspaper of general and local  
17 circulation.

Approved,

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