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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 125

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation on APR 20 2015.

Re: House Bill No. 4769

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Marcos, Jr. and Pimentel III

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Local Government and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation to which was referred House Bill No. 4769, introduced by Representative Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS IN THE PROVINCE OF
CAVITE INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF GENERAL
TRIAS"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On page 6, line 15, after the word "employees" insert the phrase **"WHOSE SALARIES AND WAGES ARE WHOLLY OR MAINLY PAID OUT OF CITY FUNDS AND"**;
2. On the same page and line 27, delete the word "office" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"CITY HALL"**;

3. On page 8, line 23, after the word "powers" insert the phrase **"PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED,"**;
4. On page 9, line 2, after the word "including" insert the phrase **"PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND"**;
5. On the same page, line 3, after the word "City" insert the phrase **"AT SUCH TIME AND PLACE AND"**
6. On the same page and line, remove the letter "s" in the word "subjects";
7. On the same page, line 16, between the article "the" and the word "law" insert the word **"APPROPRIATE"**;
8. On the same page, line 20, after the word "revenues" insert the phrase **"AND APPLY THE SAME TO"**;
9. On the same page, line 21, after the word "priorities," insert the phrase **"AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED,"**;
10. On page 10, line 10, after the word "approval" , insert the word **"THEREFOR"**;
11. On the same page, line 16, delete the phrase "their construction when violative of" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAME WHEN SAID CONSTRUCTION VIOLATES"**;
12. On the same page, line 26, after the word "fees" delete the punctuation mark comma "(,)" and in lieu thereof insert the conjunction **"AND"**;
13. On page 11, line 10, after the word "national" insert the phrase **"AND PROVINCIAL"**;
14. On the same page and line, after the word "offices", delete the punctuation mark period (.) and in lieu thereof insert the conjunction **"AND;"**;
15. On page 12, line 3, delete the phrase "existing laws" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED;"** ;
16. On the same page, line 5, after the word "vacancy" insert the phrase **"AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED;"** ;
17. On the same page, line 7, after the word "vacancy" insert the phrase **"AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED;"** ;
18. On page 18, line 3, delete the pronoun "it" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"THE SAME"**;

19. On page 20, line 17, after the word "marine" delete the phrase "life in the preservation thereof" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"AND SEASHORE OR OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES"**;
20. On page 21, line 26, after the word "dangerous" insert the phrase **"DEFECTIVE OR OTHERWISE HAZARDOUS"**;
21. On page 22, line 17, after the word "children" insert the phrase **"AND OTHER NEEDY AND DISADVANTAGED PERSONS PARTICULARLY CHILDREN"**;
22. On the same page and line, delete the article "the";
23. On page 23, line 17, after the word "include" insert the phrase **"BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO"**;
24. On page 24, line 26, after the word "may" insert the phrase **"TEND TO"**;
25. On the same page and line, after the word "affect" delete the phrase "the exercise of" and in lieu thereof insert the objective pronoun **"HIS OR HER"**;
26. On page 25, line 2, after the word "committee" insert the phrase **"OF WHICH HE OR SHE IS A MEMBER"**;
27. On the same page, line 3, delete the phrase "of membership";
28. On the same page, line 15, after the word "its" insert the word **"REGULAR"**;
29. On page 26, line 26, after the word "vetoed" insert the phrase **"AND RETURNED"**;
30. On page 27 line 5, delete the word "been";
31. On the same page and line, after the word "signed" insert the word **"IT."**;
32. On page 32, line 13, delete the word "including" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,"**;
33. On page 33, line 21, after the word "equivalent" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY TO THE SANGGUNIAN SHALL BE MANDATORY."
34. On page 34, line 21, after the word "publication" insert the phrase **"OF THE SAME"**;
35. On page 35, line 13, after the word "years" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY TREASURER SHALL BE MANDATORY."

36. On the same page, line 24, delete the phrase "has been" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"MAY BE"**;
37. On page 36, line 11, after the word "university" insert the phrase **"A LICENSED APPRAISER UNDER REPUBLIC ACT 9646, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE REAL ESTATE SERVICE ACT OF THE PHILIPPINES AND"**;
38. On the same page, line 14, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ASSESSOR SHALL BE MANDATORY."**
39. On page 37, line 18, delete the last letter "s" in the word "Assessments" and after the amended word "Assessment" insert the phrase **"APPEALS WHENEVER HIS OR HER ASSESSMENT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE APPEAL, AND PRESENT OR SUBMIT ANY INFORMATION OR RECORD IN HIS OR HER POSSESSION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE BOARD;"**;
40. On the same page, line 27, after the word appointment, insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ACCOUNTANT SHALL BE MANDATORY."**
41. On page 39, line 11, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY BUDGET OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY."**
42. On page 40, line 3, after the word "ordinance" insert a subparagraph to read as follows:
- "(C) THE CITY BUDGET OFFICER SHALL RECEIVE SUCH COMPENSATION, EMOLUMENTS AND ALLOWANCES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY LAW.";**
43. On the same page, line 11, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY."**
44. On the same page, line 17, after the word "city" insert the phrase **"DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL"**;
45. On page 41, line 15, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ENGINEER SHALL BE MANDATORY."**

46. On page 42, line 11, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY HEALTH OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY."

47. On the same page, line 27, delete the word "these" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"THE SAME, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAVE TO DO";**

48. On page 43, line 17, delete the word "local" and in lieu thereof insert the word **"LODGING";**

49. On the same page, line 25, after the word "calamities" delete the punctuation mark period "(.)" and in lieu thereof insert the punctuation mark semi colon "(;)" and the conjunction **"AND";**

50. On page 44, line 6, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY CIVIL REGISTRAR SHALL BE MANDATORY."

51. On the same page, line 11, delete the phrase, "Omnibus Election Code" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"CIVIL CODE";**

52. On the same page, line 17, delete the phrase "management and administration-related" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"CIVIL REGISTRY";**

53. On page 45, line 1, after the word "Registrar" insert the word **"GENERAL";**

54. On the same page, line 9, delete the phrase "National Statistics Office" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA)";**

55. On the same page, line 11, after the word "General Trias" delete the punctuation mark period "(.)" and in lieu thereof insert the punctuation mark semi colon "(;)" and the conjunction **"AND";**

56. On the same page, line 21, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE MANDATORY."

57. On page 47, line 2, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY LEGAL OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY"

58. On page 48, line 28, before the word "licensed", insert the word "**DULY**";
59. On page 49, line 4, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY."**
60. On page 50, line 3, after the word "support" insert the word "**YOUTH**";
61. On the same page, line 24, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY VETERINARIAN OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY."**
62. On page 52, line 9, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY GERNERAL SERVICES OFFICER SHALL BE MANDATORY."**
63. On the same page, line 20, after the word "implement" delete the word "these" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase "**THE SAME PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAVE TO DO**";
64. On page 53, line 3, after the word "government" insert a new subparagraph to read as follows:
- "(6) RECOMMEND TO THE CITY MAYOR THE REASONABLE RENTAL RATES OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES WHICH MAY BE LEASED FOR THE OFFICIAL USE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS."**
- And renumber the succeeding subparagraphs accordingly;
65. On the same page, line 17, after the word "structure" insert the phrase "**,AND THE ORDERLY AND SANITARY CLEANING UP OF WASTE**";
66. On page 54, line 4, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:
- "THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER SHALL BE OPTIONAL."**
67. On the same page, line 10, after the word " provide" insert the word "**TECHNICAL**";
68. On the same page, line 16, delete the word "these" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase "**THE SAME PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAVE TO DO**";

69. On the same page, line 28, after the word "balance" insert a new subparagraph to read as follows:

"(7) PROMOTE THE SMALL SCALE MINING AND UTILIZATION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY MINING OF GOLD."

and renumber the succeeding subparagraphs accordingly;

70. On page 55, line 19, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ARCHITECT SHALL BE OPTIONAL";

71. On page 56, line 2, delete the word "these" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"THE SAME PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAVE TO DO";**

72. On the same page, line 13, after the word "undeveloped" insert the word **"UNDERDEVELOPED";**

73. On page 57, line 8, after the word "appointment" insert the following new paragraphs to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY INFORMATION OFFICER SHALL BE OPTIONAL."

"THE TERM OF THE INFORMATION OFFICER IS CO-TERMINOUS WITH THAT OF HIS OR HER APPOINTING AUTHORITY.";

74. On the same page, line 27, delete the word "by" and in lieu thereof insert the preposition **"TO";**

75. On page 58, line 22, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY COOPERATIVES OFFICER SHALL BE OPTIONAL";

76. On page 59, line 5, delete the word "these" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"THE SAME PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAVE TO DO";**

77. On the same page, line 6, after the word "programs" insert the phrase **"AND PROJECTS";**

78. On page 60, line 8, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY POPULATION OFFICER SHALL BE OPTIONAL";

79. On the same page, line 19, delete the word "these" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase **"THE SAME PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAVE TO DO";**

80. On page 61, line 12, after the word "appointment" insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITY AGRICULTURIST OFFICER SHALL BE OPTIONAL.";

81. On page 63, line 15, delete the word "including" and in lieu thereof insert the phrase "**SUCH AS**";

82. On the same page, line 25, between the words "the" and "Bureau" insert the phrase "**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9263, AS AMENDED OTHERWISE KNOWN AS**";

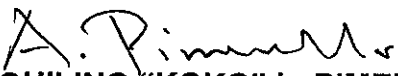
83. On page 65, line 11, delete the word and figure "thirty (30)" and in lieu thereof insert the word and figure "**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120)**";

84. On page 66, line 16, delete the word "they" and in lieu thereof insert the word "**THESE**";

85. On the same page, line 20, after the word "affected" insert the word "**THEREBY**".


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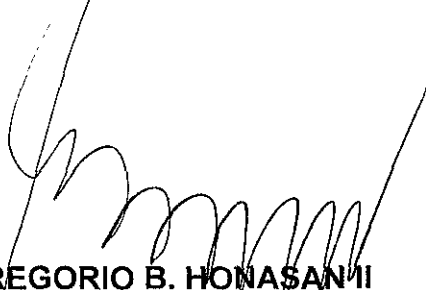
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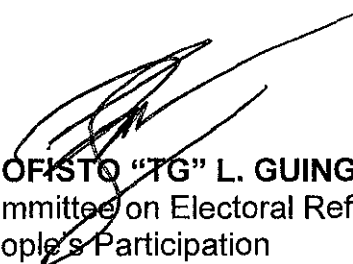
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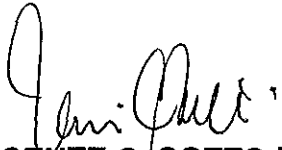
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4769

BY REPRESENTATIVE FERRER (L.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 358

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

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

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ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

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

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

The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by
the appropriate agency or forum of any boundary dispute or case involving
questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of General Trias and the

1 adjoining local government units (LGUs): *Provided*, That the territorial
2 jurisdiction of the disputed area or areas shall remain with the local
3 government unit which has existing administrative supervision over said area
4 or areas until the final resolution of the case.

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

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

17 SEC. 4. *General Powers.* – The City shall have a common seal and
18 may alter the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That any change of corporate seal
19 shall be registered with the Department of the Interior and Local Government
20 (DILG). It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes, fees and charges; to close
21 and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares; to take, purchase, receive,
22 hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the general
23 interests of the City; to expropriate or condemn private property for public use;
24 to contract and to be contracted with; to sue and be sued; to prosecute and
25 defend to final judgment and execution, suits wherein the City is involved or
26 interested in; and to exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations or as
27 hereinafter conferred.

1 officer, a city planning and development officer, a city engineer, a city health
2 officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city
3 social welfare and development officer, a city veterinarian and a city general
4 services officer.

5 (b) In addition thereto, the City Mayor may appoint a city environment
6 and natural resources officer, a city architect, a city information officer, a city
7 cooperatives officer, a city population officer and a city agriculturist.

8 (c) There shall be established in the City a city fire station to be headed
9 by a city fire marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden, a city
10 schools division to be headed by a city schools division superintendent and a
11 city prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor.

12 (d) The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* may:

13 (1) Maintain existing offices not mentioned in subsections (a) and (b)
14 hereof;

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

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

19 (e) Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices
20 shall be appointed by the City Mayor with the concurrence of the majority of
21 all the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* members, subject to civil service laws, rules
22 and regulations. The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall act on the appointment
23 within fifteen (15) days from the day of its submission, otherwise the same
24 shall be deemed confirmed.

25 (f) Elective and appointive city officials shall receive such
26 compensation, allowances and other emoluments as may be determined by law
27 or ordinance, subject to the budgetary limitations on personal services
28 prescribed under Title Five, Book II of the Local Government Code of 1991,

1 as amended: *Provided*, That no increase in compensation of the City Mayor,
2 City Vice Mayor and *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member shall take effect until
3 after the expiration of the full term of the local officials approving the increase.

4 ARTICLE III

5 THE CITY MAYOR AND CITY VICE MAYOR

6 SEC. 8. *The City Mayor.* – (a) The City Mayor shall be the chief
7 executive of the City and shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the
8 City. No person shall be eligible for the position of City Mayor unless, at the
9 time of the election, that person is a citizen of the Philippines, at least
10 twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of the City for at least one (1) year
11 prior to election and a qualified voter therein, and able to read and write
12 Filipino or any other local language or dialect. The City Mayor shall hold
13 office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, but shall serve for not more
14 than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position. The City Mayor shall
15 receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade
16 Thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as
17 the “Compensation and Position Classification Act of 1989” and the
18 implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

19 The City Mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall
20 exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided
21 herein.

22 (b) For efficient, effective and economical governance, the purpose of
23 which is the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants, the City Mayor
24 shall:

25 (1) Exercise general supervision and control over all programs,
26 projects, services and activities of the city government, and in this connection,
27 shall:

- 1 (i) Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to the
2 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* for the program of government;
- 3 (ii) Direct the formulation of the city development plan, with the
4 assistance of the city development council and, upon approval thereof by the
5 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, implement the same;
- 6 (iii) Present the program of government and propose policies and
7 projects for the consideration of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* at the opening
8 of the regular session of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* every calendar year and
9 as often as may be deemed necessary as the general welfare of the inhabitants
10 and the needs of the city government may require;
- 11 (iv) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the *Sangguniang*
12 *Panlungsod* and, as often as may be deemed necessary, provide such
13 information and data needed or requested by said *Sanggunian* in the
14 performance of its legislative functions;
- 15 (v) Appoint all officials and employees whose appointments are not
16 otherwise provided for in this Act, and those whose appointment may be
17 authorized under other laws;
- 18 (vi) Represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its
19 behalf all bonds, contracts and obligations, and other documents upon the
20 authority of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* or pursuant to law or ordinance;
- 21 (vii) Carry out emergency measures as may be necessary during and in
22 the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;
- 23 (viii) Determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or
24 wages of the officials and employees of the City, in accordance with law or
25 ordinance;
- 26 (ix) Allocate and assign office space to the City and other officials and
27 employees who, by law or ordinance, are entitled to space in the office and
28 other buildings owned or leased by the city government;

1 (x) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City
2 faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided for by law and the
3 Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and cause to be instituted
4 administrative or judicial proceedings against any official or employee of the
5 City who may have committed an offense in the performance of official duties;

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

11 (xii) Furnish copies of executive orders issued to the Provincial
12 Governor within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

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

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

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

27 (xvi) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or
28 assigned to the City for advice on matters affecting the City and to make

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (i) Ensure that the acts of the City's component barangays and of its
27 officials and employees are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties
28 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, on subjects as may be deemed important
4 for the promotion of the general welfare of the local government unit and its
5 inhabitants;

6 (iii) Issue executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement
7 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, the
21 implementation of development plans, program objectives and priorities,
22 particularly those resources and revenues programmed for agro-industrial
23 development and countryside growth and progress and, relative thereto, shall:

24 (i) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and submit
25 an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in accordance with
26 the budget preparation process enshrined under Republic Act No. 7160,
27 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", as amended;

- 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, as amended;
- 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 the licenses or permits had been issued,
9 pursuant to law or ordinance;
- 10 (v) Issue permits, without need of approval from any national agency,
11 for the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare purpose, excluding
12 prohibited games of chance or shows contrary to law, public policy and public
13 morals;
- 14 (vi) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or other
15 structures to obtain the necessary permits, subject to fines and penalties as may
16 be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make necessary changes in their
17 construction when violative of any law or ordinance, or to order the demolition
18 or removal of house, building or structure within the period prescribed by law
19 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 carried out, as far as practicable, 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, as
13 amended, and those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

14 (c) During the 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
19 Vice Mayor shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and
20 shall receive a monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-
21 six (26) as prescribed under the “Compensation and Position Classification Act
22 of 1989” and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

23 (b) The City Vice Mayor shall:

24 (1) Be the presiding officer of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and sign
25 all warrants drawn on the City Treasury for all expenditures appropriated for
26 the operation of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;

1 Classification Act of 1989” and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant
2 thereto.

3 SEC. 11. *Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation.* – (a) The
4 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, as the legislative body of the City, shall enact
5 ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare
6 of the City and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government
7 Code of 1991, as amended, and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers
8 of the City as provided for under Section 22 of the Local Government Code of
9 1991, as amended, and shall:

10 (1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient
11 and effective city government and, in this connection, shall:

12 (i) Review all ordinances approved by the *Sangguniang Barangay* and
13 executive orders issued by the punong barangay to determine whether these are
14 within the scope of the prescribed powers of the *Sangguniang Barangay* and
15 of the *Punong Barangay*;

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

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

22 (iv) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from the
23 harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide
24 relief services and assistance to victims during and in the aftermath of said
25 disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following
26 said events;

27 (v) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose
28 appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy,

1 mendicancy, prostitution, the establishment and maintenance of houses of
2 ill-repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices
3 and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug
4 dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or
5 exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications and such other
6 activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the City;

7 (vi) Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts
8 which endanger the environment, including illegal logging, smuggling of logs,
9 smuggling of natural resources products and of endangered species of flora and
10 fauna, slash-and-burn farming and other activities which result in pollution,
11 acceleration of siltation of rivers and lakes or of ecological imbalance;

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

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

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

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

1 (xi) When the finances of the city government allow, provide for
2 additional allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public
3 elementary and high school teachers, and other national government employees
4 stationed in or assigned to the City;

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

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

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

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

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

25 (iii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
26 Code of 1991, as amended, and upon the majority vote of all the members of
27 the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, authorize the city mayor to negotiate and
28 contract loans and other forms of indebtedness;

1 (iv) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code
2 of 1991, as amended, and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all the
3 members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, enact ordinances authorizing the
4 floating of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness, for the purpose of
5 raising funds to finance development projects;

6 (v) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the
7 rental of buildings for the use of the City and, upon the majority vote of all the
8 members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, authorize the City Mayor to lease to
9 private parties such public buildings held in a proprietary capacity, subject to
10 existing laws, rules and regulations;

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

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

16 (viii) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to the
17 pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

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

23 (x) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for
24 residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development purposes,
25 and to collect processing fees and other charges, the proceeds of which shall
26 accrue entirely to the City: *Provided, however*, That where approval of a
27 national agency or office is required, said approval shall not be withheld for

1 more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the application. Failure to act on the
2 application within the period stated above shall be deemed as approval thereof;

3 (xi) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code
4 of 1991, as amended, grant exclusive privilege of constructing fish corrals or
5 fish pens, or taking or catching of bangus fry, prawn fry or kawag-kawag, or
6 fry of any species or fish within the city waters;

7 (xii) With the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all the
8 members of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, grant tax exemptions, incentives or
9 reliefs to entities engaged in community growth-inducing industries, subject to
10 the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

11 (xiii) Grant loans or provide grants to other local government units or to
12 national, provincial and city charitable, benevolent or educational institutions:
13 *Provided*, That the institutions are operated and maintained within the City;

14 (xiv) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other
15 buildings; and

16 (xv) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles of
17 commerce.

18 (3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
19 Code of 1991, as amended, enact ordinances granting franchises and
20 authorizing the issuance of permits or licenses, upon conditions and for
21 purposes intended to promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City
22 and, pursuant to this legislative authority, shall:

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

25 (ii) Regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of
26 profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for the
27 business or practice of profession may be revoked, and enact ordinances
28 levying taxes thereon;

1 (iii) Provide for and set the terms and conditions under which public
2 utilities owned by the City shall be operated by the city government and
3 prescribe the conditions under which it may be leased to private persons or
4 entities, preferably cooperatives;

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

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

12 (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of
13 Transportation and Communications (DOTC), regulate the operation of
14 tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial
15 jurisdiction of the City; and

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

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

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

27 (ii) Require that buildings and the premises thereof and any land within
28 the City be kept and maintained in a sanitary condition; impose penalties for

1 any violation thereof; or upon failure to comply with the said requirement,
2 have the work done at the expense of the owner, administrator or tenant
3 concerned; and require the filling up of any land or premises to a grade
4 necessary for proper sanitation;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection and
9 conservation of tree parks and greenbelts, mangroves, and other similar forest
10 development projects;

11 (ii) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize
12 the operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction and
13 operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and
14 structures;

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

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

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

1 (vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit encroachments
2 or obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare,
3 authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public
4 places;

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

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

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

1 (x) Subject to the availability of funds and to existing laws, rules and
2 regulations, establish and provide for the operation of vocational and technical
3 schools and similar post-secondary institutions and, with the approval of the
4 Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and subject
5 to existing laws on tuition fees, fix and collect reasonable tuition fees and other
6 school charges in educational institutions supported by the city government;

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

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

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

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

21 (xv) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement of
22 jails and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program and
23 appropriate funds for the subsistence of detainees and convicted prisoners in
24 the City;

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

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

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

9 ARTICLE V

10 PROCESS OF LEGISLATION

11 SEC. 12. *Internal Rules of Procedure.* – (a) On the first regular
12 session following the election of its members and within ninety (90) days
13 thereafter, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall adopt or update its existing rules
14 of procedure.

15 (b) The rules of procedure shall provide for the following:

16 (1) The organization of the *Sanggunian* and the election of its officers
17 as well as the creation of standing committees which shall include the
18 committees on appropriations, revenues, engineering and public works,
19 education and health, women and family, human rights, youth and sports
20 development, environmental protection, peace and order and traffic, and
21 cooperatives; the general jurisdiction of each committee; and the election of
22 the chairperson and members of each committee;

23 (2) The order and calendar of business for each session;

24 (3) The legislative process;

25 (4) The parliamentary procedures which include the conduct of
26 members during sessions;

27 (5) The discipline of members for disorderly behavior and absences
28 without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive sessions for which they may

1 be censured, reprimanded or excluded from the session, suspended for not
2 more than sixty (60) days or expelled: *Provided*, That the penalty of
3 suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds
4 (2/3) vote of all the *Sanggunian* members: *Provided, further*, That the member
5 convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any
6 crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the
7 sanggunian; and

8 (6) Such other rules as the *Sanggunian* may adopt.

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

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

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

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

1 (b) The disclosure required under this Act shall be made in writing
2 submitted to the secretary of the *Sanggunian* or the secretary of the committee
3 of membership. The disclosure shall, in all cases, form part of the record of the
4 proceedings and shall be made in the following manner:

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

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

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

18 (b) When the public interest so demands, special sessions may be
19 called by the City Mayor or by a majority of the members of the *Sanggunian*.

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

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

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

4 (e) The *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall keep a journal and a record of
5 its proceedings, which may be published upon resolution of the majority of its
6 members.

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

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

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

23 SEC. 16. *Approval of Ordinances.* – (a) Every ordinance enacted by
24 the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall be presented to the City Mayor. If the City
25 Mayor approves the same, the signature shall be affixed on each and every
26 page thereof; otherwise, the ordinance shall be vetoed with the statement on
27 the objections to the *Sanggunian*, which may proceed to reconsider the same.
28 The *Sanggunian* may override the veto of the City Mayor by two-thirds (2/3)

1 vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective
2 for all legal intents and purposes.

3 (b) The veto shall be communicated by the City Mayor to the
4 *Sanggunian* within ten (10) days, otherwise, the ordinance shall be deemed
5 approved as if it had been signed.

6 SEC. 17. *Veto Power of the City Mayor.* – (a) The City Mayor may
7 veto any ordinance of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* on the ground that it is
8 *ultra vires* or prejudicial to the public welfare, stating the reasons thereof in
9 writing.

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

19 (c) The City Mayor may veto an ordinance or resolution only once.
20 The *Sanggunian* may override the veto of the City Mayor by two-thirds (2/3)
21 vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance effective even without
22 the approval of the City Mayor.

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

1 (b) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of copies of such ordinances
2 and resolutions, the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* shall examine the documents
3 or transmit them to the provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor for
4 prompt examination. The provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor
5 shall, within a period of ten (10) days from receipt of the documents, inform
6 the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* in writing of comments or recommendations
7 which may be considered by the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* in making its
8 decision.

9 (c) If the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* finds that such an ordinance or
10 resolution is beyond the power conferred upon the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*
11 concerned, it shall declare such ordinance or resolution invalid in whole or in
12 part. The *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* shall enter its action in the minutes and
13 shall advise the corresponding city authorities of the action it has taken.

14 (d) If no action has been taken by the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*
15 within thirty (30) days after submission of such an ordinance or resolution, the
16 same shall be presumed to be consistent with law and therefore valid.

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

22 (b) If the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* fails to take action on barangay
23 ordinances within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, the same shall be
24 deemed approved.

25 (c) If the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* finds the barangay ordinances
26 inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall,
27 within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments
28 and recommendations to the *Sangguniang Barangay* concerned for adjustment,

1 amendment or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the barangay
2 ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is effected.

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

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

8 SEC. 21. *Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions.* – (a) Unless
9 otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local
10 development plan and the public investment program, the same shall take
11 effect after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin
12 board at the entrance of the City Hall of General Trias and in at least two (2)
13 other conspicuous places in the City of General Trias not later than five (5)
14 days after approval thereof.

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

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

ARTICLE VI

DISQUALIFICATION AND SUCCESSION OF ELECTIVE CITY OFFICIALS

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

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

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

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

12 (d) Those with dual citizenship;

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

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

18 (g) The insane or feeble-minded.

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

1 (b) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the *Punong*
2 *Barangay*, the highest-ranking *Sangguniang Barangay* member or, in case of
3 his or her permanent incapacity, the second highest ranking *Sanggunian*
4 member, shall become the *Punong Barangay*.

5 (c) A tie between or among the highest ranking *Sangguniang*
6 *Panlungsod* members shall be resolved by drawing of lots.

7 (d) The successors as defined herein shall serve only the unexpired
8 terms of their predecessors.

9 (e) For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an
10 elective local official fills in a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office,
11 fails to qualify, dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise
12 permanently incapacitated to discharge the functions of the office.

13 (f) For purposes of succession as provided for in this Act, ranking in
14 the *Sanggunian* shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of votes
15 obtained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in
16 the City in the immediately preceding local election.

17 SEC. 24. *Permanent Vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlungsod.*
18 – Permanent vacancies in the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* where automatic
19 succession as provided above does not apply shall be filled in by appointments
20 in the following manner:

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

22 (b) Only the nominee of the political party under which the *Sanggunian*
23 member concerned had been elected shall be appointed in the manner herein
24 provided. The appointee shall come from the same political party as that of the
25 *Sanggunian* member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the unexpired
26 term of the vacant office.

27 In the appointment herein mentioned, a nomination and a certificate of
28 membership of the appointee from the highest official of the political party

1 concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any appointment without such
2 nomination and certification shall be null and void *ab initio* and shall be a
3 ground for administrative action against the official responsible therefor;

4 (c) In case the permanent vacancy is caused by a *Sanggunian* member
5 who does not belong to any political party, the City Mayor shall, upon the
6 recommendation of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, appoint a qualified person
7 to fill in the vacancy; and

8 (d) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth and the
9 barangay in the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, said vacancy shall be filled in
10 automatically by the official next-in-rank of the organization concerned.

11 SEC. 25. *Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor.* –

12 (a) When the City Mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform duties for
13 physical or legal reasons, including leave of absence, travel abroad and
14 suspension from office, the City Vice Mayor or the highest ranking
15 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* member shall automatically exercise the powers and
16 perform the duties and functions of the City Mayor, except the power to
17 appoint, suspend or dismiss employees which can only be exercised if the
18 period of temporary incapacity exceeds thirty (30) working days.

19 (b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the
20 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* of a written declaration by the City Mayor of having
21 reported back to office. In case where the temporary incapacity is due to legal
22 cause, the City Mayor shall also submit the necessary documents showing that
23 the said legal cause no longer exists.

24 (c) When the City Mayor is traveling within the country but outside the
25 territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days, he
26 or she may designate in writing the officer-in-charge of the office. The
27 authorization shall specify the powers and functions that the local official

1 concerned shall exercise in the absence of the City Mayor, except the power to
2 appoint, suspend or dismiss employees.

3 (d) In the event, however, that the City Mayor fails or refuses to issue
4 such authorization, the City Vice Mayor or the highest ranking *Sangguniang*
5 *Panlungsod* member, as the case may be, shall have the right to assume the
6 powers, duties and functions of the office on the fourth (4th) day of absence of
7 the City Mayor, subject to the limitations provided for in subsection (c) hereof.

8 (e) Except as provided above, the City Mayor shall, in no case,
9 authorize any local official to assume the powers, duties and functions of the
10 office other than the City Vice Mayor or the highest ranking member of the
11 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, as the case may be.

12 ARTICLE VII

13 THE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY

14 SEC. 26. *The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – (a) There
15 shall be a secretary to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* who shall be a career
16 official with the rank and salary equal to a head of a department or office.

17 (b) No person shall be appointed secretary to the *Sangguniang*
18 *Panlungsod* unless one is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
19 General Trias, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably
20 in law, commerce or public administration obtained from a recognized college
21 or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.

22 (c) The secretary to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall take charge of
23 the office of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, and shall:

24 (1) Attend sessions of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and keep a journal
25 of its proceedings;

26 (2) Keep the seal of the City and affix it with one's signature to all
27 ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*,
28 and present these for the signature of the presiding officer;

1 (3) Forward to the City Mayor for approval, copies of ordinances
2 enacted by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, duly certified by the presiding
3 officer;

4 (4) Forward to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
5 copies of the appropriations ordinances passed by the *Sangguniang*
6 *Panlungsod* as provided for under Section 326, Book II of the Local
7 Government Code of 1991, as amended;

8 (5) Forward to the *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* copies of duly
9 approved ordinances in the manner as provided for in Sections 56 and 57 of
10 the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

11 (6) Furnish, upon the request of any interested party, certified copies of
12 records of public character in one's custody, upon payment to the City
13 Treasurer of such fees as may be prescribed by an ordinance;

14 (7) Record in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and
15 resolutions enacted or adopted by the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*, with the dates
16 of passage and publication thereof;

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

19 (9) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of the inhabitants, all
20 ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval, and cause their
21 publication together with the original version in the manner provided under the
22 Local Government Code of 1991, as amended;

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

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

1 SEC. 27. *The City Treasurer.* – (a) The City Treasurer shall be
2 appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Finance (DOF) from a list of
3 at least three (3) ranking eligible recommendees of the City Mayor, subject to
4 civil service law, rules and regulations.

5 (b) The City Treasurer shall be under the administrative supervision of
6 the City Mayor, to whom one shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts
7 of the City.

8 (c) No person shall be appointed City Treasurer unless one is a citizen
9 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good moral
10 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public
11 administration or law obtained from a recognized college or university, a first
12 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and must have acquired experience
13 in treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years.

14 (d) The City Treasurer shall receive compensation, emoluments and
15 allowances as may be determined by law.

16 (e) The City Treasurer shall take charge of the City Finance
17 Department, and shall:

18 (1) Advise the City Mayor, the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and other
19 local government and national officials concerned regarding the disposition of
20 local government funds and on other matters relative to public finance;

21 (2) Take custody of and exercise proper management of the funds of
22 the City;

23 (3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and other
24 funds, the custody of which has been entrusted by law or other competent
25 authority;

26 (4) Inspect private commercial and industrial establishments within the
27 jurisdiction of the City in relation to the implementation of tax ordinances,

1 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991, as
2 amended;

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

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

7 *SEC. 28. The City Assessor.* – (a) The City Assessor must be a citizen
8 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good moral
9 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical
10 engineering, commerce or any other related course obtained from a recognized
11 college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent and
12 must have acquired experience in real property assessment work or in any
13 related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of
14 appointment.

15 (b) The City Assessor shall receive compensation, emoluments and
16 allowances as may be determined by law.

17 (c) The City Assessor shall take charge of the City Assessor's
18 Department, and shall:

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

21 (2) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,
22 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in the evaluation and
23 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes;

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

25 (4) Install and maintain real property identification and accounting
26 systems;

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

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

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

8 (8) Prepare a schedule of the fair market value of the different classes
9 of real properties in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government
10 Code of 1991, as amended;

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

14 (10) Submit every semester a report of all assessments, as well as
15 cancellations and modifications of assessments to the City Mayor and the
16 *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;

17 (11) Attend personally or through an authorized representative all
18 sessions of the Local Board of Assessments; and

19 (12) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
20 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
21 "Local Government Code of 1991", as amended, and those that are prescribed
22 by law or ordinance.

23 SEC. 29. *The City Accountant.* – (a) The City Accountant must be a
24 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
25 moral character, a certified public accountant and must have acquired
26 experience in the treasury or accounting service for at least five (5) years
27 immediately preceding the date of appointment.

1 (b) The City Accountant shall receive compensation, emoluments and
2 allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The City Accountant shall take charge of both the Office Of The
4 Accounting and Internal Audit Services, and shall:

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

6 (2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the City Mayor and to
7 the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;

8 (3) Apprise the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and other officials on the
9 financial condition and operations of the City;

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

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

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

16 (7) Prepare statements of journal vouchers, their liquidations and other
17 adjustments related thereto;

18 (8) Post individual disbursements to subsidiary ledgers and index
19 cards;

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

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

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

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

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

4 SEC. 30. *The City Budget Officer.* – (a) The City Budget Officer must
5 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
6 moral character, holder of a college degree preferably in accounting,
7 economics, public administration or any related course obtained from a
8 recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its
9 equivalent, and must have acquired experience in government budgeting or in
10 any related field for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of
11 appointment.

12 (b) The City Budget Officer shall take charge of the City Budget
13 Department, and shall:

14 (1) Prepare forms, orders and circulars embodying instructions on
15 budgetary and appropriation matters for the signature of the City Mayor;

16 (2) Review and consolidate the budget proposals of different
17 departments and offices of the City;

18 (3) Assist the City Mayor in the preparation of the budget and during
19 and after the budget hearings;

20 (4) Study and evaluate budgetary implications of proposed legislations
21 and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

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

23 (6) Coordinate with the City Treasurer, the City Accountant and the
24 City Planning and Development Officer for the purpose of budgeting;

25 (7) Assist the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* in reviewing the approved
26 budgets of the component barangays;

27 (8) Coordinate with the City Planning and Development Office in the
28 formulation of the development plan of the City; and

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

4 SEC. 31. *The City Planning and Development Officer.* – (a) The City
5 Planning and Development Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a
6 resident of the City of General Trias, of good moral character, a holder of a
7 college degree preferably in urban planning, development studies, economics,
8 public administration or in any related course obtained from a recognized
9 college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent, and
10 must have acquired experience in development planning or in any related field
11 for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment.

12 (b) The City Planning and Development Officer shall receive
13 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

14 (c) The City Planning and Development Officer shall take charge of the
15 City Planning and Development Coordinating Office, and shall:

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

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

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

22 (4) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the different
23 development programs, projects and activities in the City in accordance with
24 the approved development plan;

25 (5) Prepare comprehensive plans and other development planning
26 documents for the consideration of the Local Development Council;

1 (6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and
2 recommend fiscal plans and policies for the consideration of the finance
3 committee of the *Sangguniang Panlungsod*;

4 (7) Promote people's participation in development planning within the
5 City;

6 (8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the Local
7 Development Council; and

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

11 SEC. 32. *The City Engineer.* – (a) The City Engineer must be a citizen
12 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good moral
13 character, a licensed civil engineer, and must have acquired experience in the
14 practice of profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date
15 of appointment.

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

18 (c) The City Engineer shall take charge of the City Engineering Office,
19 and shall:

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

23 (2) Advise the City Mayor on infrastructure, public works and other
24 engineering matters;

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

1 (4) Provide engineering services to the City, including investigations
2 and surveys, engineering designs, feasibility studies and project management;
3 and

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

7 SEC. 33. *The City Health Officer.* – (a) The City Health Officer must
8 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
9 moral character, a licensed medical practitioner, and must have acquired
10 experience in the practice of the profession for at least five (5) years
11 immediately preceding the date of appointment.

12 (b) The City Health Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments
13 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 said office, formulate
17 program implementation guidelines and rules and regulations for the operation
18 of the said office for the approval of the City Mayor in order to assist him or
19 her in the efficient, effective and economical implementation of health service
20 programs geared to 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, as amended;

26 (3) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City
27 Mayor, implement these with the health programs and projects which the City
28 Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is

1 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as
2 amended;

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
8 matters 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 ordinance as may be deemed 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 other duties and functions and exercise other powers as
27 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and
28 those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 34. *The City Civil Registrar.* – (a) The City Civil Registrar must
2 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
3 moral character, a holder of a college degree obtained from a recognized
4 college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent, and
5 must have acquired experience in civil registry work for at least five (5) years
6 immediately preceding the date of appointment.

7 (b) The City Civil Registrar shall receive compensation, emoluments
8 and allowances as may be determined by law.

9 (c) The City Civil Registrar shall be responsible for the civil
10 registration program in the City of General Trias, pursuant to the Civil Registry
11 Law, the Omnibus Election Code and other pertinent laws, rules and
12 regulations issued to implement them.

13 (d) The City Civil Registrar shall take charge of the Office of the City
14 Civil Registry, and shall:

15 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City
16 Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
17 management and administration-related programs and projects which the City
18 Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is
19 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as
20 amended;

21 (2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the City Civil
22 Registrar shall:

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

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

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

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

3 (v) Issue certified transcripts or copies of any certificate or registered
4 documents upon payment of the required fees to the City Treasurer;

5 (vi) Receive application for the issuance of a marriage license and, after
6 determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and publication
7 thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue the license
8 upon payment of the authorized fee to the City Treasurer; and

9 (vii) Coordinate with the National Statistics Office (NSO) in
10 conducting educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the
11 preparation of demographic and other statistics for the City of General Trias.

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

15 SEC. 35. *The City Administrator.* – (a) The City Administrator must
16 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
17 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in public
18 administration, law or in any other related course obtained from a recognized
19 college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent, and
20 must have acquired experience in management and administrative work for at
21 least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment.

22 (b) The term of the City Administrator is coterminous with that of his
23 or her appointing authority.

24 (c) The City Administrator shall receive compensation, emoluments
25 and allowances as may be determined by law.

26 (d) The City Administrator shall take charge of the City
27 Administrator's Office, and shall:

1 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the City
2 Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
3 management and administration-related programs and projects which the City
4 Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is
5 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as
6 amended;

7 (2) Assist in the coordination of the work of all the officials of the local
8 government unit, under the supervision, direction and control of the City
9 Mayor, and for this purpose, convene the chiefs of offices and other officials of
10 the local government unit;

11 (3) Establish and maintain a sound personnel program for the local
12 government unit designed to promote career development and uphold the merit
13 principle in the local government service;

14 (4) Conduct a continuing organizational development of the local
15 government unit with the end in view of instituting effective administrative
16 reforms;

17 (5) Be in the frontline of the delivery of administrative support
18 services, particularly those related to the situations during and in the aftermath
19 of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

20 (6) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
21 Mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the
22 City; and

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

26 SEC. 36. *The City Legal Officer.* – (a) The City Legal Officer must be
27 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
28 moral character, a member of the Philippine Bar, and must have practiced the

1 profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of
2 appointment.

3 The term of the City Legal Officer shall be coterminous with that of his
4 or her appointing authority.

5 (b) The City Legal Officer shall receive compensation, emoluments and
6 allowances as may be determined by law.

7 (c) The City Legal Officer, the Chief Legal Counsel of the City, shall
8 take charge of the Office of the City Legal Service, and shall:

9 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
10 *Panlungsod* and provide legal assistance and support to the City Mayor in
11 carrying out the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate
12 facilities;

13 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
14 City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
15 programs and projects related to legal services which the City Mayor is
16 empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is
17 empowered to provide;

18 (3) Represent the local government unit in all civil actions and special
19 proceedings wherein the local government unit or any official thereof, in his or
20 her official capacity, is a party: *Provided*, That in actions or proceedings where
21 the City of General Trias is a party adverse to the provincial government or to
22 another component city, a special legal officer may be employed to represent
23 the adverse party;

24 (4) When required by the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*, draft
25 ordinances, contracts, bonds, leases and other instruments, involving any
26 interest of the local government unit; and provide comments and
27 recommendations on any instruments already drawn;

1 (5) Render his or her opinion in writing on any question of law when
2 requested to do so by the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*;

3 (6) Investigate or cause to be investigated any local official or
4 employee for administrative neglect or misconduct in office, and recommend
5 appropriate action to the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*, as the case may be;

6 (7) Investigate or cause to be investigated any person, firm or
7 corporation holding any franchise or exercising any privilege for failure to
8 comply with any term or condition in the grant of such franchise or privilege,
9 and recommend appropriate action to the City Mayor or *Sanggunian*, as the
10 case may be;

11 (8) When directed by the City Mayor, or *Sanggunian*, initiate and
12 prosecute in the interest of the local government unit concerned any civil
13 action on any bond, lease or other contract upon any breach or violation
14 thereof;

15 (9) Review ordinances and submit recommendations on ordinances
16 approved and executive orders issued by component units;

17 (10) Recommend measures to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise
18 the City Mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;

19 (11) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting any
20 violation thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the aftermath of
21 man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and

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

25 SEC. 37. *The City Social Welfare and Development Officer.* – (a) The
26 City Social Welfare and Development Officer must be a citizen of the
27 Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good moral character, a
28 licensed social worker or a holder of a college degree preferably in social work

1 or in any other related course obtained from a recognized college or university,
2 a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent, and must have acquired
3 experience in the practice of social work for at least five (5) years immediately
4 preceding the date of appointment.

5 (b) The City Social Welfare and Development Officer shall receive
6 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

7 (c) The City Social Welfare and Development Officer shall take charge
8 of the Office of the Social Welfare and Development, and shall:

9 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the *Sangguniang*
10 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in
11 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
12 of adequate facilities relative to social welfare and development services;

13 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
14 City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
15 social welfare programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
16 implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

17 (3) Identify the basic needs of the needy, the disadvantaged and the
18 impoverished, and develop and implement appropriate measures to alleviate
19 their problems and improve their living conditions;

20 (4) Provide relief and appropriate crisis intervention for victims of
21 abuse and exploitation and recommend appropriate measures to deter further
22 abuse and exploitations;

23 (5) Assist the City Mayor, as the case may be, in implementing the
24 barangay level program for the total development and protection of children up
25 to six (6) years of age;

26 (6) Facilitate the implementation of welfare programs for the disabled,
27 elderly and victims of drug addiction, the rehabilitation of prisoners and

1 parolees, the prevention of juvenile delinquency and such other activities
2 which would eliminate and minimize the ill-effects of poverty;

3 (7) Initiate and support welfare programs that will enhance the role of
4 the youth in nation building;

5 (8) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
6 organizations which have for their purpose the promotion and the protection of
7 all the needy, disadvantaged, underprivileged or impoverished groups or
8 individuals, particularly those identified to be vulnerable and high risk to
9 exploitation, abuse and neglect;

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

13 (10) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
14 Mayor on all other matters related to social welfare and development services
15 which will improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the inhabitants;
16 and

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

20 SEC. 38. *The City Veterinarian.* – (a) The City Veterinarian must be a
21 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
22 moral character, a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine, and must have
23 practiced the profession for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the
24 date of appointment.

25 (b) The City Veterinarian shall receive compensation, emoluments and
26 allowances as may be determined by law.

27 (c) The City Veterinarian shall take charge of the Office of the
28 Veterinary Services, and shall:

1 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
2 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in
3 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
4 of adequate facilities;

5 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
6 City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
7 veterinary-related activities which the City Mayor is empowered to implement
8 and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

9 (3) Advise the City Mayor on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of
10 animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouses;

11 (4) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;

12 (5) Regulate and inspect poultry, milk and dairy products for public
13 consumption;

14 (6) Enforce all laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals;

15 (7) Take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all
16 forms of animal diseases;

17 (8) Be in the frontline of the veterinary-related activities, including the
18 outbreak of highly-contagious and deadly diseases, and in situations resulting
19 in the depletion of animals for work and for human consumption, particularly
20 those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or
21 calamities;

22 (9) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
23 Mayor on all other matters relative to the veterinary services which will
24 increase the number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry and other
25 domestic animals used for work or for human consumption; and

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

1 SEC. 39. *The City General Services Officer.* – (a) The City General
2 Services Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
3 General Trias, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree in public
4 administration, business administration or management obtained from a
5 recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its
6 equivalent, and must have acquired experience in general services, including
7 the management of supply, property, solid waste disposal and general
8 sanitation for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of
9 appointment.

10 (b) The City General Services Officer shall receive compensation,
11 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

12 (c) The City General Services Officer shall take charge of the Office of
13 the General Services, and shall:

14 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
15 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in
16 *carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision*
17 *of adequate facilities which require general services expertise in technical*
18 *support services;*

19 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the
20 City Mayor, implement these with general services supportive of the welfare of
21 the inhabitants of the City which the City Mayor is empowered to implement
22 and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

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

26 (4) With the approval of the City Mayor, assign building or land space
27 to local officials or other public officials, who by law are entitled to the space:

1 (5) Recommend to the City Mayor the reasonable rental rates for local
2 government properties, whether real or personal, which will be leased to public
3 or private entities by the local government;

4 (6) Maintain and supervise janitorial, security, landscaping and other
5 related services in all local government public buildings and other real
6 property, whether owned or leased by the local government unit;

7 (7) Collate and disseminate information regarding prices, shipping
8 and other costs of supplies and other items commonly used by the local
9 government unit;

10 (8) Perform archival and record management with respect to records
11 of offices and departments of the local government unit;

12 (9) Perform all other functions pertaining to supply and property
13 management heretofore performed by the local government treasurer and
14 enforce policies on records creation, maintenance and disposal;

15 (10) Be in the frontline of general services-related activities, including
16 the possible and imminent destruction or damage to records, supplies,
17 properties and structure materials or debris, particularly during and in the
18 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

19 (11) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
20 Mayor on all matters relative to general services; and

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

24 SEC. 40. *The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer.*

25 – (a) The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer must be a citizen
26 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good moral
27 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry,
28 agriculture or in any other related course obtained from a recognized college or

1 university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent, and must have
2 acquired experience in environment and natural resources management,
3 conservation and utilization work for at least five (5) years immediately
4 preceding the date of appointment.

5 (b) The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer shall receive
6 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

7 (c) The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer shall take
8 charge of the City Environment Service Department, and shall:

9 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
10 *Panlungsod* and provide assistance and support to the City Mayor in carrying
11 out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of
12 adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services as
13 provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as
14 amended;

15 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the
16 City Mayor, implement these with the environment and natural resources
17 programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and
18 which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

19 (3) Establish, maintain, protect and preserve communal forests,
20 watersheds, tree parks, mangroves, greenbelts and similar forest projects and
21 commercial forests, like industrial tree farms and agro-forestry projects;

22 (4) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development
23 projects and technical, financial and infrastructure assistance;

24 (5) Manage and maintain seed banks and produce seedlings for forest
25 and tree parks;

26 (6) Provide extension services to beneficiaries of forest development
27 projects and render assistance for natural resources-related conservation and
28 utilization activities consistent with ecological balance;

1 (7) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
2 organizations in the implementation of measures to prevent and control land,
3 air and water pollution with the assistance of the Department of Environment
4 and Natural Resources (DENR);

5 (8) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the
6 environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and
7 rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and
8 natural disasters or calamities;

9 (9) Recommend measures to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise
10 the City Mayor on all matters relative to the protection, conservation,
11 maximum utilization, application of appropriate technology and other matters
12 related to the environment and natural resources; and

13 (10) Perform other duties and functions and exercise other powers as
14 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and
15 those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

16 SEC. 41. *The City Architect.* – (a) The City Architect must be a citizen
17 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good moral
18 character, a duly licensed architect, and must have practiced the profession for
19 at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment.

20 (b) The City Architect shall receive compensation, emoluments and
21 allowances as may be determined by law.

22 (c) The City Architect shall take charge of the Office of the
23 Architectural Planning and Design, and shall:

24 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
25 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in
26 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
27 of adequate facilities relative to architectural planning and design;

1 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the
2 City Mayor, implement these with architectural planning and design programs
3 and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the
4 *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide for under the Local
5 Government Code of 1991, as amended;

6 (3) Prepare and recommend for consideration of the *Sanggunian* the
7 architectural plan and design for the local government unit or a part thereof,
8 including the removal of slums and blighted areas, land reclamation activities,
9 the greening of land and appropriate planning of marine and foreshore areas;

10 (4) Review and recommend for appropriate action of the *Sanggunian*
11 or the City Mayor, as the case may be, the architectural plans and designs
12 submitted by governmental and nongovernmental entities or individuals,
13 particularly those for undeveloped and poorly designed areas;

14 (5) Coordinate with government and nongovernment entities and
15 individuals involved in the aesthetics and maximum utilization of the land and
16 water within the jurisdiction of the government unit, compatible with the
17 environmental integrity and ecological balance;

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

22 (7) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
23 Mayor on all other matters relative to architectural planning and design as it
24 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

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

1 SEC. 42. *The City Information Officer.* – (a) The City Information
2 Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General
3 Trias, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in
4 journalism, mass communication or in any related course obtained from a
5 recognized college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its
6 equivalent, and must have acquired experience in writing articles and research
7 papers, or writing for print, television or broadcast media for at least three (3)
8 years immediately preceding the date of appointment.

9 (b) The City Information Officer shall receive compensation,
10 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

11 (c) The City Information Officer shall take charge of the City
12 Information and Community Relations Department, and shall:

13 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
14 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in
15 providing the information and research data required for the delivery of basic
16 services and the provision of adequate facilities so that the public becomes
17 aware of said services and may fully avail of the same;

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the
19 City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
20 public information and research data to support programs and projects which
21 the City Mayor is empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang*
22 *Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

23 (3) Provide relevant, adequate and timely information to the local
24 government unit and its residents;

25 (4) Furnish information and data on local government agencies or
26 offices as may be required by law or ordinance; and nongovernmental
27 organizations to be furnished by said agencies and organizations;

1 (5) Maintain effective liaison with the various sectors of the community
2 on matters and issues that affect the livelihood and the quality of life of the
3 inhabitants and encourage support for programs of the local and national
4 government;

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

9 (7) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
10 Mayor on all other matters relative to public information and research data as it
11 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

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

15 SEC. 43. *The City Cooperatives Officer.* – (a) The City Cooperatives
16 Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General
17 Trias, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in
18 business administration with special training on cooperatives or in any related
19 course obtained from a recognized college or university, a first grade civil
20 service eligible or its equivalent, and must have acquired experience in
21 cooperatives organization and management for at least five (5) years
22 immediately preceding the date of appointment.

23 (b) The City Cooperatives Officer shall receive compensation,
24 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

25 (c) The City Cooperatives Officer shall take charge of the Office for
26 the Development of Cooperatives, and shall:

27 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the *Sangguniang*
28 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in

- 1 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
2 of facilities through the development of cooperatives and in providing access
3 to such services and facilities;
- 4 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the
5 City Mayor, implement these with the integration of cooperatives principles
6 and methods in programs which the City Mayor is empowered to implement
7 and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;
- 8 (3) Assist in the organization of cooperatives;
- 9 (4) Provide technical and other forms of assistance to existing
10 cooperatives to enhance their viability as an economic enterprise and social
11 organization;
- 12 (5) Assist cooperatives in establishing linkages with government
13 agencies and nongovernmental organizations involved in the promotion and
14 integration of the concept of cooperatives in the livelihood of the people and
15 other community activities;
- 16 (6) Be in the frontline of cooperatives organization, rehabilitation or
17 viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made
18 and natural disasters or calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary,
19 subsequent rehabilitation;
- 20 (7) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
21 Mayor on all other matters relative to cooperatives development and viability
22 enhancement which will improve the livelihood and the quality of life of the
23 inhabitants; and
- 24 (8) Perform other duties and functions and exercise other powers as
25 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and
26 those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

1 SEC. 44. *The City Population Officer.* – (a) The City Population
2 Officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General
3 Trias, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably with
4 specialized training in population development obtained from a recognized
5 college or university, a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent, and
6 must have acquired experience in the implementation of programs on
7 population development or responsible parenthood for at least five (5) years
8 immediately preceding the date of appointment.

9 (b) The City Population Officer shall receive compensation,
10 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

11 (c) The City Population Officer shall take charge of the Office of the
12 Population Development, and shall:

13 (1) *Formulate measures for the consideration of the Sangguniang*
14 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in
15 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
16 of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population development
17 principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the
19 City Mayor, implement these with the integration of population development
20 principles and methods in programs and projects which the City Mayor is
21 empowered to implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is
22 empowered to provide;

23 (3) Assist the City Mayor in the implementation of the constitutional
24 provisions relative to population development and the promotion of
25 responsible parenthood;

26 (4) Establish and maintain an updated data bank for program
27 operations, development planning and an educational program to ensure the
28 people's participation in understanding of population development;

1 (5) Implement appropriate training programs responsive to the cultural
2 heritage of the inhabitants; and

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

6 SEC. 45. *The City Agriculturist.* – (a) The City Agriculturist must be a
7 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of General Trias, of good
8 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in agriculture or in any
9 other related course obtained from a recognized college or university, a first
10 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent, and must have practiced the
11 profession in agriculture or acquired experience in a related field for at least
12 five (5) years immediately preceding the date of appointment.

13 (b) The City Agriculturist shall receive compensation, emoluments and
14 allowances as may be determined by law.

15 (c) The City Agriculturist shall take charge of the Office of the
16 Agricultural Services, and shall:

17 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the *Sangguniang*
18 *Panlungsod* and provide technical assistance and support to the City Mayor in
19 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision
20 of adequate facilities relative to agricultural services;

21 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon the approval thereof by the
22 City Mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
23 agricultural programs and projects which the City Mayor is empowered to
24 implement and which the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* is empowered to provide;

25 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the City
26 Agriculturist, shall:

- 1 (i) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the
2 production, processing and marketing of agricultural, aquacultural and marine
3 products are extended to farmers, fishermen and local entrepreneurs;
- 4 (ii) Conduct or cause to be conducted location-specific agricultural
5 researches and assist in making available the appropriate technology arising
6 out of and disseminating information on basic research on crops, prevention
7 and control of plant diseases and pests, and other agricultural matters which
8 will maximize productivity;
- 9 (iii) Assist the City Mayor in the establishment and extension services
10 of demonstration farms on aquaculture and marine products;
- 11 (iv) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture and
12 aquaculture; and
- 13 (v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
14 organizations, which promote agricultural productivity through applied
15 technology compatible with environmental integrity.
- 16 (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of basic agricultural services,
17 particularly those needed for the survival of the inhabitants during and in the
18 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;
- 19 (5) Recommend to the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* and advise the City
20 Mayor on all other matters related to agriculture and aquaculture which will
21 improve the livelihood and the living conditions of the inhabitants; and
- 22 (6) Perform other duties and functions and exercise other powers as
23 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, and
24 those that are prescribed by law or ordinance.

ARTICLE VIII

THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL SERVICE,
THE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION AND THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE

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4 SEC. 46. *The City Fire Station Service.* – (a) There shall be
5 established in the City at least one (1) fire station with adequate personnel,
6 firefighting facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules and
7 regulations that may be promulgated by the Department of the Interior and
8 Local Government (DILG). The City shall provide the necessary land or site
9 of the station.

10 (b) The city fire station shall be headed by a City Fire Marshal whose
11 qualifications shall be as those provided for under Republic Act No. 9263, as
12 amended, otherwise known as the “Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of
13 Jail Management and Penology Professionalization Act of 2004”.

14 (c) The city fire station shall be responsible for providing emergency
15 services, including the rescue and evacuation of injured people related to
16 incidents and, in general, all fire prevention and suppression measures to
17 secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

18 SEC. 47. *The City Jail Service.* – (a) There shall be established and
19 maintained in the City a secured, clean, adequately equipped and sanitary jail
20 for the custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from justice, or
21 person detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or violent mentally ill
22 person who endangers oneself or the safety of others, duly certified as such by
23 the proper medical health officer, pending the transfer to a mental institution.

24 (b) The city jail service shall be headed by a City Jail Warden whose
25 qualifications shall be as those provided for under the “Bureau of Fire
26 Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Professionalization
27 Act of 2004”. One shall assist in the immediate rehabilitation of individuals or
28 detention prisoners. Great care must be exercised so that human rights of these

1 prisoners are respected and protected, and their spiritual and physical
2 well-being are properly and promptly attended to.

3 SEC. 48. *The City Schools Division.* – (a) There shall be established
4 and maintained by the Department of Education (DepED), a city schools
5 division of the City of General Trias whose area of jurisdiction will cover all
6 the school districts within the City.

7 (b) The city schools division shall be headed by a City Schools
8 Division Superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required
9 by the DepED.

10 SEC. 49. *The City Prosecution Service.* – (a) There shall be
11 established in the City, a city prosecution service to be headed by a City
12 Prosecutor and such number of assistant city prosecutors, as may be necessary,
13 who shall be organizationally part of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and
14 under the supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice and whose
15 qualifications, manner of appointment, rank, salary and benefits shall be
16 governed by existing laws covering prosecutors in the DOJ.

17 (b) The City Prosecutor shall handle the criminal prosecution in the
18 municipal trial courts in the City as well as in the regional trial courts for
19 criminal cases originating in the territory of the City, and shall render to or for
20 the City such services as are required by law, ordinance or regulation of the
21 DOJ.

22 The Secretary of Justice shall always ensure the adequacy and the
23 quality of prosecution service in the City and, for this purpose, shall, in the
24 absence, lack or insufficiency in number of assistant city prosecutors as
25 provided hereinabove, designate from among the assistant provincial
26 prosecutors a sufficient number to perform and discharge the functions of the
27 City Prosecution Service as provided hereinabove.

ARTICLE IX

TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

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3 SEC. 50. *Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval of*
4 *this Act.* – All municipal ordinances of the Municipality of General Trias
5 existing at the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in force
6 within the City of General Trias until the *Sangguniang Panlungsod* shall
7 declare otherwise.

8 SEC. 51. *Plebiscite.* – The City of General Trias shall acquire
9 corporate existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the
10 votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present
11 Municipality of General Trias within thirty (30) days from the approval of
12 this Act. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and
13 supervise such plebiscite.

14 The expenses for the plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of
15 General Trias.

16 SEC. 52. *Officials of the City of General Trias.* – The present elective
17 officials of the Municipality of General Trias shall continue to exercise their
18 powers and functions until such time that a new election is held and the
19 duly-elected officials shall have already qualified and assumed their offices.
20 Appointive officials and employees of the municipality shall likewise continue
21 exercising their functions and duties and they shall be automatically absorbed
22 by the city government of the City of General Trias.

23 SEC. 53. *Succession Clause.* – The City of General Trias shall
24 succeed to all the assets, properties, liabilities and obligations of the
25 Municipality of General Trias.

26 SEC. 54. *Election of Provincial Governor and Sangguniang*
27 *Panlalawigan Members of the Province of Cavite.* – The qualified voters of
28 the City of General Trias shall be qualified to vote and run for any elective

1 position in the elections for provincial governor, provincial vice governor,
2 *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* members and other elective officials for the
3 Province of Cavite.

4 SEC. 55. *Jurisdiction of the Province of Cavite.* – The City of General
5 Trias shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the
6 jurisdiction of the Province of Cavite.

7 SEC. 56. *Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.* – No
8 increase in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the
9 period of five (5) years from its acquisition of corporate existence.

10 SEC. 57. *Legislative District.* – Until otherwise provided by law, the
11 City of General Trias shall continue to be a part of the Sixth Legislative
12 District of the Province of Cavite.

13 SEC. 58. *Applicability of Laws.* – The provisions of the Local
14 Government Code of 1991, as amended, other laws pertaining to the Province
15 of Cavite and such laws as are applicable shall govern the City of General
16 Trias insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

17 SEC. 59. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason or reasons, any part
18 or provision of this Charter shall be held unconstitutional, invalid or
19 inconsistent with the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, the other
20 parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to be in full
21 force and effect.

22 SEC. 60. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
23 its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
24 circulation.

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