

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8507, February 13, 1998 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARAÑAQUE INTO  
A HIGHLY-URBANIZED CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF  
PARAÑAQUE**

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

**ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Charter of the City of Parañaque."

SEC. 2. *The City of Parañaque.* - The Municipality of Parañaque shall be converted into a highly-urbanized city to be known as the City of Parañaque, hereinafter referred to as the City, which shall comprise the present territory of the Municipality of Parañaque in the Metropolitan Manila Area, over which it has jurisdiction, bounded by the municipality of Taguig and the cities of Muntinlupa, Las Piñas and Pasay, Metro Manila. Its bounds are approximately described as follows:

North-Cad. 259, Pasay cadastre along MBM 16 of Cad. 259 to MBM 15, 14, 13 following the Parañaque River to MBM 13, 12, 11, 10, 9 following the creek along Airport Village to MBM 8 following the creek along Merville Subdivision to MBM 7 along Philippine National Railways thence;

NE-MCadm 590-D, Taguig Cadastral Mapping from MBM 7 of Cad. 259 along Philippine National Railways following Cucumber Road along United Parañaque Subdivision going South to MBM 1 of Cad. 299 of Parañaque Cadastre to MBM 2,3,4,5 of Cad. 299 following the Daan Hari Road thence;

SE-MCadm 593-D Muntinlupa Cadastral Mapping from MBM 5, 6 of Cad. 299 along South Superhighway to MBM 7 of Cad. 299 following the creek going to MBM 8 of Cad. 299 thence;

SW-MCadm 592-D Las Piñas Cadastral Mapping from MBM 8 Cad. 299 going to MBM 9, 10, 11 of Cad. 299 following the creek going to MBM 12 of Cad. 299 to MBM 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 of Cad. 299 intersecting the Parañaque River to MBM 28 of Cad. 299 intersecting the Quirino Avenue to MBM 19 of Cad. 299 along Manila Bay thence;

NW-Manila Bay from MBM 19 of Cad. 299 following the reclamation area going north to MBM 16 of Cad. 259.

Metes: Beginning from point: MBM-1, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 29 min. 15.44 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 42.71 sec. E., along Philippine National Railways; thence MBM-2, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 29 min. 09.47 sec. N., longitude 121 deg.

02 min. 44.67 sec. E., along Philippine National Railways; thence MBM-3, Cad 299, latitude 14 deg. 29 min. 06.71 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 42.47 sec. E., along Daan Hari road; thence MBM-4 Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 28 min. 53.10 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 43.67 sec. E., along Daan Hari road; thence MBM-5, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 28 min. 04.26 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 38.46 sec. E., along South Superhighway; thence MBM-6, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 28 min. 04.05 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 40.95 sec. E.; thence MBM-7, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 26 min. 49.66 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 37.37 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-8, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 26 min. 14.41 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 01 min. 22.89 sec. E; thence MBM-9, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 26 min. 19.13 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 00 min. 59.69 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-10, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 26 min. 58.41 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 00 min. 45.08 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-11, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 27 min. 16.73 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 00 min. 29.72 sec. E.; thence MBM-12, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 27 min. 31.47 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 00 min. 00.67 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-13, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 28 min. 35.60 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 37.85 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-14, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 28 min. 39.80 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 23.06 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-15, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 28 min. 50.69 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 23.66 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-16, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 29 min. 07.38 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 12.70 sec. E., following the creek; thence MBM-17, Cad. 299, 14 deg. 29 min. 08.90 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 06.28 sec. E.; thence MBM-18, Cad. 299, latitude 14 deg. 29 min. 12.48 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 01.34 sec. E., along Quirino Avenue; thence MBM-19, Cad. 299, 14 deg. 29 min. 16.16 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 58 min. 53.74 sec. #., along Coastal Road; thence to A, latitude 14 deg. 29 min. 45.36 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 57 min. 54.16 sec. E., following reclamation boundary along Manila Bay; thence to B, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 56.26 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 58 min. 34.62 sec. E., following reclamation boundary along Manila Bay; thence to C, latitude 14 deg. 31 min. 04.88 sec. N., 120 deg. 58 min. 38.62 sec. E., following reclamation boundary along Manila Bay; thence to D, latitude 14 deg. 31 min. 13.67 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 58 min. 40.63 sec. E., following reclamation boundary along Manila Bay; thence to E, latitude 14 deg. 31 min. 26.36 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 58 min. 41.29 sec. E., following reclamation boundary along Manila Bay; thence to F, latitude 14 deg. 31 min. 52.88 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 58 min. 39.94 sec. E., following reclamation boundary along Manila Bay; thence to G, latitude 14 deg. 31 min. 58.71 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 32.03 sec. E., along Coastal Road; thence MBM-16 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 32 min. 04.30 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 31.49 sec. E.; thence MBM-15 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 32 min. 05.77 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 42.82 sec. E.; thence MBM-14 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 32 min. 04.61 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 46.29 sec. E., along Quirino-Avenue; thence to H Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 31 min. 51.49 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 54.99 sec. E., following Parañaque River; thence to I Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 31 min. 43.99 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 50.31 sec. E., following Parañaque River; thence MBM-13 Cad. 259, 14 deg. 31 min. 05.73 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 48.27 sec. E., following NAIA Road; thence MBM-12 Cad. 259, 14 deg. 31 min. 05.71 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 56.79 sec. E.; thence MBM-11 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 36.49 sec. N., longitude 120 deg. 59 min. 54.42 sec. E.; thence MBM-10 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 33.12 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 00 min. 01.04 sec. E.; thence MBM-9 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 41.36 sec. N., latitude 121 deg. 00 min. 36.36 sec. E.; thence

MBM-8 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 08.96 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 00 min. 41.14 sec. E., following the creek along Philippine National Railways; thence MBM-7 Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 19.70 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 06.86 sec. E., following the creek along Philippine National Railways; thence to J Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 22.66 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 14.36 sec. E., following the Cucumber Road; thence to K Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 30 min. 06.19 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 43.64 sec. E.; thence to L Cad. 259, latitude 14 deg. 29 min. 32.61 sec. N., longitude 121 deg. 02 min. 45.97 sec. E.; thence to the point of beginning MBM-1, Cad. 299 along Philippine National Railways. Containing an area of approximately 4,657 hectares including the reclamation area.

The foregoing provisions shall be without prejudice to the award or resolution by the appropriate agency or forum of whatever claim that may be due to the City, or a boundary dispute that may arise or a case involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Parañaque and any of the adjoining local government units.

SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers of the City of Parañaque.* - The City constitutes a political body corporate and as such is endowed with the attribute of perpetual succession and possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal corporation, to be exercised in conformity with the provisions of this Charter. The City shall have the following corporate powers:

- (1) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;
- (2) To sue and be sued;
- (3) To have and use a corporate seal;
- (4) To acquire and convey real or personal property;
- (5) To enter into contracts; and
- (6) To exercise such other powers as are granted to corporations, subject to the limitations provided in this Act and other laws.

SEC. 4. *General Powers of the City.* - The City shall have an independent, common seal, and may alter the same at pleasure. It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes, and subject to the pertinent provisions of the Constitution, open or close roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares, or any other open space, including those of subdivisions, villages or compounds, in order to serve a public purpose. It may take, purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey, and dispose of real and personal property for the general interest of the City, condemn private property for public use, contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution suits wherein said city is a party, and exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations or as hereinafter conferred.

## **ARTICLE II. CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL**

SEC. 5. *The Officials of the City of Parañaque.* - (a) There shall be in the City of Parañaque a city mayor, a city vice mayor, a sangguniang panlungsod, a sangguniang panlungsod secretary, a city treasurer, an assistant city treasurer, a

city assessor, an assistant city assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and development coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city social welfare and development officer, and a city general services officer.

(b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint a city architect, a city information officer, a city environment and natural resources officer, and a city cooperatives officer.

(c) The City of Parañaque shall establish a fire station to be headed by a city fire marshal and a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden.

(d) The City of Parañaque, through the city mayor, may:

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

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

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

(e) Unless otherwise provided herein, all appointive city officials of the City shall be appointed by the city mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all the sangguniang panlungsod members, subject to the Civil Service Law, rules and regulations. The sangguniang panlungsod shall act on the appointment within fifteen (15) days from the date of its submission, otherwise the same shall be deemed confirmed.

### **ARTICLE III. THE CITY MAYOR AND CITY VICE MAYOR**

SEC. 6. *The City Mayor.* - (a) The city mayor shall be the chief executive of the City. He shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the City. No person shall be eligible for the position of city mayor unless at the time of the election he is at least twenty-three (23) years of age, an actual resident of the City for at least one (1) year prior to his election, and a qualified voter therein. He shall hold office for three (3) years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to Salary Grade Thirty (30) as prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758 and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

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

1. Exercise those powers expressly granted to him by law, those necessarily implied there from, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for the efficient and effective governance of the City, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare:

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

(bb) Direct the formulation of the city development plan, with the assistance of

the city development council and, upon approval thereof by the sangguniang panlungsod, implement the same;

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

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

(ee) Appoint all officials and employees whose salaries and wages are wholly or mainly paid out of city funds and whose appointments are not otherwise provided for in this Act, as well as those he may be authorized by law to appoint;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ll) Furnish copies of executive orders issued by him to the respective council chairmen within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

(mm) Visit component barangays of the City at least once every six (6) months to deepen his understanding of problems and conditions, listen and give appropriate counsel to local officials and inhabitants of general laws and ordinances which especially concern them, and otherwise conduct visits and