



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5258

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BY REPRESENTATIVE BARZAGA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1348

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

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

1 ARTICLE I

2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

5 SEC. 2. *The City of Dasmariñas.* – The Municipality of Dasmariñas in  
6 the Province of Cavite is hereby converted into a component city to be known  
7 as the City of Dasmariñas, hereinafter referred to as the City, which shall  
8 comprise of the present territory of the Municipality of Dasmariñas. The  
9 territorial jurisdiction of the City shall be within the present metes and bounds  
10 of the Municipality of Dasmariñas, as follows:

11 Bounded on the North, along line 1-19 by the Municipality of Imus;

12 Bounded on the East, along line 19-35 by the Municipality of San  
13 Pedro, Laguna; along line 35-166 by the Embarcadero River (adjacent to  
14 Municipality of Carmona);

15 Bounded on the South, along line 166-188 by the Municipality of  
16 Silang, Cavite;

1 Bounded on the West, along line 188-320 by the Ylang-Ylang River  
 2 (adjacent to Municipality of General Trias);

3 Bounded on the North, along line 320 to the point of beginning.

4 Beginning from:

5	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
6	1-2	S. 85° 58' E.	59.00 m.
7	2-3	S. 84° 51' E.	133.50 m.
8	3-4	S. 78° 35' E.	36.94 m.
9	4-5	S. 70° 18' E.	578.90 m.
10	5-6	N. 78° 25' E.	142.50 m.
11	6-7	S. 07° 39' E.	48.13 m.
12	7-8	N. 79° 06' E.	219.46 m.
13	8-9	S. 70° 11' E.	125.64 m.
14	9-10	N. 56° 57' E.	42.07 m.
15	10-11	N. 42° 21' W.	106.20 m.
16	11-12	N. 15° 41' W.	58.08 m.
17	12-13	N. 26° 14' W.	67.89 m.
18	13-14	N. 00° 05' E.	71.26 m.
19	14-15	N. 60° 12' W.	27.16 m.
20	15-16	N. 66° 39' E.	20.78 m.
21	16-17	S. 58° 40' E.	21.90 m.
22	17-18	N. 50° 39' E.	18.08 m.
23	18-19	N. 89° 50' E.	6,171.45 m.
24	19-20	S. 12° 07' E.	401.86 m.
25	20-21	S. 01° 49' E.	468.14 m.
26	21-22	S. 26° 14' W.	510.95 m.
27	22-23	S. 58° 23' E.	190.36 m.
28	23-24	S. 57° 56' E.	145.39 m.

1	24-25	S. 59° 33' E.	197.68 m.
2	25-26	S. 60° 49' E.	305.50 m.
3	26-27	S. 27° 43' W.	497.13 m.
4	27-28	S. 07° 20' W.	487.78 m.
5	28-29	S. 21° 16' W.	385.00 m.
6	29-30	S. 23° 33' W.	315.36 m.
7	30-31	S. 10° 50' E.	435.67 m.
8	31-32	S. 18° 40' W.	295.64 m.
9	32-33	S. 59° 31' E.	118.48 m.
10	33-34	S. 59° 42' E.	140.36 m.
11	34-35	S. 33° 04' E.	381.96 m.
12	35-36	S. 61° 28' E.	45.89 m.
13	36-37	S. 20° 21' E.	57.70 m.
14	37-38	S. 55° 29' W.	114.00 m.
15	38-39	S. 22° 25' W.	160.60 m.
16	39-40	S. 47° 35' W.	144.90 m.
17	40-41	S. 20° 29' W.	123.40 m.
18	41-42	S. 32° 41' W.	35.00 m.
19	42-43	S. 67° 10' W.	84.60 m.
20	43-44	S. 03° 06' E.	103.60 m.
21	44-45	S. 47° 43' W.	90.99 m.
22	45-46	S. 21° 07' W.	66.20 m.
23	46-47	S. 77° 38' W.	117.40 m.
24	47-48	S. 00° 16' E.	73.20 m.
25	48-49	S. 03° 21' E.	99.70 m.
26	49-50	S. 48° 20' W.	83.40 m.
27	50-51	S. 84° 31' W.	99.20 m.
28	51-52	S. 23° 09' W.	78.20 m.

1	52-53	S. 60° 49' W.	92.60 m.
2	53-54	S. 49° 07' W.	32.10 m.
3	54-55	S. 01° 36' W.	104.50 m.
4	55-56	S. 14° 34' W.	107.41 m.
5	56-57	S. 27° 33' E.	53.50 m.
6	57-58	S. 09° 15' W.	92.50 m.
7	58-59	S. 58° 44' W.	37.10 m.
8	59-60	S. 02° 29' E.	127.80 m.
9	60-61	S. 25° 58' W.	22.90 m.
10	61-62	S. 69° 40' W.	56.60 m.
11	62-63	N. 79° 35' W.	157.40 m.
12	63-64	S. 28° 23' W.	38.70 m.
13	64-65	S. 10° 30' E.	73.40 m.
14	65-66	S. 38° 25' W.	125.50 m.
15	66-67	S. 60° 14' E.	79.80 m.
16	67-68	S. 38° 01' W.	68.60 m.
17	68-69	S. 23° 52' E.	81.10 m.
18	69-70	S. 31° 44' W.	65.30 m.
19	70-71	S. 25° 29' E.	48.00 m.
20	71-72	S. 29° 09' W.	43.90 m.
21	72-73	S. 16° 50' W.	89.60 m.
22	73-74	S. 30° 43' W.	52.50 m.
23	74-75	S. 06° 22' E.	95.70 m.
24	75-76	S. 47° 28' E.	55.10 m.
25	76-77	S. 07° 27' E.	77.00 m.
26	77-78	S. 64° 36' W.	61.60 m.
27	78-79	N. 80° 28' W.	18.30 m.
28	79-80	S. 62° 46' W.	75.20 m.

1	80-81	S. 21° 23' E.	48.90 m.
2	81-82	S. 68° 19' E.	54.80 m.
3	82-83	S. 08° 55' E.	46.30 m.
4	83-84	S. 06° 00' E.	121.30 m.
5	84-85	S. 27° 25' W.	63.10 m.
6	85-86	S. 41° 12' W.	78.70 m.
7	86-87	S. 14° 46' E.	35.90 m.
8	87-88	S. 05° 42' E.	51.59 m.
9	88-89	S. 28° 24' W.	89.69 m.
10	89-90	S. 74° 03' E.	88.10 m.
11	90-91	S. 05° 39' E.	18.00 m.
12	91-92	S. 18° 55' W.	85.10 m.
13	92-93	S. 45° 23' E.	149.20 m.
14	93-94	S. 34° 07' W.	119.80 m.
15	94-95	N. 61° 39' W.	66.60 m.
16	95-96	S. 86° 44' W.	92.10 m.
17	96-97	S. 15° 03' W.	76.50 m.
18	97-98	S. 15° 52' W.	52.10 m.
19	98-99	S. 28° 05' W.	48.30 m.
20	99-100	S. 88° 33' W.	78.30 m.
21	100-101	S. 31° 18' W.	44.30 m.
22	101-102	S. 50° 35' E.	33.70 m.
23	102-103	S. 11° 01' W.	53.10 m.
24	103-104	S. 10° 05' E.	43.60 m.
25	104-105	S. 79° 54' W.	100.50 m.
26	105-106	S. 47° 36' E.	64.60 m.
27	106-107	S. 29° 12' W.	90.70 m.
28	107-108	S. 08° 20' E.	62.00 m.

1	108-109	N. 89° 14' W.	41.70 m.
2	109-110	S. 29° 18' W.	37.60 m.
3	110-111	S. 47° 23' W.	115.60 m.
4	111-112	N. 35° 04' W.	91.50 m.
5	112-113	S. 39° 06' W.	104.80 m.
6	113-114	S. 11° 44' E.	68.20 m.
7	114-115	S. 66° 55' W.	42.30 m.
8	115-116	S. 52° 39' W.	78.00 m.
9	116-117	S. 07° 43' E.	62.70 m.
10	117-118	N. 72° 12' E.	50.80 m.
11	118-119	S. 37° 55' E.	23.81 m.
12	119-120	S. 57° 07' W.	74.30 m.
13	120-121	S. 10° 14' W.	53.70 m.
14	121-122	S. 00° 13' E.	65.80 m.
15	122-123	S. 78° 15' W.	84.20 m.
16	123-124	S. 12° 57' W.	53.20 m.
17	124-125	S. 76° 05' W.	27.20 m.
18	125-126	S. 36° 18' W.	53.20 m.
19	126-127	S. 43° 53' E.	53.40 m.
20	127-128	S. 00° 48' W.	43.40 m.
21	128-129	N. 82° 43' W.	76.70 m.
22	129-130	S. 29° 49' E.	75.60 m.
23	130-131	S. 76° 20' W.	54.10 m.
24	131-132	S. 15° 56' W.	150.90 m.
25	132-133	S. 04° 29' E.	44.30 m.
26	133-134	N. 72° 57' E.	42.80 m.
27	134-135	S. 44° 48' E.	32.60 m.
28	135-136	S. 08° 47' E.	152.10 m.

1	136-137	S. 61° 18' W.	67.10 m.
2	137-138	S. 04° 40' E.	42.70 m.
3	138-139	S. 68° 12' E.	64.80 m.
4	139-140	S. 13° 56' E.	133.39 m.
5	140-141	S. 07° 19' W.	147.20 m.
6	141-142	S. 33° 14' E.	69.00 m.
7	142-143	S. 17° 33' E.	135.60 m.
8	143-144	S. 74° 51' E.	121.70 m.
9	144-145	S. 18° 05' E.	84.60 m.
10	145-146	S. 59° 45' E.	54.00 m.
11	146-147	S. 19° 29' E.	71.00 m.
12	147-148	S. 41° 09' W.	70.10 m.
13	148-149	S. 33° 31' W.	97.10 m.
14	149-150	S. 50° 00' E.	63.40 m.
15	150-151	S. 34° 57' W.	64.70 m.
16	151-152	S. 27° 59' E.	56.50 m.
17	152-153	S. 02° 09' W.	44.70 m.
18	153-154	S. 75° 37' E.	73.10 m.
19	154-155	S. 50° 20' E.	23.50 m.
20	155-156	S. 40° 04' E.	59.40 m.
21	156-157	S. 16° 28' E.	118.50 m.
22	157-158	S. 25° 58' W.	55.10 m.
23	158-159	N. 54° 24' W.	52.50 m.
24	159-160	S. 78° 38' W.	34.10 m.
25	160-161	S. 46° 56' W.	112.00 m.
26	161-162	S. 11° 52' W.	92.50 m.
27	162-163	S. 75° 45' E.	49.70 m.
28	163-164	S. 11° 15' W.	68.60 m.

1	164-165	S. 17° 25' W.	157.30 m.
2	165-166	S. 29° 40' W.	79.20 m.
3	166-167	N. 88° 18' W.	233.80 m.
4	167-168	S. 87° 29' W.	385.17 m.
5	168-169	S. 87° 31' W.	202.89 m.
6	169-170	S. 87° 33' W.	194.48 m.
7	170-171	S. 87° 19' W.	354.39 m.
8	171-172	N. 78° 22' W.	317.52 m.
9	172-173	N. 77° 41' W.	334.29 m.
10	173-174	N. 76° 47' W.	144.83 m.
11	174-175	N. 77° 31' W.	170.74 m.
12	175-176	N. 77° 20' W.	226.52 m.
13	176-177	S. 89° 36' W.	312.21 m.
14	177-178	S. 89° 48' W.	201.70 m.
15	178-179	S. 66° 43' W.	199.65 m.
16	179-180	S. 63° 11' W.	293.11 m.
17	180-181	S. 46° 31' W.	215.25 m.
18	181-182	S. 46° 31' W.	138.93 m.
19	182-183	S. 46° 39' W.	377.25 m.
20	183-184	S. 46° 47' W.	233.53 m.
21	184-185	S. 45° 06' W.	300.80 m.
22	185-186	S. 45° 08' W.	203.72 m.
23	186-187	S. 45° 12' W.	180.81 m.
24	187-188	S. 45° 02' W.	396.80 m.
25	188-189	N. 63° 42' W.	188.91 m.
26	189-190	N. 39° 05' W.	455.30 m.
27	190-191	N. 17° 40' W.	167.70 m.
28	191-192	N. 36° 43' W.	573.40 m.



1	192-193	N. 34° 32' W.	284.80 m.
2	193-194	N. 10° 33' W.	191.70 m.
3	194-195	N. 24° 36' W.	115.00 m.
4	195-196	N. 02° 12' E.	280.50 m.
5	196-197	N. 29° 46' W.	38.50 m.
6	197-198	N. 76° 39' W.	48.90 m.
7	198-199	N. 28° 41' W.	316.60 m.
8	199-200	N. 11° 27' W.	305.90 m.
9	200-201	N. 65° 24' W.	90.10 m.
10	201-202	N. 02° 38' E.	34.80 m.
11	202-203	N. 11° 06' E.	197.00 m.
12	203-204	N. 22° 01' E.	152.80 m.
13	204-205	N. 24° 36' E.	207.10 m.
14	205-206	N. 54° 20' W.	112.90 m.
15	206-207	N. 39° 01' W.	162.80 m.
16	207-208	N. 34° 25' W.	68.10 m.
17	208-209	N. 66° 54' W.	133.10 m.
18	209-210	N. 40° 49' W.	85.20 m.
19	210-211	N. 18° 03' E.	180.50 m.
20	211-212	N. 04° 41' E.	44.10 m.
21	212-213	N. 35° 37' E.	119.20 m.
22	213-214	N. 41° 46' W.	51.40 m.
23	214-215	N. 03° 53' W.	235.10 m.
24	215-216	N. 35° 31' W.	39.90 m.
25	216-217	N. 10° 11' W.	79.20 m.
26	217-218	N. 02° 23' W.	45.50 m.
27	218-219	N. 35° 35' W.	242.10 m.
28	219-220	N. 12° 34' W.	89.60 m.

1	220-221	N. 47° 18' E.	86.30 m.
2	221-222	N. 17° 22' W.	128.40 m.
3	222-223	N. 38° 25' W.	84.50 m.
4	223-224	N. 83° 57' W.	38.90 m.
5	224-225	N. 02° 39' W.	71.40 m.
6	225-226	N. 06° 09' E.	153.30 m.
7	226-227	N. 10° 51' W.	118.90 m.
8	227-228	N. 12° 43' E.	140.80 m.
9	228-229	N. 12° 30' E.	153.40 m.
10	229-230	N. 59° 52' E.	126.50 m.
11	230-231	N. 13° 36' E.	164.50 m.
12	231-232	N. 23° 42' E.	168.00 m.
13	232-233	N. 39° 28' E.	92.50 m.
14	233-234	N. 10° 00' W.	117.50 m.
15	234-235	N. 50° 58' E.	66.00 m.
16	235-236	N. 03° 15' E.	59.90 m.
17	236-237	N. 16° 05' E.	60.30 m.
18	237-238	N. 02° 57' W.	69.90 m.
19	238-239	N. 36° 29' W.	60.20 m.
20	239-240	N. 73° 30' W.	57.00 m.
21	240-241	N. 63° 54' W.	78.20 m.
22	241-242	N. 38° 56' W.	35.50 m.
23	242-243	N. 27° 40' W.	90.40 m.
24	243-244	N. 21° 41' W.	76.60 m.
25	244-245	N. 45° 24' W.	80.50 m.
26	245-246	N. 18° 23' W.	75.70 m.
27	246-247	N. 69° 48' W.	70.60 m.
28	247-248	N. 54° 56' W.	89.80 m.

1	248-249	N. 70° 27' W.	73.20 m.
2	249-250	N. 26° 13' W.	58.40 m.
3	250-251	N. 76° 45' E.	37.10 m.
4	251-252	N. 11° 03' W.	307.40 m.
5	252-253	N. 58° 56' W.	56.40 m.
6	253-254	N. 48° 03' W.	65.10 m.
7	254-255	N. 38° 30' E.	68.70 m.
8	255-256	N. 03° 30' W.	98.20 m.
9	256-257	N. 06° 49' W.	191.20 m.
10	257-258	N. 13° 54' E.	97.00 m.
11	258-259	N. 70° 10' E.	45.10 m.
12	259-260	N. 03° 22' W.	79.90 m.
13	260-261	N. 55° 32' W.	71.60 m.
14	261-262	N. 61° 49' E.	80.90 m.
15	262-263	N. 44° 09' E.	76.50 m.
16	263-264	N. 77° 04' E.	32.60 m.
17	264-265	N. 10° 58' W.	94.60 m.
18	265-266	N. 29° 53' W.	79.70 m.
19	266-267	N. 10° 09' E.	138.00 m.
20	267-268	N. 00° 09' E.	74.21 m.
21	268-269	N. 32° 09' W.	45.50 m.
22	269-270	N. 27° 32' W.	68.30 m.
23	270-271	N. 14° 57' W.	72.90 m.
24	271-272	N. 16° 59' E.	71.50 m.
25	272-273	N. 37° 02' E.	119.40 m.
26	273-274	N. 06° 42' E.	109.80 m.
27	274-275	N. 71° 14' E.	81.40 m.
28	275-276	N. 19° 31' E.	64.90 m.

1	276-277	N. 20° 37' W.	166.10 m.
2	277-278	N. 78° 44' W.	54.80 m.
3	278-279	N. 13° 56' W.	85.90 m.
4	279-280	N. 19° 14' W.	69.80 m.
5	280-281	N. 52° 59' W.	71.30 m.
6	281-282	N. 76° 06' W.	77.90 m.
7	282-283	N. 03° 11' E.	72.20 m.
8	283-284	N. 19° 31' W.	48.50 m.
9	284-285	N. 56° 07' W.	40.00 m.
10	285-286	S. 80° 09' W.	88.00 m.
11	286-287	S. 76° 51' W.	45.30 m.
12	287-288	N. 53° 03' W.	28.80 m.
13	288-289	N. 25° 06' W.	133.60 m.
14	289-290	N. 09° 55' W.	37.80 m.
15	290-291	N. 29° 17' W.	166.00 m.
16	291-292	N. 09° 37' E.	144.20 m.
17	292-293	N. 27° 30' E.	142.50 m.
18	293-294	N. 32° 40' W.	95.40 m.
19	294-295	N. 33° 22' E.	114.70 m.
20	295-296	N. 18° 09' E.	55.60 m.
21	296-297	N. 01° 36' W.	92.60 m.
22	297-298	N. 02° 25' E.	121.00 m.
23	298-299	N. 06° 51' W.	89.70 m.
24	299-300	N. 04° 48' E.	154.00 m.
25	300-301	S. 46° 20' E.	51.60 m.
26	301-302	N. 16° 02' W.	95.60 m.
27	302-303	N. 13° 19' W.	89.00 m.
28	303-304	N. 47° 03' W.	65.20 m.

1	304-305	N. 38° 59' W.	42.50 m.
2	305-306	N. 03° 06' E.	35.10 m.
3	306-307	N. 47° 28' W.	59.00 m.
4	307-308	N. 66° 19' W.	42.60 m.
5	308-309	N. 24° 13' W.	80.90 m.
6	309-310	N. 05° 02' W.	150.40 m.
7	310-311	N. 11° 23' E.	85.10 m.
8	311-312	N. 34° 23' W.	70.30 m.
9	312-313	N. 16° 09' E.	75.90 m.
10	313-314	N. 09° 33' W.	69.90 m.
11	314-315	N. 15° 54' W.	124.80 m.
12	315-316	N. 15° 25' E.	126.00 m.
13	316-317	N. 09° 27' W.	120.00 m.
14	317-318	N. 30° 49' W.	20.50 m.
15	318-319	N. 26° 49' W.	50.10 m.
16	319-320	N. 36° 39' W.	47.20 m.
17	320- 1	N. 62° 55' E.	2,008.60 m.

18           The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by  
19 the appropriate agency or forum of existing boundary disputes or cases  
20 involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City and its adjoining  
21 local government units: *Provided*, That, the territorial jurisdiction of the  
22 disputed area or areas shall remain with the local government unit which has  
23 existing administrative supervision over said area or areas until the final  
24 resolution of the case.

25           SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers of the City.* – The City constitutes a political  
26 body corporate and as such is endowed with the attributes of perpetual  
27 succession and possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal  
28 corporation to be exercised in conformity with the provisions of this Charter.

1 The City shall have the following corporate powers:

2 (a) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;

3 (b) To sue and be sued;

4 (c) To have and use a corporate seal;

5 (d) To acquire and convey real or personal property;

6 (e) To enter into contracts; and

7 (f) To exercise such other powers, prerogatives and authority as are  
8 granted to corporations, subject to the limitations provided for in this Act and  
9 other laws.

10 SEC. 4. *General Powers of the City.* – The City shall have a common  
11 seal and may alter the same at pleasure. It shall exercise the power to levy  
12 taxes, close and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares subject to the  
13 provisions of the Constitution and existing laws. It may take, purchase, receive,  
14 hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the general  
15 interests of the City; expropriate or condemn private property for public use;  
16 contract and be contracted with; sue and be sued; prosecute and defend to final  
17 judgment and execution suits wherein the City is a party; and exercise all the  
18 powers as are granted to corporations and/or as hereinafter conferred.

19 SEC. 5. *General Welfare Clause of the City.* – The City shall exercise  
20 the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as  
21 powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective  
22 governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general  
23 welfare.

24 Within its territorial jurisdiction, the City shall ensure and support,  
25 among other things, preserve and enrich its culture, promote health and safety,  
26 enhance the right of the people to a balanced ecology, encourage and support  
27 the development of appropriate and self-reliant scientific and technological  
28 capabilities, improve public morals, enhance economic prosperity and social

1 justice, promote full employment among their residents, maintain peace and  
2 order, and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants.

3         SEC. 6. *Liability for Damages* – Unless otherwise provided by law, the  
4 City of Dasmariñas shall be liable for injuries or damages to persons or  
5 property arising from the act or omission of any of its officers or employees  
6 while in the performance of their official functions.

7         SEC. 7. *Jurisdiction of the City*. – The jurisdiction of the City of  
8 Dasmariñas, for police purpose only, shall be coextensive with its territorial  
9 jurisdiction and for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the purity of the  
10 water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all  
11 territory within the drainage area of such water supply or within one hundred  
12 meters (100 m.) of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station  
13 used in connection with the city water service.

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

19         The court first taking cognizance of such an offense shall have  
20 jurisdiction to try said cases to the exclusion of others. The police forces of the  
21 several municipalities and cities concerned shall have concurrent jurisdiction  
22 with the police forces of the City for the maintenance of good order and  
23 enforcement of ordinance throughout said zone, area or spaces. But any license  
24 that may be issued within said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by the  
25 proper authorities of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees arising

1 therefrom shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality concerned  
2 and not to the City.

## 3 ARTICLE II

### 4 CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL

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

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

20 (c) The City shall establish a city fire station to be headed by a city fire  
21 marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden, a city schools division to  
22 be headed by a city schools division superintendent and a city prosecution  
23 service to be headed by a city prosecutor.

24 (d) The sangguniang panlungsod of the City of Dasmariñas may:

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

27 (2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the  
28 purposes of the City; and



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

3 Unless otherwise provided herein, all appointive city officials of the  
4 City shall be appointed by the city mayor, subject to civil service law, rules and  
5 regulations. The sangguniang panlungsod shall act on the appointment within  
6 fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission, otherwise the same shall be  
7 deemed confirmed.

### 8 ARTICLE III

#### 9 THE CITY MAYOR AND THE CITY VICE MAYOR

10 SEC. 9. *The City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor shall be the chief  
11 executive of the City. He shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the  
12 City. No person shall be eligible for the position of city mayor unless at the  
13 time of election, he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, a resident of the  
14 City for at least one (1) year prior to his election and a qualified voter therein.  
15 He shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall  
16 receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade  
17 Thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as  
18 the Salary Standardization Law, and the implementing guidelines issued  
19 pursuant thereto, and such other compensation, emoluments and allowances as  
20 may be determined by law.

21 (b) The city mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall  
22 exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided  
23 herein:

24 (1) Exercise general supervision and control over all programs,  
25 projects, services and activities of the city government, those powers expressly  
26 granted to him by law, those necessarily implied therefrom as well as powers  
27 necessary, appropriate or incidental for the efficient and effective governance

1 of the City, and those which are essential to the promotion of the general  
2 welfare and, in this connection, shall:

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

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

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

13 (iv) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the sangguniang  
14 panlungsod, as may be deemed necessary, and provide such information and  
15 data needed or requested by said sanggunian in the performance of its  
16 legislative functions;

17 (v) Appoint all officials and employees whose salaries and wages are  
18 wholly or mainly paid out of city funds and whose appointments are not  
19 otherwise provided for in the Local Government Code of 1991, as well as  
20 those he may be authorized by law to appoint;

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

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

26 (viii) Determine the time, manner and place of payments of salaries or  
27 wages of the officials and employees of the City, in accordance with law or  
28 ordinance;

1           (ix) Allocate and assign office space to city and other officials and  
2 employees who, by law or ordinance, are entitled to such space in the city hall  
3 and other buildings owned or leased by the city government, including the  
4 offices and officials created therein;

5           (x) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City  
6 faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided by law and this Act,  
7 and cause to be instituted administrative or judicial proceedings against any  
8 official or employee of the City who may have committed an offense in the  
9 performance of their official duties;

10          (xi) Examine the books, records and other documents of all offices,  
11 officials, agents or employees of the City and, in aid of his executive powers  
12 and authority, require all national officials and employees stationed in or  
13 assigned to the City to make available to him such books, records and other  
14 documents in their custody, except those classified by law as confidential;

15          (xii) Furnish copies of executive orders issued by him to the provincial  
16 governor within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

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

23          (xiv) Act on leave applications of officials and employees appointed  
24 by him and the commutation of the monetary value of their leave credits in  
25 accordance with law;

26          (xv) Authorize official trips of city officials and employees outside of  
27 the City for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days;

1           (xvi) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or  
2 assigned to the City to advise him on matters affecting the City and to make  
3 recommendations thereon; coordinate with the said officials or employees in  
4 the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects; and when  
5 appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national  
6 government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the  
7 performance of their official duties while stationed in or assigned to the City;

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

12           (xviii) Solemnize marriages;

13           (xix) Conduct an annual *pararong panlungsod* which shall feature  
14 traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international games,  
15 in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), the Philippine  
16 Sports Commission and other related agencies; and

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

24           (2) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the  
25 City and in the exercise of its appropriate corporate powers as provided for  
26 under Section 22 of the Local Government Code of 1991, implement all  
27 approved policies, programs, projects, services and, activities of the City and,  
28 in addition to the foregoing, shall:

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

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

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

11 (iv) Be entitled to carry the necessary firearms within his territorial  
12 jurisdiction after the procurement of necessary permit/s and/or license/s from  
13 duly constituted authorities;

14 (v) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police  
15 Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City and upon its  
16 approval, implement the same and as such, exercise general and operational  
17 control and supervision over the local police forces in the City in accordance  
18 with Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Philippine National  
19 Police Law; and

20 (vi) Call upon the appropriate law enforcement agencies to suppress  
21 disorder, riot, lawless violence, rebellion or sedition, or apprehend violators of  
22 the law when public interest so requires and the city police forces are  
23 inadequate to cope with the situation or the violators;

24 (3) Initiate and maximize the generation of resources and revenues  
25 and apply the same to the implementation of development plans, program  
26 objectives and priorities, particularly the resources and revenues programmed  
27 for agro-industrial development and the provision of basic services and,  
28 relative thereto, shall:

1 (i) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and submit  
2 an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in accordance with  
3 the budget preparation process and in accordance with the provisions of the  
4 Local Government Code of 1991 and other relevant laws;

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

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

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

14 (v) Issue permits, not requiring approval from any national agency, for  
15 the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare purpose, excluding  
16 prohibited games of chance or shows contrary to law, public policy and public  
17 morals;

18 (vi) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or  
19 structures to obtain the necessary permits, subject to such fines and penalties as  
20 may be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make necessary changes in the  
21 construction or to order the demolition or removal of said houses, buildings or  
22 structures within the period prescribed by law or ordinance;

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

25 (viii) Provide efficient and effective property and supply management  
26 in the City, and protect the funds, credits, rights and other properties of the  
27 City; and

1 (ix) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial  
2 proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes, fees or  
3 charges, and for the recovery of funds and property; and cause the City to be  
4 defended against all suits to ensure that its interests, resources and rights shall  
5 be adequately protected;

6 (4) Ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate  
7 facilities as provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of  
8 1991 and, in addition thereto, shall:

9 (i) Ensure that the construction and repair of roads, bridges and  
10 highways funded by the national government shall be, as far as practicable,  
11 carried out in a spatially contiguous manner and in coordination with the  
12 construction and repair of the roads and bridges of the City and of the  
13 province; and

14 (ii) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including  
15 public works and infrastructure programs, rendered by national offices and  
16 provincial office; and

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

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

22 SEC. 10. *The City Vice Mayor.* – (a) There shall be a city vice mayor  
23 who shall be elected in the same manner as the city mayor and shall, at the time  
24 of his election, possess the same qualifications as the city mayor. He shall hold  
25 office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a minimum  
26 monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Twenty-six (26) as  
27 prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing

1 guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such other compensation, emoluments  
2 and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (b) The city vice mayor shall:

4 (1) Be the presiding officer of the sangguniang panlungsod and sign all  
5 warrants drawn on the city treasury for all expenditures appropriated for the  
6 operation of the sangguniang panlungsod;

7 (2) Subject to civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all  
8 officials and employees, including the secretary of the sangguniang  
9 panlungsod, except those whose manner of appointment is specifically  
10 provided for in the Local Government Code of 1991;

11 (3) Assume the office of the city mayor for the unexpired term of the  
12 latter in the event of permanent vacancy, as provided for in Section 44 of the  
13 Local Government Code of 1991;

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

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

#### 19 ARTICLE IV

##### 20 THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

21 SEC. 11. *Composition and Compensation.* – The sangguniang  
22 panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice  
23 mayor as the presiding officer, the twelve (12) regular sanggunian members,  
24 the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay and the president  
25 of the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan, and such other  
26 members as may be provided for by law.

27 The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod, the sectoral  
28 representatives and other members shall be elected or appointed in the manner



1 as may be provided for by law. The elective members of the sangguniang  
2 panlungsod shall possess the qualifications as provided for under Section 39 of  
3 the Local Government Code of 1991.

4 They shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to  
5 Salary Grade Twenty-five (25) as prescribed under the Salary Standardization  
6 Law and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such other  
7 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

8 SEC. 12. *Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation.* – The  
9 sangguniang panlungsod shall:

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

12 (1) 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 of  
15 the punong barangay;

16 (2) 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 said ordinances;

19 (3) 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 (4) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from harmful  
23 effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief  
24 services and assistance to victims during and in the aftermath of said disaster  
25 or calamity and in their return to productive livelihood following said events;

26 (5) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose  
27 appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy,  
28 mendicancy, prostitution, establishment and maintenance of houses of ill

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

6           (6) Protect the environment. Towards this end, it shall set aside a  
7   reasonable amount from its development funds for the purpose of maintaining  
8   and enhancing the ecological balance of the City. It may also impose  
9   appropriate penalties for acts which endanger the environment and such other  
10  activities which result in pollution, eutrophication of rivers and other bodies of  
11  water, or of ecological imbalance, the fines for which shall be used exclusively  
12  for the advancement of ecological protection;

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

16           (8) Consistent with the Salary Standardization Law, determine the  
17  positions and the salaries, wages, allowances and other emoluments and  
18  benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or mainly from city funds and  
19  provide for expenditures necessary for the proper conduct of programs,  
20  projects, services and activities of the city government;

21           (9) Authorize the payment of compensation to a qualified person not in  
22  the government service, who fills up a temporary vacancy or grant honorarium  
23  to any qualified official or employee designated to fill up a temporary vacancy  
24  in a concurrent capacity at the rate authorized by law;

25           (10) Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefor to ensure  
26  the safety and protection of all city government properties, public documents  
27  or records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership, records  
28  of births, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business permits

1 and such other records and documents of public interest in the offices and  
2 departments of the city government;

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

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

10 (13) Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverage for  
11 all barangay officials, including members of barangay tanod brigades and other  
12 service units, with public or private insurance companies;

13 (b) Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the  
14 development plans, program objectives and priorities of the City with  
15 particular attention to agro-industrial development, citywide growth and  
16 progress, and the provision of basic services and, relative thereto, the  
17 sangguniang panlungsod shall:

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

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

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

1 the sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to negotiate and contract  
2 loans and other forms of indebtedness. The application for loans or other forms  
3 of indebtedness and the terms and conditions thereof shall, before approval, be  
4 published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. Once approved,  
5 the contract covering the loans or other forms of indebtedness shall be  
6 furnished to any city resident requesting a copy thereof, upon payment of  
7 reasonable fees;

8 (4) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government Code  
9 of 1991 and applicable laws and, upon the majority vote of all members of the  
10 sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances authorizing the floating of bonds or  
11 other instruments of indebtedness for the purpose of raising funds to finance  
12 development projects. The authorization to float bonds or other instruments of  
13 indebtedness shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
14 City. Once approved, the contract covering the floating of bonds or other  
15 instruments of indebtedness shall be furnished to any city resident requesting a  
16 copy thereof, upon payment of reasonable fees;

17 (5) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the  
18 rental of buildings for the use of the City and, upon the majority vote of all the  
19 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to lease to  
20 private parties such public buildings held in a proprietary capacity, subject to  
21 existing laws, rules and regulations;

22 (6) Prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property  
23 within the jurisdiction of the City;

24 (7) Adopt a comprehensive land-use plan for the City and ensure that  
25 the formulation, adoption or modification of said plan shall be in coordination  
26 with the approved provincial comprehensive land-use plan;

27 (8) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to  
28 pertinent provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991;

1           (9) Enact integrated zoning ordinances in consonance with the  
2 approved comprehensive land-use plan, subject to existing laws, rules and  
3 regulations; establish fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers; and  
4 regulate the construction, repair or modification of buildings within said fire  
5 limits or zones, in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Code;

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

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

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

20           (13) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other  
21 buildings; and

22           (14) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles of  
23 commerce;

24           (c) Subject to the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991,  
25 enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of permits or  
26 licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to promote the  
27 general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and, pursuant to this legislative  
28 authority, shall:

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

3 (2) Regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of  
4 profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for said  
5 business or practice of profession may be revoked, and enact ordinances  
6 levying taxes thereon;

7 (3) Provide for and set the conditions under which public utilities  
8 owned by the City shall be operated by the city government and prescribe the  
9 conditions under which the same may be leased to private persons or entities,  
10 preferably cooperatives;

11 (4) Regulate the display of and fix the license fees for signs, signboards  
12 or billboards at the place or places where the profession or business advertised  
13 thereby is, in whole or in part, conducted;

14 (5) Authorize and license the establishment, operation and maintenance  
15 of cockpits, regulate cockfightings and commercial breeding of gamecocks;

16 (6) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of  
17 Transportation and Communications (DOTC), regulate the operation of  
18 tricycles and grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial  
19 jurisdiction of the City; and

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

1 (d) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and  
2 structures within the City in order to promote the general welfare and, for the  
3 said purpose, shall:

4 (1) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;

5 (2) With the concurrence of a majority of the members of the  
6 sangguniang panlungsod constituting a quorum, deny the entry of legalized  
7 gambling by ordinance into any part of the City or regulate its location within  
8 the City;

9 (3) Require that buildings and the premises thereof and any land within  
10 the City be kept and maintained in a sanitary condition; impose penalties for  
11 any violation thereof or, upon failure to comply with the requirement, have the  
12 work done at the expense of the owner, administrator or tenant concerned and  
13 require the filling up of any land or premises to a grade necessary for proper  
14 sanitation;

15 (4) Regulate the disposal of clinical and other wastes from hospitals,  
16 clinics and other similar establishments;

17 (5) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of cafes,  
18 restaurants, beerhouses, hotels, motels, inns, pension houses, lodging houses  
19 and other similar establishments, including tourist guides and transports;

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

22 (7) Regulate the establishment and provide for the inspection of steam  
23 boilers or any heating device in buildings and the storage of inflammable and  
24 highly combustible materials within the City;

25 (8) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of  
26 entertainment or amusement facilities, including the theatrical performance,  
27 circuses, billiard halls, public dancing schools, public dance halls, sauna baths,  
28 massage parlors and other places for entertainment or amusement, particularly

1 those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the inhabitants or require  
2 the suspension or suppression of the same; or prohibit certain forms of  
3 amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and moral welfare of  
4 the community;

5 (9) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping  
6 of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or  
7 disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to  
8 animals, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations; and

9 (10) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral  
10 parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws, rules  
11 and regulations;

12 (e) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective  
13 delivery of basic services and facilities as provided for under the Local  
14 Government Code of 1991 and, in addition to said services and facilities, shall:

15 (1) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize  
16 the operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction and  
17 operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and  
18 structures;

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

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



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

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

23           (7) 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, defective or otherwise  
27 hazardous to the welfare of the inhabitants;

1           (8) Subject to the availability of funds and the existing laws, rules and  
2 regulations, establish or maintain, and/or provide for the operation of a city  
3 college, vocational and technical schools and similar post-secondary  
4 institutions and, with the approval of the DepEd, the Commission on Higher  
5 Education or the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, as  
6 the case may be, and subject to existing laws on tuition fees, fix and collect  
7 reasonable tuition fees and other school charges in educational institutions  
8 supported by the city government;

9           (9) Ensure the physical maintenance of educational institutions under  
10 the operational control of the City and the provision of books and other capital  
11 equipment for the same;

12           (10) Establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students in  
13 schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

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

16           (12) Provide for an efficient and effective system of solid waste and  
17 garbage collection and prohibit littering and the placing or throwing of  
18 garbage, refuse and other filth and wastes; and, for this purpose, provide for  
19 incentive schemes for industries engaged in the recycling of waste and  
20 garbage;

21           (13) Provide for the care of disabled persons, paupers, the aged, the  
22 sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile delinquents, drug  
23 dependents, abused children and other needy and disadvantaged persons,  
24 particularly children and the youth below eighteen (18) years of age and,  
25 subject to the availability of funds, establish and provide for the operation of  
26 centers and facilities for the said needy and disadvantaged persons;

27           (14) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement of  
28 jails and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program,

1 including a continuing education and training program for jail personnel  
2 assigned or detailed in jails and detention centers within the jurisdiction of the  
3 City, and the provision of separate detention centers for women and minors;

4 (15) Establish a city council whose purpose is the promotion of culture  
5 and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental  
6 organizations and, subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds for the  
7 support and development of the same;

8 (16) Establish a city council for the elderly which shall formulate  
9 policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the  
10 community; provide incentives for nongovernmental agencies and entities and,  
11 subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and  
12 projects for the benefit of the elderly; and

13 (17) Perform for a social housing fund for the provision of housing for  
14 the poor and, for this purpose, may allocate a reasonable amount annually for  
15 the acquisition of land and development of the same; and

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

## 19 ARTICLE V

### 20 PROCESS OF LEGISLATION

21 SEC. 13. *Internal Rules of Procedure.* – (a) On the first regular session  
22 following the election of its members and, within ninety (90) days thereafter,  
23 the sangguniang panlungsod shall adopt or update its rules of procedure.

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

25 (1) The organization of the sanggunian and the election of its officers  
26 as well as the creation of standing committees which shall include, but shall not  
27 be limited to, the committees on appropriations, women and family, human  
28 rights, youth and sports development, environmental protection and

1 cooperatives, the general jurisdiction of each committee and the election of the  
2 chairman and members of each committee:

3 (2) The order and calendar of business for each session.

4 (3) The legislative process.

5 (4) The parliamentary procedures, which include the conduct of  
6 members during sessions;

7 (5) *The discipline of members for disorderly behavior and absences*  
8 *without justifiable cause for four (4) consecutive sessions for which they may*  
9 *be censured, reprimanded or excluded from the sessions, suspended for not*  
10 *more than sixty (60) days or expelled: Provided, That the penalty of*  
11 *suspension or expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds*  
12 *(2/3) vote of all the sanggunian members: Provided, further, That a member*  
13 *convicted by final judgment to imprisonment of at least one (1) year for any*  
14 *crime involving moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the*  
15 *sanggunian; and*

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

17 SEC. 14. *Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interests of*  
18 *Sangguniang Panlungsod Members.* – (a) Every sangguniang panlungsod  
19 member shall, upon assumption to office, make a full disclosure of his business  
20 and financial interests. He shall also disclose any professional relationship or  
21 any relation by affinity or consanguinity within the fourth civil degree, which  
22 he may have with any person, firm or entity affected by any ordinance or  
23 resolution under consideration by the sanggunian of which he is a member,  
24 which relationship may result in conflict of interests. Such relationship shall  
25 include:

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

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

3           In the absence of specific constitutional or statutory provisions  
4 applicable to this situation, "conflict of interest" refers in general to one where  
5 it may be reasonably deduced that a member of a sanggunian may not act in the  
6 public interest due to some private, pecuniary or other personal considerations  
7 that may tend to affect his judgment to the prejudice of the service or the  
8 public.

9           (b) The disclosure required under this Act shall be made in writing and  
10 submitted to the secretary of the sanggunian or the secretary of the committee  
11 of which he is a member. The disclosure shall, in all cases, form part of the  
12 record of the proceedings and shall be made in the following manner:

13           (1) Disclosure shall be made before the member participates in the  
14 deliberations on the ordinance or resolution under consideration: *Provided,*  
15 That if the member did not participate during the deliberations, the disclosure  
16 shall be made before voting on the ordinance or resolution on second and third  
17 readings; and

18           (2) Disclosure shall be made when a member takes a position or makes  
19 a privilege speech on a matter that may affect the business interest, financial  
20 connection or professional relationship described therein.

21           SEC. 15. *Sessions.* - (a) On the first day of the session immediately  
22 following the election of its members, the sangguniang panlungsod shall, by  
23 resolution, fix the day, time and place of its sessions. The minimum number of  
24 regular sessions shall be once a week.

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

27           (c) All sanggunian sessions shall be open to the public unless a closed-  
28 door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members

1 present, there being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of security,  
2 decency or morality. No two (2) sessions, regular or special, may be held in a  
3 single day.

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

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

10 (e) The sanggunian shall keep a journal and a record of its proceedings  
11 which may be published upon a resolution of the sangguniang panlungsod.

12 SEC. 16. *Quorum.* – (a) A majority of all the members of the  
13 sanggunian who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to  
14 transact official business. Should a question of quorum be raised during a  
15 session, the presiding officer shall immediately proceed to call the roll of the  
16 members and thereafter announce the result.

17 (b) Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a  
18 recess until such time a quorum is constituted, or a majority of the members  
19 present may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate  
20 attendance of any member absent without justifiable cause by designating a  
21 member or members of the sanggunian to be assisted by a member or members  
22 of the police force assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of  
23 Dasmariñas, to arrest the absent member and present him at the session.

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

1           SEC. 17. *Approval of Ordinances.* – (a) Every ordinance enacted by the  
2 sangguniang panlungsod shall be presented to the city mayor. If the city mayor  
3 approves the same, he shall affix his signature on each and every page thereof;  
4 otherwise, he shall veto it and return the same with his objections to the  
5 sanggunian, which may proceed to reconsider the same. The sanggunian may  
6 override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its members,  
7 thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective for all legal intents and  
8 purposes.

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

12           SEC. 18. *Veto Power of the City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor may veto  
13 any ordinance of the sangguniang panlungsod on the ground that it is *ultra*  
14 *vires* or prejudicial to public welfare, stating his reasons thereof in writing.

15           (b) The city mayor shall have the power to veto any particular item or  
16 items of an appropriations ordinance, an ordinance or resolution adopting a  
17 local development plan, any public investment program or an ordinance  
18 directing the payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the vetoed  
19 item or items shall not take effect unless the sangguniang panlungsod overrides  
20 the veto in the manner herein provided; otherwise, the item or items in the  
21 appropriations ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those vetoed, if  
22 any, shall be deemed enacted.

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

27           SEC. 19. *Review of City Ordinances by the Sangguniang*  
28 *Panlalawigan.* – (a) Within three (3) days after approval, the secretary to the

1 sangguniang panlungsod shall forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan for  
2 review, copies of approved ordinances and resolutions approving the local  
3 development plans and public investment programs formulated by the local  
4 development councils.

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

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

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

21 *SEC. 20. Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang*  
22 *Panlungsod.* – (a) Within ten (10) days after the enactment, the sangguniang  
23 barangay shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the sangguniang  
24 panlungsod for review as to whether the ordinance is consistent with law and  
25 city ordinances.

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



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

7 SEC. 21. *Enforcement of Disapproved Ordinances or Resolutions.* –

8 Any attempt to enforce any ordinance or any resolution approving the local  
9 development plan and public investment program after disapproval thereof  
10 shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or  
11 employee concerned.

12 SEC. 22. *Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions.* – (a) Unless

13 otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local  
14 development plan and public investment program, the same shall take effect  
15 after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin board at  
16 the entrance of the city hall and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in  
17 the City of Dasmariñas.

18 (b) The secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall cause the  
19 posting of an ordinance or resolution in the bulletin board at the entrance of the  
20 city hall and in at least two (2) conspicuous places in the City of Dasmariñas  
21 not later than five (5) days after approval thereof. The text of the ordinance or  
22 resolution shall be disseminated and posted in Filipino or English and in the  
23 language or dialect understood by majority of the people in the City, and the  
24 secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall record such fact in a book kept  
25 for the purpose, stating the dates of approval and posting.

26 (c) The main features of the ordinance or resolution duly enacted or  
27 adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a local  
28 newspaper of general circulation within the City: *Provided, That* in the absence

1 thereof, the ordinance or resolution shall be published in any newspaper of  
2 general circulation: *Provided, further,* That the gist of all ordinances with  
3 penal sanctions shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

#### 4 ARTICLE VI

##### 5 SUCCESSION FOR ELECTIVE CITY OFFICIALS

6 SEC. 23. *Permanent Vacancy in the Offices of the City Mayor and the*  
7 *City Vice Mayor.* – (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city  
8 mayor, the city vice mayor concerned shall become the city mayor. If a  
9 permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice mayor, the highest  
10 ranking sangguniang panlungsod member, or in case of his permanent  
11 incapacity, the second highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member shall  
12 become the city vice mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent vacancies in the  
13 said offices shall be filled in automatically by the other sanggunian members  
14 according to their ranking as defined herein.

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

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

19 For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an elective  
20 local official fills in a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office, fails to  
21 qualify, dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise  
22 permanently incapacitated to discharge the functions of his office.

23 For purposes of succession as provided for in this Act, ranking in the  
24 sanggunian shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of votes obtained  
25 by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in the City  
26 in the immediately preceding local election.

27 SEC. 24. *Permanent Vacancies in the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* –  
28 Permanent vacancies in the sangguniang panlungsod where automatic

1 succession as provided above does not apply shall be filled in by appointments  
2 in the following manner:

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

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

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

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

18 (d) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth, the barangay  
19 and other sectors in the sangguniang panlungsod, said vacancy shall be filled in  
20 automatically by the official next-in-rank of the organization concerned.

21 SEC. 25. *Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor.* – (a)  
22 When the city mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform his duties for  
23 physical or legal reasons such as, but not limited to, leave of absence, travel  
24 abroad and suspension from office, the city vice mayor shall automatically  
25 exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the city mayor,  
26 except the power to appoint, suspend or dismiss employees which can only be  
27 exercised if the period of temporary incapacity exceeds thirty (30) working  
28 days.

1 (b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the  
2 sangguniang panlungsod of a written declaration by the city mayor that he has  
3 *reported back to office*. In case where the temporary incapacity is due to legal  
4 cause, the city mayor shall also submit necessary documents showing the said  
5 legal cause no longer exists.

6 (c) When the city mayor is traveling within the country but outside the  
7 territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three (3) consecutive days, he  
8 may designate in writing the officer-in-charge of his office. Such authorization  
9 shall specify the powers and functions that the local official concerned shall  
10 *exercise in the absence of the city mayor*, except the power to appoint, suspend  
11 or dismiss employees.

12 (d) In the event, however, that the city mayor *fails or refuses to issue*  
13 such authorization, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang  
14 panlungsod member, as the case may be, shall have the right to assume the  
15 powers, duties and functions of the said office on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day of  
16 absence of the city mayor, subject to the limitations provided in subsection (c)  
17 *hereof*.

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

## 22 ARTICLE VII

### 23 THE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY: 24 THEIR QUALIFICATIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES

25 SEC 26. *The Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod* -- (a) There  
26 shall be a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod who shall be a career  
27 official with the rank and salary equal to a head of a department or office who  
28 shall be appointed by the city mayor *with the concurrence of the majority of all*

1 sangguniang panlungsod members, subject to civil service law, rules and  
2 regulations.

3 (b) No person shall be appointed secretary to the sangguniang  
4 panlungsod unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of  
5 good moral character, a holder of a master's degree preferably in law,  
6 commerce or public administration from a recognized college or university and  
7 a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.

8 (c) The secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod shall receive such  
9 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

10 (d) The secretary to the sanggunian shall take charge of the office of  
11 the sangguniang panlungsod; and shall:

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

14 (2) Keep the seal of the City and affix the same with his signature to all  
15 ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the sangguniang panlungsod  
16 and present the same to the presiding officer for his signature;

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

19 (4) Forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan copies of duly approved  
20 ordinances in the manner as provided in Sections 56 and 57 under Book I of  
21 the Local Government Code of 1991;

22 (5) Furnish, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of  
23 records of public character in his custody, upon payment to the city treasurer of  
24 such fees as may be prescribed by ordinance;

25 (6) Record in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and  
26 resolutions enacted or adopted by the sangguniang panlungsod, with the dates  
27 of passage and publication thereof;

1           (7) Keep his office and all nonconfidential records therein open to the  
2 public during usual business hours;

3           (8) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of the inhabitants all  
4 ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval and cause the  
5 publication of the same together with the original version in the manner  
6 provided for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

7           (9) Take custody of the local archives and, where applicable, the local  
8 library and annually account for the same; and

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

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

16           (b) The city treasurer shall be under the administrative supervision of  
17 the city mayor, to whom he shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts  
18 of the City.

19           (c) No person shall be appointed city treasurer unless he is a citizen of  
20 the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a  
21 college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or law from a  
22 recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its  
23 equivalent. He must have acquired experience in treasury or accounting service  
24 for at least five (5) years.

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

27           (e) The city treasurer shall take charge of the city treasury office, and  
28 shall:

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

4 (2) Take custody and exercise proper management of the funds of the  
5 City;

6 (3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and other  
7 funds, the custody of which may be entrusted to him by law or other competent  
8 authority;

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

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

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

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

20 (b) No person shall be appointed assistant city treasurer unless he is a  
21 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a  
22 holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or  
23 law from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service  
24 eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired at least three (3) years  
25 experience in treasury or accounting.

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

1           (d) The assistant city treasurer shall assist the city treasurer and  
2 perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him. He shall have  
3 authority to administer oaths concerning notices and notifications to those  
4 delinquent in the payment of the real property tax and concerning official  
5 matters relating to the accounts of the city treasurer or otherwise arising from  
6 the offices of the city treasurer and the city assessor.

7           SEC. 29. *The City Assessor.* – (a) The city assessor must be a citizen of  
8 the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a  
9 college degree preferably in civil or mechanical engineering, commerce or any  
10 other related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade  
11 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in  
12 real property assessment work or in any related field for at least five (5) years  
13 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

16           (c) The city assessor shall take charge of the city assessor's office, and  
17 shall:

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

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

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

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

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



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

3 (7) Exercise the functions of appraisal and assessments primarily for  
4 taxation purposes of all real properties in the City;

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

8 (9) Issue, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of  
9 assessment upon payment of a service charge or fee to the city treasurer;

10 (10) Submit every semester a report of all assessments as well as  
11 cancellations and modifications of assessments to the city mayor and the  
12 sangguniang panlungsod; and

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

16 SEC. 30. *The Assistant City Assessor* – (a) The assistant city assessor  
17 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral  
18 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical  
19 engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized college or  
20 university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have  
21 acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least three (3)  
22 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

25 (c) The assistant city assessor shall assist the city assessor and perform  
26 such other duties as the latter may assign to him. He shall have authority to  
27 administer oaths on all declarations of real property for purposes of  
28 assessment.

1           SEC. 31. *The City Accountant* – (a) The city accountant must be a  
2 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a  
3 certified public accountant. He must have acquired experience in the treasury  
4 or accounting service for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date  
5 of his appointment.

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

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

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

11           (2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the city mayor and to the  
12 *sangguniang panlungsod;*

13           (3) Apprise the *sangguniang panlungsod* and other officials on the  
14 financial condition and operation of the City;

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

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

19           (6) Prepare statements of cash advances, liquidations, salaries,  
20 allowances, reimbursements and remittances pertaining to the City;

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

23           (8) Post individual disbursements to the subsidiary ledger and index  
24 cards;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 and

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

4 SEC. 33. *The Assistant City Engineer.* – (a) The assistant city engineer  
5 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral  
6 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical  
7 engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized college or  
8 university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must  
9 have acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least three  
10 (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

15 SEC. 34. *The City Architect.* – (a) The city architect must be a citizen  
16 of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a duly  
17 licensed architect. He must have practiced his profession for at least five (5)  
18 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

27 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
28 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with

1 architectural planning and design programs and projects which the city mayor  
2 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
3 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

4 (3) *In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city architect*  
5 *shall:*

6 (i) Prepare and recommend, for consideration of the sanggunian, the  
7 architectural plan and design for the City or a part thereof, including the  
8 renewal of slums and blighted areas, land reclamation activities, the greening  
9 of land and appropriate planning of marine and foreshore areas;

10 (ii) Review and recommend for appropriate action of the sanggunian or  
11 the mayor, as the case may be, the architectural plans and designs submitted by  
12 governmental and nongovernmental entities or individuals particularly those  
13 for undeveloped, underdeveloped and poorly-designed areas, and

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

18 (4) 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 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
23 mayor on all matters relative to architectural planning and design as it relates  
24 to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

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

1           SEC. 35. *The City Budget Officer.* – (a) The city budget officer must be  
2 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a  
3 holder of a college degree preferably in accounting, economics, public  
4 administration or any related course from a recognized college or university  
5 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired  
6 experience in government budgeting or in any related field for at least five (5)  
7 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

8           (b) The city budget officer shall receive such compensation,  
9 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

10          (c) The city budget officer shall take charge of the city budget office,  
11 and shall:

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

14           (2) Review and consolidate the budget proposals of different  
15 departments and offices of the City;

16           (3) Assist the city mayor in the preparation of the proposed legislation  
17 and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

18           (4) Study and evaluate budgetary implementation of proposed  
19 legislation and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

20           (5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the Department of Budget and  
21 Management;

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

24           (7) Assist the sangguniang panlungsod in reviewing the approved  
25 budgets of component barangays;

26           (8) Coordinate with the city planning and development officer in the  
27 formulation of the development plan of the City; and

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

4           SEC. 36. *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 good moral character, a holder of a college degree  
7 preferably in urban planning, development studies, economics, public  
8 administration or any related course from a recognized college or university  
9 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired  
10 experience in development planning or in any related field for at least five (5)  
11 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

12           (b) The city planning and development officer shall receive such  
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;

27           (6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and  
28 recommend fiscal plans and policies for the consideration of the finance

1 committee of the City as provided for under the Local Government Code of  
2 1991;

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

5 (8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the local  
6 development council; and

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

10 SEC. 37. *The City Health Officer.* – (a) The city health officer must be  
11 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and  
12 a licensed medical practitioner. He must have acquired experience in the  
13 practice of his profession for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the  
14 date of his appointment.

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

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

19 (1) Supervise the personnel and staff of the said office, formulate  
20 program implementation guidelines, and rules and regulations for the operation  
21 of the said office for the approval of the city mayor in order to assist him in the  
22 efficient, effective and economical implementation of health services programs  
23 geared to implement health-related projects and activities;

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



1           (3) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
2 mayor, *implement the same, particularly those which have to do with health*  
3 *programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and*  
4 *which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the*  
5 *Local Government Code of 1991;*

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

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

10          (ii) Advise the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod on matters  
11 *pertaining to health;*

12          (iii) Execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating  
13 to health;

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

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

19          (vi) Direct the sanitary inspection of all business establishments selling  
20 food items or providing accommodation, *such as hotels, motels, lodging*  
21 *houses and the like, in accordance with the Sanitation Code;*

22          (vii) Conduct health information campaigns and render health  
23 intelligence services; and

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

26          (5) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly  
27 during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;  
28 and

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

4           SEC. 38. *The Assistant City Health Officer.* – (a) The assistant city  
5 health officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of  
6 good moral character and a licensed medical practitioner. He must have  
7 acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least three (3)  
8 years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

9           (b) The assistant city health officer shall assist the city health officer  
10 and perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him.

11           (c) The assistant city health officer shall receive a *minimum monthly*  
12 compensation equivalent to Salary Grade Twenty-four (24) as prescribed under  
13 the *Salary Standardization Law* and the implementing guidelines issued  
14 pursuant thereto, and such other compensation, emoluments and allowances as  
15 may be determined by law.

16           SEC. 39. *The City Civil Registrar.* – (a) The city civil registrar must be  
17 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a  
18 holder of a college degree from a recognized college or university and a first  
19 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience  
20 in civil registry work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date  
21 of his appointment.

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

24           (c) The city civil registrar shall be responsible for the civil registration  
25 program in the City of Dasmariñas pursuant to the *Civil Registry Law*, the  
26 *Civil Code* and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to implement  
27 them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (iv) Transmit to the Office of the Civil Registrar-General within the  
17 prescribed period duplicate copies of registered documents required by law;

18 (v) Issue certified transcript or copies of any certificate or registered  
19 document upon payment of the required fees to the treasurer;

20 (vi) Receive applications for the issuance of a marriage license and  
21 after determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and  
22 publication thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue  
23 the license upon payment of the authorized fee to the treasurer; and

24 (vii) Coordinate with the National Statistics Office in conducting  
25 educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the preparation of  
26 demographic and other statistics for the City of Dasmariñas; and

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

4           SEC. 40. *The Assistant City Civil Registrar.* – (a) The assistant city  
5 civil registrar must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of  
6 good moral character and a holder of a college degree from a recognized  
7 college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He  
8 must have acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at least  
9 three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

10           (b) The assistant city civil registrar shall assist the city civil registrar  
11 and perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him.

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

14           SEC. 41. *The City Administrator.* – (a) The city administrator must be a  
15 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a  
16 holder of a college degree preferably in public administration, law or in any  
17 other related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade  
18 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in  
19 management and administrative work for at least five (5) years immediately  
20 preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

27           (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
28 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the

1 management and administration-related programs and projects which the city  
2 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
3 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

4 (2) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city  
5 administrator shall assist in the coordination of the work of all the officials of  
6 the City under the supervision, direction and control of the city mayor and, for  
7 this purpose, he may convene the chiefs of offices and other officials of the  
8 City;

9 (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of administrative support  
10 services, particularly those related to the situations during and in the aftermath  
11 of man-made and natural disasters or calamities;

12 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
13 mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the City;  
14 and

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

18 *SEC. 42. The City Legal Officer.* – (a) The city legal officer must be a  
19 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a  
20 member of the Philippine Bar. He must have practiced his profession for at  
21 least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

22 (b) The term of the city legal officer shall be coterminous with that of  
23 his appointing authority.

24 (c) The city legal officer shall receive such compensation, emoluments  
25 and allowances as may be determined by law.

26 (d) The city legal officer, the chief legal counsel of the City, shall take  
27 charge of the office of the city legal service, and shall:

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

5 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
6 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with programs  
7 and projects related to legal services which the city mayor is empowered to  
8 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for  
9 under the Local Government Code of 1991;

10 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city legal  
11 officer shall:

12 (i) Represent the City in all civil actions and special proceedings  
13 wherein the City or any official thereof, in his official capacity, is a party:  
14 *Provided, That, in actions or proceedings where the City is a party adverse to*  
15 *the provincial government or to another component city or municipality, a*  
16 *special legal officer may be employed to represent the adverse party;*

17 (ii) When required by the city mayor or sanggunian, draft ordinances,  
18 contracts, bonds, leases and other instruments involving any instruments  
19 already drawn;

20 (iii) Render his opinion in writing on any question of law when  
21 requested to do so by the city mayor or sanggunian;

22 (iv) Investigate or cause to be investigated any local official or  
23 employee for administrative neglect or misconduct in office and recommend  
24 the appropriate action to the city mayor or sanggunian, as the case may be;

25 (v) Investigate or cause to be investigated any person, firm or  
26 corporation holding any franchise or exercising any public privilege for failure  
27 to comply with any term or condition in the grant of such franchise or

1 privilege, and recommend appropriate action to the city mayor or sangguniang  
2 panlungsod, as the case may be;

3 (vi) When directed by the city mayor or sanggunian, initiate and  
4 prosecute, in the interest of the City, any civil action on any bond, lease or  
5 other contract upon any breach or violation thereof; and

6 (vii) Review and submit recommendations on ordinances approved and  
7 executive orders issued by component units;

8 (4) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise  
9 the city mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;

10 (5) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting any  
11 violations thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the aftermath  
12 of man-made and natural disasters or calamities; and

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

16 SEC. 43. *The City Social Welfare and Development Officer.* – (a) The  
17 city social welfare and development officer must be a citizen of the  
18 Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a duly licensed  
19 social worker or a holder of a college degree preferably in sociology or any  
20 other related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade  
21 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in the  
22 practice of social work for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the  
23 date of his appointment.

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

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

1           (1) Formulate measures for the approval 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 relative to social welfare and development services;

5           (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
6 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with social  
7 welfare programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to  
8 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for  
9 under the Local Government Code of 1991;

10          (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city social  
11 welfare and development officer shall:

12          (i) Identify the basic needs of the needy, the disadvantaged and the  
13 impoverished and develop and implement appropriate measures to alleviate  
14 their problems and improve their living conditions;

15          (ii) Provide relief and appropriate crisis intervention for victims of  
16 abuse and exploitation and recommend appropriate measures to deter further  
17 abuse and exploitation;

18          (iii) Assist the city mayor in implementing the barangay level program  
19 for the total development and protection of children up to six (6) years of age;

20          (iv) Facilitate the implementation of welfare programs for the  
21 differently-abled, elderly and victims of drug addiction, the rehabilitation of  
22 prisoners and parolees, the prevention of juvenile delinquency and such other  
23 activities which would eliminate or minimize the ill-effects of poverty;

24          (v) Initiate and support youth welfare programs that will enhance the  
25 role of the youth in nation-building; and

26          (vi) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental  
27 organizations which have for their purpose the promotion and protection of all  
28 the needy, disadvantaged, underprivileged or impoverished groups or



1 individuals, particularly those identified to be vulnerable and high-risk to  
2 exploitation, abuse and neglect;

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

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

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

12 SEC. 44. *The City Veterinarian.* - (a) The city veterinarian must be a  
13 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character and a  
14 licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. He must have practiced his profession  
15 for at least three (3) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

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

24 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
25 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with  
26 veterinary-related activities which the city mayor is empowered to implement  
27 and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the  
28 Local Government Code of 1991;

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

3 (i) Advise the city mayor on all matters pertaining to the slaughter of  
4 animals for human consumption and the regulation of slaughterhouses;

5 (ii) Regulate the keeping of domestic animals;

6 (iii) Regulate and inspect poultry, milk and dairy products for public  
7 consumption;

8 (iv) Enforce all laws and regulations for the prevention of cruelty to  
9 animals; and

10 (v) Take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all forms  
11 of animal diseases,

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

17 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
18 mayor on all matters relative to veterinary services which will increase the  
19 number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry and other domestic  
20 animals used for work or for human consumption; and

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

24 SEC. 45 *The City General Services Officer.* – (a) The city general  
25 services officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of  
26 good moral character, a holder of a college degree in public administration,  
27 business administration or management from a recognized college or university  
28 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired

1 experience in general services, including management of supply, solid waste  
2 disposal and general sanitation for at least five (5) years immediately preceding  
3 the date of his appointment.

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

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

8 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
9 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
10 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
11 of adequate facilities which require general services expertise and technical  
12 support services;

13 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
14 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
15 general services supportive of the welfare of the inhabitants of the City which  
16 the city mayor is empowered to implement, and which the sangguniang  
17 panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of  
18 1991;

19 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city general  
20 services officer shall:

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

24 (ii) With the approval of the city mayor, assign building or land space  
25 to local officials or other public officials who, by law, are entitled to space;

26 (iii) Recommend to the city mayor the reasonable rental rates for local  
27 government properties, whether real or personal, which will be leased to public  
28 or private entities, owned by the City;

1 (iv) Recommend to the city mayor reasonable rental rates for private  
2 properties which may be leased for the official use of the City;

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

6 (vi) Collate and disseminate information regarding prices, shipping  
7 and other costs of supplies and other items commonly used by the City;

8 (vii) Perform archival and record management with respect to records  
9 of offices and developments of the City; and

10 (viii) Perform all other functions pertaining to supply and property  
11 management and enforce policies on records creation, maintenance and  
12 disposal;

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

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

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

22 *SEC. 46. The City Information Officer.* – (a) The city information  
23 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good  
24 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in journalism or mass  
25 communications or any related course from a recognized college or university  
26 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired  
27 experience in writing articles and research papers or writing for print,

1 television, broadcast and other forms of mass media for at least five (5) years  
2 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

5 (c) The city information officer shall take charge of the office on public  
6 information, and shall:

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

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

17 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city  
18 information officer shall:

19 (i) Provide relevant, adequate and timely information to the City and  
20 its residents;

21 (ii) Furnish information and data on the City to government agencies or  
22 offices as may be required by law or ordinance and nongovernmental  
23 organizations to be furnished to said agencies and organization; and

24 (iii) Maintain effective liaison with the various sectors of the  
25 community on matters and issues that affect the livelihood and the quality of  
26 life of the inhabitants and encourage support for programs of the local and  
27 national governments;

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

5 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
6 mayor on all matters relative to public information and research data as it  
7 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

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

11 SEC. 47. *The City Cooperatives Officer.* – (a) The city cooperatives  
12 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good  
13 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in business  
14 administration with special training on cooperatives or any related course from  
15 a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its  
16 equivalent. He must have acquired experience in cooperatives development for  
17 at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

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

22 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
23 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
24 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
25 of facilities through the development of cooperatives, and in providing access  
26 to such services and facilities;

27 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
28 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the

1 integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs and projects  
2 which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang  
3 panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of  
4 1991;

5 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city  
6 cooperatives officer shall:

7 (i) Assist in the organization of cooperatives;

8 (ii) Provide technical and other forms of assistance to existing  
9 cooperatives to enhance their viability as an economic enterprise and social  
10 organization; and

11 (iii) Assist cooperatives in establishing linkages with government  
12 agencies and nongovernmental organizations involved in the promotion and  
13 integration of the concept of cooperatives in the livelihood of the people and  
14 other community activities;

15 (4) Be in the frontline of cooperatives organization, rehabilitation or  
16 viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made  
17 and natural disasters or calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary,  
18 subsequent rehabilitation;

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

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

26 SEC. 48. *The City Population Officer.* – (a) The city population officer  
27 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral  
28 character, a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized training in

1 population development from a recognized college or university and a first  
2 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience  
3 in the implementation of programs on population development or responsible  
4 parenthood for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the date of his  
5 appointment.

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

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

10 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang  
11 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in  
12 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision  
13 of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population development  
14 principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;

15 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
16 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
17 integration of population development principles and methods in programs and  
18 projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the  
19 sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local  
20 Government Code of 1991;

21 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city population  
22 officer shall:

23 (i) Assist the city mayor in the implementation of the constitutional  
24 provisions relative to population development and the promotion of  
25 responsible parenthood;

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



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

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

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

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

15 (c) The city agriculturist shall take charge of the office for agricultural  
16 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 approval thereof by the city  
22 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with  
23 agricultural programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to  
24 implement and which the *sangguniang panlungsod* is empowered to provide for  
25 under the Local Government Code of 1991;

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

1 (i) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the  
2 production, processing and marketing of agricultural and aquaculture and  
3 marine 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 appropriate  
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 living conditions of the inhabitants; and

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

25 SEC. 50. *The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer.* – (a)  
26 The city environment and natural resources officer must be a citizen of the  
27 Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a  
28 college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or any other

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

6 (b) The city environment and natural resources officer shall receive a  
7 minimum monthly compensation equivalent to Salary Grade Twenty-six (26)  
8 as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing  
9 guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such compensation, emoluments and  
10 allowances as may be determined by law.

11 (c) The city environment and natural resources officer shall take charge  
12 of the office of the environment and natural resources, and shall:

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

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city  
19 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the  
20 environment and natural resources programs and projects which the city mayor  
21 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is  
22 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code of 1991;

23 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city  
24 environment and natural resources officer shall:

25 (i) Establish, maintain, protect and preserve communal forests,  
26 watersheds, tree parks, mangroves, greenbelts, commercial forests and similar  
27 forest projects like industrial tree farms and agro-forestry projects;

1           (ii) Provide extension service to beneficiaries of forest development  
2 projects and render assistance for natural resources-related conservation and  
3 utilization activities consistent with ecological balance;

4           (iii) Manage and maintain seedbanks and produce seedlings for forest  
5 and tree parks;

6           (iv) Promote the small-scale mining and utilization of mineral  
7 resources, particularly the mining of gold; and

8           (v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental  
9 organizations in the implementation of measures to prevent and control land,  
10 air and water pollution, with the assistance of the Department of Environment  
11 and Natural Resources;

12           (4) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the  
13 environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and  
14 rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and  
15 natural disasters or calamities;

16           (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city  
17 mayor on all matters relative to protection, conservation, maximum utilization,  
18 application of appropriate technology and other matters related to the  
19 environment and natural resources; and

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

23           SEC. 51. *The City Tourism Officer.* – (a) The city tourism officer must  
24 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character,  
25 a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized training in tourism  
26 development from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil  
27 service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in the

1 implementation of programs on tourism development for at least five (5) years  
2 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

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

5 (c) The city tourism officer shall take charge of the city tourism office  
6 and shall assist the city mayor and the local tourism council in developing and  
7 implementing programs, and shall:

8 (1) Encourage the local government unit to enact local legislation  
9 adopting the Department of Tourism (DOT) accreditation standards for  
10 tourism facilities and services;

11 (2) Ensure a pleasant experience and stay of tourists while at the same  
12 time protecting the interests, welfare and rights of the City;

13 (3) Develop tourist products and destinations that will benefit the City  
14 and its local community;

15 (4) Pursue the implementation of the national tourism master plans, the  
16 national eco-tourism strategy and the area specific plans of the national and  
17 local government units;

18 (5) Support the local government unit in promoting festivals, fiestas  
19 and other tourism-related activities; and

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

23 *SEC. 52. The City Human Resource Development Officer.* – (a) The  
24 city human resource development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a  
25 resident of the City, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree  
26 preferably in psychology or any related course from recognized college or  
27 university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have  
28 acquired experience in personnel administration.

1 (b) The city human resource development officer shall receive a  
2 minimum monthly compensation equivalent to Salary Grade Twenty-five (25),  
3 as prescribed under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing  
4 guidelines issued pursuant thereto, and such compensation, emoluments and  
5 allowances as may be determined by law.

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

8 (1) Develop a human resource management program for approval by  
9 the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod;

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

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

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

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

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

#### 24 ARTICLE VIII

#### 25 THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL SERVICE, 26 THE CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION AND THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE

27  
28 SEC. 53. *The City Fire Station Service.* – (a) There shall be established  
29 in the City at least one (1) fire station with adequate personnel, fire fighting

1 facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules and regulations that  
2 may be promulgated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government  
3 (DILG). The City shall provide the necessary land or site of the station.

4 (b) The city fire station service shall be headed by a city fire marshal  
5 whose qualifications shall be as those provided for under the Philippine  
6 National Police law.

7 (c) The city fire station shall be responsible for the provision of various  
8 emergency services such as the rescue and evacuation of injured people at fire-  
9 related incidents and, in general, fire prevention and suppression measures to  
10 secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

11 SEC. 54. *The City Jail Service.* - (a) There shall be established and  
12 maintained in the City a secured, clean and adequately equipped jail for the  
13 custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from justice, or person  
14 detained awaiting investigation or trial and/or transfer to the national  
15 penitentiary, and/or violent mentally ill person who endangers himself or the  
16 safety of others, duly certified as such by the proper medical health officer,  
17 pending the transfer to a mental institution.

18 (b) The city jail service shall be headed by a city jail warden who must  
19 be a graduate of a four (4)-year course in psychology, psychiatry, sociology,  
20 nursing, social work or criminology, who shall assist in the immediate  
21 rehabilitation of individuals or detention of prisoners. Great care must be  
22 exercised so that the human rights of these prisoners are respected and  
23 protected, and their spiritual and physical well-being are properly and promptly  
24 attended to. Likewise, the City shall ensure that proper separate detention  
25 centers for juveniles and women are provided for.

26 SEC. 55. *The City Schools Division.* - (a) The DepEd shall establish  
27 and maintain a city schools division of the City of Dasmariñas whose area of  
28 jurisdiction will cover all the school districts within the City.

1 (b) The city schools division shall be headed by a city schools division  
2 superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the  
3 DepEd.

4 SEC. 56. *The City Prosecution Service.* – (a) There shall be established  
5 in the City a prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor and such  
6 number of assistant city prosecutors as may be necessary, who shall be  
7 organizationally part of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and under the  
8 supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice and whose qualifications,  
9 manner of appointment, rank, salary and benefits shall be governed by existing  
10 laws covering prosecutors in the DOJ.

11 (b) The city prosecutor shall handle the criminal prosecution in the  
12 municipal trial courts in the City as well as in the regional trial courts for  
13 criminal cases originating in the territory of the City, and shall render to or for  
14 the City such services as are required by law, ordinance or regulation of the  
15 DOJ.

16 (c) The Secretary of Justice shall always assure the adequacy and  
17 quality of prosecution service in the City and for this purpose shall, in the  
18 absence or lack or insufficiency in number of assistant city prosecutors as  
19 provided hereinabove, designate from among the assistant provincial  
20 prosecutors a sufficient number to perform and discharge the functions of the  
21 city prosecution service as provided hereinabove.

## 22 ARTICLE IX

### 23 TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

24 SEC. 57. *Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval of*  
25 *This Act.* – All municipal ordinances of the Municipality of Dasmariñas  
26 existing at the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in forced  
27 and effect within the City of Dasmariñas until the sangguniang panlungsod  
28 shall provide otherwise.



1           SEC. 58. *Plebiscite.* – The City of Dasmariñas shall acquire corporate  
2 existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by  
3 the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present Municipality  
4 of Dasmariñas within thirty (30) days from the approval of this Act. The  
5 expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Dasmariñas.  
6 The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise such plebiscite.

7           SEC. 59. *Officials of the City of Dasmariñas.* – The present elective  
8 officials of the Municipality of Dasmariñas shall continue to exercise their  
9 powers and functions until such time that a new election is held and the duly  
10 elected officials shall have already qualified and assumed their offices. The  
11 appointive officials and employees of the municipality shall likewise continue  
12 exercising their functions and duties and they shall automatically be absorbed  
13 by the city government of Dasmariñas.

14           SEC. 60. *Succession Clause.* – The City of Dasmariñas shall succeed to  
15 all the assets, properties, liabilities and obligations of the Municipality of  
16 Dasmariñas.

17           SEC. 61. *Election of Provincial Governor and Sangguniang*  
18 *Panlalawigan Members of the Province of Cavite.* – The qualified voters of  
19 the City of Dasmariñas shall be qualified to vote and run for any elective  
20 position in the elections for provincial governor, provincial vice governor,  
21 sangguniang panlalawigan members and other elective offices for the Province  
22 of Cavite.

23           SEC. 62. *Jurisdiction of the Province of Cavite.* – The City of  
24 Dasmariñas shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the  
25 jurisdiction of the Province of Cavite.

26           SEC. 63. *Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.* – No increase  
27 in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the period of five  
28 (5) years from its acquisition of corporate existence.

1           SEC. 64. *Legislative District.* – The City of Dasmariñas shall have its  
2 own legislative district to commence in the next national election after the  
3 effectivity of this Act.

4           SEC. 65. *Applicability of Laws.* – The provisions of Republic Act No.  
5 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, and such laws  
6 as are applicable to component cities shall govern the City of Dasmariñas  
7 insofar as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

8           SEC. 66. *Separability Clause.* – If any part of this Act is declared  
9 invalid or unconstitutional, the other parts or provisions thereof shall remain  
10 valid and effective.

11           SEC. 67. *Reservation.* – Nothing herein contained shall preclude the  
12 determination by the appropriate agency or forum of any boundary dispute or  
13 case involving question of territorial jurisdiction between the City of  
14 Dasmariñas and any of the adjoining local government units even after the  
15 effectivity of this Act.

16           SEC. 68. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations  
17 or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby  
18 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

19           SEC. 69. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
20 its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general and local  
21 circulation.

Approved,

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