

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8508, February 13, 1998 ]**

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANTIPOLO INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO**

*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 Antipolo."

SEC. 2. *The City of Antipolo.* – The Municipality of Antipolo is hereby converted into a component city to be known as the City of Antipolo, hereinafter referred to as the City, which shall comprise of the present territory of the Municipality of Antipolo, Rizal, covering the sixteen (16) barangays of both East Antipolo, namely:

- (1) Barangay Dalig;
- (2) Barangay San Jose;
- (3) Barangay San Roque;
- (4) Barangay Dela Paz;
- (5) Barangay San Isidro;
- (6) Barangay Beverly Hills;
- (7) Barangay Santa Cruz;
- (8) Barangay San Luis; and

West Antipolo, namely:

- (9) Barangay Mayamot;
- (10) Barangay Cupang;
- (11) Barangay Mambugan;
- (12) Barangay Bagong Nayon;
- (13) Barangay San Juan;
- (14) Barangay Inarawan;

(15) Barangay Munting Dilao; and

(16) Barangay Calawis.

Henceforth, the City of Antipolo shall be deemed as divided into two (2) districts: East Antipolo and West Antipolo for better supervision and a more efficient delivery of services.

The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution or determination by the appropriate agency or forum of existing and/or future boundary disputes or cases involving the present sixteen (16) barangays of the City of Antipolo and between the city and the other adjoining municipalities.

SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers of the City.* – The City constitutes a political body corporate and as such is endowed with the attributes 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 a common seal and may alter the same at pleasure. It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes, close and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares subject to the provisions of the Constitution and existing laws. 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 and/or hereinafter conferred.

SEC. 5. *Liability for Damages.* – The City shall not be exempt from liability for damages or injuries to persons or property arising from the failure of the sangguniang panlungsod, the mayor or any other city officer or employee, to enforce the provisions of this Charter, or of any other law or ordinance, or from the act of omission or negligence of said sangguniang panlungsod, the mayor or other city officers or employees while enforcing or attempting to enforce the provisions hereof, or while in the performance of their official functions.

SEC. 6. *Jurisdiction of the City.* – The jurisdiction of the City of Antipolo, for police

purposes only, shall be coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction and for the purpose of protecting and insuring the purity of the water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all territory within the drainage area of such water supply, or within one hundred meters of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station used in connection with the city water service. The city court of the City shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the city or municipal courts of adjoining municipalities or cities, to try crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area, or within said spaces of one hundred meters. The court first taking cognizance of such an offense shall have jurisdiction to try said cases to the exclusion of others. Any license that may be issued within said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by the proper authorities of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees arising there from shall accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality concerned and not to the City.

SEC. 7. *Basic Services and Facilities.* – The city shall provide the basic services and facilities under Section 17 of the Local Government Code of 1991, hereinafter referred to as the Code which shall include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Agricultural extension and on-site research services and facilities;
- (2) Enforcement of forestry laws limited to community-based forestry projects, implementation of forest development projects, enforcement of the pollution control law, small-scale mining law and other laws on the protection of the environment and mini-hydro electric projects of local purposes;
- (3) Health services;
- (4) Social welfare services;
- (5) Information and investment support services;
- (6) Environmental management system and services or facilities related to general hygiene and sanitation;
- (7) City buildings, cultural centers, public parks, playgrounds, sports facilities, public assembly areas and other similar facilities;
- (8) Infrastructure facilities intended to service the needs of the residents of the City including, but not limited to, city roads and bridges; school buildings and other facilities for public elementary and secondary schools; drainage and sewerage, flood control and irrigation systems, and similar facilities;
- (9) Public markets, slaughterhouses and other city enterprises;
- (10) Public cemetery;
- (11) Tourism development and promotion programs;
- (12) Programs and projects for low-cost housing and other mass dwellings, except those funded by the Social Security System (SSS), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF);

- (13) Upgrading and modernization of tax information and collection services;
- (14) Adequate communication and transportation facilities; and
- (15) Support for education, police and fire services and facilities.

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

SEC. 8. *The Officials of the City of Antipolo.* – (a) There shall be in the City of Antipolo a city mayor, a vice mayor, sangguniang panlungsod members, a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city treasurer and an assistant city treasurer, a city assessor and 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 veterinarian, 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 and community relations officer, a city population officer, a city environment, natural resources and waste management officer, and a city cooperatives officer.

(c) The City of Antipolo shall establish a city 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 Antipolo 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 purposes 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 civil service law, rules and regulations. The sangguniang panlungsod shall act on the appointments within fifteen (15) days from the date of their submission, otherwise the same shall be deemed confirmed.

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

SEC. 9. *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-one (21) 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.

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

a. Exercise those powers expressly granted to him by law, those necessarily implied therefrom, 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:

1. Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to the sangguniang panlungsod for the program of government;
2. 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;
3. Present the program of government and propose policies and projects for the consideration 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;
4. 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;
5. 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;
6. 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 existing laws or ordinances;
7. Carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;
8. 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;
9. Allocate and assign office space to the 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;
10. 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