

[PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 921, April 12, 1976]

PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL FINANCIAL SERVICES IN METROPOLITAN MANILA, CREATING LOCAL TREASURY AND ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the integration of cities and municipalities in Metropolitan Manila under the provisions of Presidential Decree No. 821 requires a modification of the existing local tax structure and established financial arrangement in order that these may be re-aligned to conform with the objectives of central planning, coordination and unified management of local government functions within the Metropolitan Manila Area;

WHEREAS, the massive financial requirements of the integrated development of Metropolitan Manila have made imperative the evolution of a progressive revenue-raising program that will not unduly burden the taxpayers, as well as the adoption of sound fiscal policies, methods and procedures that will facilitate the judicious allocation and utilization of resources;

WHEREAS, in order to attain the objectives of effective fiscal management, there is a need to clearly define the structure and administration of local finance services within the Metropolitan cities and municipalities to insure proper handling and disposition of public funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby decree and order, as part of the law of the land, the following:

SECTION 1. *Division of Metropolitan Manila into Local Treasury and Assessment Districts.*—For purposes of effective fiscal management, Metropolitan Manila is hereby divided into the following Local Treasury and Assessment Districts:

First District	Manila
Second District	Quezon City, Pasig, Marikina, Mandaluyong and San Juan
Third District	Caloocan City, Malabon, Navotas and Valenzuela
Fourth District	Pasay City, Makati, Paranaque, Muntinlupa, Las Piñas, Pateros and Taguig

Manila, Quezon City, Caloocan City and Pasay City shall be the respective Centers of the aforesaid Treasury and Assessment Districts.

SEC. 2. *General supervision of municipal treasury and assessment offices.*—Under the general direction of the Commissioner for Finance of the Metropolitan Manila Commission, the City Treasurers and the City Assessors of the treasury and assessment districts created under Section one hereof shall, henceforth, exercise general supervision over the local treasury and assessment offices of the municipalities belonging to their respective districts. Accordingly, said City Treasurers and City Assessors, in addition to the powers, duties, and functions exercised by them under existing laws, decrees, and rules and regulations, shall also

discharge the duties and functions heretofore exercised and performed under existing law by the Provincial Treasurers and Provincial Assessors of the provinces of Rizal and Bulacan insofar as the aforesaid offices of the municipalities within the Metropolitan Manila Area are concerned.

SEC. 3. *Appointment of Municipal Treasurers, Assistant Municipal Treasurers, Municipal Deputy Assessors and other municipal treasury and assessment personnel.*—Effective July 1, 1976, the power to appoint the Municipal Treasurers, Assistant Municipal Treasurers and Municipal Deputy Assessors of the municipalities within the Metropolitan Manila Area theretofore exercised by the Provincial Treasurers and Provincial Assessors of the provinces concerned shall be vested upon the Commissioner for Finance of the Metropolitan Manila Commission subject to the provisions of Sections 70 and 74 of Presidential Decree No. 477 and Section 90 of Presidential Decree No. 464, as the case may be, upon recommendation of the City Treasurer or the City Assessor of the District concerned. Henceforth, the position of Municipal Deputy Assessor provided for under Section ninety of Presidential Decree No. 464 shall be known as Municipal Assessor.

The other municipal treasury and assessment personnel shall continue to be appointed by the local chief executive of the municipality in accordance with existing laws.

The incumbent Municipal Treasurers, Assistant Municipal treasurers, Municipal Deputy Assessors and other municipal treasury and assessment personnel shall continue in office without the necessity of being reappointed and they may be removed from the service or otherwise disciplined only for cause as provided for by law.

SEC. 4. *Compensation of municipal treasury and assessment officials and other personnel.*—The salaries of Municipal Treasurers, Municipal Deputy Assessors, and other municipal treasury and assessment personnel shall continue to be paid in the manner provided for by law and at the rates authorized under existing salary laws and administrative order; *Provided, however,* That beginning July 1, 1976 the provinces of Rizal and Bulacan shall cease to pay their respective shares in the salaries of the Municipal Treasurers and Municipal Deputy Assessors of the municipalities integrated in the Metropolitan Manila Area and, instead, the salaries of said Municipal Treasurers and Municipal Deputy Assessors shall be payable wholly by their respective municipalities.

SEC. 5. *Appointment and Compensation of City Treasurers, City Assessors, Assistant City Treasurers, Assistant City Assessors, and other city treasurers and assessment personnel in the Metropolitan Manila Area.*—As provided for under existing laws, the City Treasurers and City Assessors of cities integrated in the Metropolitan Manila Area shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon recommendation of the Secretary of Finance. Assistant City Treasurers, Assistant City Assessors and other city treasury and assessment personnel shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of existing laws.

The incumbent City Treasurers, City Assessors and their respective Assistants, as well as the other city treasury and assessment personnel, shall continue in office without the necessity of being reappointed and they may be removed from the service or otherwise disciplined only for cause as provided for by law.

The salaries of said city treasury and assessment officials and personnel shall continue to be paid wholly by the city and at the rates authorized under existing salary laws and administrative order.

SEC. 6. *Duties and Functions of City and Municipal Treasurers in the Metropolitan Manila Area.*—The City and Municipal Treasurers of the cities and municipalities in the Metropolitan Manila Area shall continue to perform their duties and functions as such treasurers conformably with existing laws, decrees, and rules and regulations, and as herein provided for.

In addition, they shall collect all revenues and receipts accruing to the Metropolitan Manila Commission as provided for herein and under the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree No. 824. All income collections of City and Municipal Treasurers accruing to the Metropolitan Manila Commission shall be remitted directly to the Commissioner for Finance.

The City Treasurers of the Treasury and Assessment Districts of Metropolitan Manila, by themselves or thru their duly-authorized representatives, shall exercise their visitorial powers to examine the books, accounts and other pertinent records of any person, partnership, corporation, or association doing business within the territorial jurisdiction of the city and municipalities comprising their respective districts in the manner and for such purposes provided for under the Local Tax Code, as amended. Municipal Treasurers and other municipal treasury personnel of the municipalities belonging to the district may be deputized for this purpose by the City Treasurer concerned.

SEC. 7. *Deposit of cash in excess of Municipal Treasurer's requirements.*—Cash pertaining to the local funds and other funds in the custody of Municipal Treasurers, excluding those accruing to the Metropolitan Manila Commission, in excess of the municipal treasurer's requirements as provided for under existing regulations shall henceforth be deposited with the City Treasurer of the District and municipal withdrawals shall be made by the Municipal Treasurers against such deposits. Accordingly, the Provincial Treasurers of the provinces of Rizal and Bulacan shall remit not later than June 30, 1976 to the City Treasurer of the District concerned the municipal deposits of the municipalities integrated in the Metropolitan Manila Area.

For the proper accounting of such municipal transactions, the City Treasurers concerned shall maintain separate books of accounts.

SEC. 8. *Duties and Functions of City Assessors and Municipal Deputy Assessors in the Metropolitan Manila Area.*—The City Assessors and Municipal Deputy Assessors in the Metropolitan Manila Area shall continue to perform their duties and functions as such assessors conformably with existing laws, decrees, and rules and regulations.

The City Assessors of the Treasury and Assessment Districts established under Section one hereof shall keep and maintain the records of real property valuations of real properties located within the territorial jurisdictions of the municipalities belonging to the District and, for the purpose, the Provincial Assessors of Rizal and Bulacan shall transfer, not later than June 30, 1976, to the City Assessors of the District concerned all schedules of property valuations, tax declaration, assessment rolls, and other related records and documents pertaining to real properties located within the municipalities integrated in the Metropolitan Manila Area.

SEC. 9. *Preparation of Schedule of Values for Real Property within the Metropolitan Manila Area.*—The Schedule of Values that will serve as basis for the appraisal and assessment for taxation purposes of real properties located within the Metropolitan Manila Area shall be prepared jointly by the City Assessors of the Districts created under Section one hereof, with the City Assessor of Manila acting as Chairman, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Presidential Decree No. 464, as amended, otherwise known as the Real Property Tax Code, and the implementing rules and regulations thereof issued by the Secretary of Finance.

SEC. 10. *Imposition of the Basic Real Property Tax on real properties located within the Metropolitan Manila Area and Disposition of the Proceeds thereof.*—The cities and municipalities of Metropolitan Manila shall continue to collect the basic real property at the rates authorized under their respective existing tax ordinances.

The provinces of Rizal and Bulacan shall continue to levy and collect up to but not beyond June 30, 1976 the basic real property tax on real properties located within the territorial jurisdictions of the municipalities integrated in Metropolitan Manila as authorized under their respective tax ordinances.

Effective July 1, 1976, the Metropolitan Manila Commission shall, in lieu of the provinces of Rizal and Bulacan, levy the provincial portion of the basic real property tax on real properties located within the territorial jurisdictions of the municipalities integrated in the Metropolitan Manila Area; *Provided, however,* That the rate of said tax shall not be less than one-half of one *per centum* nor more than one and one-half *per centum* of the assessed value of the taxable real property. Beginning said date and until such time as the Commission shall have enacted the appropriate real property tax ordinance, the Municipal Treasurers of the integrated municipalities shall collect for and in behalf of the Metropolitan Manila Commission the basic real property tax heretofore levied and collected by the aforesaid provinces at the rate of one-half of one *per centum* of the assessed value of the taxable real property.

Beginning July 1, 1976, ten *per centum* of the annual collections from the basic real property tax of the Metropolitan Manila Commission and of the municipalities in Metropolitan Manila shall accrue to, and be divided equally among, the duly-constituted barangays of the municipality where the property subject to the tax is situated. Likewise, ten *per centum* of the annual collections from said tax of the cities in Metropolitan Manila shall accrue to, and be divided equally among, the duly-constituted barangays of the city where the property subject to the tax is situated. The barangay shares shall continue to be under the custody of the City or Municipal Treasurer concerned.

SEC. 11. *Distribution of the Proceeds of the Additional 1% on real property levied for the Special Education Fund under Republic Act No. 5447, as amended, collected in the cities and municipalities of Metropolitan Manila.*—Beginning July 1, 1976, the proceeds of the additional 1% tax on real property levied for the Special Education Fund under Republic Act No. 5447, as amended, collected in the cities and municipalities of Metropolitan Manila shall be distributed as follows:

- a. In the case of collections on real properties located in the integrated municipalities, sixty *per centum* thereof shall accrue to the municipality where the Property subject to the tax is situated and forty *per centum* shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Philippines to be expended exclusively for