

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8251, February 12, 1997]

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

*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 Las Piñas.

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

Northeast – Cad. 299-D Parañaque Cadastre along MBM 19 of Cad 299-D to MBM 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12 following the Parañaque River or creek to MBM 12, 11, 10, 9 to intersection of Daang Hari Road, MBM 8, all of Cad. 299-D; thence

Southeast – MCadm - 593-D Muntinlupa Cadastre from intersection of Daang Hari Road to MBM 8 (intersection of Alabang-Zapote Road and Daang Hari Road) to MBM 7 following Daang Hari to MBM 6 to MBM 5 (=BBM 16 Muntinlupa) to MBM 4, all of Mcad 593-D; thence to

South – Imus Estate (Dasmariñas, Cavite) going west along a road to points A, B, C, D, E, F along Zapote River and Imus Estate (Imus, Cavite); thence going

Southwest – Bacoor, Cavite following Zapote River to BBM 31 to PBM 1 (= BBM 27) to PBM 2 (= BBM 28) to Manila Bay at mouth of Zapote River;

Northwest – Manila Bay from BBM 32 to BBM 26 to MBM 19.

Metes: Beginning from point MBM-19, CAD-299-D, 14 deg 29 min 16.2 sec N., 120 deg 58 min 53.7 sec E., in the Coastal Road;

thence to MBM-18, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 29 min 12.5 sec N., 120 deg 59 min 01.4 sec E., on Quirino Ave;

thence to MBM-17, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 29 min 08.9 sec N., 120 deg 59 min 06.3 sec E.;

thence to MBM-16, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 29 min 07.4 sec N., 120 deg 59 min 12.7 sec E., following Parañaque River;

thence to MBM-15, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 28 min 50.7 sec N., 120 deg 59 min 23.6 sec E., following Parañaque River;

thence to MBM-14, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 28 min 39.8 sec. N., 120 deg 59 min 23.1 sec E, following Parañaque River;

thence to MBM-13 Cad-299-D, 14 deg 28 min 35.6 sec N., 120 deg 59 min 37.9 sec E., following Parañaque River;

thence to MBM-12, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 27 min 31.5 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 00.7 sec E., following Parañaque River;

thence to MBM-11, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 27 min 16.7 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 29.7 sec E., following Parañaque River;

thence to MBM-10, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 26 min 58.4 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 45.1 sec E.;

thence to MBM-9, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 26 min 19.1 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 59.7 sec E.;

thence to MBM-8, Cad-299-D, 14 deg 26 min 14.4 sec N., 121 deg 01 min 22.9 sec E.;

thence to MBM-8, MCadm-393-D, 14 deg 25 min 45.3 sec N., 121 deg 01 min 15.3 sec E; intersecting Alabang-Zapote Road and Daang Hari Road;

thence to MBM-7, MCadm-393-D, 14 deg 24 min 15.3 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 39.3 sec E., along Daang Hari Road;

thence to MBM-6, MCadm-393-D, 14 deg 23 min 28.9 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 30.2 sec E., along Daang Hari Road;

thence to MBM-5, MCadm-593-D, 14 deg 22 min 10.2 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 31.5 sec E.;

thence to MBM-4, MCadm-593-D, 14 deg 21 min 02.5 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 23.6 sec E.;

thence to A, 14 deg 21 min 07.5 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 13.4 sec E., intersection of road and Zapote River;

thence to B, 14 deg 21 min 25.5 sec N., 121 deg 00 min 22.0 sec E.,

following Zapote River;

thence to C, 14 deg 21 min 42.3 sec N., 121 deg 0.0 min 20.0 sec E.,
following Zapote River;

thence to D, 14 deg 22 min 19.5 sec N., 121 deg 0.0 min 22.0 sec E.,
following Zapote River;

thence to E, 14 deg 22 min 52.1 sec N., 121 deg 0.0 min 36.7 sec E.,
following Zapote River;

thence to F, 14 deg 24 min 05.0 sec N., 121 deg 0.0 min 05.0 sec E.,
following Zapote River;

thence to Mon. 50, Imus Estate, 14 deg 24 min 40.3 sec N., 120 deg 59
min 36.0 sec E., following Zapote River;

thence to BBM 8, MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 25 min 34.0 sec N., 120 deg 59
min 08.5 sec E., following Zapote River;

thence to BBM 31, MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 26 min 46.6 sec N., 120 deg
58 min 13.5 sec E., following Zapote River;

thence to BBM 30, MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 27 min 02.2 sec N., 120 deg
58 min 08.2 sec E., following Zapote River;

thence to PBM 1 = BBM 27, MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 27 min 52.0 sec N.,
120 deg 57 min 58.0 sec E., following Zapote River;

thence to PBM 2 = BBM 28, MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 27 min 56.0 sec N.,
120 deg 57 min 54.8 sec E., following Zapote River;

thence to PBM 3 = BBM 29, MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 28 min 11.0 sec N.,
120 deg 58 min 06.7 sec E., following Zapote River;

thence to BBM 32; MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 28 min 39.2 sec N., 120 deg
58 min 17.2 sec E., Coastal Road;

thence to BBM 24, MCadm-592-D 14 deg 28 min 54.6 sec N., 120 deg 58
min 36.9 sec E., along Manila Bay;

thence to BBM 22, MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 28 min 58.6 sec N., 120 deg
58 min 39.4 sec E., along Manila Bay;

thence to BBM 26 MCadm-592-D, 14 deg 29 min 07.0 sec N., 120 deg 58
min 46.1 sec E., along Manila Bay;

thence to the point of beginning, MBM 19, Cad-299, mouth of Parañaque
River;

Containing an area of approximately 3,268.6 hectares.

Area bounded by Points MBM 7, 6, 5, 4, (all of MCadm 593- D), A, B, C, D, E, F (all

along Zapote River is subject to future delimitation).

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 Las Piñas and any of the adjoining local government units.

SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers of the City of Las Piñas.* – 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 Las Piñas.* –

- a. There shall be in the City of Las Piñas 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 tourism and cultural affairs officer, a city environment officer, a city cooperatives officer, a city registrar of deeds, a city land transportation officer, a city fire marshal, a city jail warden, a city prosecutor, and a city schools division superintendent.
- c. The City of Las Piñas, 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;
- d. 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 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 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:
 - (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;